

OPERATING PROCEDURE
FOR
RUNNING GWB - II

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Abstract :

This document will provide you the information and standard operating procedure (or SOP) in a way to configure and run the new broadband **GPU** based **GMRT Wide-band Back-end (GWB)**.

Contents :

- Parameter selections and resultant values of GWB correlator for making a typical continuum (or spectral-line) observations.
 - Steps to start gpu correlator
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gwb_config parameter selections and resultant values :

GWB Parameter	GUI Selection	Resultants in hdr file
MODE	REALTIME	0
LTA	32	$0.671088 * 32 = 21.474816 \text{ sec}$
	16	$0.671088 * 16 = 10.737408 \text{ sec}$
	8	$0.671088 * 8 = 5.368704 \text{ sec}$
	4	$0.671088 * 4 = 2.684352 \text{ sec}$
	2	$0.671088 * 2 = 1.342176 \text{ sec}$
	1	0.671088 sec
ACQ BW	400 MHz	400.0000
	200 MHz	200.0000
	150 MHz	150.0000
	100 MHz	100.0000
	50 MHz	50.0000
CHANNELS	512	512
	1024	1024
	2048	2048
	4096*	4096(not released)
	8192*	8192(not released)
	16384*	16384(not released)
STOKES	Single-Pol-USB 130	1
	2 STOKES	2
	4 STOKES	4
CONTROL	ONLINE	1
TPA SELECTION	Online (tpa)	1
	Manual (GWB)	0
SIDE BAND FLAG	Flipped (LSB)	1
	Normal (USB)	-1
GAB LO FREQUENCY	LO 130 & LO 175	LO SET at GAB taken as RF for GWB.
GAIN	ON/OFF	1/0 respectively.
FSTOP	ON/OFF	1/0 respectively.
Beam – 1 / Beam - 2	OFF/IA/PA	0/1/2 respectively.
Beam Stokes	1 Stokes/ 4 Stokes.	1/4 respectively.
Beam Integration	128	No. of FFT's = 128 (sampling period 1.3ms)

Standard operations and Running of GPU-CORRELATOR :

1. logon to observer@astro8 and enter commands as :

```
cd ~/bin/gpucorr/ver3/
```

```
./gpucorr-node52 or ./gwbcorr (for node52).
```

This will open a qt interface for gwb correlator (gwb-dasconsole).

NOTE : files *gpu.hdr*, *sampler.hdr*, *sampler_1pol.hdr*, *sampler_dual.hdr*, *default.hdr*, *hosts.dat*, *host.list*, must be available in the '~/bin/gpucorr/ver3' directory.

2. On Menubar go to “**Start -> Open All Windows**” or “**Ctrl+O**” or go to “**Start -> GWB - Windows -> Sockcmd**” to open all client processes to run gwb with sockcmd and online dassrv processes, or “**Start -> GWB - Windows -> Getcmd**” to run gwb without sockcmd and dassrv processes.

This will popup the client workspaces for each command with following order :

➤ **"node52::gwb_corr_released.sh"**:

It can also be termed as acquisition client. This starts and broadcasts the acquisition processes to the gpunode6, gpunode5, gpunode4, gpunode3.

➤ **"node52::sockcmd.sh" : (in case of running with sockcmd mode)**

This sets up the communication between online and correlator and gives acknowledgments to the commands from the correlator to the online and vice versa.

➤ **"node52::collect.sh"**:

This dumps the Astronomical data into the buffer and keeps it there for a while and removes it as per the FIFO logic.

➤ **"node52::record"**:

one can write the acquired data into specified lta format file as per requirement.

3. On Menubar go to “**Edit -> Preferences**” (or use accelerator “**CTRL+P**”).

This will pop-up the tab-widget to set the parameters for *gpu.hdr*, *hosts.dat*, *sampler_1pol.hdr* and *sampler_dual.hdr* files. On the tab-widget there are three tabs named

1. **GWB Config Parameters :**

Below is the help to save parameters from GWB Config window.

```
MODE          : Sets the GWB operating mode (default is REALTIME, and selection
                is disabled from GUI).
LTA           : Configures the data acquisition rate for GWB. Can be set to 1, 2,
                4, 8, 16 and 32.
ACQ BW       : This enables user to choose various available bandwidth modes of
                GWB correlator, viz. 50, 100, 150, 200, 400 MHz.
CHANNELS     : User is allowed to choose any range of channels available for the
                given GWB ACQ BW.
STOKES       : STOKES parameter selections (Currently only Single POL USB-130 is
                available).
CONTROL      : GWB control mode, either ONLINE or LOCAL/Manual. (default :
                ONLINE, selection is disabled from GUI).
TPA Frequency :
                1) Online : This will take TPA parameters from online machine, and
                disables the SideBand Flag and GAB LO entries at GUI.
                2) Local : This enables user to choose sideband, and GAB LO
                Entries.
                    1. Flipped (LSB- decreasing frequency over channels, RF < LO).
                    2. Normal (USB - increasing frequency over channels, RF > LO).
GAIN         : Default is ON.
FSTOP        : Default is ON.
Beam1/Beam2  : It can be set as IA(0) or PA(1) with beam stokes as 1 or 4.
Beam Integ   : It can be set as 128 or 64 FFTs which corresponds to 1.3 ms or
                0.65 ms
```

