



Electronics for Particle Physics

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Organization for Micro-Electronics desiGn and Applications

Electronics in experiments



- A lot of electronics in the experiments...
 - The performance of electronics often impacts on the detectors
 - Analog electronics (V,A,A...) / Digital electronics (bits)



Electronics enabling new detectors : trackers





- millions of pixels (~100 µm)
- binary readout at 40 MHz
- High radiation levels
- Made possible by ASICs



Importance of electronics : calorimeters

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- Large dynamic range (10⁴-10⁵)
- High Precision ~1%
 - Importance of low noise, uniformity, li
 - Importance of calibration





Energy resolution and uniforimity in ATLAS



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- For humans

- large diameter FOV (>60 cm)
- spatial resolution: few mm
- time resolution CRT< 400 ps for ToF
- high sensitivity (low dose) → large area m
- high total data rate

- For mice, rats, rabbits (& human brain)
- Small diameter FOV (4-15 cm)
- spatial resolution: <1 mm
- time resolution only for coinc. (few ns)
- area medium sensitivity
 - Depth of Interaction desirable to fight parallax effect

P. Fischer, Heidelberg University

The foundations of electronics

Voltage generators or source

- Ideal source : constant voltage, independent of current (or load)
- In reality : <u>non-zero</u> source impedance R_s

Current generators

- Ideal source : constant current, independent of voltage (or load)
- In reality : finite output source impedance R_S

Ohms' law

- Z = R, 1/jωC, jωL
- Note the sign convention









Frequency domain & time domain

Frequency domain : ۲

- $V(\omega,t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$
 - Described by amplitude and phase (A, φ)
- Transfer function : $H(\omega)$ [or H(s)]
- = The ratio of output signal to input signal in the frequency domain assuming linear electronics
- $V_{out}(\omega) = H(\omega) V_{in}(\omega)$

Time domain

- Impulse response : h(t)
- = the output signal for an impulse (delta) input in the time domain
- The output signal for any input signal $v_{in}(t)$ is obtained by convolution : «*» :

$$- V_{out}(t) = v_{in}(t) * h(t) = \int v_{in}(u) * h(t-u) du$$

Correspondance through Fourier transforms

- $= X(w) = \mathcal{F} \{ x(t) \} = \int x(t) \exp(jwt) dt$
- a few useful Fourier transforms in appendix



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$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{H}(\omega) = 1 \ -> \ h(t) = \delta(t) \quad (\text{impulse}) \\ \mathsf{H}(\omega) = 1/j\omega \ -> \ h(t) = S(t) \quad (\text{step}) \\ \mathsf{H}(\omega) = 1/j\omega \ (1+j\omega\mathsf{T}) \ -> \ h(t) = 1 \ - \ \exp(-t/\mathsf{T}) \\ \mathsf{H}(\omega) = 1/(1+j\omega\mathsf{T}) \quad -> \ h(t) = \exp(-t/\mathsf{T}) \\ \mathsf{H}(\omega) = 1/(1+j\omega\mathsf{T})^n \quad -> \ h(t) = 1/n! \ (t/\mathsf{T})^{n-1} \\ \stackrel{1}{=} \exp(-t/\mathsf{T}) \end{array}$$

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Frequency response

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Bode plot

- Magnitude (dB) = 20 log |H(jw)|
- -3dB bandwidth : $f_{-3dB} = 1/2\pi RC$
 - R=10⁵ Ω , C=10pF => f_{-3dB}=160 kHz
 - At f_{-3dB} the signal is attenuated by 3dE √2, the phase is -45°
- Above f_{-3dB}, gain rolls-off at 20dB/decade (or -6dB/octave)





A large variety of detectors...







Most front-ends follow a similar architecture



- n Very small signals (fC) -> need amplification
- n Measurement of amplitude and/or time (ADCs, discris, TDCs)
- n Several thousands to millions of channels
- n Trends : high speed, low power

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Detector modelization

- Detector = capacitance Cd ۲
 - Pixels/strips : 0.1-10 pF
 - PMs/SiPMs : 3-300 pF
 - Ionization chambers 10-1000 pF
 - Sometimes effect of transmission line
- Signal : current source
 - Pixels : ~100e-/µm
 - PMs : 1 photoelectron -> 10^5 - 10^7 e-
 - Modelized as an impulse (Dirac) : $i(t) = Q_0 \delta(t)$
- Missing :
 - High Voltage bias
 - Connections, grounding
 - Neighbours
 - Calibration...





