



Electrical measurement and read-out performance of a realistic, full-scale system bench of CMS Inner Tracker Barrel for HL-LHC

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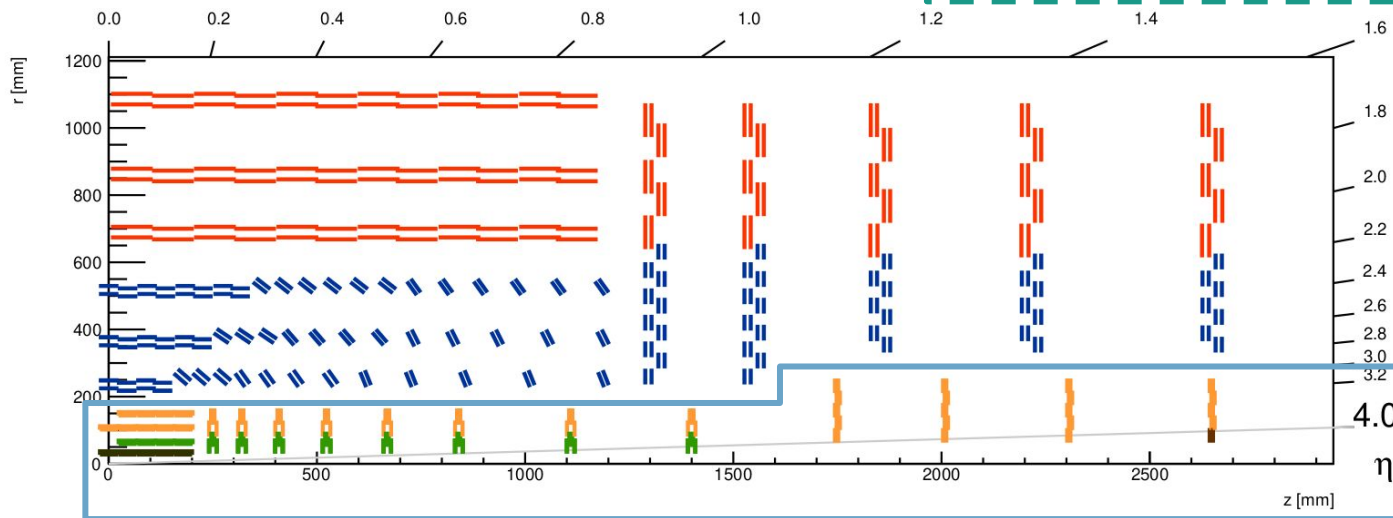
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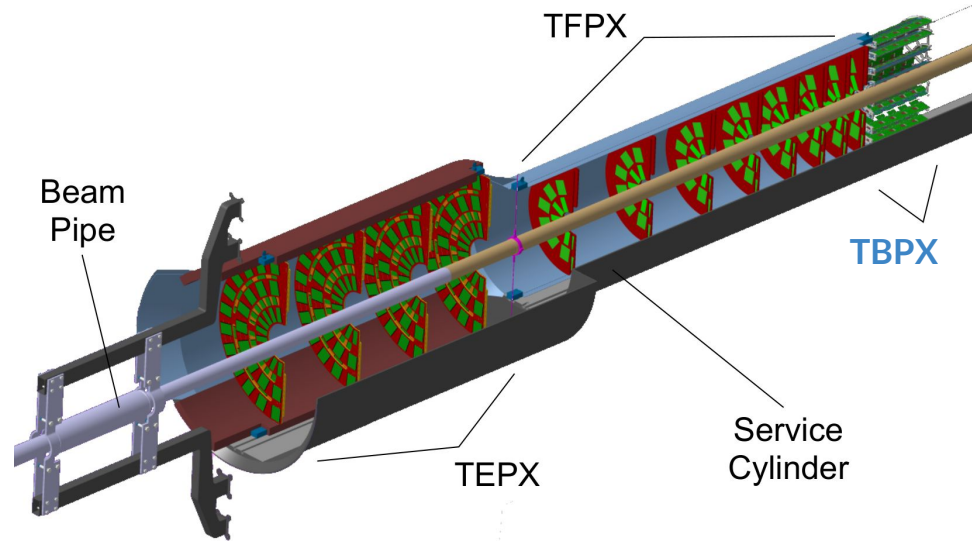
- High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) will reach unprecedented values of instantaneous luminosity
 - CMS current Tracker won't survive with radiations damage foreseen during HL-LHC
 - Higher granularity is required to maintain tracking performance
- **CMS Tracker will be upgraded**