Note : $GWB (GPU) RF Freq = GAB LO Freq.$

2. SAMPLER settings :

This Will be re-loaded automatically as one saves the gpu.hdr file from first tab, and previously saved parameters from either sampler_1pol.dat or sampler_dual.hdr files. One can change this as per requirement and connections made at the GWB ROACH-Boards inputs. Currently, the cluster size made default to 4 irrespective of the GUI selection. i.e. GUI will always save the sampler file for 4node cluster size.

3. Host Machine Setup :

In this User will be asked to set the Host machines used for the GWB (GPU) correlator. Please, do not bother about the disabled gui part in this tab.

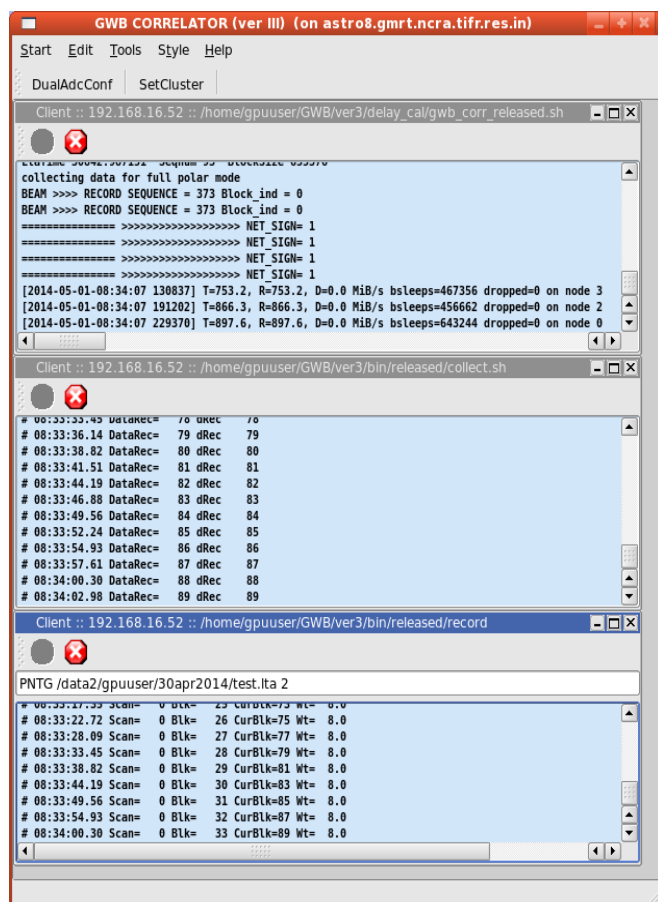


Illustration 1: GWB Data acquisition Console

In Case, if you are running GWB, in “getcmd” mode, then there is no need to start both sockcmd.sh and dassrv-gpu processes, user just have to start the process “collect” only.

8. Enter initndas command from online user0.

```
allant;cmode 1; tpa(11)=15; initndas '/temp2/data/gsb.hdr' ** (GWB ONLY) .  
allant;cmode 9; tpa(11)=15; initndas '/temp2/data/gsb.hdr' ** (GSB + GWB) .
```

For getcmd mode :

On online machine terminal, enter command
gwbcmd initndas

9. Setup the cluster acquisition :

5. Configure **Dual ADC config** :

From MenuBar select “**Start ->DualAdcConfig**” or With a single click on **DualAdcConfig** (visible on Toolbar) button one can configure this. This sets the GWB Roach boards in programmed mode, It takes about 10 seconds to configure. During That time GUI will be frozen intentionally for user interactions.

6. Now, click the **start button** (blue icon button) of first client window named "gwb_corr_released.sh" and wait till it says :

```
gmrt_correlator : Waiting For Initialization Cmd ..
```

7. Start sockcmd.sh, collect, and dassrv (from online machine) for gwb.

```
ssh -X observer@shivneri  
cd /odisk/online1/gsb/dassrv-gpu/  
./dassrv_released
```

On Menubar go to “Start-> SetCluster” or With a single click on **setCluster** (visible on Toolbar) one can setup this. This takes about 2 to 3 seconds to set.