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CMS pixel module



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Signal & Source modelization (cf lecture 3)

Vacuum Photomultipliers G = $10^5 - 10^7$ Cd ~ 10 pF L ~ 10 nH





Silicon Photomultipliers $G = 10^5 - 10^7$ C = 10 - 400 pFL = 1 - 10 nH







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SiPM impedance and model

• RLC too simple, inaccurate at high frequency



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Reading the signal

- Signal
 - Signal = current source
 - Detector = capacitance C_d
 - Quantity to measure
 - Charge => integrator needed
 - Time => discriminator + TDC
- Integrating on Cd
 - Simple : $V = Q/C_d$
 - « Gain » : 1/C_d : 1 pF -> 1 mV/fC
 - Need a follower to buffer the voltage...
 - Gain loss, possible non-linearities
 - crosstalk
 - Need to empty Cd…







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Example : Monolithic active pixels

- Epitaxial layer forms sensitive volume (2-20µm)
- Charge collection by diffusion
- Read ~100 e- on Cd~10fF = few mV





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Ideal charge preamplifier

- ideal opamp in transimpedance
 - Shunt-shunt feedback
 - transimpedance : v_{out}/i_{in}

- Vin-=0 =>
$$V_{out}(\omega)/i_{in}(\omega)$$
 = - Z_f = - 1/j ω C_f

- Integrator :
$$v_{out}(t) = -1/C_f \int i_{in}(t)dt$$

 $v_{out}(t) = - Q/C_{f}$

- « Gain » : 1/C_f : 0.1 pF -> 10 mV/fC
- C_f determined by maximum signal
- Integration on Cf
 - Simple : $V = -Q/C_f$
 - Unsensitive to preamp capacitance C_{PA}
 - Turns a short signal into a long one
 - The front-end of 90% of particle physics
 - But always built with custom circuits...



t (ns)

200

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Vaue (S)

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100

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New developments in charge preamps (1963)



Preamp speed

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- Finite opamp gain
 - $V_{out}(\omega)/i_{in}(\omega) = Z_{f} / (1 + C_{d} / G_{0} C_{f})$
 - Small signal loss in C_d/G₀C_f << 1 (ballistic deficit)
- Finite opamp bandwidth
 - First order open-loop gain
 - $G(\omega) = G_0/(1 + j \omega/\omega_0)$
 - G₀ : low frequency gain
 - $G_0\omega_0$: gain bandwidth product
- Preamp risetime
 - Due to gain variation with ω
 - Time constant : т (tau)
 - $\tau = C_d / G_0 \omega_0 C_f$
 - Rise-time : t _{10-90%} = 2.2 т
 - Rise-time optimised with $w_{C or} C_{f}$



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Charge preamp seen from the input

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- Input impedance with ideal opamp
 - Zin = Zf / G+1
 - Zin->0 for ideal opmap
 - « Virtual ground » : Vin = 0
 - Minimizes sensitivity to detector impedance
 - Minimizes crostalk
- Input impedance with real opamp
 - $Zin = 1/j\omega G_0C_f + 1/G_0\omega_0 C_f$
 - Resistive term : Rin = 1/ $G_0 \omega_0 C_f$
 - Exemple : $w_c = 10^{10} \text{ rad/s } C_f = 1 \text{ pF} => \text{Ri}_{10} 100 \Omega$
 - Determines the input time constant :
 t = R_{eq}C_d
 - Good stability= (...!)
 - Equivalent circuit :



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Electronically cooled resistors [TNS 73]



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ABSTRACT

An analysis is presented of signal, noise and position resolution relations for some of the most interesting position-sensing methods. "Electronic cooling" of delay line terminations is introduced in order to reduce noise in the position-sensing with delay lines. A new method for terminating transtission lines and for "noiseless" damping which employs a capacitance in feedback is presented. It is shown that the position resolution for the charge division method with resistive electrodes is determined only by the electrode capacitance and not by the electrode resistance, if optimum filtering is used.





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Crosstalk



- Capacitive coupling between
 neighbours
 - Crosstalk signal is differentiated and with same polarity
 - Small contribution at signal peak
 - Proportionnal to Cx/Cd and preamp input impedance
 - Slowed derivative if RinCd ~ tp => non-zero at peak
- Long distance crosstalk
 - Inductive/resistive common ground return
 - References impedance
 - Connectors : mutual inductance



Crosstalk electrical modelization



Electronics noise

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- Definition of Noise
 - Random fluctuation superposed to interesting signal
 - Statistical treatment
- Three types of noise
 - Fundamental noise
 (Thermal noise, shot noise)
 - Excess noise (1/f …)
 - Parasitics -> EMC/EMI (pickup noise, ground loops...)