More on the Outer Tracker can be found in [Ali](#), [Georges](#) and [Patryk](#) contributions



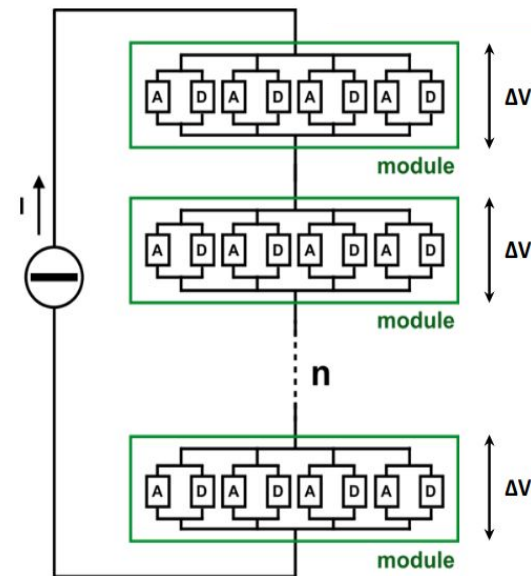
The CMS Tracker during HL-LHC, the focus of the talk will be only on the Inner Tracker IT

- Silicon Pixel sensors with $25 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$ pitch bump-bonded with CMS Read Out Chip (CROC) → High radiation tolerance
 - 4 ROCs and 1 sensor, quad module
 - 2 ROCS and 1 sensor, double module
- Modules powered in series thanks to the ShuntLDO → Reduced passive material
- Light Carbon Fiber mechanics → Reduced passive material
 - CO_2 evaporative cooling with $T = -35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Read-out with lightweight electrical links and optical fibers → Optimized to work with higher trigger bandwidth during HL-LHC



Check [Filip's poster](#) for the development in TEPX system test

- CROC-v2 ASIC designed by RD53 Collaboration, based on 65 nm CMOS technology
 - 432x336 channels
 - Low Threshold, Low noise, Radiation Tolerant
- Two on-chip integrated ShuntLDOs powering Analog and Digital domains
 - LDO part provides $V_{dd} = 1.2\text{ V}$
 - Shunt part burns any current not used by CROC (headroom)
 - Important for the stable operation of SP
- Up to 12 modules powered in a serial chain
 - Constant current injected in a series of modules
 - Current shared among CROCs in the same module

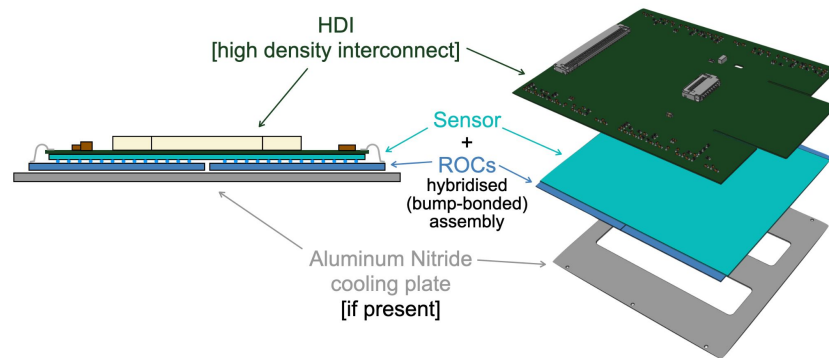


TBPX Modules and mechanics

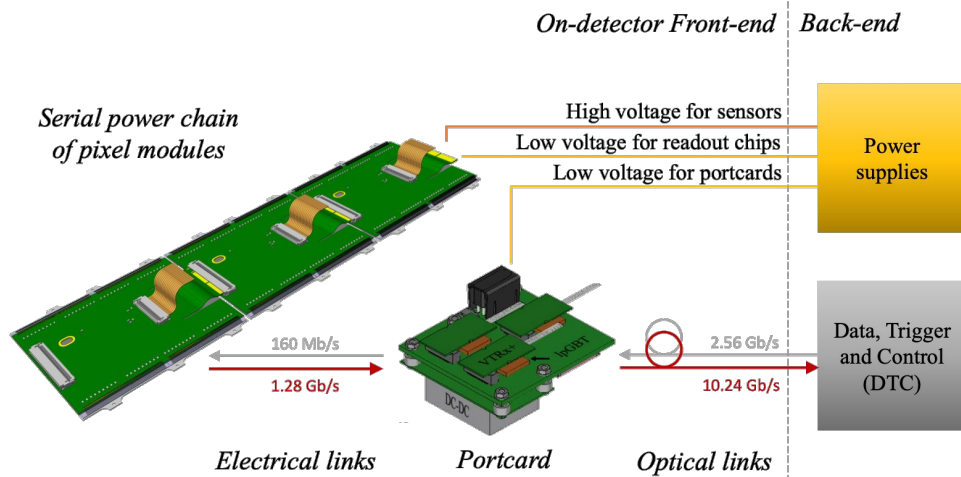
- HDI: passive circuit necessary for handling and power/read-out connections
 - 15 pins read-out connector in quad
 - Connection between modules to implement serial powering via flexible pigtail