10. Start project from online machine...

For Sockcmd mode :

```
allant;subar 4; prjobs'';prjtitt'';initprj(1,'GWBSTST')  **(GWB ONLY) .
allant;subar 4; prjobs'';prjtitt'';initprj(15,'GWBSTST')  **(GSB + GWB) .
```

For getcmd mode :

On online machine terminal, enter command

```
gwbcmd initprj ;for subar 4.
gwbcmd initprj <subar number> ;for multi-sub-array observation.
```

11. start and stop scan as per requirement and one can start record for the same.

To record the data in record window type in the format as :

```
GWBSTST /data1/gpuuser/gwbstst_26jan2014.lta
GWBSTST /data1/gpuuser/gwbstst_26jan2014.lta 4
```

For GWB with Sockcmd mode default commands strtnsdas and stpnsdas from online user / subar controller (command file) can be used.

recording (start and stop scans) using getcmd :

```
gwbcmd strtnsdas ;for subar 4.
gwbcmd stpnsdas ;formulti-sub-array observation.
gwbcmd strtnsdas <subar number> ;formulti-sub-array observation.
gwbcmd stpnsdas <subar number>
```

12. Starting **DASMON** :

Dasmon is released, and can be started with following command :

login to node52 : **ssh -X gpuuser@node52**

enter commands as : **/home/gpuuser/GWB/ver3/bin/released/dasmon.pl**

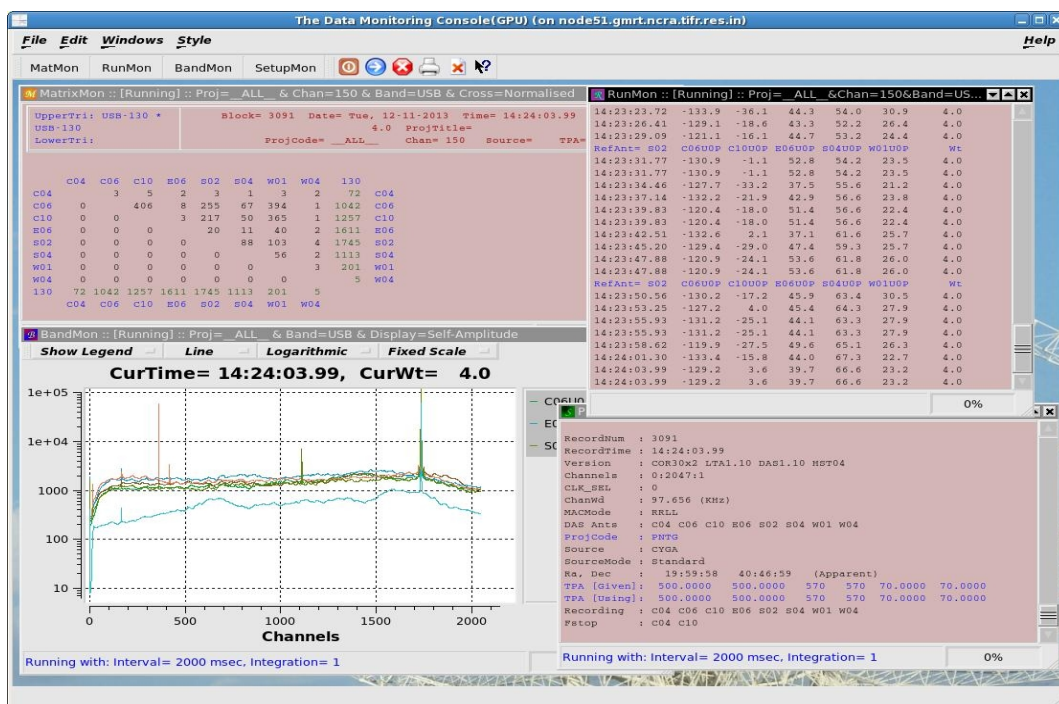


Illustration 2: Dasmon Showing matmon, bandmon, parmon and setupmon

Also, DasMon Can be Started from the main DasConsole GUI from

“**MenuBar->Tools->Interferrometry->GWB DasMon**” or **CTRL + M** as an accelerator.

13. Starting Power Equalisation Program :

GWB Power Equalise GUI Can be Started from the main DasConsole GUI from

“**MenuBar->Tools->Interferrometry->GWB_PowerEq**” or **CTRL + E** as an accelerator. This can also be done as explained in later section 'GAB - GWB Power Equalise'.

14. Starting IA beam Observations :

GWB Incoherent Array Pulsar Dasconsole programs can be started as :

“**MenuBar->Tools->Pulsar Tools->Pulsar DasConsole**” or **ALT + B** as an accelerator. For more information on this please refer section 'Starting Incoherent Pulsar Observation' which is explained here later.

15. Running **Offline Data analysis programs** :

1. ltahdr , listscan, gvfits, dasmon tools are released for further analysis.
2. tax, xtract, rantsol are not yet released for this in order to use these tool please copy the file to astro0 or any other NIS machines where it works.