Electronics noise

- Modelization
 - Noise generators : e_n, i_n,
 - Noise spectral density of $e_n \& i_n : S_v(1)$
 - $Sv(f) = | \mathcal{F}(e_n) |^2 (V^2/Hz)$
- *Rms* noise Vn
 - $V_n^2 = \int e_n^2(t) dt = \int Sv(f) df$
 - White noise (e_n): $v_n = e_n \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \pi f_{-3dB}$





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Calculating electronics noise

- Fundamental noise
 - Thermal noise (resistors) : Sv(f) = 4kTR
 - Shot noise (junctions) : Si(f) = 2ql
- Noise referred to the input
 - All noise generators can be referred to the input as 2 noise generators :
 - A voltage one e_n in series : series noise
 - A current one i_n in parallel : parallel noise
 - Two generators : no more, no less...
 - To take into account the Source impedance

Golden rule :

Always calculate the signal before the noise what counts is the signal to noise ratio







Noise generators referred to the input



Noise in transimpedance amplifiers

- 2 noise generators at the input •
 - Parallel noise : (i_n^2) (leakage)
 - Series nosie : (e_n^2) (preamp)
- Output noise spectral density : - $Sv(\omega) = (i_n^2 + e_n^2/|Z_d|^2) * |Z_f|^2$
- For charge preamps •
 - $Sv(\omega) = i_n^2 / \omega^2 C_f^2 + e_n^2 C_d^2 / C_f^2$
 - Parallel noise in $1/\omega^2$
 - Series noise is flat, with a « noise gain » of C_d/C_f
- *rms* noise V_n
 - $V_n^2 = \int Sv(\omega) d\omega/2\pi -> ∞$
 - Benefit of shaping



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パ (×/~Hz)

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Equivalent Noise Charge (ENC) after CRRCⁿ



- Noise reduction by optimising useful bandwidth
 - Low-pass filters (**RC**ⁿ) to cut-off high frequency noise
 - High-pass filter (CR) to cut-off parallel noise
 - -> pass-band filter CRRCⁿ
- Equivalent Noise Charge : ENC
 - Noise referred to the input in electrons
 - ENC = Ia(n) $e_n C_t / \sqrt{T}$ \oplus Ib(n) $i_n^* \sqrt{T}$
 - Series noise in $1/\sqrt{T}$
 - Paralle noise in √T
 - 1/f noise independent of T
 - Optimum shaping time $\tau_{opt} = \tau_c/\sqrt{2n-1}$



Equivalent Noise Charge (ENC) after CRRCⁿ

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- Peaking time tp (5-100%)
 - ENC(tp) independent of n
 - Also includes preamp risetime
- Complex shapers are obsolete :
 - Power of digital filtering
 - Analog filter = CRRC ou CRRC²
 - antialiasing



ENC vs tau for CR RCn shapers

Equivalent Noise Charge (ENC) after CRRCⁿ

A useful formula : ENC (e- rms) after a CRRC² shaper :

ENC = 174 $e_n C_{tot} / \int t_p (\delta) \oplus 166 i_n \int t_p (\delta)$

- e_n in nV/ \sqrt{Hz} , i_n in pA/ \sqrt{Hz} are the preamp noise spectral densities
- C_{tot} (in pF) is dominated by the detector (C_d) + input preamp capacitance (C_{PA})
- t_p (in ns) is the shaper peaking time (5-100%)



 Preamp series noise (en) best with high transconductance (g_m) in input transistor

=> large current, optimal size



Example of ENC measurement

- 2000/0.35 PMOS 0.35μm SiGe Id=500 μA
 - Series : en = 1.4 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} , C_{PA} = 7 pF
 - 1/f noise : 12 e-/pF
 - Parallel : in = 40 fA/ \sqrt{Hz}



ENC for various technologies



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PMOS vs NMOS [Paul O'Connor BNL]



- PMOS lower 1/f noise
- NMOS white series noise advantage over PMOS diminishes each generation
- PMOS can be operated at reverse V_{BS} to reduce bulk resistance noise
- PMOS lower tunneling current at ultra-thin t_{ox}
- Single-supply operation of PMOSinput preamp awkward:





Ultra-low noise



Ultra-Low Noise ASIC High Resolution X-Ray Spectroscopy

Collaboration with NASA at Moon Elemental Mapping 16 mm² Semiconductor Drift Pixels, 500 cm²



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Example : bandwidth and EMC of simple charge preamp

- Simulate impulse
 response
- Frequency response
- Input impedance
- Ballistic deficit
- Effect of amplifier gain
- Effect of resistive feedback
- Test pulse injection
- Effect of input capacitance
- Parasitic inductance
- Capacitive crosstalk
- Resistive/Inductive
 ground return



Summary of lecture 1

- Importance of front-end on electronics on physics performance
- Benefits of charge preamplifiers : low noise, low crosstalk
 - The front-end of 90% of particle physics detectors...
 - But always built with custom circuits...














