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1. OVERVIEW

As broadcasters, cable companies, satellite providers and IPTV companies are moving to a all digital domain, all distribution is done in the compressed domain. These service providers have a need for a versatile, easy to use, cost effective pro video decoder.

The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 is a professional high quality MPEG-2 SD and HD decoder card. It offers high end SD and HD decoding of two signals coming from 2 ASI inputs. The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 is perfect for monitoring applications or decoding for downstream baseband video and audio processing.

The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 can reconstruct in the most flexible way all VANC & HANC data in the HD/SDI output.

The front end of the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 includes advanced ASI input monitor. The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 offers 2 ASI inputs to feed 2 independent decoders. The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 can be coupled with Evertz RF front end (7780DM2-LB DVB-S2 demodulator) and Evertz downstream video and audio processing equipment to create a complete versatile integrated receiver/decoder.

Features

- 2xSD or HD 422 Video Decoder (422 Optional)
- ASI dual inputs on each decoder
- Selection of decoded service
- (HD) SDI with embedded audio and ancillary data
- Monitoring of ASI inputs
- Fully integrated with the industry leading VistaLINK®PRO system
- Built-in frame controller for control

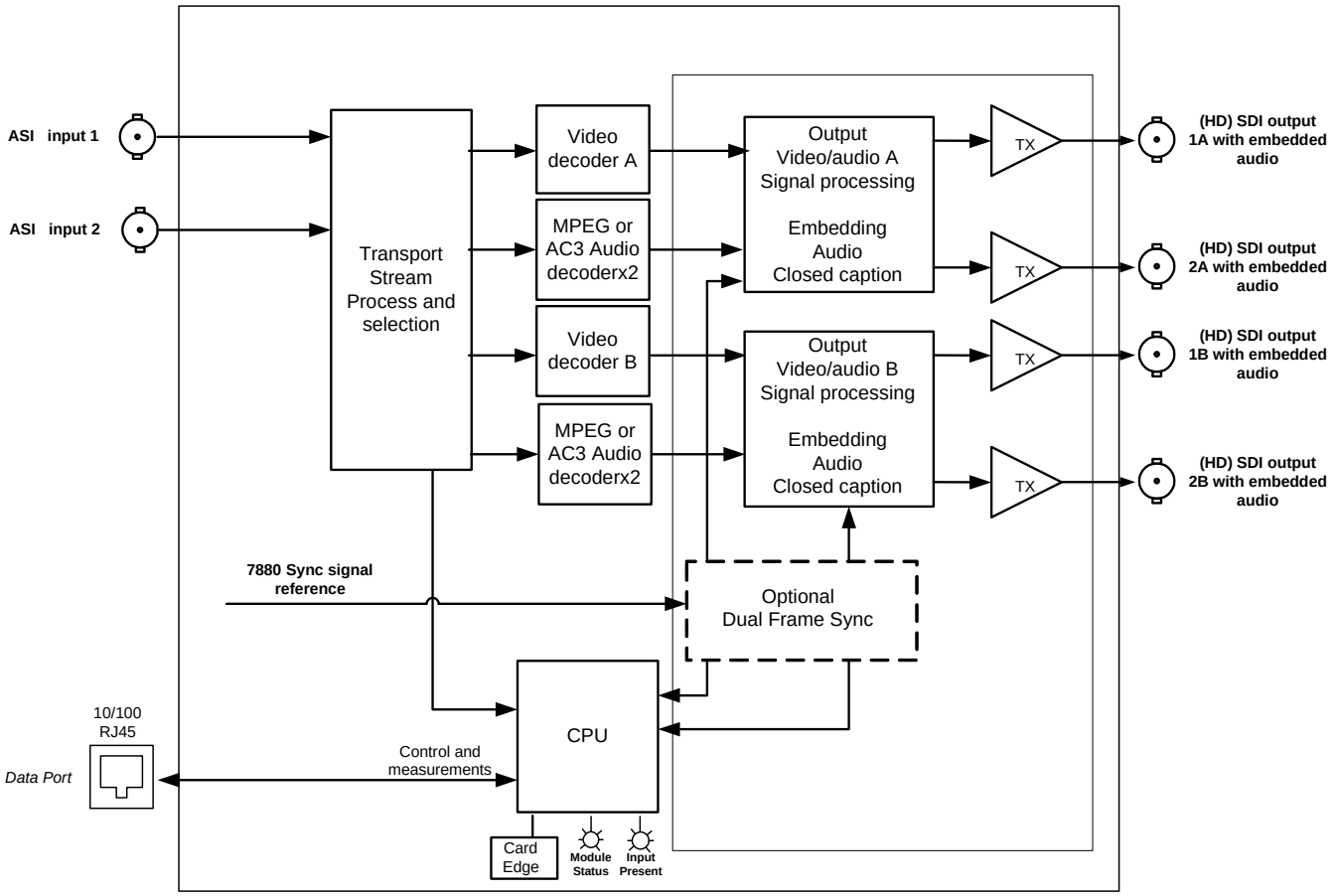


Figure 1-1: 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 Block Diagram

2. INSTALLATION

2.1. REAR PLATE DESCRIPTION

The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 comes standard with a companion +3RU rear plate. Figure 2-1 provides an illustration of the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 rear plate. For information on mounting the rear plate and inserting the module into the frame, see section 3 of the 7700FR manual.

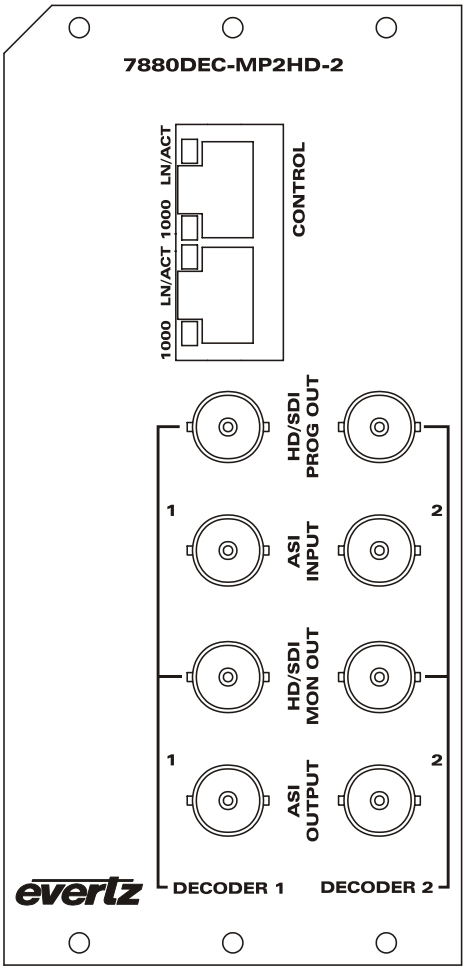


Figure 2-1: 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 Rear Plate

2.1.1. Decoder Connections

HD/SDI PROG OUT: Two BNC connectors, one for each decoder. They are used to output main decoded HD/SD-SDI video signals.

HD/SDI MON OUT: Two BNC connectors, one for each decoder. They are used to output backup/monitored HD/SD-SDI video signal.

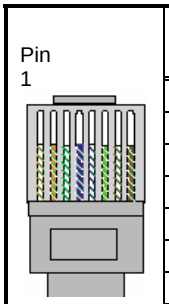
ASI INPUT: Two BNC connectors, one for each decoder. They are used to input ASI MPEG2 Transport Streams.

ASI OUTPUT: Two BNC connectors, one for each decoder. They are used to bypass given ASI Transport Streams.

2.1.2. Ethernet Connection

The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 Series uses 10Base-T (10 Mbps), 100Base-TX (100 Mbps) or Gigabit (1Gbps) twisted pair Ethernet cabling systems. When connecting for 10Base-T systems, category 3, 4, or 5 UTP cable as well as EIA/TIA – 568 100Ω STP cable may be used. When connecting for 100Base-TX systems, category 5 UTP cable is required. The cable must be "straight-through" with an RJ-45 connector at each end. Establish the network connection by plugging one end of the cable into the RJ-45 receptacle of the card and the other end into a port of the supporting hub.

The straight-through RJ-45 cable can be purchased or can be constructed using the pin-out information in Table 2-1. A colour coded wiring table is provided in Table 2-1 for the current RJ-45 standards (AT&T 258A or EIA/TIA 258B colour coding shown). Also refer to the notes following the table for additional wiring guide information.



Pin #	Signal	EIA/TIA 568A	AT&T 258A or EIA/TIA 568B	10BaseT or 100BaseT
1	Transmit +	White/Green	White/Orange	X
2	Transmit –	Green/White or White	Orange/White or Orange	X
3	Receive +	White/Orange	White/Green	X
4	N/A	Blue/White or Blue	Blue/White or Blue	Not used (required)
5	N/A	White/Blue	White/Blue	Not used (required)
6	Receive –	Orange/White or Orange	Green/White or Green	X
7	N/A	White/Brown	White/Brown	Not used (required)
8	N/A	Brown/White or Brown	Brown/White or Brown	Not used (required)

Table 2-1: Standard RJ-45 Wiring Colour Codes

Note the following cabling information for this wiring guide:

- Only two pairs of wires are used in the 8-pin RJ-45 connector to carry Ethernet signals.
- Even though pins 4, 5, 7 and 8 are not used, it is mandatory that they be present in the cable.
- 10BaseT and 100BaseT use the same pins (a crossover cable made for one will also work with the other).
- Pairs may be solid colours and not have a stripe.
- Category 5 cable must use Category 5 rated connectors.

The maximum cable run between the router and the supporting hub is 300 ft (90 m). The maximum combined cable run between any two end points (i.e. router and PC/laptop via network hub) is 675 feet (205 m).

Devices on the Ethernet network continually monitor the receive data path for activity as a means of checking that the link is working correctly. When the network is idle, the devices also send a link test signal to one another to verify link integrity. The rear panel is fitted with two LEDs to monitor the Ethernet connection.

1000: This Amber LED is ON when a 100Base-TX link is last detected. The LED is OFF when a 10Base-T link is last detected (the LINK LED is ON). Upon power-up the LED is OFF as the last detected rate is not known and therefore defaults to the 10Base-T state until rate detection is completed.

LN/ACT: This dual purpose Green LED indicates that the card has established a valid linkage to its hub, and whether the module is sending or receiving data. This LED will be ON when the module has established a good link to its supporting hub. This gives you a good indication that the segment is wired correctly. The LED will BLINK when the module is sending or receiving data. The LED will be OFF if there is no valid connection.

2.2. HARDWARE INSTALLATION

To successfully install the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2:

1. Unused IP address on the network or a DHCP server.
2. Evertz serial cable.
3. VLPro Server IP address.

Before handling the card it is important to minimize the potential effects of static electricity. It is therefore recommended that an ESD strap be worn. Locate on a 7700 chassis three adjacent vacant slots. Unpack the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 and separate the rear panel from the main card. Locate on the rear of the rack the three slots and remove the blanking panels. Insert the rear panel into the back of the chassis and secure using the six screws provided.

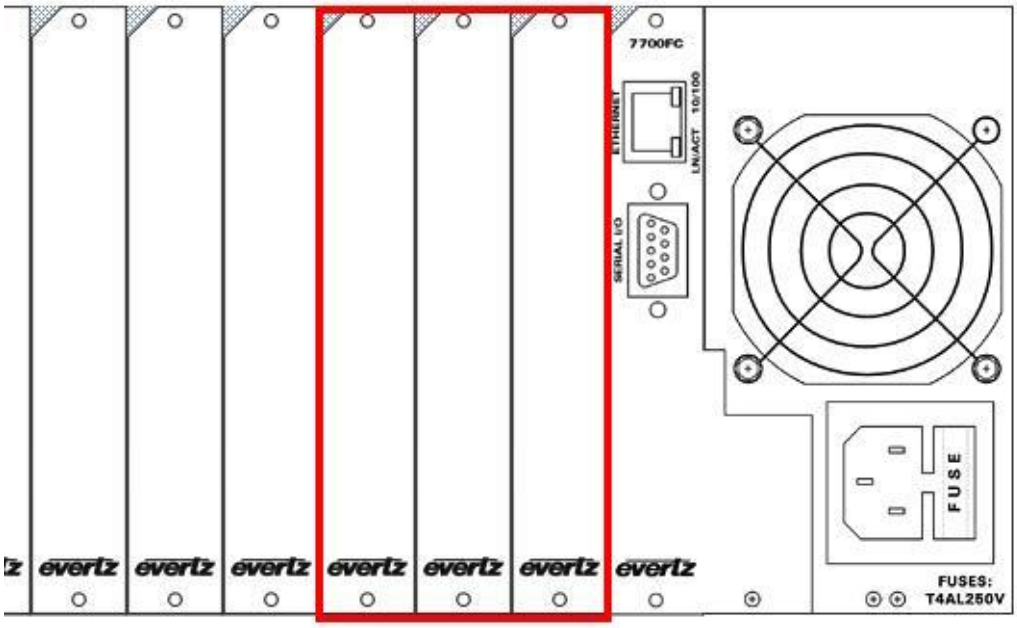


Figure 2-2: 7700 Chassis and 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 Rear Panel

Before inserting the front card, connect the serial cable to the board using the serial cable provided. Now insert the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 card into the corresponding front slots ensuring the card lines up with the slot runners on the bottom and the top of the chassis. Push the card into the slot ensuring that when it mates with the rear card that is has been firmly pushed into a seated position. This can be confirmed when the connectivity lights for the Ethernet port are illuminated. Do not connect any cables to the rear card (failure to do this could cause unwanted network issues) until the initial configuration has been completed.