For some cases user has to set fmt as :

```
fmt = ist%10.5f;base{chan{a%31.4f;p%8.1f}};\n
```

Preferred settings (Preferences) :

Before starting the gwb correlator chain (from astro8). It needs to set up some Important parameters at the beginning viz., gpu-config, sampler and hosts settings etc. Gpu-config generates a gpu.hdr file, which contains all necessary parameters with available options to set up the gpu correlator in different modes. And sampler and hosts settings window generates the sampler.hdr (for antenna connections to the gpu samplers) and hosts.dat (host machines entries with their socket ID's) files.

GWB Config Parameters :

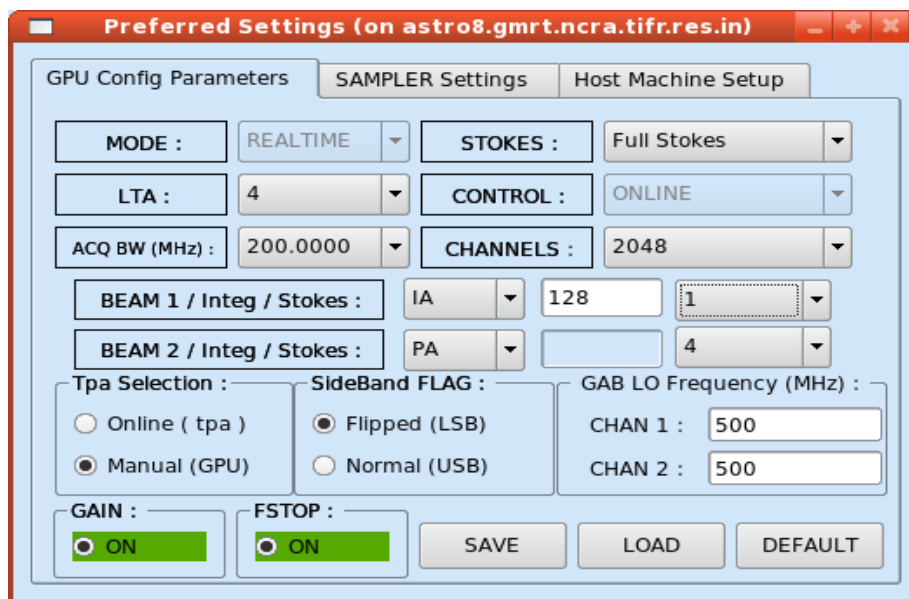


Illustration 3: GWB configuration parameters to save gpu.hdr file.

gpu.hdr (sample file):

```
{ Corrsel.def
GPU_MODE      = 0          /* 0 - Realtime, 1 - RawDump          */
GPU_LTA       = 4          /* Value can be : 1,2,4,8,16,32 etc. */
GPU_ACQ_BW    = 200.0000  /* 50, 100, 150, 200, 400 MHz. etc   */
GPU_FINAL_BW  = 0          /* 0,4,8,16,32,64,128 As frac of Nyq, Val = OFF */
GPU_EDGE_FRQ  = 0.000000  /* Freq Entry in steps of Nyq, Val = 0 */
GPU_CHAN_MAX  = 2048      /* 512, 1024, and 2048 are possible. */
GPU_CHAN_NUM  = 0:2047:1 /* any range i:j:1;for i,j<chan_max */
GPU_STOKES    = 4          /* 1 SinglePolUSB-130; 2 Total_Intensity; 4 Full_Stokes */
GPU_RF        = 700 700   /* 150 235 325 610 610D 1060 1170 1280 1390 1420 */
GPU_LO-1      = 540 540   /* are in respective values of GWB RF */
GPU_SIDE BAND = 1          /* 1 : LSB (LO > RF) and -1 : USB (LO < RF) */
GPU_CNTRL     = 1          /* 0 -LOCAL, 1 -ONLINE, 2 -MANUAL     */
GPU_FSTOP     = 1          /* 1 - ON, 0 - OFF                    */
GPU_BEAM_1    = 2:4       /* 0-OFF,1-IA,2-PA */
GPU_BEAM_2    = 1:1       /* 0-OFF,1-PA,2-PA */
GPU_BM_INT    = 128       /* BEAM INTEGRATION (No. OF FFT CYCLES) i.e. 128 */
GPU_GAIN EQ   = 1          /* 1 - ON, 0 - OFF                    */
GPU_TPA       = 1          /* 0 - From online tpa, 1 - From GWB GUI. */
}Corrsel
*
END_OF_HEADER          /* VERSION RELEASED */
```