I_{det}

- Charge preamp
- Capacitive feedback Cf
- Vout/lin = $1/j\omega Cf$
- Perfect integrator : vout=-Q/CfJ
- Difficult to accomodate large SiPM signals (200 pC)
- Lowest noise configuration
- Need Rf to empty Cf



- Resistive feedback Rf
- Vout/lin = Rf
- Keeps signal shape
- Need Cf for stability





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Transimpedance configuration

- Transfer function
 - Using a VFOA with gain G
 - $V_{out} v_{in} = -Z_f i_f$ • $V_{in} = Z_d (i_{in} - i_f) = -v_{out}/G$

$$- V_{out}(\omega)/i_{in}(\omega) = - Z_{f} / (1 + Z_{f} / GZ_{d})$$

- $Zf = Rf / (1 + j\omega RfCf)$
 - At f << 1/2 π RfCf : $V_{out}(\omega)/i_{in}(\omega) = - R_f$ current preamp
 - At f << $1/2\pi RfCf$: $V_{out}(\omega)/i_{in}(\omega) = - 1/j\omega C_f$ charge preamp
- Ballistic defict with charge preamp
 - Effect of finite gain : G₀
 - Output voltage «only» Q C_d/G₀C_f







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Charge vs Current preamps

- Charge preamps
 - Best noise performance
 - Best with short signals
 - Best with small capacitance
- Current preamps
 - Best for long signals
 - Best for high counting rate
 - Significant parallel noise
- Charge preamps are <u>not slow</u>, they are <u>long</u>
- Current preamps are <u>not faster</u>, they are <u>shorter</u> (but easily unstable)





Input impedance

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- Input impedance
 - Zin = Zf / G+1
 - Zin->0 virtual ground
 - Minimizes sensitivity to detector impedance
 - Minimizes crosstalk
- Equivalent model
 - $G(\omega) = G_0/(1 + j \omega/\omega_0)$
- Terms due to Cf
 - $Zin = 1/j\omega G_0C_f + 1/G_0\omega_0 C_f$
 - Virtual resistance : Req = 1/ $G_0\omega_0 C_f$
- Terms due to Rf
 - $Zin = R_f / G_0 + j \omega R_f / G_0 \omega_0$
 - Virtual inductance : Leq = $R_f / G_0 \omega_0$
- Possible oscillatory behaviour with capacitive source



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Current preamplifiers :

- Easily oscillatory
 - Unstable with capacitive detector
 - Inductive input impedance :
 - $L_{eq} = R_f / \omega_C$
 - Resonance at : $f_{res} = 1/2\pi \sqrt{L_{eq}C_d}$
 - Quality factor : Q = R / $\sqrt{L_{eq}}/C_d$
 - Q > 1/2 -> ringing
 - Damping with capacitance C_f
 - $C_f=2 \sqrt{(C_d/R_f G_0 \omega_0)}$
 - Easier with fast amplifiers
- In frequency domain
 - $H(j\omega) = -Rf / (1 + j\omega RfC_d/))$
 - $G(\omega) = G_0 / (1+j\omega/\omega_0)$
 - $H = Rf / (1 + j\omega R_f C_d / G_0 \omega^2 R_f C_d / G_0 \omega_0)$



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- Voltage feedback operationnal amplifier (VFOA)
- Voltage amplifiers, RF amplifiers (VA,LNA)
- Current feedback operationnal amplifiers (CFOA)
- Current conveyors (CCI, CCII +/-)
- Current (pre)amplifiers (ISA, PAI)
- Charge (pre)amplifiers (CPA,CSA,PAC)
- Transconductance amplifiers (OTA)
- Transimpedance amplifiers (TZA,OTZ)
- Mixing up open loop (OL) and closed loop (CL) configurations !







Only 4 open-loop configurations

- Voltage operationnal amplifiers (OA, VFOA)
 - Vout = $G(\omega)$ Vin diff
 - Zin+ = Zin- = ∞ Zout = 0
- Transimpedance operationnal amplifier (CFOA !)
 - Vout = $Z(\omega)$ iin
 - Zin-=0 Zout=0
- Current conveyor (CCI,CCII)
 - lout = $G(\omega)$ lin
 - Zin = 0 Zout = ∞
- Transconductance amplifier (OTA)
 - Iout = $Gm(\omega)$ Vin diff
 - Zin+ = Zin- = ∞ Zout = ∞







Open loop gain variation with frequency

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- Define exactly what is « gain » vout/vin, vout/iin...
- « Gain » varies with frequency : $G(j\omega) = G_0/(1 + j \omega/\omega_0)$
 - **G**₀ low frequency gain

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- ω_0 dominant pole
- $\omega_c = G_0 \omega_0$ Gain-Bandwidth product (sometimes referred to as unity gain frequency)



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Feedback : an essential tool

- Improves gain performance
 - Less sensitivity to open loop gain (a)
 - Better linearity
- Essential in low power design
- Potentially unstable
- Feedback constant : $\beta = E/Xout$
- Open loop gain : a = Xout/E
- Closed loop gain : Xout/Xin -> $1/\beta$
- Loop gain : $T = 1/a\beta$





Frequency / Hertz

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Only 4 feedback configurations