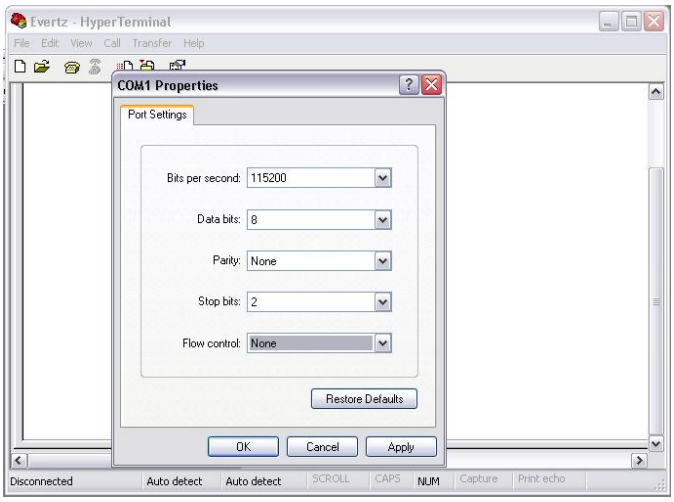


Figure 2-3: COM Port Properties Window

Connect the 9-pin d-type end of the serial cable to the serial port of your computer. Open a Terminal session and configure the port for the following configuration:

Bits per second	**115200**
Data Bits	**8**
Parity	**None**
Stop Bits	**2**
Flow Control	**None**

Click **OK** to apply these settings and press the return key. The session should respond with the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 Main Menu as shown in Figure 2-4:

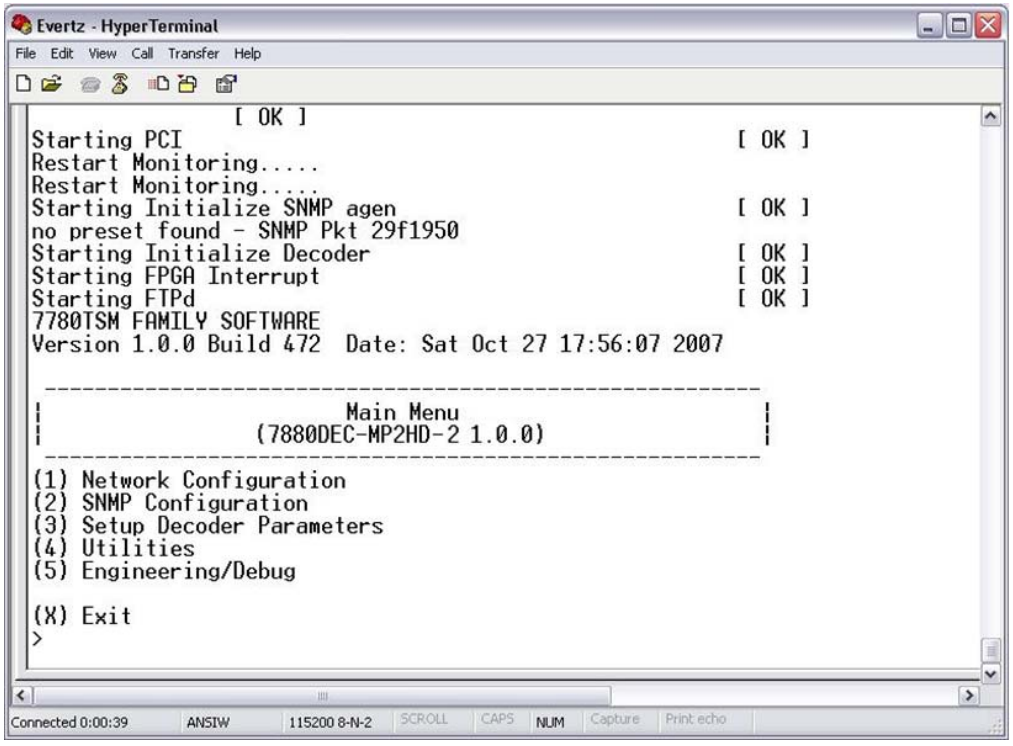


Figure 2-4: HyperTerminal Main Menu

(1) Network Configuration
This sub-menu enables the user to configure the network settings for the card.

(2) SNMP Configuration
This sub-menu enables the user to configure the Simple Network Management Protocol settings. In this menu you can set or remove the SNMP trap IP address and the SNMP Read and Set community strings.

(3) Setup Decoder Parameters
This sub-menu is used to configure the decoder parameters. As this configuration can also be performed via VLPro this sub-menu will not be covered in this section.

(4) Utilities
This sub-menu contains two utilities. One command is for clearing the memory, and the other for clearing the flash. In normal operation it should not be necessary to use either of these options.

(5) Engineering/Debug
This menu is for Evertz personnel only. You may be requested to access and execute options within this menu when seeking technical support from Evertz. Guidance will be given should this be required.

Before is it possible to configure the card via VLPro it is first necessary to configure the initial basic network settings via the serial cable. Refer to section 2.3.

2.3. CONFIGURING THE BASIC NETWORK SETTINGS

Now select option (1) *Network Configuration*, the Network Configuration menu will be displayed as shown in Figure 2-5. If you prefer to use DHCP then you may select option (5) *Use DHCP*, and then continue from step 4:

1. Select option (1) *Set IP Address* and configure the IP address for the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 ensuring that the IP address is not already in use on the network.
2. Now select option (2) *Set Netmask* and configure the correct subnet mask for your network.
3. If required also configure option (3) *Set Gateway*.
4. Exit from the Network Configuration menu using (s) *Save and Exit*, NOT (x) *Exit*.

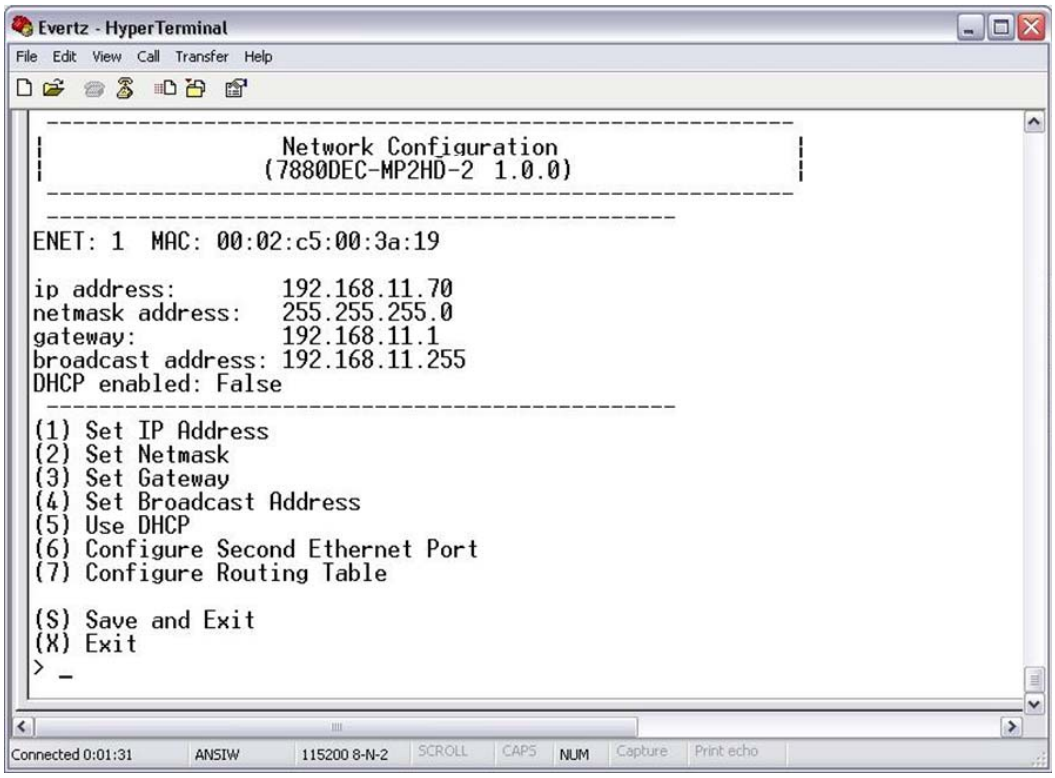


Figure 2-5: Network Configuration Sub-Menu

From the Main Menu select option (2) *SNMP Configuration*. Select option (1) *Set IP Address* and enter the IP address of your VLPro Server. Exit using option (S) *Save and Exit*, now extract the card from the rack, remove the serial cable and re-insert it.

You have now completed the necessary minimum configuration and can connect the cables to the rear card when ready.

2.4. CONNECTING TO VLPRO

This chapter assumes that the VLPro server and VLPro client are already configured for your network and you have basic knowledge of the VLPro interface. It also assumes that the user or network administrator has already added the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 jar file to the server and both the client and server applications have been restarted. If you are the network administrator refer to section 6.2 for information on updating the VLPro Server Jar File.

Open VLPro and click on the refresh tree icon. Expand the hardware tree by clicking on the “+” symbol. Your 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 should appear as a newly listed device with the IP address used to configure the card in Step 1 above. It may take up to a minute to appear while the card and switch negotiate network settings (this can be verified directly on the switch if necessary).

Listed below the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 will be two inputs numbered one and two.

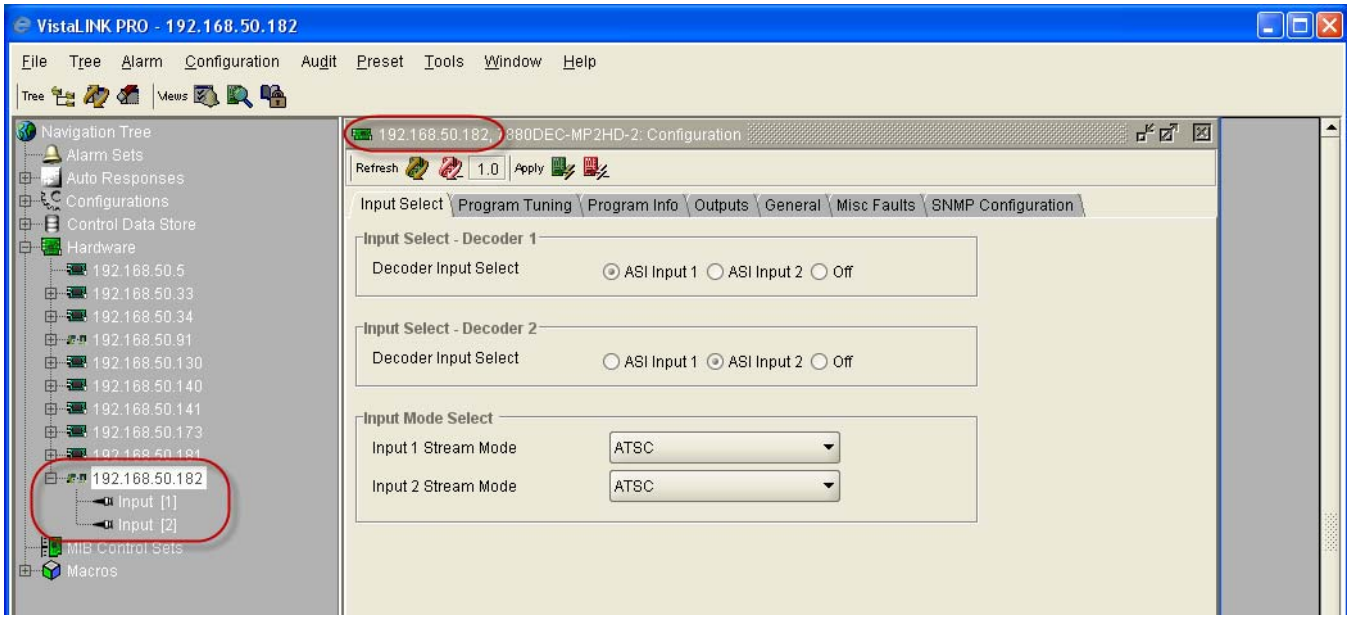


Figure 2-6: VistaLINK® PRO Hardware Configuration

Note: If after a couple of minutes the card has still not appeared try selecting *Add Agent* from the *Tree> Add/Update Agent* menu. Enter the IP address used in the configuration stage earlier and select OK. The card should now be listed and will remain greyed out for a moment while VLPro finds the card and confirms its configuration.

Please consult your network administrator if you continue to have problems connecting the card with VLPro, alternatively contact Evertz Microsystems Ltd. or your authorized reseller for technical support.

3. CARD CONFIGURATION

Right click the IP address of the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 and select “View Configuration”. The configuration page will open; it is from these configuration tabs that the 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 can be configured. Refer to the relevant section of this manual for an explanation of the features and functions.

3.1. INPUT SELECT

The input selection tab is used to select the input in use. Both inputs are bypass protected, thus in the event of the card failing, being removed or the power being cut off, the loop-through for the ASI will continue. The decoded output will no longer be available.

NOTE: If the card is removed from the chassis, the ASI loop through will continue but the decoded output will no longer be available.