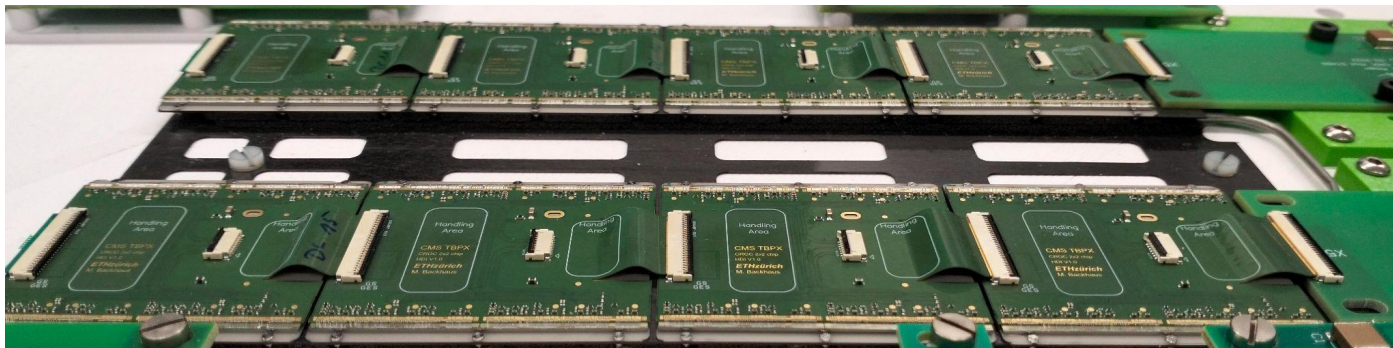
- Cooling plate to increase thermal contact of the modules → attached with diamond doped glue
- Carbon fiber + carbon foam ladder structure with integrated thin stainless steel CO₂ cooling pipes
- Modules fixed to ladders with screws and thermal grease to improve the thermal interface



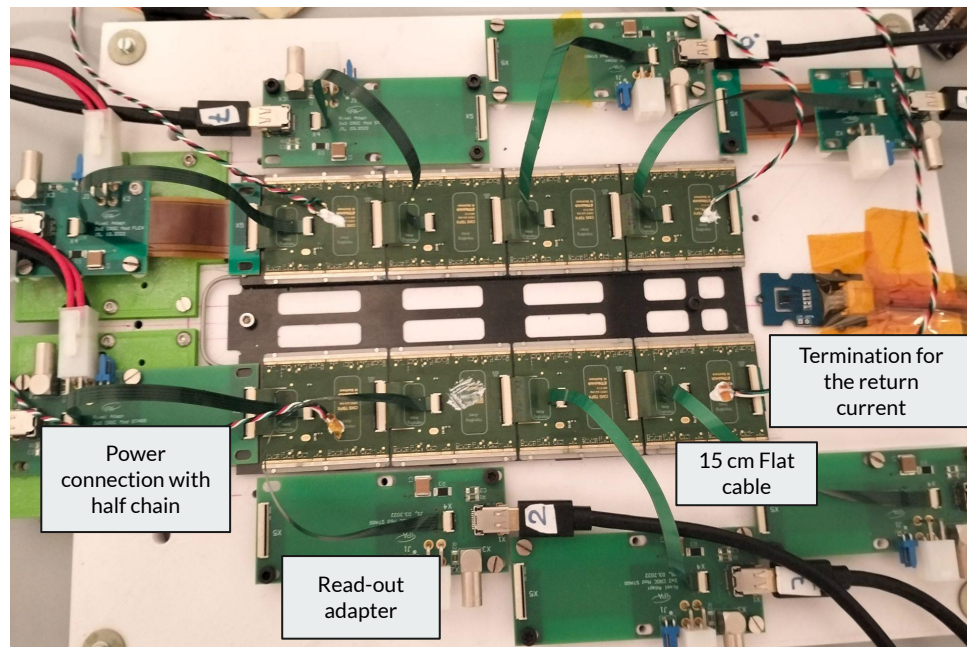
- **Electrical links (E-Links):** bundles of AWG36 twisted pairs between the modules and the opto-conversion boards.
 - Up to 6x data links @1.28 Gbps per module
 - 1x command link @160 Mbps per module for clock, trigger and configuration
- **Portcard:** custom board that hosts 3x LpGBT with 3x Vtrx+
- **Optical Fibers** connected with a naked fan-out and optical cables to the back-end



