

HARDROC, HAdronic Rpc Detector ReadOut Chip

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HARDROC is a complete readout chip in SiGe 0.35 μ m of the RPCs or GEMs foreseen for a Digital HAdronic CALorimeter (DHCAL) at the ILC. The ASIC integrates 64 channels of

- fast low impedance preamplifier with 6bits variable gain (tunable between 0 and 4)
- variable shaper (50-150ns) and Track and Hold to provide a multiplexed analog charge output up to 10pC.
- variable gain fast shaper (15ns) followed by two low offset discriminators to autotrigger down to 10 fC. The thresholds are loaded by two internal 10 bit- DACs.
- A 128 deep digital memory to store the 2⁶⁴ discriminator outputs and bunch crossing identification coded over 24 bits counter.

The design and measured performance of the chip will be presented.

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