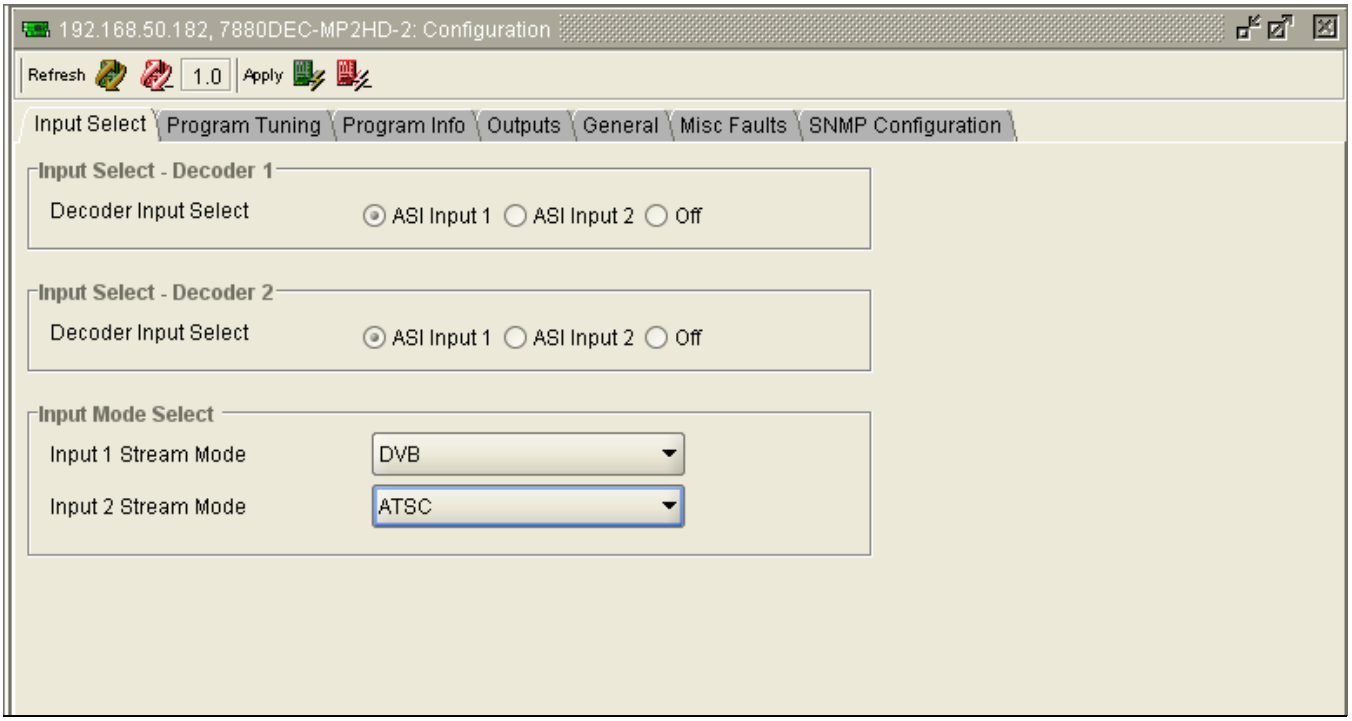


Figure 3-1 VistaLINK® PRO – Input Select

- **Input Select:** The decoder card has two ASI inputs. Select here the input you require.

NOTE: The decoder has two ASI inputs; the card is a single decoder and is only able to decode one program from either of the two inputs.

- **Input Mode Select:**

- **Input Stream Mode:** The Input Stream Mode options available are ATSC, DVB and MPEG. It is important to select the standard to which the stream is being coded as this affects the context of the alarms for ETSI TR 101 290 priority 3 and the handling of AC3 Audio.

3.2. PROGRAM TUNING

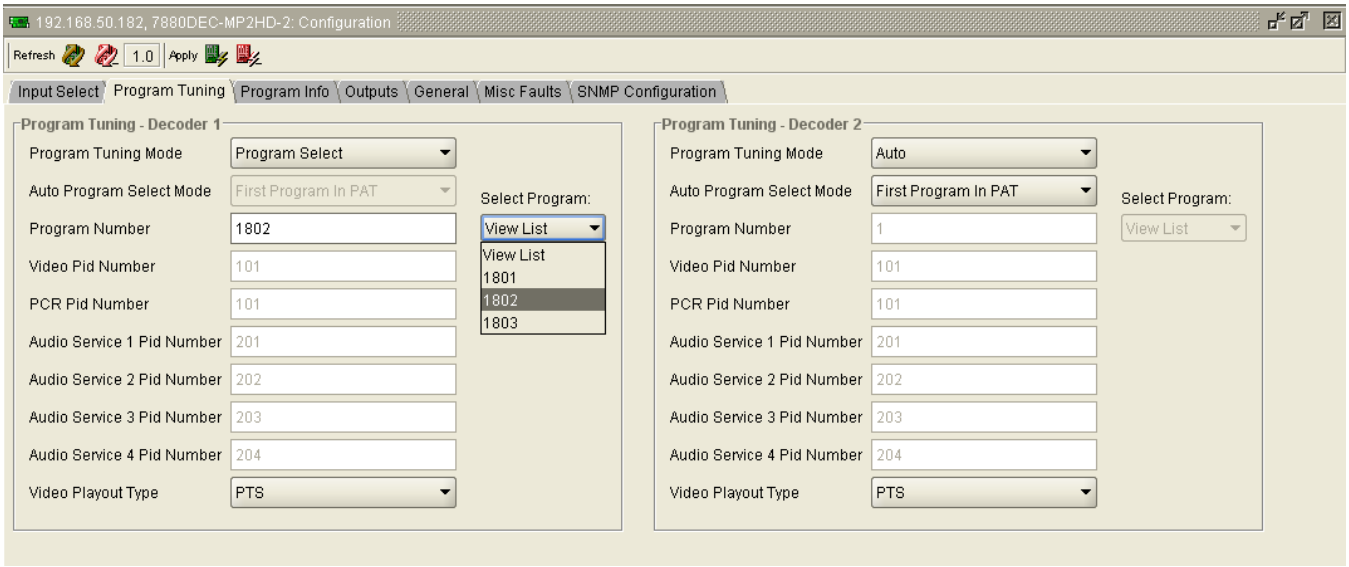


Figure 3-2 VistaLINK® PRO – Program Tuning

3.2.1. Program Tuning

- **Program Tuning Mode:** Options are Auto, Program Select or PID Select.
  - Selection of Auto will set the decoder to decode either the first program in the PAT or the lowest program number; this can be selected using the next configuration option below.
  - Program select allows the user to define the program number, PCR, video and audio selection is automatic based upon the PMT.
  - PID Select allows the user to define the PCR, Video and up to four audio by their PID numbers. The PMT PID is ignored.

- **Auto Program Select Mode:** Options are First Program in PAT or Lowest Program Number.
  - First program indicates the first program defined within the PAT.
  - Lowest program number will select the program with the lowest Program ID.

- **Program Number:** When the Program Tuning mode is set to Program Select, enter in this field the Program ID in decimal form.

Note: You may use the Select Program drop down menu to select the program that you wish to tune into. The drop down menu will be automatically populated with the program numbers available in the incoming stream.

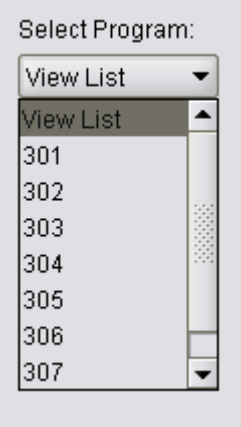


Figure 3-3: Select Program Drop Down List

- **Video PID Number:** When the Program Tuning mode is set to PID Select, enter in this field the Video PID ID in decimal form.
- **PCR PID Number:** When the Program Tuning mode is set to PID Select, enter in this field the PCR PID ID in decimal form.
- **Audio Service 1 PID Number:** When the Program Tuning mode is set to PID Select, enter in this field the first Audio PID ID in decimal form.
- **Audio Service 2 PID Number:** When the Program Tuning mode is set to PID Select, enter in this field the second Audio PID ID in decimal form.
- **Audio Service 3 PID Number:** When the Program Tuning mode is set to PID Select, enter in this field the third Audio PID ID in decimal form.
- **Audio Service 4 PID Number:** When the Program Tuning mode is set to PID Select, enter in this field the forth Audio PID ID in decimal form.
- **Video Playout Type:** This field determines the type of video playout. The **Playout type** options are **PTS (Presentation Time Stamp)** or **VBV (Video Buffering Verifier)**, but default PTS will be selected.

NOTE: When Program Tuning Mode is set to PID Select, it is possible to select any audio from any service with the transport stream.

3.3. PROGRAM INFO

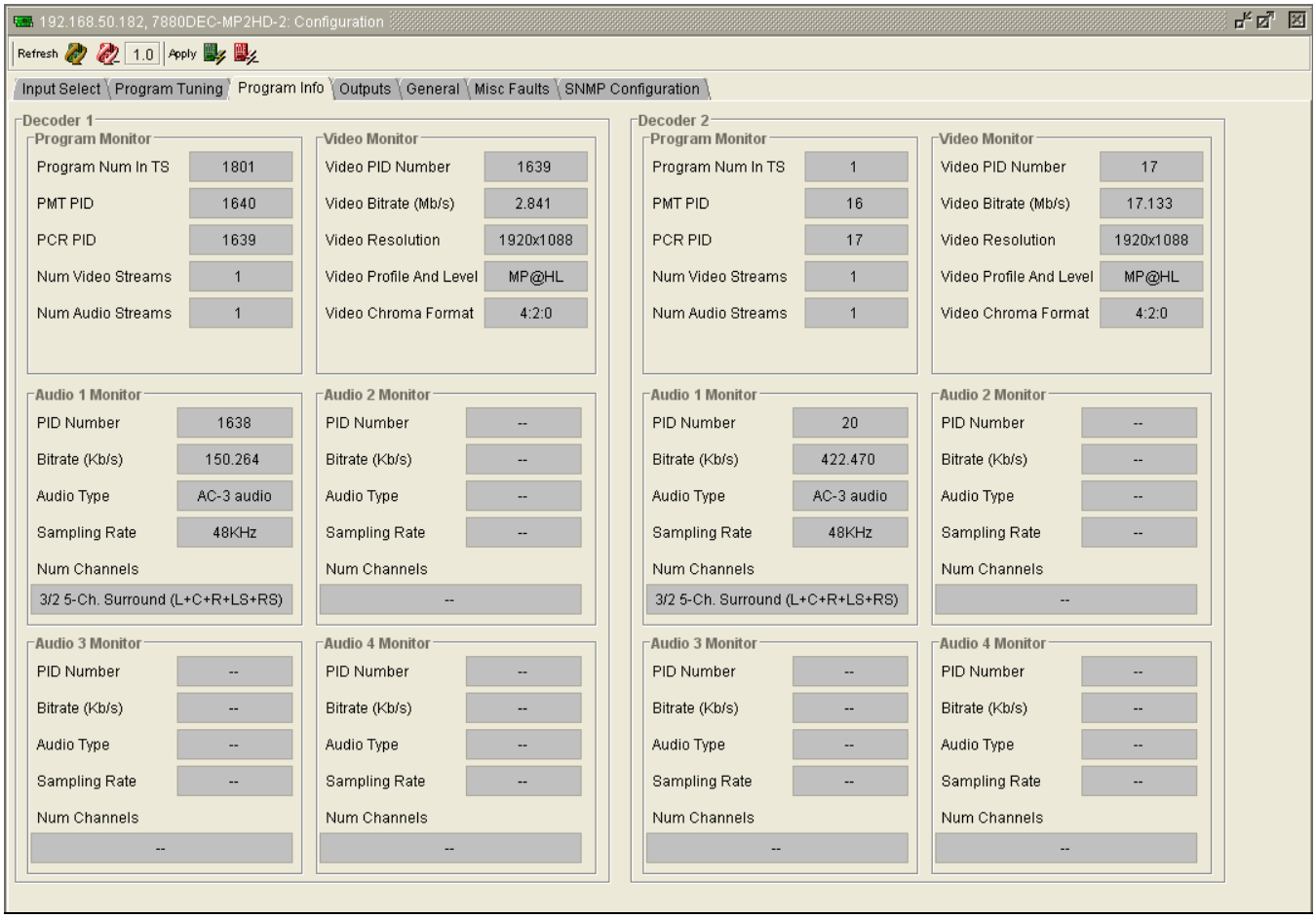


Figure 3-4: VistaLINK® PRO – Program Info

3.3.1. Program Monitor

- **Program Number in TS:** The currently decoded Program ID is displayed here in decimal form.
- **PMT PID:** The currently decoded Program Map Table Packet ID is displayed here in decimal form.
- **PCR PID:** The Program Clock Reference Packet ID is displayed here in decimal form.
- **Num Video Streams:** The number of video streams within the program is displayed here.
- **Num Audio Streams:** The number of audio streams within the program is displayed here.