- Shunt-shunt = transimpedance
 - Small Zin (= Zin(OL)/T) -> current input
 - small Zout (= Zout(OL)/T) -> voltage output
 - De-sensitizes transimpedance = $1/\beta = Zf$
- Series-shunt
 - Large Zin (= Zin(OL)*T) -> voltage input
 - Small Zout (= Zout(OL)/T) -> voltage output
 - Optimizes voltage gain (= $1/\beta$)
- Shunt series
 - Small Zin (= Zin(OL)/T) -> current input
 - Large Zout (= Zout(OL)*T) -> current output
 - Current conveyor
- Series-series
 - Large Zin (= Zin(OL)*T) -> voltage input
 - Large Zout (= Zout(OL)*T) -> current output
 - Transconductance
 - Ex : common emitter with emitter degeneration





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Preamp stability



• Calculating $\beta = E/Xout = Zd/(Zd+Zf)$



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Noise and jitter

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- Electronics noise dominated by series noise en
 - Large detector capacitance
 - For voltage preamp and load resistor RL,
 - Output rms noise Vn^2 =(en²+4kTRs) G² $\pi/2^*BW_{-3dB}$
 - Typical values : Rs=50 Ω , en=1 nV/ \sqrt{Hz} Vn=1 mV for G=10, BW=1GHz
 - For current sensitive preamps, possible noise peaking due to Cd
- Jitter
 - Part due to electronics noise :
 - $\sigma t = \sigma v / (dV/dt)$
 - Minimized by increasing BW



High speed configurations

- Open loop configurations : current conveyors, RF amplifiers
- Usually designed at transistor level MOS or SiGe

Current conveyors

- Small Zin : current sensitive input
- Large Zout : current driven output
- Unity gain current conveyor
- E.g. : (super) common-base configuration
- Low input impedance : Rin=1/gm
- Transimpedance : Rc
- Bandwitdth : 1/2nRcCu > 1 GHz



• **RF amplifiers**

- Large Zin : voltage sensitive input
- Large Zout : current driven output
- Current conversion with resistor R_s
- E.g. common-emitter configuration
- Transimpedance : -gmRcRs
- Bandwitdth : 1/2nRsCt



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Examples of pulse shapes

- Short pulse : Q=16 fC, Cd=100 pF, L=0-10 nH, RL=5-50 Ω
- Smaller signals with SiPM (large Cd) ~ mV/p.e.
- Sensitivity to parasitic inductance
- Choice of RL : decay time, stability
- Convolve with current shape... (here delta impulse)



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• Experimental measurements on SiGe test structures

Testboard #3	RF (Common Emitter)	Common Base	Super Common Base
With 100pf/50 Ohm injector (SiPM emulation)		Vb_cb : 400 #DAC	Vb_scb : 1023 #DAC
Noise floor (pedestal)	185-187 #DAC / 1.196V	216-224 #DAC / 1.259V	340-342 #DAC / 1.514V
Signal value @ 10pe	235 #DAC / 1.300V	137 #DAC / 1.085V	115 #DAC / 1.038V
Signal amplitude @ 10pe (signal minus pedestal)	50 #DAC / 110mV	83 #DAC / 174mV	226 #DAC / 476mV
Gain (mV/pe)	10.4mV/pe (5 #DAC/pe)	17.4mV (8.3 #DAC)	47.6mV/pe (22.6 #DAC/pe)
Jitter - threshold 1 pe @10pe	13ps RMS	6ps RMS	8ps RMS
Jitter - threshold 3 pe @10pe	8ps RMS	6ps RMS	8ps RMS
With 100nF DC block (for voltage gain & BW meas.)	18mV injection	18mV injection	7mV injection
Signal Value	267 #DAC / 1.371V	41 #DAC / 0.884V	192 #DAC / 1.2V
Signal amplitude (signal minus pedestal)	81 #DAC / 175mV	179 #DAC / 375mV	150 #DAC / 320mV
Voltage gain (before 50 ohm bridge => factor of 0 .5)	4.86 V/V	10.4 V/V	22.5 V/V
Bandwidth, after discriminator (Δt 10% T50% meas.)	Δt : 150ps / 660MHz	Δt : 360ps / 280MHz	Δt : 400ps / 250MHz

With 1pe-=160 fC

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- 16 channels, prototyping ASIC
- 16 discriminator output, 16 charge output, MUX charge output, Trigger OR
- Power consumption 3.5mW/ch
- RF, common emitter SiGe fast amplifier, DC coupled to detector, GBWP 10GHz@1mW
- Fast SiGe discriminator, BW 1GHz @ 1.5mW
- Low noise amp+shaper for charge measurement
 - Adjustable peaking time (25ns, 50ns, 75ns, 100ns)
 - Low gain for high swing (up to 3000pe) : 360uV/pe