Sampler Settings :

sampler.hdr (sample file):

```
{ Sampler.def
* All the even numbered are lower pipelines of the samplers.
* All the odd numbered are upper pipelines of the samplers.
* SamplerId = Ant Band
*
* Top bin ( Cable starts from 0 )
* SampId = Ant BandId FftId
SMP000 = C04 USB-130 000
SMP001 = C06 USB-130 001
SMP002 = C10 USB-130 002
SMP003 = E06 USB-130 003
SMP004 = S02 USB-130 004
SMP005 = S04 USB-130 005
SMP006 = W01 USB-130 006
SMP007 = W04 USB-130 007
} Sampler
END_OF_HEADER
```

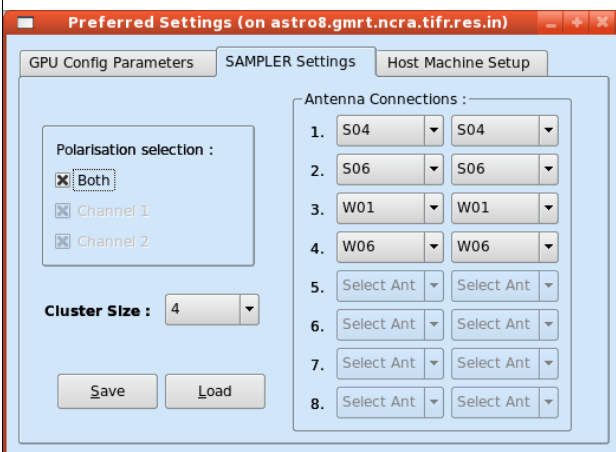


Illustration 4: antenna connections to correlator sampler for sampler.hdr

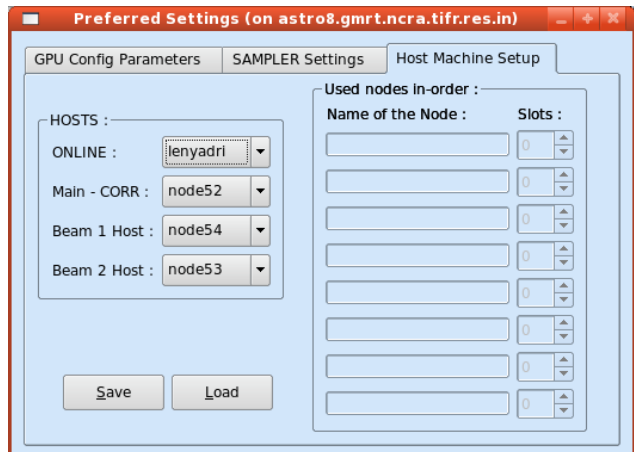


Illustration 5: Host machine settings for correlator (hosts.dat & host.list)

Hosts Machine Setup :

hosts.dat (sample file):

```
*lenyadri 192.168.1.13      6001  ComSock4
shivneri  192.168.1.12      6001  ComSock4
node52    192.168.11.16             6002  LogSock4
node54    192.168.11.18             6002  LogSock4
node53    192.168.11.17             6002  LogSock4
```

NOTE : host.list file modification through gui (used nodes in order) is disabled.

IMPORTANT :

- i. **GWB (GPU) can be run in parallel with GSB.**
 1. Using above mentioned procedure. i.e. Using sockcmd.sh and dassrv-gpu processes.
 2. Using getcmd mode, while GSB is already running. No need to start sockcmd.sh and dassrv-gpu processes.
 3. Options to start client windows with sockcmd.sh and without sockcmd.sh are available in “Start->Gwb -Windows” options. And use gpucmd commands from online machine with arguments as initndas, initprj, strndas, stpdas, etc.
 4. If no subar number is provided for gpucmd command then it will be executed for subar 4.
- ii. Dasmon is released, and can be started with following command :
ssh -X gpuuser@node52 -f dasmon

GWB - GAB Power Equalise :

Power Equalise program is released for GWB, Which uses the output self visibility data from GWB and Equalises the Power levels at GAB (GMRT Analog Backend) System.

GWB POWER EQUALISE USING GUI :

GWB Power Equalise GUI Can be Started from the main DasConsole GUI from “**MenuBar->Tools->GWB_PowerEq**” or **CTRL + E** as an accelerator. (as explained earlier in GWB-CORRELATOR).

Also, The same can be started manually as follows :

Steps -

1. Log on to gpuuser@192.168.16.52 (node52 = 192.168.16.52).
2. Enter command as : **/home/gpuuser/GWB/ver3/bin/released/gwbpeq**
3. Select the antennas connected to the GAB and GWB.
4. Initially make all GAB attenuation's same for both the polarization's, as set in the cdsetX file, or change Attenuation's to MAXIMUM, by clicking on button 'MAX Attn', apply it to GAB accordingly.
5. Set the Optimum level, Begining channel, End channel, Upper level, Lower level and Integrations as per requirement.
6. Click on the button save to generate text files as per selected gui options.

7. Click the button 'EQUALISE' to start first iteration.
8. Run the process 'run gwblev' from userX window from online(2-3 times).
9. Repeat steps 5 and 6 till optimum level is attained.