3.3.2. Video Monitor

- **Video PID Number:** The currently decoded Video Packet ID is displayed here in Decimal form.
- **Video Bitrate:** The current video bitrate is displayed here; this value will be variable for video encoded in VBR.
- **Video Resolution:** The currently decoded video resolution will be displayed here; this is read from the PSIP/PSI.
- **Video Profile and Level:** The currently decoded video profile will be displayed here; this is read from the PSIP/PSI. This will either be MP@ML or MP@HL.
- **Video Chroma Format:** The currently decoded video resolution will be displayed here; this is read from the PSIP/PSI. This will either be 4:2:0 or 4:2:2.

3.3.3. Audio 1/2/3/4 Monitor

- **PID Number:** The currently decoded Audio Packet ID is displayed here in Decimal form.
- **Bitrate:** The current Audio bitrate is displayed here.
- **Audio Type:** The currently decoded video resolution will be displayed here; this is read from the PSIP/PSI.
- **Sampling Rate:** The currently decoded Audio Sampling rate will be displayed here; this is read from the PSIP/PSI.
- **Num Channels:** The number of channels of Audio in the currently decoded program will be displayed here; this is read from the PSIP/PSI.

3.4. OUTPUTS

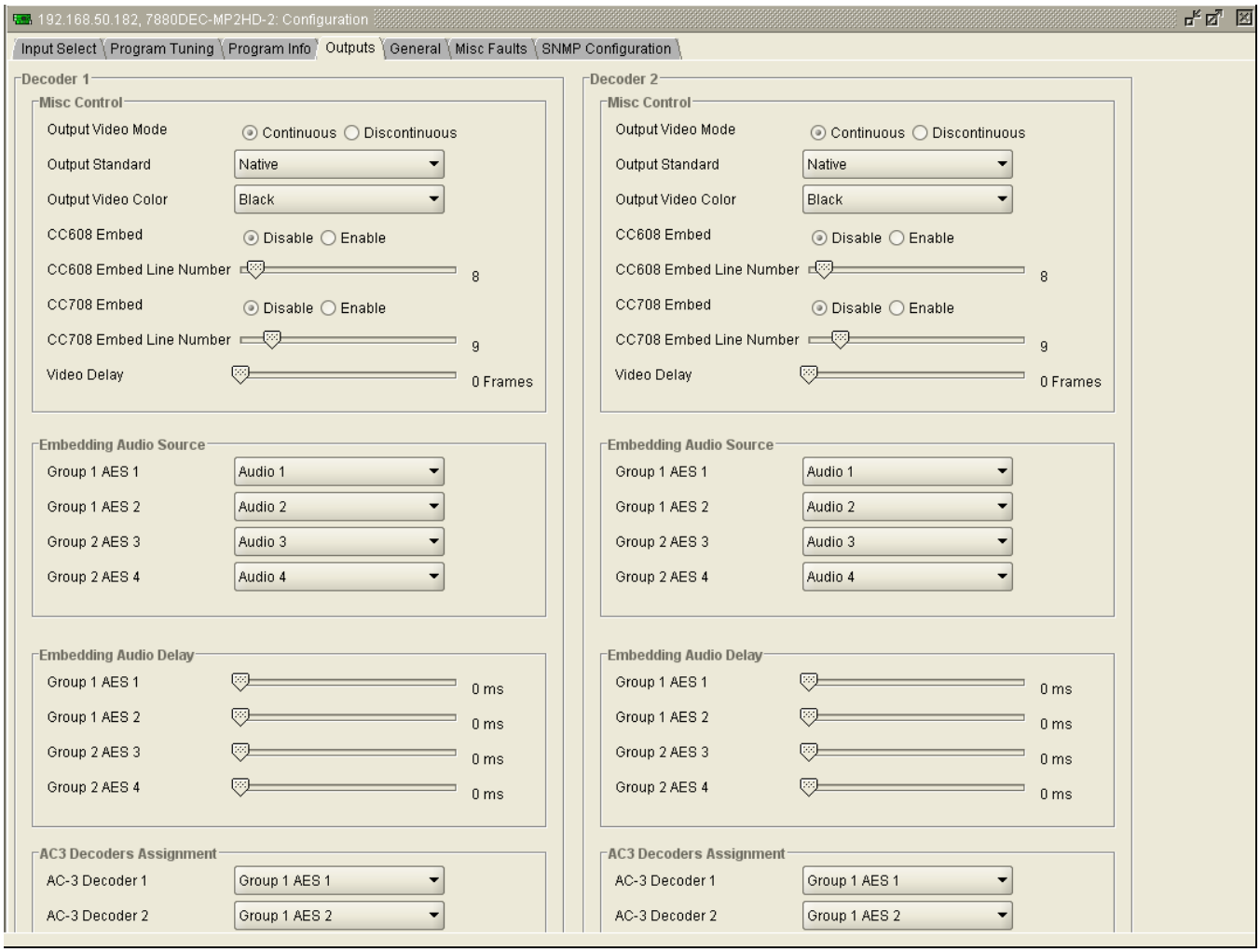


Figure 3-5 VistaLINK® PRO - Outputs

3.4.1. AC3 Decoder Assignments

- **AC3 Decoder 1/2:** The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 can decode two AC3 streams per input. AC3 can be set for decode or bypass onto the outbound SDI. The selection can be made for AC3 assignment, Group1 AES1/2 and Group2 AES1/2. The professional stereo mix is preformed when decoding. The original AC3 feed is embedded to video when bypass is selected.

3.4.2. Embedding Audio Source

- **Group 1/2/3/4:** The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 automatically embeds the selected audio streams into the outgoing SDI. Here it is possible to re-arrange the audio streams and/or embed other separate audio streams. Simply select for each Group, which Audio should be embedded.

3.4.3. Embedding Audio Delay

- **Group 1/2/3/4:** The 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 card automatically embeds the selected audio streams into the outgoing SDI. It is possible to add an additional delay to synchronize the audio and video stream. Simply slide the audio delay to the desired setting for each audio group. The maximum delay is 500ms.

3.4.4. Misc. Control

- **Output Video Mode:** Options are continuous or discontinuous. When in continuous mode and the user switches between inputs, the output will not be dropped between sources, the output is thus continuous. In discontinuous mode the output, when switching between inputs, will drop momentarily.

- **Output Standard:** Options are Native, 525i/59.94, 625i/50, 720p/59.94, 1080i/59.94 and 1080i/50.

- **Output Video Colour:** Options are Black or Blue, this is the colour that will be output when the input is lost.

NOTE: Using Blue is a good compliment to the Evertz MVP/VIP systems, which by default, use Green to signify loss of the input. Thus a blue screen will indicate a loss of source at the encoder, not at the MVP/VIP.

- **CC608 Embed:** This allows the user to decide if Closed Caption 608 should be embedded on the output, by default this is disabled.

- **CC608 Embed Line Number:** This allows the user to select the line at which the closed captions will be embedded; the range is line 7 to 21.

- **CC708 Embed:** This allows the user to decide if Closed Caption 708 should be embedded on the output, by default this is disabled.

- **CC708 Embed Line Number:** This allows the user to select the line at which the closed captions will be embedded; the range is line 7 to 21.

[1]What are "native 608" closed captions?
CEA-608 ("native 608") closed captions are captions formatted and presented in the current analog television system and carried on the two fields of line 21 of the vertical blanking interval. Field one contains CC1, CC2, T1, and T2 (the latter being text services). Field 2 contains CC3, CC4, T3, and T4. CC1 is most often used to carry verbatim English captions and CC3 is increasingly being used for Spanish-language captions and captions edited for young children ("Easy Reader" or "Beginning Reader" captions). The common look and feel of native 608 captions is limited to white block letters within a box-like black background field. Colour (non-white) characters, while possible, are only occasionally used due to the 13-year legacy of set-top decoders, which cannot display coloured captions.

[1]What are "native 708" closed captions?
CEA-708B is the standard for conveying caption data in a digital television signal. Because the DTV signal does not have a vertical blanking interval, CEA-708B specifies that the captioning data shall be carried in the video user bits of the MPEG-2 bitstream. CEA-708B captions have greatly enhanced formatting and display capabilities compared to NTSC 608 captions. Strictly speaking, native 708 captions are those authored and encoded for CEA-708B use. It is also possible to encode native 708 format captioning from authoring information intended for 608 captioning, although such captions will have the same limitations as translated captions.

3.5. GENERAL

This tab is for information only; it displays the type of card that is installed in the chassis. The card also has the ability to monitor the power supplies of the frame in which it resides in. Simply check the *Frame Status Error* box to enable SNMP traps. The *Frame Trap Status* LED is an indicator that will turn red when one or both of the frame's power supplies fail.

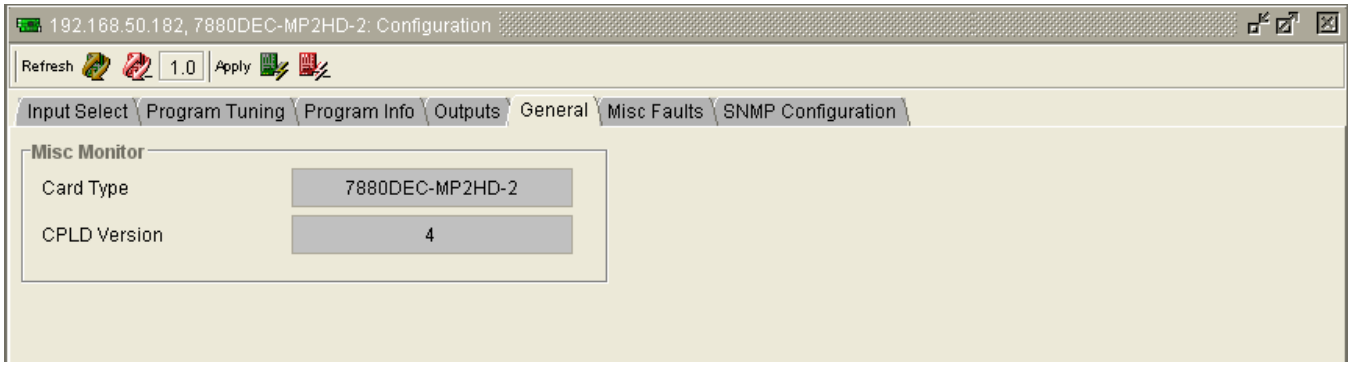


Figure 3-6 VistaLINK® PRO - General

3.6. MISC FAULTS

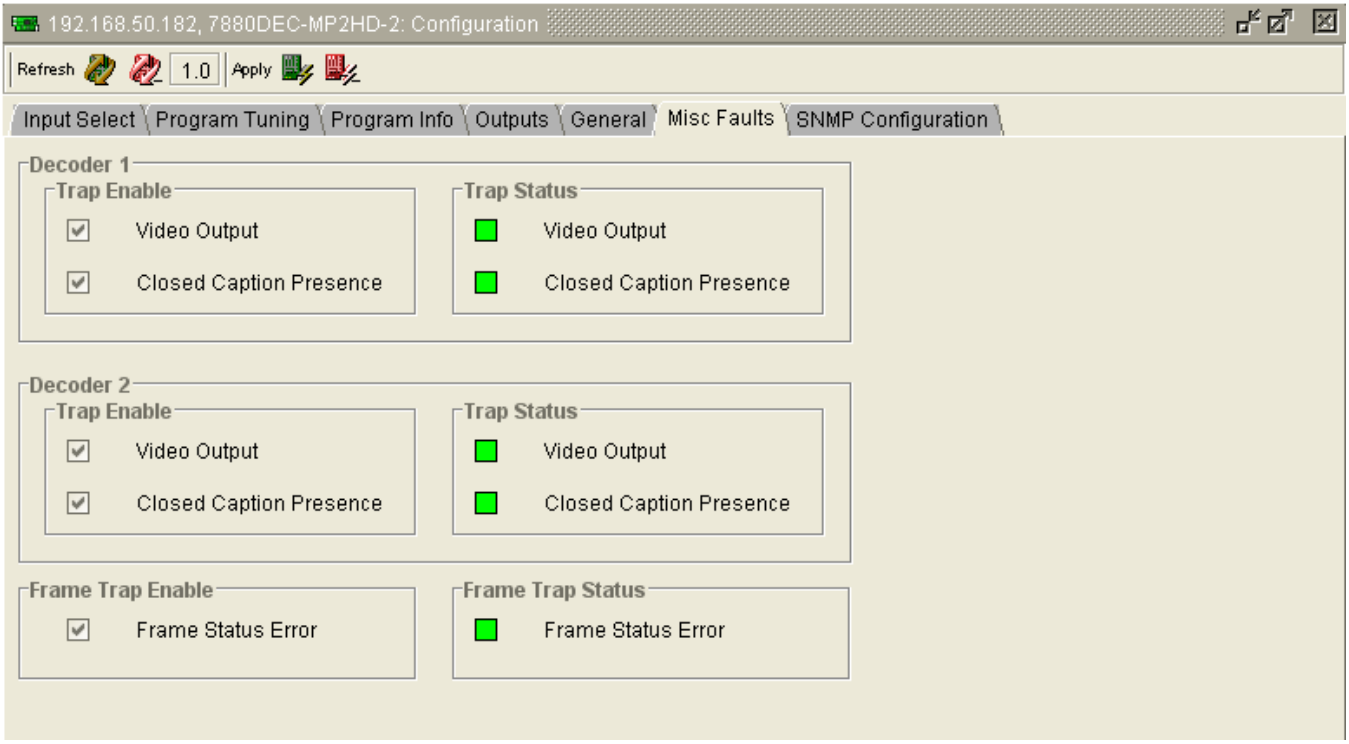


Figure 3-7 VistaLINK® PRO – Misc Faults

3.6.1. Trap Status

- **Video Output:** The status of the video output trap is shown in this field; when video is being output the LED will be green.