40 Gb/s transimpedance amplifier





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A few (personal) comments

- Strong push for high speed front-end > GHz
 - Essential for timing measurements
 - Several configurations to get GBW > 10 GHz
 - Optimum use of SiGe bipolar transiistors
- Voltage sensitive front-end
 - Easiest : 50Ω termination, many commercial amplifiers (mini circuit...)
 - Beware of power dissipation
 - Easy multi-gain (time and charge)
- Current sensitive front-end
 - Potentially lower noise, lower input impdance
 - Largest GBW product
- In all cases, importance of reducing stray inductance

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Summary of transistor level design



- Performant design is at transistor level
- Simple models
 - hybrid π model
 - Similar for bipolar and MOS
 - Essential for design



Three basic configurations

Common emitter (CE) = V to I (transconductance) Common collector (CC) = V to V

(voltage buffer)

(current conveyor)

- Numerous « composites »
 - Darlington, Paraphase, Cascode, Mirrors...

High frequency hybrid model of bipolar



The *Art* of electronics design

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Designing a charge preamp...

From the schematic of principle

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- Cf Using of a fast opamp (OP620) Removing unnecessary components... Similar to the traditionnal schematic «Radeka 68 » Optimising transistors and currents Charge preamp +VL +V_{cc} 7 IN Non-Inverting 3gm +1VL Input Output 6 Stage Inverting 2 Current Input RF Mirror CF J4 -VL $-V_{CC}$ Schematic of a OP620 opamp ©BurrBrown Charge preamp ©Radeka 68

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Example : designing a charge preamp (2)

- Simplified schematic
- Optimising components
 - What transistors (PMOS, NPN ?)
 - What bias current ?
 - What transistor size ?
 - What is the noise contribution of each component ?
 - how to minimize it ?
 - What parameters determine the stability ?
 - Waht is the saturation behaviour
 - How vary signal and noise with input capacitance ?
 - How to maximise the output voltage swing ?
 - What is the sensitivity to power supplies, temperature...



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Simplified schematic of Charge preamp

Example : designing a charge preamp (3)

- Small signal equivalent model
 - Transistors are replaced by hybrid π model
 - Allows to calculate open loop gain



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Example : designing a charge preamp (4)



- Complete
 schematic
 - Adding bias elements



Example : designing a charge preamp (5)

- Complete simulation
 - Checking hand calculations against 2nd order effects
 - Testing extreme process parameters (« corner simulations »)
 - Testing robustness (to power supplies, temperature...)



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- Each component is drawn
- They are interconnected by metal layers
- Checks
 - DRC : checking drawing rules (isolation, minimal dimensions...)
 - ERC : extracting the corresponding electrical schematic
 - LVS (layout vs schematic) : comparing extracted schematic and original design
 - Simulating extracted schematic with parasitic elements
- Generating GDS2 file
 - Fabrication masks : « reticule »





From preamp to chip : Timepix 3 [CERN]...



General pixel chip architecture

Power Rows: 128 PR's = 512 pixelsDAC Config DAC Config DAC Hit Proc. Region proc. < Config TOT B-ID tag TW comp. Etc. Config. DAC int B-ID Monitoring Trigger PR: 4 x 4 match $\overline{\mathbf{v}}$ Control Col. Bus Int. Readout Interface EOC Con. Columns: 128 PR's = 512pixels

- Pixels: 4 x 4 x ~128 x ~128 = ~256k (262144)
- Chip size = ~50um x 4 x 128 = ~2.6cm x ~3cm (Yield maximization required)
- Obviously resembles LHCb/ALICE, FEI4, LHCb Velopix and other high rate pixels
 - And any other data driven (HEP) chip/system: System on a chip

Digital implementation global Flow



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ASIC specific flow for digital routing





Post layout simulation (extracted RC)

Omega

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MIN PVT (1.6 ; 3.6V ; -50°C)



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Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC-EMI)

- Coexistence analog-digital
 - Capacitive, inductive and common-impedance couplings
 - A full lecture !
 - A good summary : there is no such thing as « ground », pay attention to current return



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(R)evolution of analog electronics (2)

- ASICs : Application Specific Integrated Circuits
 - Access to foundries through multiproject runs (MPW)
 - Reduced development costs : 600-1000 €/mm² compared to dedicated runs (50-200 k€)
 - Full custom layout, at transistor level
 - mostly CMOS & BiCMOS
- Very widespread in high Energy Physics
 - High level of integration, limited essentially by power dissipation and parasitic couplings (EMC)
 - Better performance : reduction of parasitics
 - Better reliability (less connections)
 - But longer developpement time
- Trends :
 - Evolution of technologies (see next slides)
 - Low power design

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MAROC : 64ch MaPMT readout chip



Processing of ASICs



From Sand to ICs... •



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Evolution of technologies





SiGe Bipolar in 0.35µm monolithic process



32 nm MOSFET (2010)



5 µm MOSFET (1985)



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First planar IC (1961)