Manual Steps to Power Equalisation (without GUI) :

1. **ssh -X gpuuser@node52**
2. Edit the file **/home/gpuuser/GWB/PowerEq/gab_attn.cur** set the attenuation values for both polarisation to values which are already set from cdsetX file for GAB.
3. Run the following command
power_eq -o 100 -c 1 -u 100000 -l 0 -b 100 -e 20000 -i 2 -m shivneri
 Or
power_eq -o 100 -c 1 -u 100000 -l 0 -b 100 -e 20000 -i 2 -m lenyadri
Note that -h option for above program will print help regarding the options used by it. This will generate the new attenuation values for the selected or required antennas and modifies the above gab_attn.cur file (Content of the file will be as given below).
4. After this, From Online userX please run “run gwblev” 2-3 times.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 till the optimum power levels at GWB output are achieved.

Content of gab_attn.cur

```
#ANT SEL ATTN130 ATTN175
C00 0 0.0 0.0
C01 0 0.0 0.0
C02 0 0.0 0.0
C03 0 0.0 0.0
C04 1 10.0 10.0
C05 0 0.0 0.0
C06 1 12.5 12.5
C08 0 0.0 0.0
C09 0 0.0 0.0
C10 1 10.0 10.0
C11 0 0.0 0.0
C12 0 0.0 0.0
C13 0 0.0 0.0
C14 0 0.0 0.0
S01 0 0.0 0.0
S02 1 14.5 14.5
S03 0 0.0 0.0
S04 1 12.5 12.5
S06 0 0.0 0.0
E02 0 0.0 0.0
E03 0 0.0 0.0
E04 0 0.0 0.0
E05 0 0.0 0.0
E06 1 16.5 16.5
W01 1 0.0 0.0
W02 0 0.0 0.0
W03 0 0.0 0.0
W04 1 10.0 10.0
W05 0 0.0 0.0
W06 0 0.0 0.0
```

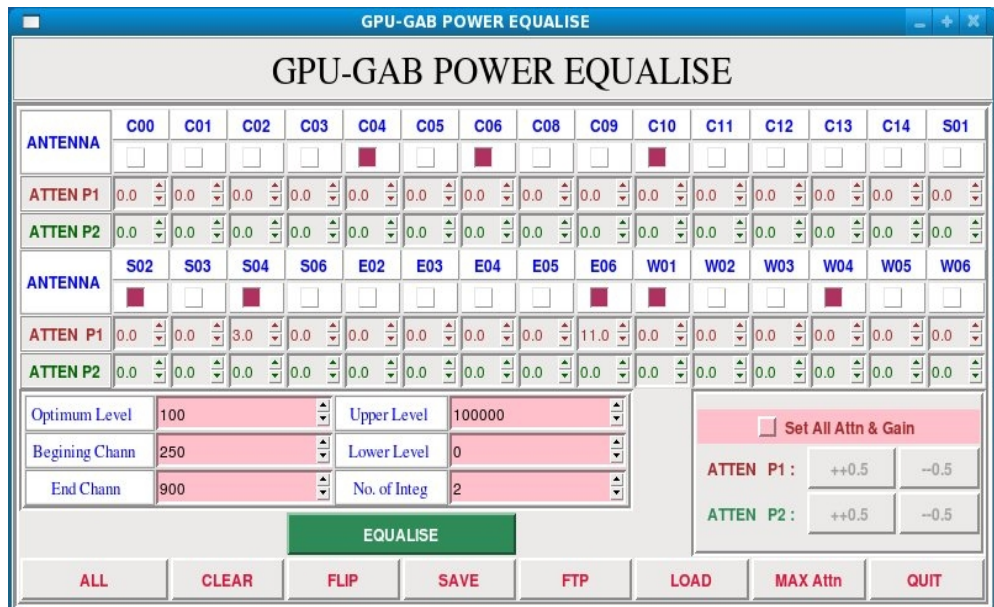


Illustration 6: Power Equalisation GUI for GWB-GAB.

Running Phasing on GWB data :

This can be invoked from GWB-CORRELATOR Main Window from “ **Tools -> Pulsar Tools -> GWB Phasing**”, or pressing **Alt+P** as an accelerator.

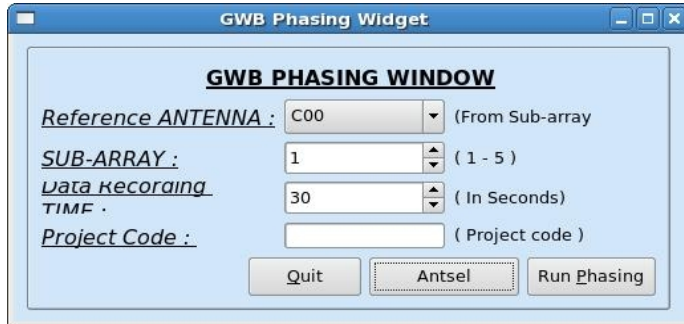


Illustration 7: Phasing widget to run and apply phasing iteration on GWB.