- **Closed Caption Presence:** The status of the video output trap is shown in this field; when Closed Caption video is being output the LED will be green.

3.6.2. Trap Enable

- **Video Output:** The Video Output trap in the output trap can be enabled / disabled in this field.

- **Closed Caption Presence:** The Closed Caption embedding in the output trap can be enabled / disabled here.

3.7. SNMP CONFIGURATION

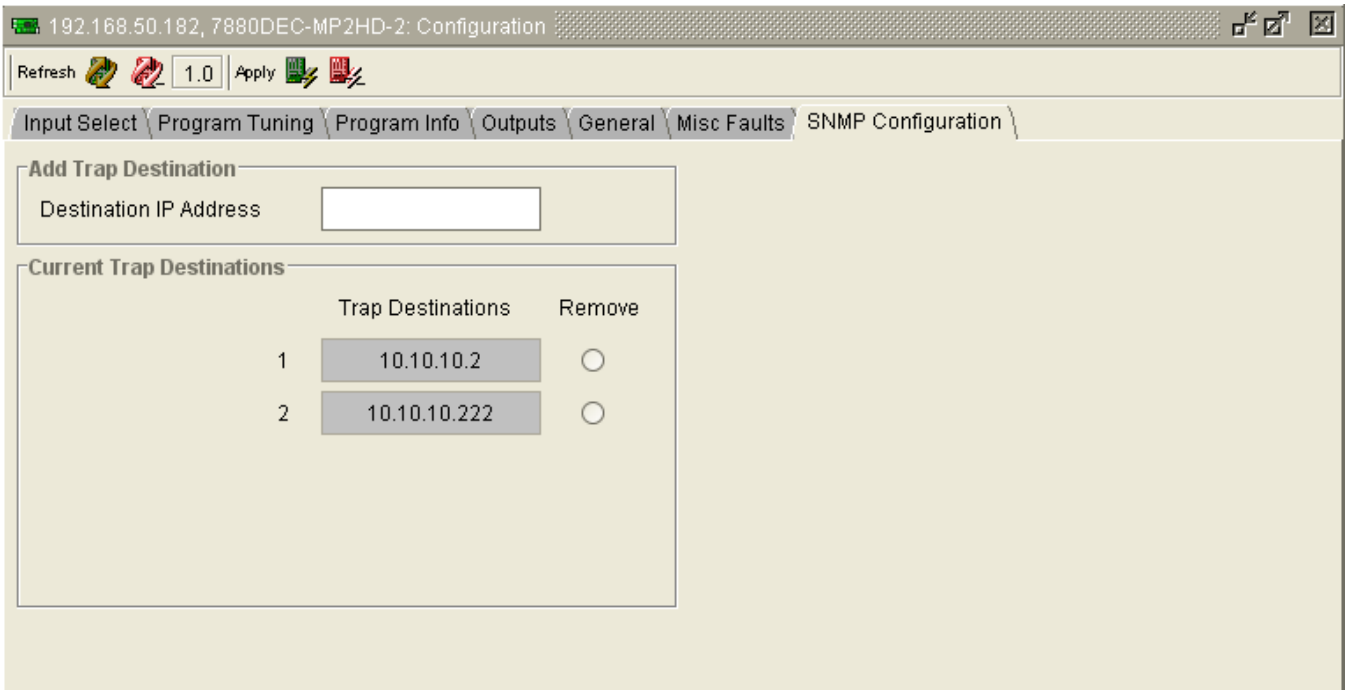


Figure 3-8: VistaLINK® PRO – SNMP Configuration

3.7.1. Add Trap Destination

The SNMP destination can be added from VLPro interface in this field. Enter the IP address of the computer with VLPro Server and click the **Apply** button. The IP address will be transferred to the **Current Trap Destinations** section.

3.7.2. Current Trap Destinations

The **Current Trap Destinations** field displays SNMP destination addresses configured on card. Identical SNMP notification will be sent to each location. Each destination can be removed by selecting the remove button beside the trap you wish to remove and then clicking the **Apply** button.

4. CONFIGURING INPUTS

4.1. INPUT MONITOR

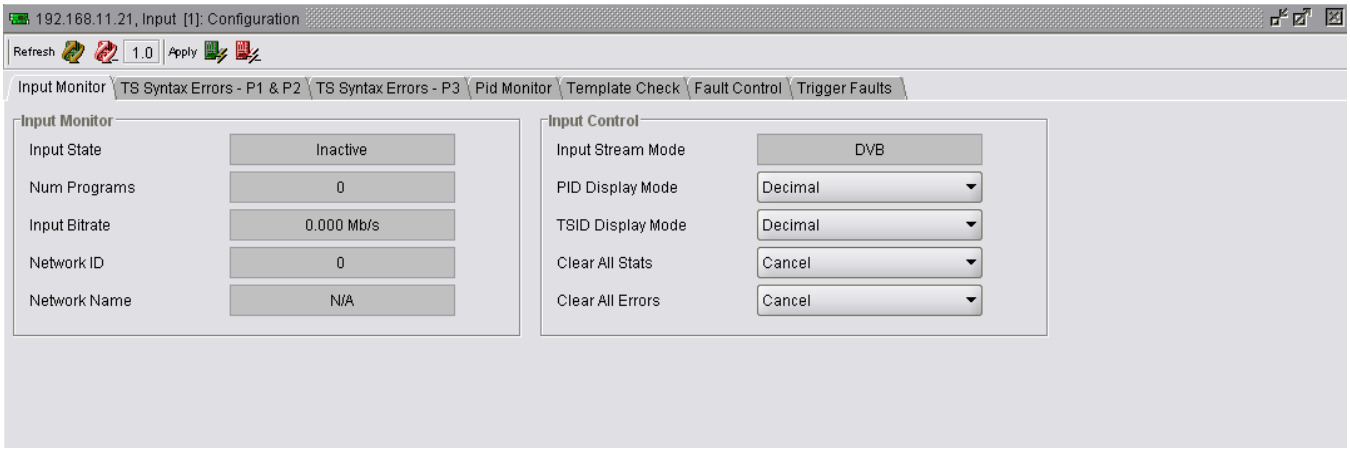


Figure 4-1 VistaLINK® PRO – Input Monitor

4.1.1. Input Monitor

- **Input State:** Displays either Active or Inactive, this field displays the state of the current input (either input 1 or input 2).

- **Num Programs:** This indicates the number of programs present within the stream; this is read from the PSIP / PSI in the stream.

- **Input Bitrate:** This indicates the gross bitrate of the input in bits/s.

- **Network ID:** This indicates, in decimals, the Network ID. This is read from the PSIP / PSI in the stream.

- **Network Name:** This indicates the Network Name of the stream, if present. This is read from the PSIP / PSI in the stream.

4.1.2. Input Control

- **Input Stream Mode:** Options available are ATSC, DVB and MPEG.
  - It is important to select the standard to which the stream is being coded as this affects the context of the alarms for ETSI TR 101 290 priority 3 and the handling of AC3 Audio.

- **PID Display Mode:** Options are Hex or Decimal. This determines how the PID Monitor View displays the PID value.

- **Clear All Stats:** Select *enable*, and then apply the change. All statistics will be reset.

- **Clear All Errors:** Select *enable*, and then apply the change. All error conditions will be reset.

4.2. TS SYNTAX ERRORS – P1 & P2

This tab displays a general health check of the most important elements of the TS. The tests are not exhaustive and are outlined, in detail, in the document Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Measurement guidelines for DVB systems ETSI TR 101 290.

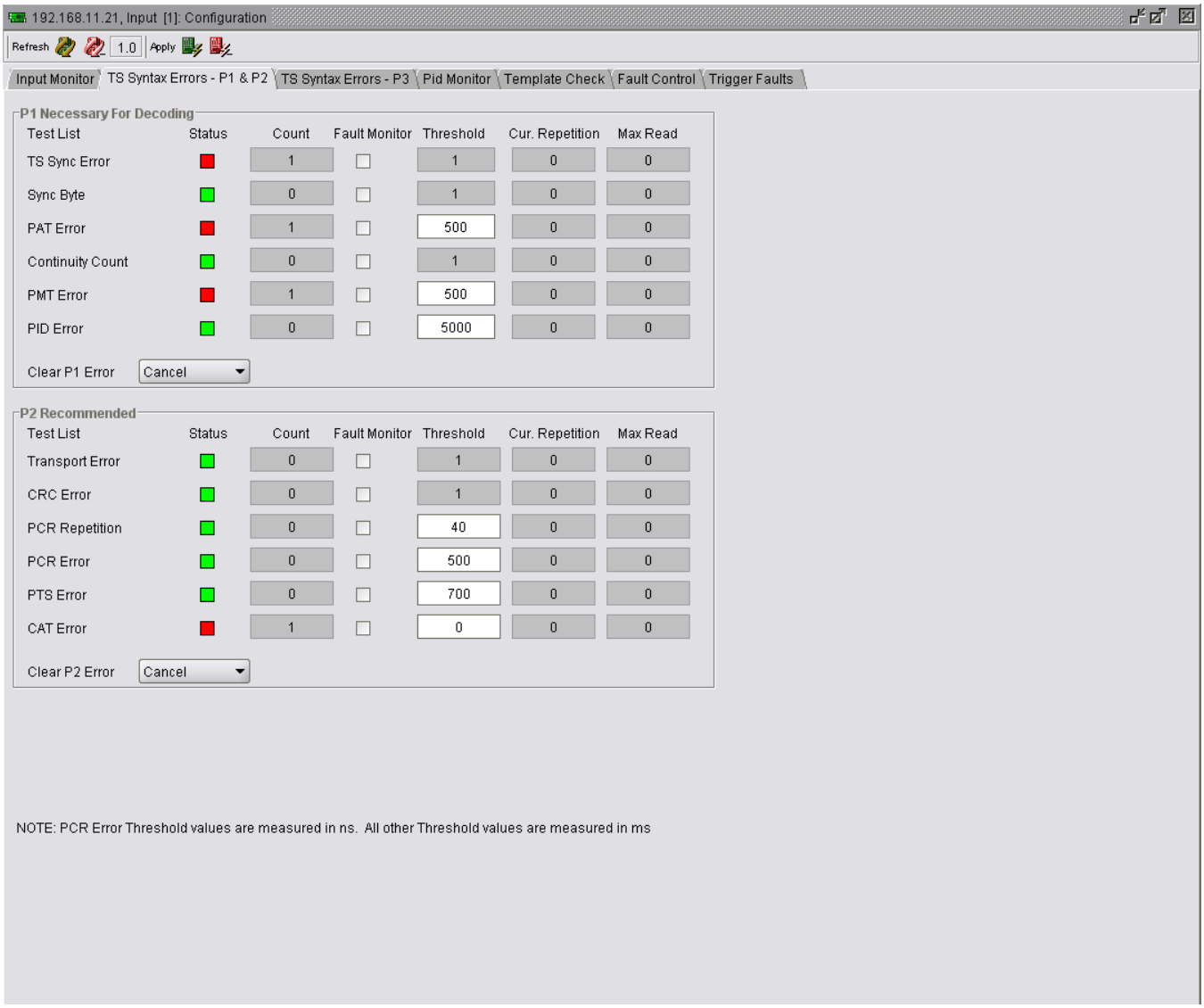


Figure 4-2 VistaLINK® PRO - TS Syntax Errors P1 & P2

For each test there is a Fault Monitor check box. Selecting this check box will update the *Input Configuration Tab - Syntax Error* status and enable the alarm. The highest alarm severity will prevail. When selecting the check box be sure to select, from the drop down box, the corresponding severity that should be associated with this alarm.

4.2.1. P1 Necessary for Decoding

- **TS_sync_loss:** The most important function for the evaluation of data from the MPEG-2 TS is the sync acquisition. The actual synchronization of the TS depends on the number of correct sync bytes necessary for the device to synchronize; two or more consecutive corrupted sync bytes indicate sync loss. After synchronization has been achieved the evaluation of the other parameters is carried out.

- **Sync_byte_error:** The indicator "Sync_byte_error" is set as soon as the correct sync byte (0x47) does not appear after 188 or 204 bytes. This is fundamental because this structure is used throughout the channel encoder and decoder chains for synchronization. It is also important that every sync byte is checked for correctness since encoders do not necessarily check the sync byte.

- **PAT_error:** The Program Association Table (PAT), which only appears in PID 0x0000 packets, tells the decoder what programs are in the TS and points to the Program Map Tables (PMT) which in turn point to the component video, audio and data streams that make up the program. If the PAT is missing then the decoder can do nothing, no program is decodable. Nothing other than a PAT should be contained in a PID 0x0000.

- **Continuity_count_error:** For this indicator three checks are combined. The preconditions "Incorrect packet order" and "Lost packet" could cause problems for receivers that are not equipped with additional buffer storage and intelligence. It is not necessary for the test equipment to distinguish between these two preconditions as they are logically OR-ed, together with the third precondition, "a packet occurs more than twice" into one indicator.