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CMOS scaling

- Reduction of dimensions
 - « Quasi-constant voltage scaling »
 - Decrease of W,L,tox
 - (partial) decrease of V_{DD} et V_{Th}
- Improvement of speed as 1/L²
 - Improvement of transconductance as W/L and reduction of capacitance as WL
- Power increases as k and power density even worse
 - VDD does not scale as L



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Evolution of CMOS technologies

- Moore's law : number of transistors doubling every ~2 years
- Technology nodes (gate length) *0.7 every 2 years



http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/history



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ITRS 2011 roadmap





* Note: The wafer production capacity data are plotted from the SICAS* 4Q data for each year, except 1Q data for 2011. The width of each of the production capacity bars corresponds to the MOS IC production start silicon area for that range of the feature size (y-axis). Data are based upon capacity if fully utilized. http://www.itrs.net/Links/2011ITRS/2011Chapters/2011ExecSum.pdf

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MOS and Bipolar

CNRS - INPG - UJF



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Example of prices, prototyping

		CMP annual users	s meeting, January 20 th 2011, PARIS
Poly-SOI-Metal	MUMPS	MEMSCAP	<mark>3700 €/cm²</mark>
SOI	65nm	ST	<mark>9500 €/</mark> mm²
SOI	130nm	ST	4000 €/mm²
	1301111	51	5500 E/mm
SiGe:C BiCMOS	' 130nm	ST	3500 €/mm ²
SiGe BiCMOS	.35 µ	AMS	<mark>890</mark> €/mm²
CMOS	40 nm	ST	15000 €/mm²
CMOS	65 nm	ST	7500 €/mm²
CMOS	130nm	ST	2200 €/mm²
CMOS HV	.35 μ	AMS	1000 €/mm²
CMOS opto	.35 μ	AMS	<mark>810 €/</mark> mm²
CMOS	.35 μ	AMS	<mark>650 €/</mark> mm²

http://cmp.imag.fr/aboutus/slides/Slides2011/02_Runs_2011.pdf

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SiGe technology

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- Faster bipolar transistors for RF telecom
 - Better mobility and FT
 - Better current gain (beta)
 - Better Early voltage
 - Interesting improvement at low T
 - Compact CMOS (0.25 or 0.35µm) for mixed-s





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Maximum Current Gain

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Power and speed with SiGe

- BJT : best g_m/I ratio $(1/U_T)$
 - Large transconductance with small devices
- Speed goes as $F_T = g_m / 2\pi C$
 - C~10 fF g_m typ mA/V
 - $F_T \sim 60 \text{ GHz}$ for SiGe 0.35µm
 - Interesting for fast preamps
- Not forgetting 100V Early voltage and matching performance (A~mV*µm)
- $V_{BE} = V_T Ln(I_C/I_S)$
- Large swing : V_{CEsat} ~3 U_T







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Intel CMOS Transistor Architecture Evolution in the Last Decade



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Complex Technologies



32 nm RF CMOS Technology



mixed signals/RF features to meet RF SoC requirements

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IEDM '10, San Francisco

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RF 32 nm CMOS



RF CMOS Technology Performance Metrics



What are the impacts of CMOS scaling on these metrics?

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Generic MOSFET scaling trends

Novel materials and architectures

http://www.sematech.org/meetings/archives/symposia/9027/pres/Session%202/Jammy_Raj.pdf





3D technology

- Increasing integration density, mixing technologies
- Wafer thinning to <50 µm
- Minimization of interconnects
- Large industrial market
 - Processors, image sensors...





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3D technology in HEP



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V1P1 3D chip by FNAL



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Medipix1 (1998)	1μm SACMOS, 64x64 pixels, 170x170μm² PC / Frame based readout
Medipix2 (2001)	0.25μm CMOS, 256x256 pixels, 55x55μm² PC / Frame based readout
Timepix (2006)	0.25µm CMOS, 256x256 pixels, 55x55µm² PC, ToT, ToA / Frame based readout
Medipix3 (2009)	0.13μm CMOS, 256x256 pixels, 55x55μm² PC / Frame based readout Event by event charge reconstruction and allocation
Dosepix (2011)	0.13μm CMOS, 16x16 pixels, 220x220μm ² ToT, PC / Rolling shutter (programmable column readout) Event by event binning of energy spectra (16 digital thrs)
Timepix3 (2013)	0.13μm CMOS, 256x256 pixels, 55x55μm² PC; ToT, ToA (simultaneous)/ Data driven readout
Velopix	0.13μm CMOS, 256x256 pixels, 55x55μm², ToA, Binary/ToT (TBD), Data driven readout
Smallpix	0.13μm CMOS, 512x512 pixels, 40x40μm² (TBD), TSV compatible PC, iToT; ToA, ToT1 (simultaneous)/ Frame based (ZC)
Clicpix prototype (2013) C. de La Taille	65nm CMOS, 64x64 pixels, 25x25µm ² ToA, ToT1 (simultaneous)/ Frame based (ZC) lectronics in particle physics_IN2P3 school86



- More and more functions are integrated inside chips (ASICs)
- Evolution of technologies make them more and more performant but more and more complex



Waveform digitizers [S. Ritt PSI]



FADCs

- 8 bits 3 GS/s 1.9 W \rightarrow 24 Gbits/s
- 10 bits 3 GS/s 3.6 W \rightarrow 30 Gbits/s
- 12 bits 3.6 GS/s 3.9 W \rightarrow 43.2 Gbits/s
- 14 bits 0.4 GS/s 2.5 W \rightarrow 5.6 Gbits/s









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How is timing resolution affected?