This utility temporarily provided with small tool which calls the phase_gwb.pl from online machine. Phasing Widget allows to choose the following :

- **Reference Antenna** Name for selected sub-array.
- **Sub-array** Number for which to carry phasing iteration.
- **Data recording Time** on which Phasing will work for the solutions.
- **Project Code** to be entered for related subarray which is used.

Note : Antenna selection Button is provided, but code for Antsel is not yet ready.

Starting Pulsar Acquisition GUI (Beam1 and Beam2) :

1. logon to observer@astro8 and enter commands as :

```
cd ~/bin/gpucorr/ver3/  
./gpu_psr or ./gwb-psr_das (for node52).
```

This will open a qt interface for gwb correlator (gwb-dasconsole).

NOTE : files gpu.hdr, sampler.hdr, sampler_1pol.hdr, sampler_dual.hdr, default.hdr, hosts.dat, host.list, must be available in the '~/bin/gpucorr/ver3' directory.

OR

This can Also be Started from the main GPU-CORRELATOR Window as Explained above in earlier section GWB-CORRELATOR .

The GUI has two workspaces. First for Beam 1 and the other for beam 2. In each workspaces , client windows can be opened from start menu.

2. On Menubar go to “**Start -> All Windows**” or “**Ctrl+N**” or go to “**Start -> BEAM1 - Windows -> All** ” to open all client processes to run gwb incoherent array pulsar mode processes on node54(192.168.16.54).

This will popup the client processing windows for Beam 1 host machine (set from the Preferences of the Main DasConsole GUI), in the following order :

1. **"node54::bm1_process_psr"**:

It can also be termed as incoherent array pulsar data acquisition and processing client.

2. **"node54::collect_psr"**:

This dumps the incoherent array pulsar data into the Shared memory.

3. **"node54::bm1_record_psr"**:

one can write the acquired incoherent pulsar data into specified .raw format file as per requirement.

3. Start the clients processes listed in 2.1 and 2.2 (bm1_process_psr and collect_psr) by pressing Blue (start) button on the Client windows.
4. On the ToolBar There are Four Different Buttons viz., InitBm1, StartBm1, StopBm1, FinishBm1, etc.

5. On Menubar go to “**Start -> All Windows**” or “**Ctrl+N**” or go to “**Start -> BEAM2 - Windows -> All** ” to open all client processes to run gwb coherent array pulsar mode processes on node53(192.168.16.53).

This will popup the client processing windows for Beam 2 host machine (set from the Preferences of the Main DasConsole GUI), in the following order :

1. "**node53::bm1_process_psr**":

It can also be termed as incoherent array pulsar data acquisition and processing client.

2. "**node53::collect_psr**":

This dumps the incoherent array pulsar data into the Shared memory.

3. "**node53::bm2_record_psr**":

one can write the acquired incoherent pulsar data into specified .raw format file as per requirement.

6. Start the clients processes listed in 2.1 and 2.2 (bm1_process_psr and collect_psr) by pressing Blue (start) button on the Client windows.
7. On the ToolBar There are Four Different Buttons viz., InitBm2, StartBm2, StopBm2, FinishBm2, etc.
8. In addition to this, There are Buttons to control data for pulsar beams which are named by InitBoth, StartBoth, StopBoth, FinishBoth. These four buttons will control the process in simultaneously, If user is working with the Both Beam data.

1. InitBm1/InitBm2/InitBoth :

Initializes the beam1 and beam2 Process Pulsar Beam Acquisition.

2. StartBm1/StartBm2/StartBoth :

Starts the pulsar DATA acquisition for beam1 and beam2 collect pulsar.

3. StopBm1/StopBm2/StopBoth :

Stops the pulsar DATA acquisition for beam1 and beam2 collect pulsar.

4. FinishBm1/FinishBm2/FinishBoth :

Halts the beam1 and beam2 Processes Pulsar Beam acquisition.

Note: All The above pulsar command process execution under Toolbar Buttons, can also be done from online machine terminal with commands as :