- **PMT_error:** The Program Association Table (PAT) tells the decoder how many programs there are in the stream and points to the PMTs that contain the information where the parts for any given event can be found. Parts in this context are the video stream (normally one), the audio streams and the data stream (e.g. Teletext). Without a PMT the corresponding program is not decodable.

- **PID_error:** It is checked whether there exists a data stream for each PID that occurs. This error often occurs where TS are multiplexed, or demultiplexed and again remultiplexed.

4.2.2. P2 Recommended

- **Transport_error:** The primary Transport_error indicator is Boolean which counts the erroneous TS packets. This counter is intended for statistical evaluation of the errors. If an error occurs, no further error indication should be derived from the erroneous packet.

- **CRC_error:** The CRC check for the CAT, PAT, PMT, NIT, EIT, BAT, SDT and TOT indicates whether the content of the corresponding table is corrupted. In this case no further error indication should be derived from the content of the corresponding table.

- **PCR_error:** The PCRs are used to re-generate the local 27 MHz system clock. If the PCR does not arrive with sufficient regularity then this clock may jitter or drift. The PCR discontinuity of more than 100 ms occurring without specific indication or the time interval between two consecutive PCR values is more than 40 ms.

- **PCR_repetition_error:** The PCRs are used to re-generate the local 27 MHz system clock. If the PCR do not arrive with sufficient regularity then this clock may jitter or drift. The receiver/decoder may even go out of lock. This error indicates that the time interval between two consecutive PCR values is more than 40 ms.

- **PCR_discontinuity_indicator_error:** The PCR_discontinuity_indicator_error is set in the case that a discontinuity of the PCR values occurs that has not been signalled appropriately by the discontinuity indicator.

- **PCR_accuracy_error:** The accuracy of ±500 ns is intended to be sufficient for the colour sub-carrier to be synthesized from the system clock. This test should only be performed on a constant bitrate TS as defined in ISO/IEC 13818-1.

- **PTS_error:** The Presentation Time Stamps (PTS) should occur at least every 700 ms. The PTS is only accessible if the TS is not scrambled.

- **CAT_error:** The CAT is the pointer to enable the receiver to find the EMMs associated with the CA system(s) that it uses. If the CAT is not present, the receiver is not able to receive management messages.

4.3. TS SYNTAX ERRORS – P3

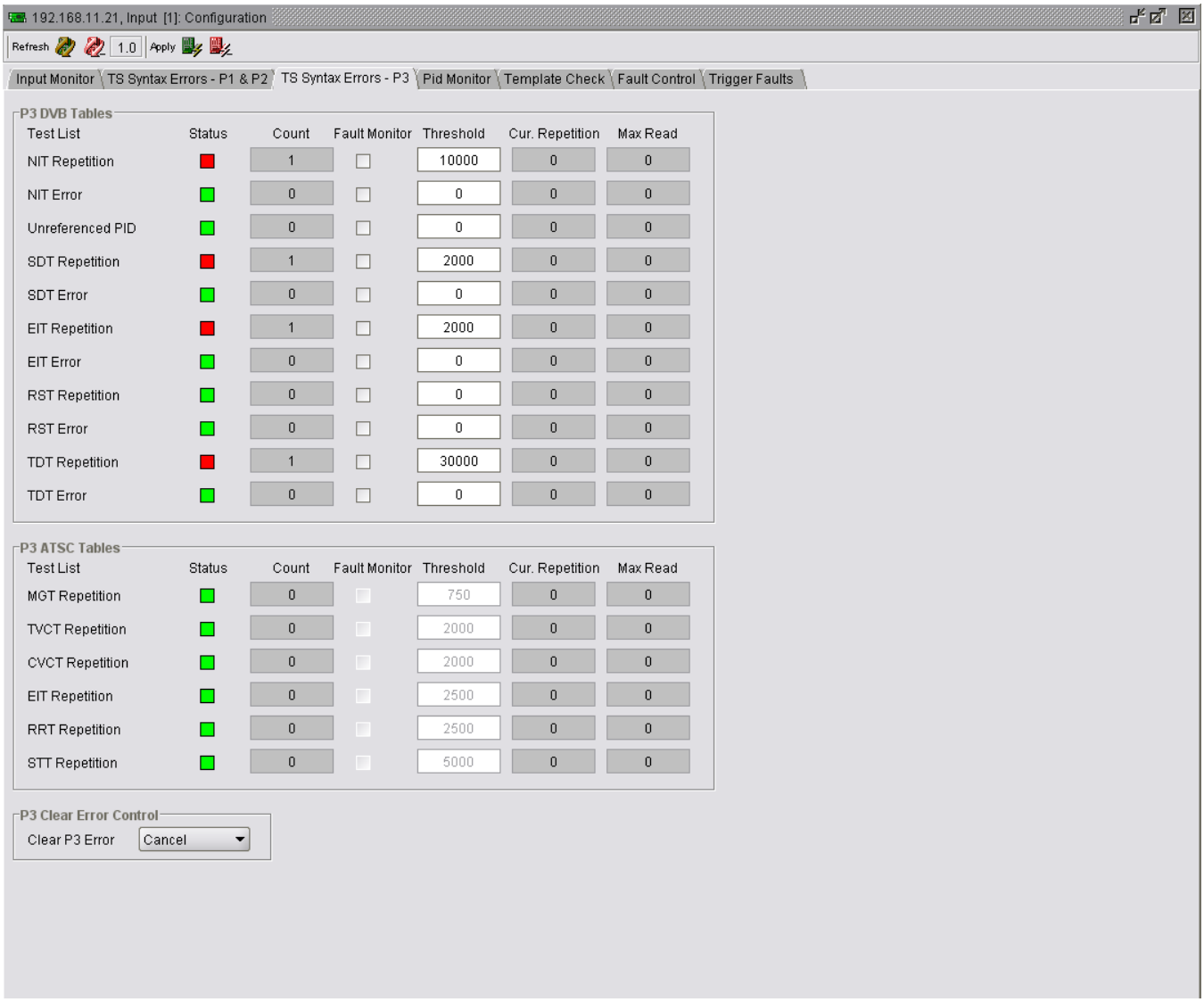


Figure 4-3: VistaLINK® PRO – TS Syntax Errors P3

4.3.1. P3 DVB Tables

- **NIT_Repetition_error:** This test checks that any two sections with table_id = 0x40 (NIT_actual) occur on PID 0x0010 within a 25 ms.

- **NIT_error:** Network Information Tables (NITs) as defined by DVB contain information on frequency, code rates, modulation, and polarization etc. of various programs that the decoder can use. It is checked whether NITs are present in the TS and whether they have the correct PID. The test checks that sections with table_id 0x40 or 0x41 in PID value 0x0010 occur at least every 10 s.

- **Unreferenced_PID:** Each non-private program data stream should have its PID listed in the PMTs. This test detects the presence of a PID (other than PAT, CAT, CAT_PIDs, PMT_PIDs, NIT_PID, SDT_PID, TDT_PID, EIT_PID, RST_PID, reserved_for_future_use PIDs, or PIDs user defined as private data streams) not referred to by a PMT within 0.5 s

- **SI_repetition_error:** For SI tables a maximum and minimum periodicity are specified in EN 300 468 [7] and TR 101 211 [8]. This indicator should be set in addition to other indicators of repetition errors for specific tables.

- **SDT_error:** The SDT describes the services available to the viewer. It is split into sub-tables containing details of the contents of the current TS (mandatory) and other TS (optional). Without the SDT, the IRD is unable to give the viewer a list of what services are available. It is also possible to transmit a BAT on the same PID, which groups services into "bouquets".

- **SDT_Repetition_error:** This test checks that the SDT information which describes the services contained in a particular Transport Stream is transmitted at least every 2 seconds on PID 0x0011.

- **EIT_error:** The EIT (Event Information Table) describes what is on now and next on each service, and optionally details the complete programming schedule. The EIT is divided into several sub-tables, with only the "present and following" information for the current TS being mandatory. The EIT schedule information is only accessible if the TS is not scrambled.

- **RST_Repetition_error:** This test checks that any two sections with table_id = 0x71 (RST) occur on PID 0x0013 within 25 ms (or lower).

- **RST_error:** The RST is a quick updating mechanism for the status information carried in the EIT.

- **TDT_Repetition_error:** This test checks that any two sections with table_id = 0x70 (TDT) occur on PID 0x0014 within 25 ms.

- **TDT_error:** Sections with table_id = 0x70 (TDT) not present on PID 0x0014 for more than 30 s. The TDT carries the current UTC time and date information.

More information can be found at: http://www.etsi.org/

4.3.2. P3 ATSC Tables

- **MGT Repetition:** Master Guide Table. For each type of PSIP tables, the MGT provides the location in the Transport stream, the current version of the table and the length in bytes. This test checks that the Master Guide Table repetition rates do not exceed 150ms.

- **TVCT Repetition:** Terrestrial Virtual Channel Table. Consists of virtual channel definitions where each channel is characterized by the two-part channel number that the user will use to access the service, its text name, how the service is physically delivered, its MPEG-2 program_number, its “source ID” and the type of service. This test checks that the Terrestrial Virtual Channel Table repetition rates do not exceed 400ms.

- **CVCT Repetition:** Cable Virtual Channel Table. Consists of virtual channel definitions where each channel is characterized by the two-part channel number that the user will use to access the service, its text name, how the service is physically delivered, its MPEG-2 program_number, its "source ID" and the type of service. This test checks that the Cable Virtual Channel Table repetition rates do not exceed 400ms.

- **EIT Repetition:** The PSIP table that carries program schedule information for each virtual channel, this test checks the following is true:
  - EIT-0 Once every 0.5 seconds
  - EIT-1 Once every three seconds
  - EIT-2 and EIT-3 Once every minute

- **RRT Repetition:** Rating Region Table. Defines a rating system for a given region characterized by a number of rating dimensions, each of which is composed of two or more rating levels. This test checks that the Rating Region Table repetition rates do not exceed 60,000ms.

- **STT Repetition:** System Time Table. Provides a reference for the time-of-day to receivers. This test checks that the System Time Table repetition rates do not exceed 1000ms

More information can be found at: http://www.atsc.org

4.3.3. ETSI TR 101 290 Test Conditions

The status LED located to the left of each test will highlight, when in Auto-Refresh, the dynamic status of the stream.

For the majority of the ETSI TR 101 290 test it is possible to configure custom configurations to ensure that particular alarms and conditions are fed back to the operator. It is important to select the Monitor Enable check box (to enable custom monitoring parameters to be invoked), select the desired alarm Severity and then configure the test Threshold.

NOTE: Syntax Errors P1, P2 & P3 are measured in ms. PCR Errors are measured in ns.

4.4. TR 101 290 DVB REFERENCE VALUES

Test	DVB	
TS_sync_loss		
Sync_byte_error		
PAT_error	500ms	
Continuity_count_error		
PMT_error	500ms	
PID_error	500ms	
Transport_error		
CRC_error		
PCR_repetition_error	40ms	
PCR_error	500ns	
PTS_error	700ms	
CAT_error		

Table 4-1: TR101 290 DVB Reference Values

4.5. PID MONITOR (+MON OPTION)

The PID Monitor tab is where VLPro displays the standard Transport Stream parameters. As shown in Figure 4-4, it is possible to see all the packets within the TS stream. They are organized in ascending order by Service ID but can also be re-ordered by Prog #. This can be done by double clicking the column header, make sure you are not in the auto refresh mode when doing this.