 $\Delta t = \frac{\Delta u}{U} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3f_s \cdot f_{3dB}}}$

Assumes zero aperture jitter

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	U	$\Delta \boldsymbol{U}$	f_{s}	f _{3db}	Δt
today:	100 mV	1 mV	2 GSPS	300 MHz	~10 ps
zed SNR:	1 V	1 mV	2 GSPS	300 MHz	1 ps
neration:	1V	1 mV	10 GSPS	3 GHz	0.1 ps

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Design Options

- CMOS process (typically 0.35 ... 0.13 μ m) \rightarrow sampling speed
- Number of channels, sampling depth, differential input
- PLL for frequency stabilization
- Input buffer or passive input
- Analog output or (Wilkinson) ADC
- Internal trigger
- Exact design of sampling cell



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Switched Capacitor Arrays for Particle Physics





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C. Tintori (CAEN) V. Jordanov *et al.*, NIM **A353**, 261 (1994)

Comments



- Trends
 - Reduce dead time
 - increase analog bandwidth
 - Increase depth, give more latency
 - Include high speed low noise preamps (NECTAR...)
- Comments
 - Unbeatable for pulse shape analysis or discrimination
 - Ultra low timing measurements (ps)
 - More power hungry than dedicated front-end (many CdV/dt...), needs careful study for large systems (>> kch)

Electronics moves onto detectors







1m² RPC detector for ILC DHCAL [I. Laktineh]

Example of SoC : OMEGA « ROC chips »

- Move to Silicon Germanium 0.35 µm BiCMOS technology in 2004
- Readout for MaPMT and SiPM for ILC calorimeters and other applications http://omega.in2p3.fr
- Very high level of integration : System on Chip (SoC)

Chip	detector	ch	DR (C)	MAROC3	HARDROC2	MICROROC1
MAROC	PMT	64	2f-50p			
SPIROC	SiPM	36	10f-200p			
SKIROC	Si	64	0.3f-10p	SPIRO	C2	SKIROC2
HARDROC	RPC	64	2f-10p			
PARISROC	PM	16	5f-50p			
SPACIROC	PMT	64	5f-15p	SPA		
MICROROC	µMegas	64	0.2f-0.5p		P	ARISROC2
PETIROC	SiPM	32	10f-200p			

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Example : SPIROC for SiPM

- SPIROC : Silicon Photomultiplier Integrated Readout Chip to read out the analog hadronic calorimeter for CALICE (ILC)
- Ultra low-power 36-Channel ASIC
- Internal input 8-bit DAC (0-5V) for individual SiPM gain adjustment
- Energy measurement : 14 bits, 1 pe to 2000 pe
 - pe/noise ratio : ~11
- Auto-trigger on MIP or on single photo-electron
 - Auto-Trigger on 1/3 pe (50fC)
- Time measurement :
 - 12-bit Bunch Crossing ID (coarse time)
 - 12-bit step~1 ns TDC->TAC (fine time)
 - Analog memory for time and charge measurement : depth = 16
 - Low consumption : ~25 µW per channel (ing power pulsing mode)
 - 4kbytes internal memory and daisy chain readout

M. Bouchel, S. Callier, F. Dulucq, J. Fleury, J.-J. Jaeger, C. de La Ta G. Martin-Chassard, and L. Raux, "SPIROC (SiPM integrated read-ou chip): Dedicated very front-end electronics for an ILC prototype hadronic calorimeter with SiPM read-out," J. Instrum. 6(01), C01098



(2011).

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SPIROC architecture



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SPIROC: trigger efficiency measurements



36-channel S-curves: trigger efficiency versus threshold (1 LSB = 2 mV)





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PET Hyperimage

- PET/MRI projekt
 - P. Fischer et al. Heidelberg, Philips, Aachen, FBK Trento
- 40-channel system on chip for readout of the detectors that generate low voltage (several mV) signals
- Combined high precision time (~14 ps) and energy measurements (signal integral = energy)
- Time of flight measurements with energy discrimination
- Particle recognition, by mass measurement
- Medical imaging (SiPM based PET)
- [M. Ritzert...: "Compact SiPM based Detector Module for Time-of-Flight PET/MR" on IEE NPS Real Time Conference



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Conclusion



• Have fun designing electronics for future detectors !



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