1. **gwb_bm1.finish* / gwb_bm2.finish***

2. **gwb_bm1.init* / gwb_bm2.init***

3. **gwb_bm1.start* / gwb_bm2.start***

4. **gwb_bm1.stop* / gwb_bm2.stop***

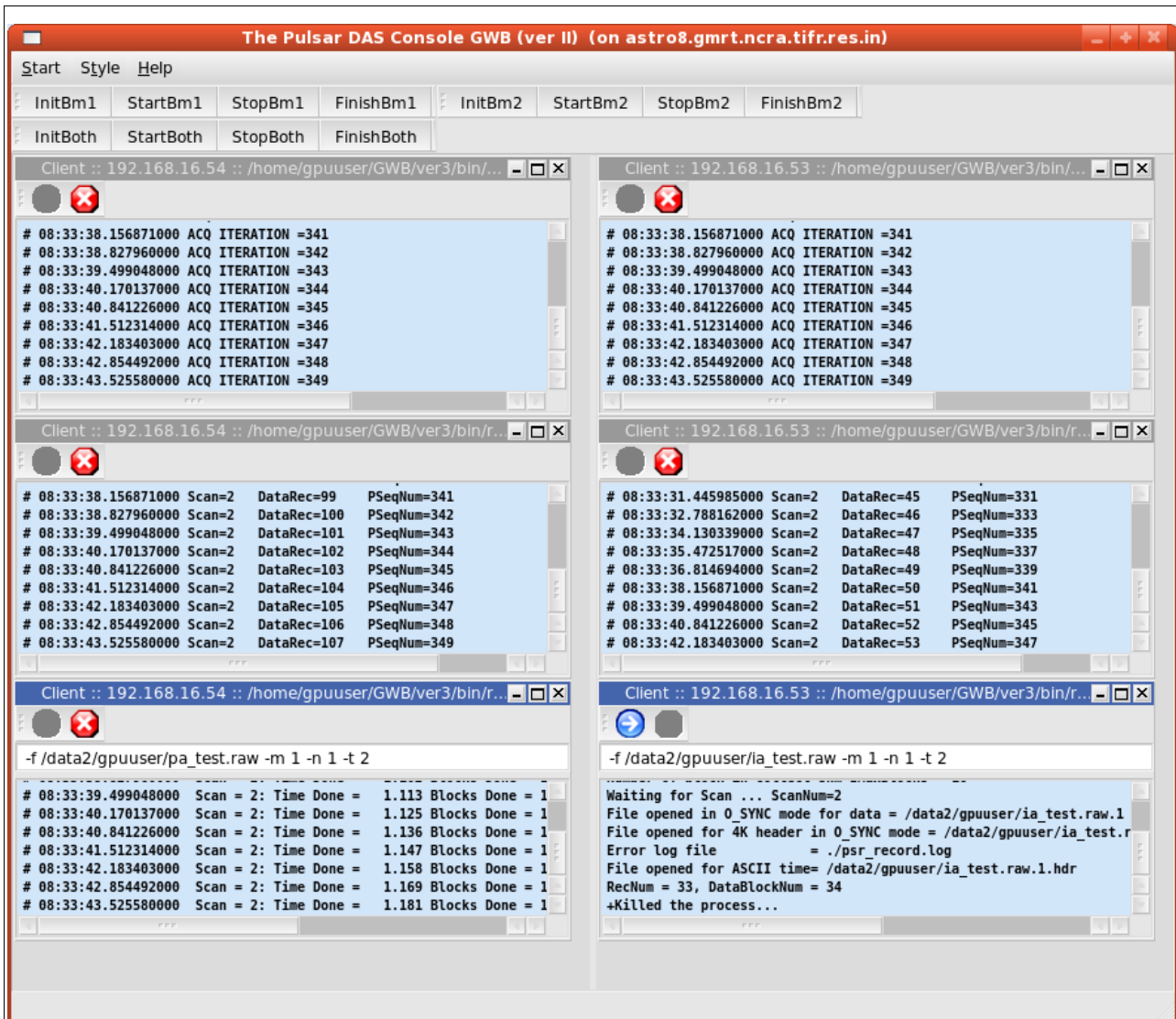


Illustration 8: Pulsar Data acquisition Interface (Pulsar DAS) showing PA and IA processes.

Troubleshooting :

If acquisition program fails to run then check for the following :

1. Machines required to run gpu cluster are ON.
2. Check for the Processes DualAdcConfig and SetCluster are getting executed sucessfully, If not then **GWB ROACH-BOARDS may not be communicating / hanged / not in sync** with each other. Sometimes extension of this can be observed in acquisition program “**gwb_corr_released.sh**”
3. Check for the processes , shared memory segment which are not closed properly. According clear those processes and shared memory segments,using following commands on gpu node52
 - a. `/home/gpuuser/bin/released/clear_all_node_shm.csh` // for shm
 - b. `/home/gpuuser/bin/released/kill_all_nodes.csh` // for orte-clean
4. Check for background mpi processes and clear the same.

Antenna connections to GWB Roach boards :

<u>Cable No:</u>	<u>GWB Node No</u>
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CHB37	NODE06
CHB38	NODE06
CHB39	NODE05
CHB51	NODE05
CHB53	NODE04
CHB55	NODE04
SPR1	NODE03
CHB59	NODE03

In case of dual polarization observations please connect the first 4 cables to first channel (polarization 1) and next 4 to another channel(polarization 2).