192.168.11.21, Input [2]: Configuration

Refresh 1.0 Apply

Input Monitor | TS Syntax Errors - P1 & P2 | TS Syntax Errors - P3 | Pid Monitor | Template Check | Fault Control | Trigger Faults

Prog. #	Prog. Name	PID #	PID Type	Table ver.	Info	Bar Graph	Bitrate(Mbps)	Min Bitrate(M...	Min Threshol...	Max Bitrate(...	Max Thresho...	Bitrate Limit
		0	PAT	1	PAT		0.026	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
		16	NIT	13	NIT		0.002	0.001	0.000	0.002	100.000	IN LIMIT
		17	SDT	1	SDT		0.005	0.003	0.000	0.006	100.000	IN LIMIT
		20	TDT/TOT	N/A	TDT/TOT		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	100.000	IN LIMIT
		8191	NULL Packet	N/A	NULL Packet		5.247	5.214	0.000	5.379	100.000	IN LIMIT
301	CCTV-1	257	PMT :PGM301	1	PMT :PGM301		0.024	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
301	CCTV-1	512	MPEG-2 Video	N/A	MPEG2 Vide...		5.585	2.053	0.000	6.141	100.000	IN LIMIT
301	CCTV-1	650	MPEG-2 Audio	N/A	Unknown		0.132	0.131	0.000	0.134	100.000	IN LIMIT
302	CCTV-2	258	PMT :PGM302	1	PMT :PGM302		0.024	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
302	CCTV-2	513	MPEG-2 Video	N/A	MPEG2 Vide...		2.470	2.470	0.000	5.665	100.000	IN LIMIT
302	CCTV-2	660	MPEG-2 Audio	N/A	Unknown		0.132	0.131	0.000	0.134	100.000	IN LIMIT
303	CCTV-7	259	PMT :PGM303	1	PMT :PGM303		0.026	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
303	CCTV-7	514	MPEG-2 Video	N/A	MPEG2 Vide...		4.033	2.038	0.000	6.020	100.000	IN LIMIT
303	CCTV-7	670	MPEG-2 Audio	N/A	Unknown		0.131	0.131	0.000	0.134	100.000	IN LIMIT
304	CCTV-10	260	PMT :PGM304	1	PMT :PGM304		0.026	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
304	CCTV-10	515	MPEG-2 Video	N/A	MPEG2 Vide...		3.026	2.533	0.000	6.077	100.000	IN LIMIT
304	CCTV-10	680	MPEG-2 Audio	N/A	Unknown		0.132	0.131	0.000	0.134	100.000	IN LIMIT
305	CCTV-11	261	PMT :PGM305	1	PMT :PGM305		0.026	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
305	CCTV-11	516	MPEG-2 Video	N/A	MPEG2 Vide...		5.594	4.726	0.000	6.141	100.000	IN LIMIT
305	CCTV-11	690	MPEG-2 Audio	N/A	Unknown		0.131	0.131	0.000	0.134	100.000	IN LIMIT
306	CCTV-12	262	PMT :PGM306	1	PMT :PGM306		0.026	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
306	CCTV-12	517	MPEG-2 Video	N/A	MPEG2 Vide...		4.784	2.769	0.000	6.137	100.000	IN LIMIT
306	CCTV-12	700	MPEG-2 Audio	N/A	Unknown		0.132	0.131	0.000	0.134	100.000	IN LIMIT
307	CCTV-MUSIC	263	PMT :PGM307	1	PMT :PGM307		0.026	0.024	0.000	0.026	100.000	IN LIMIT
307	CCTV-MUSIC	518	MPEG-2 Video	N/A	MPEG2 Vide...		5.211	2.113	0.000	5.851	100.000	IN LIMIT
307	CCTV-MUSIC	710	MPEG-2 Audio	N/A	Layer II | 48 ...		0.264	0.260	0.000	0.264	100.000	IN LIMIT
307	CCTV-MUSIC	8190	PCR :PGM1	N/A	PCR :PGM1		0.044	0.044	0.000	0.045	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	265	PMT :PGM65...	1	PMT :PGM65...		0.051	0.048	0.000	0.051	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	720	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	721	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.102	0.000	0.000	0.117	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	722	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	723	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	724	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	725	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.180	0.153	0.000	0.197	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	726	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	727	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.129	0.000	0.000	0.132	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	728	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	729	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	730	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	731	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	732	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	733	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	734	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.289	0.171	0.000	0.298	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	735	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	736	Private Data	N/A	Unknown		0.072	0.000	0.000	0.081	100.000	IN LIMIT
65534	Skystream d...	2305	PCR :PGM8	N/A	PCR :PGM8		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	100.000	IN LIMIT

Figure 4-4 VistaLINK® PRO – PID Monitor

For each individual PID it is possible to view the minimum and maximum Bitrate since the last reset (Clear Stats Reset). The columns Min and Max Thresholds can be user configured to provide a triggered alarm for under or over bitrate conditions per PID, by default these are set to 0 and 100Mb/s respectively.

Note: The PID Monitor is a dynamic view; by clicking the auto refresh button it is possible to see near instantaneous values for the stream.

4.6. TEMPLATE CHECK

The template tab offers full customization of the **alarms** to individual PIDs, and the overall ASI stream. This tab is divided into 4 different sections for **Global Control**, **Misc Template**, **Window Measurements** and **PID List Template** all of which will be described in sections 4.6.1 to 4.6.3.

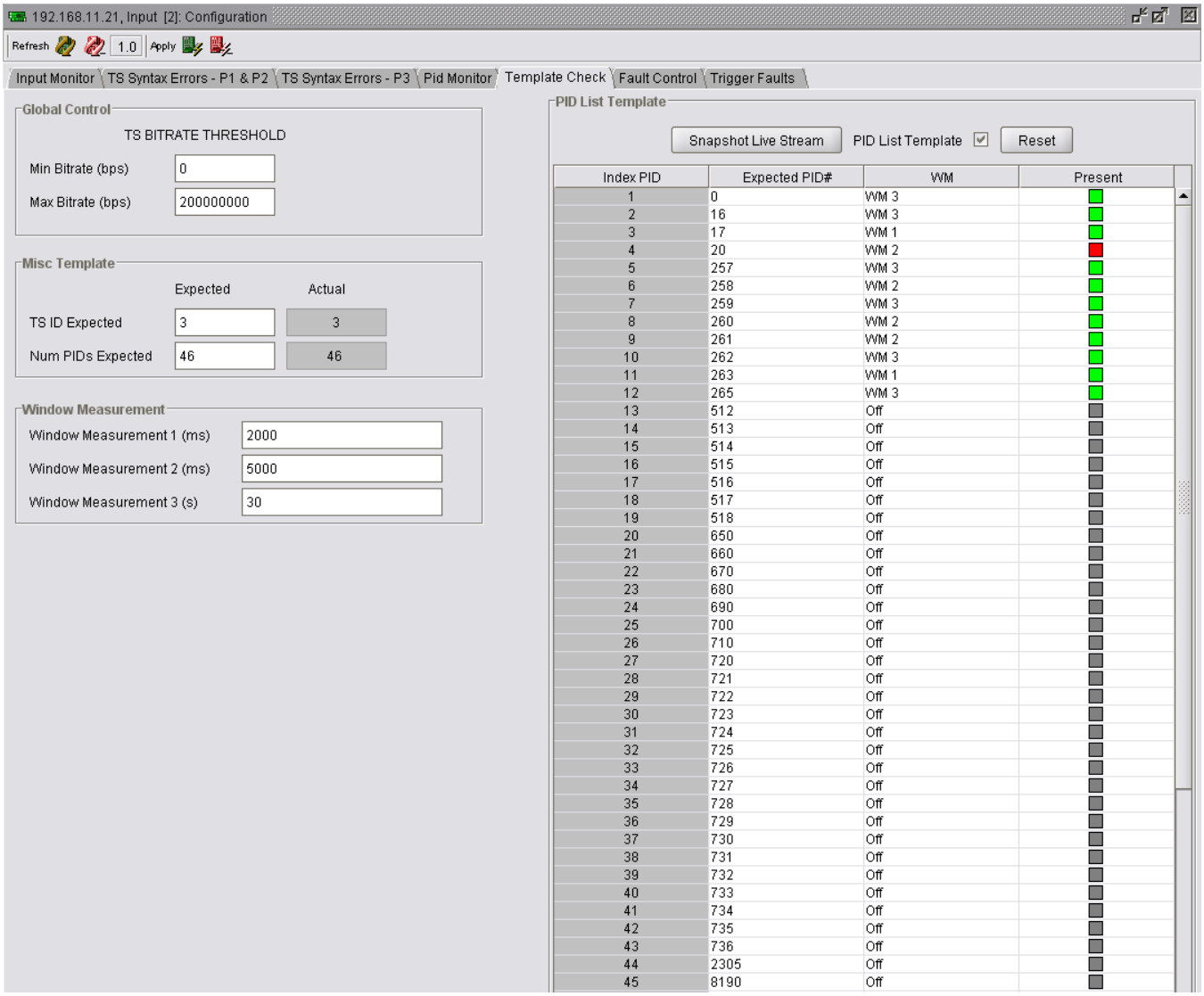


Figure 4-5: Template Check

4.6.1. Global Control

- **Min Bitrate:** Enter the minimum transport stream bitrate (bps). If this value is exceeded then a trap will be sent. Be sure to allow some overhead for natural stream variance.

- **Max Bitrate:** Enter the maximum transport stream bitrate (bps). If this value is exceeded then a trap will be sent. Be sure to allow some overhead for natural stream variance.

4.6.2. Misc. Template

- **TS ID Expected:** Enter the value for the Transport Stream ID expected, enter zero to disable the test. A trap will be sent if the card receives a stream with a different value.

Note: It is not possible to enter the TS ID as a Hex value.

Num PIDs Expected: Enter here the number of PIDs expected in the stream, enter zero to disable the test. A trap will be sent if the number of PIDs within the stream increases or decreases.

4.6.3. Window Measurement

The window measurement values determine the interval at which each PID (within the PID List Template) should be expected before an alarm condition is met.

  - **Window Measurement 1 (ms):** Enter a decimal value, measurement is in milliseconds
  - **Window Measurement 2 (ms):** Enter a decimal value, measurement is in milliseconds
  - **Window Measurement 3 (s):** Enter a decimal value, measurement is in seconds

- **PID List Template:** The PID List Template provides a stream conformance or validation check with the capability of alarming based on the status of each individual PID in the stream. Here we can check the presence of each PID using one of the Window measurements as a detailed above. Depending upon the importance of the PID we can selectively send an alarm if a PID is missing beyond the measurement window selected.

- **Snapshot Live Stream:** This button is used to populate the PID List Window with the PIDs currently found in the stream. Use of this button is slightly different from most normal operations within VLPro.
  - Simply click the Snapshot Live Stream button and then the Refresh Configuration View button; the Snapshot button is automatically applied.
  - On an operational system ensure you de-select the PID List Template check box before making a new snapshot, this will avoid alarm conditions being raised as the PID list changes.

- **PID List Template:** Once the PID List template has been populated and fully configured, this check box must be checked to activate the PID List checking.

- **Reset PID Template:** This button can be used to reset the PID List. All entries will be set to “NOT SET”, all Windows Measurements (WM) set to “Off” and the Switch Method will also be set to “Off”. This is useful when changing the switch from one stream to another stream and the setting will be completely different. Make sure the PID List Template check box is not checked before resetting to avoid unexpected switching.

4.7. FAULT CONTROL

The fault control tab is a user configurable tab for enabling or disabling the fault conditions that can be triggered by the standard ETSI TR 101 290 checks discussed in the previous chapter.

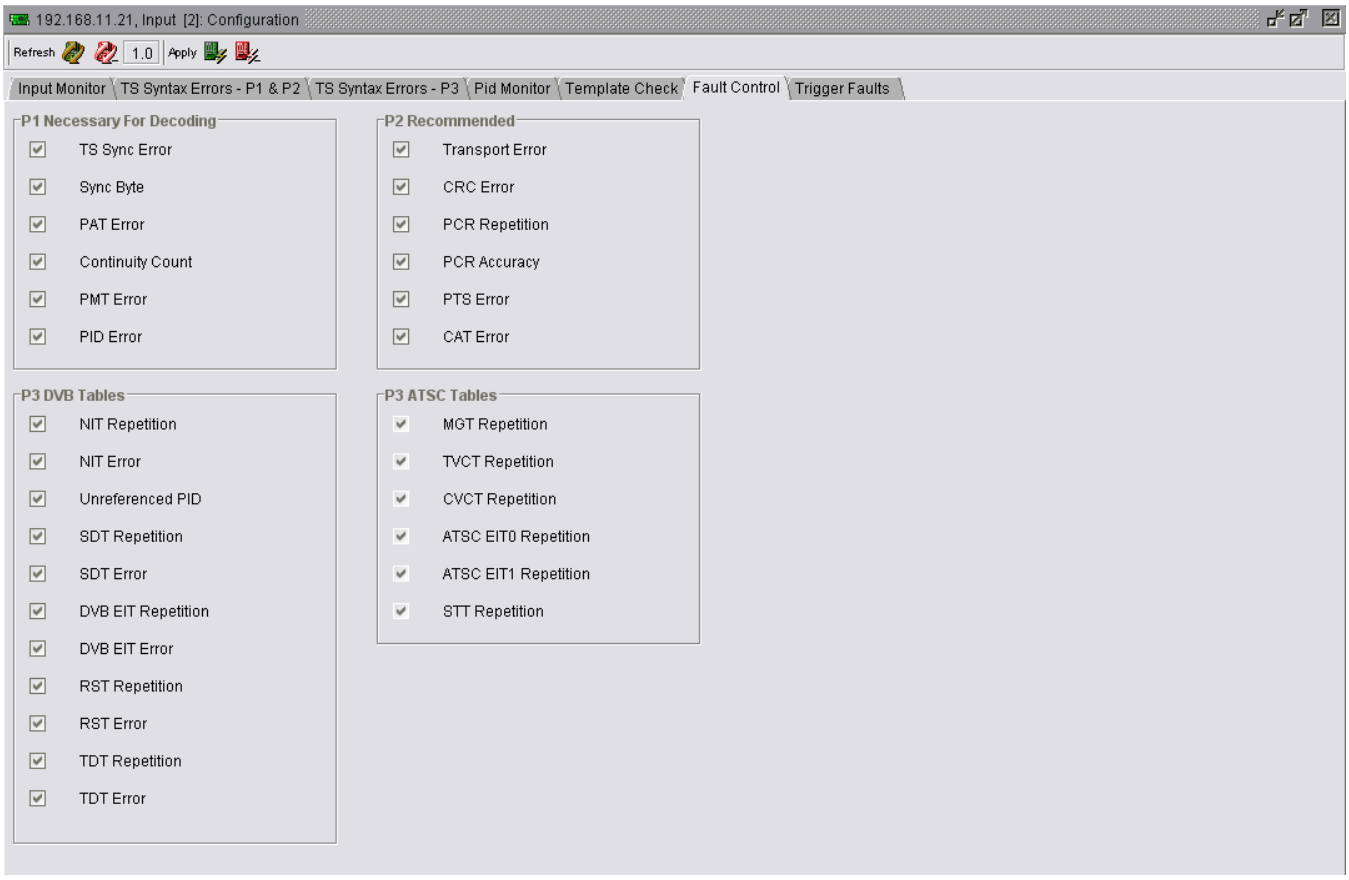


Figure 4-6 VistaLINK® PRO Fault Monitor

The four window sub-sections allows users to custom configure which ETSI TR 101 290 test conditions can trigger an alarm:

Within this tab it is possible to individually de-select (all are selected by default) or later re-select which tests can produce an alarm condition. The following subsections correspond with the previous Syntax Error tabs:

- P1 Necessary for Decoding
- P2 Recommended
- P3 DVB Tables
- P3 ATSC Tables

It is important to ensure new settings are applied using the *apply* button on the menu.

Note: DVB/ATSC P3 tests may be greyed out depending on which mode has been selected under the Input Monitor Tab (DVB/ATSC or MPEG). ATSC mode will disable DVB; DVB mode will disable ATSC and MPEG will disable both ATSC and DVB.

4.8. TRIGGER FAULTS

This tab is divided into two window subsections:

- **Trigger Fault Enable:** Allows the user to customize the top-level alarms.
- **Trigger Fault Status:** This section is used as a visual status indicator.

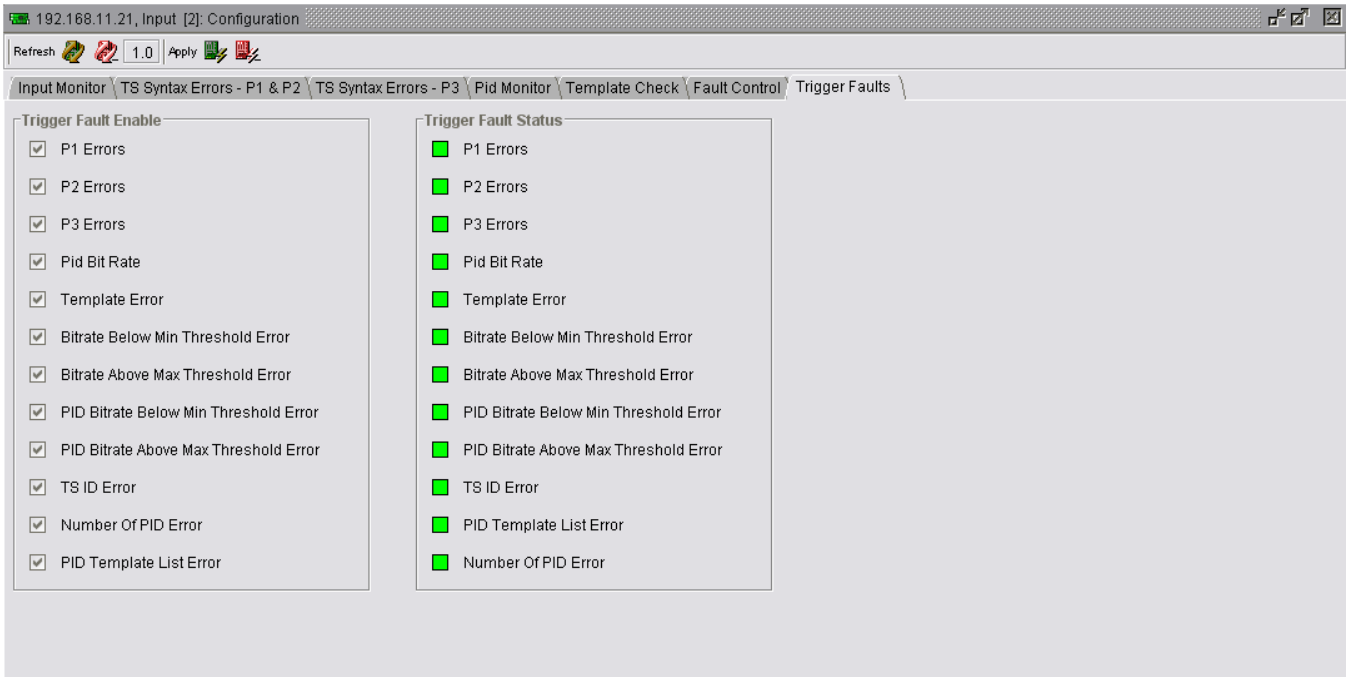


Figure 4-7: Trigger Faults

5. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

5.1. SPECIFICATIONS

5.1.1. Inputs and Outputs

- 2x ASI Input per DVB TR 101 891-270Mb/s Maximum Bitrate 180Mb/s
- SD SDI outputs 270Mb/s SMPTE 259M
- HD SDI outputs 1.485Gb/s SMPTE 292M
- 2 x SDI/HDSI output per decoder

TR101290 P1	TR101290 P2
1.1 TS_sync_loss	2.1 Transport_error
1.2 Sync_byte_error	2.2 CRC_error
1.3 Pat_error	2.3 PCR_error
1.4 Continuity_count_error	2.4 PCR_accuracy_error
1.5 PMT_error	2.5 PTS_error
	2.6 CAT_error

5.1.2. Decoding Specifications

Video:

SD Encoding

Standard Supported: MPEG-2 Main Profile @ Main Level

Video Format: Standard definition 525 (NTSC) and 625 (PAL)

HD Encoding

Standard Supported: MPEG-2 Main Profile @ High Level

Video Format: HD 720P and 1080I
60Hz and 50Hz

Audio Decoder: MPEG-2 layer 2 decoder x 4 per video decoder
AC3 decoder x 2 per video decoder

Option +422 Decode:

SD: MPEG-2 422 Profile @ Main Level

HD: MPEG-2 422 Profile @ High Level

5.1.3. Embedding of HANC & VANC

- Audio Pass Through (AC-3, Dolby E™)
- Closed Caption

5.1.4. Electrical

Power: 65w

5.1.5. Physical

Number of Slots: 3

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

6.1. VLPRO DOES NOT DISPLAY THE 7880DEC-MP2HD-2 ALARMS

Refer to section 1 to connect directly to the board via the serial port. Once a connection has been established check and/or configure the SNMP settings with the correct VLPro Server IP address and ensure the community strings are correctly set. Refer to the network administrator if you are in doubt as to what these should be set to.

6.2. UPDATING VLPRO SERVER JAR FILE

Products from Evertz are constantly evolving and new features are often added. It is therefore important to update the JAR files in use to provide access to all the latest features or enhancements. It will also be necessary to add JAR files for new products. If your new product has not appeared even after waiting a few minutes for the Ethernet switch negotiation to complete then it is possible that your JAR file may be old or missing.

To perform a JAR update, ensure that all VLPro clients are closed (those clients which are not closed will automatically be disconnected as soon as the VLPro Server is restarted). Maximize the VLPro Server window from the Windows task bar, select *Help> Apply Update> Product* from the menu.

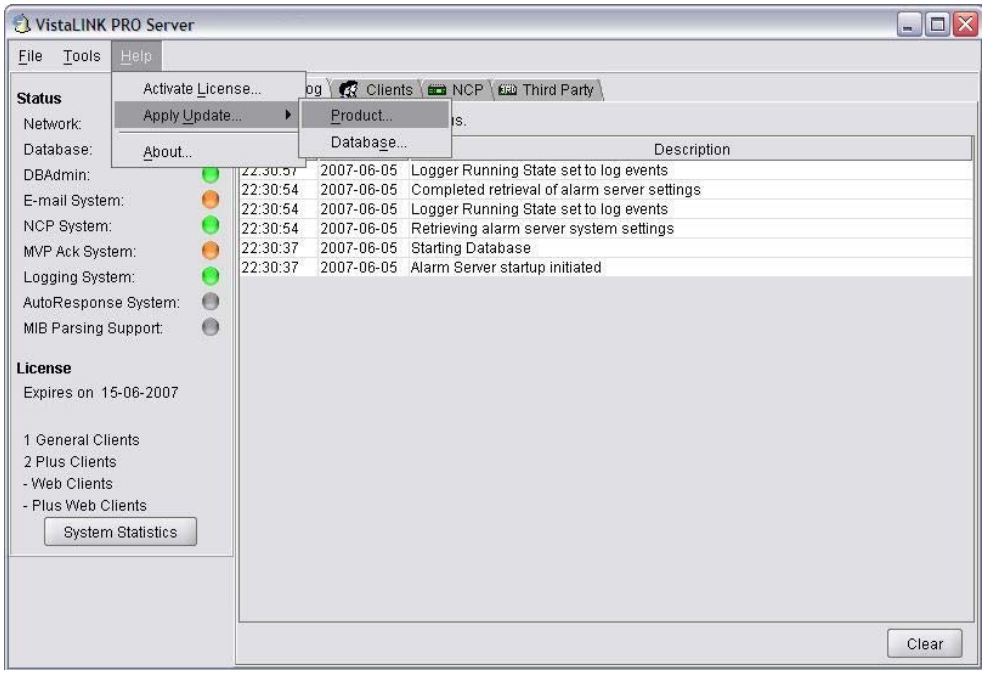


Figure 6-1: VistaLINK® PRO Server

A window will appear, as shown in Figure 6-2, simply navigate to the location of the new JAR file and double click to select the file. The window will automatically close and the update will be applied in the background.

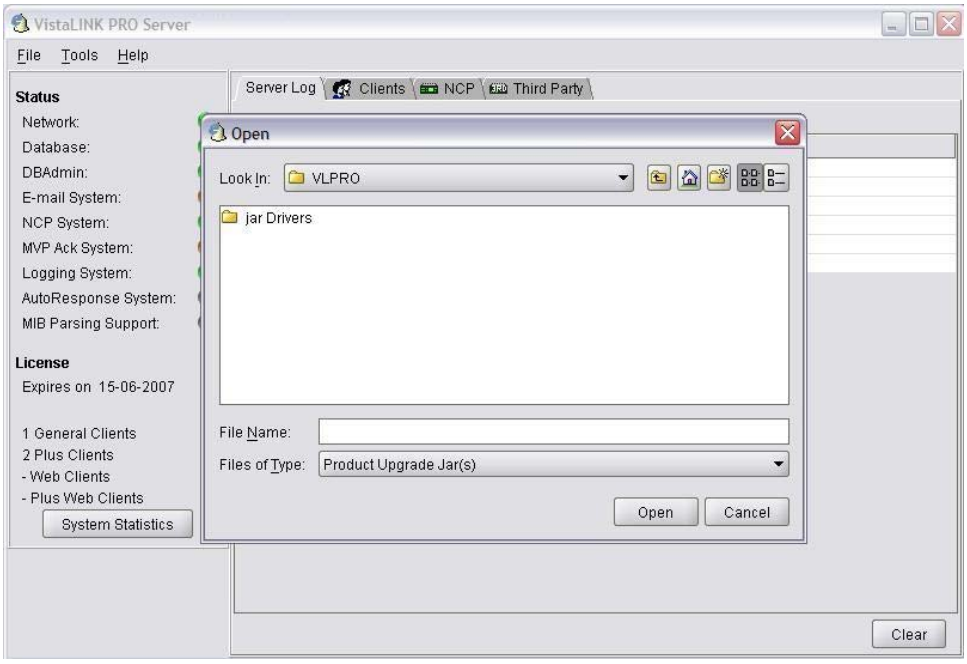


Figure 6-2: VistaLINK® PRO – Applying JAR Updates

You will be prompted to restart the server to enable the change to take effect. Apply as many JAR updates as required before restarting the server.

Figure 6-3: "Please Restart Your Alarm Server" Dialog Box

NOTE: You may confirm that all updates have been successfully applied by selecting from the menu *Tools>View>Show/Hide Product* update log.

Shutdown the server by selecting from the menu: *File>Shutdown Server*. Now re-open the server, it is normal for the startup to take marginally longer while each individual update is being applied. Once complete, you may restart the VLPro Clients. As the Client restarts you will experience a short delay while the update is applied. A prompt will appear confirming that the updates have been applied.

7. ABBREVIATIONS

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

BAT Bouquet Association Table
BER Bit Error Rate
BW Band Width
CA Conditional Access
CAT Conditional Access Table
CPE Common Phase Error
CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check
ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute
DC Direct Current
DVB Digital Video Broadcasting
DVB-C Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for digital cable television (EN 300 429 [6])
DVB-CS Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for SMATV distribution systems (EN 300 473 [13])
DVB-S Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for digital satellite television (EN 300 421 [5])
DVB-T Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for digital terrestrial television (EN 300 744 [9])
EIT Event Information Table
ETR ETSI Technical Report
ETS European Telecommunication Standard
FEC Forward Error Correction
GOP Group of Pictures
HEX Hexadecimal
ISO International Organization for Standardization
ITU International Telecommunication Union
MGT Master Guide Table
MPEG Moving Picture Experts Group
NIT Network Information Table
PAT Program Association Table
PCR Program Clock Reference
PID Packet Identifier
PMT Program Map Table
PSI MPEG-2 Program Specific Information (as defined in ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1])
PSIP Program and System Information Protocol
PTS Presentation Time Stamps
RS Reed-Solomon
RST Running Status Table (see EN 300 468 [7])
RTE Residual Target Error
SDT Service Description Table
SI Service Information
TDT Time and Date Table
TOT Time Offset Table
TS Transport Stream
UTC Universal Time Co-ordinated