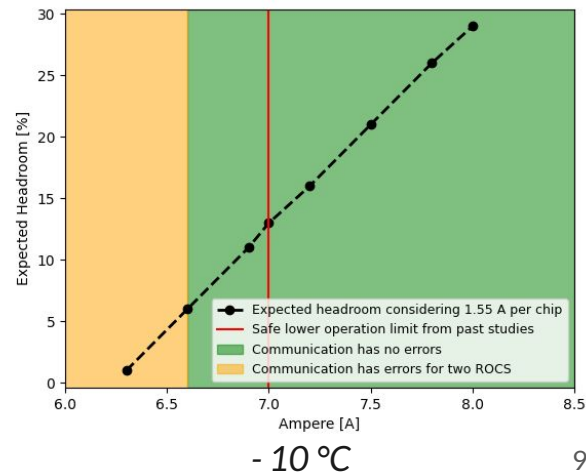
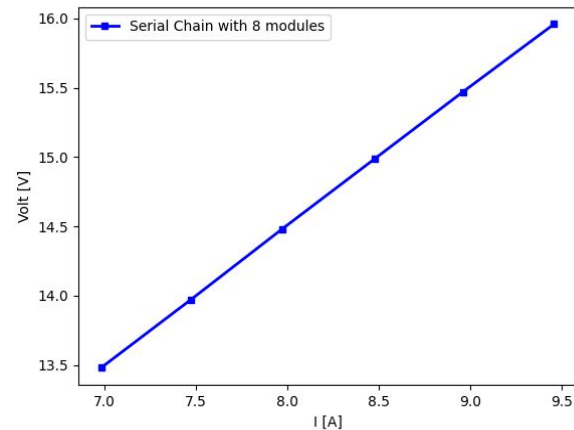
- **Serial chain** of 8 digital (no sensors) **quad modules** with CROC-v1, assembled in ETHZ using diamond-doped glue and prototype cooling plate
 - 5x modules with tested ROCs and 3x modules with untested ROCs
- **Prototypal TBPX L4 Carbon Fiber Ladder** tested in Pisa, integrated at CERN with small screws (no thermal grease to ease potential replacement)
 - MARTA unit for bi-phase CO₂ cooling: from -35 °C to 20 °C
- Set-Up inside an isolated box operated @20 °C or @-10 °C with dry air
- Measurement will focus on **electrical performance**

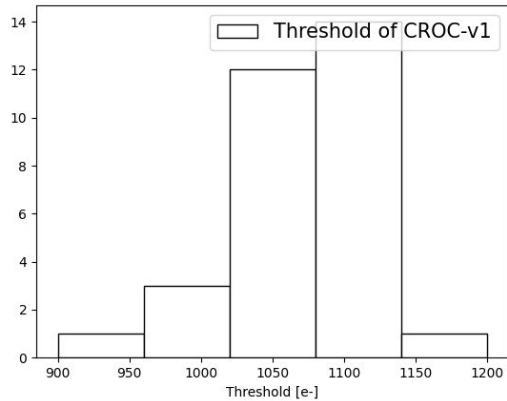


- Communication with 31 CROCs out of 32 in stand-alone module measurement
- FC7:
 - μ TCA compatible AMC based on FPGA for DTC application
- **Electrical read-out** using 15 cm flat cable + custom adapter + mini-dp cable
- Adapter boards used for powering the first module of the ladders
 - Two ladders powered in series
 - No HV here (no sensors)

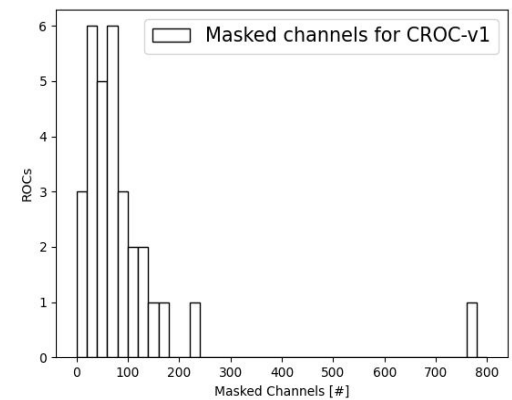
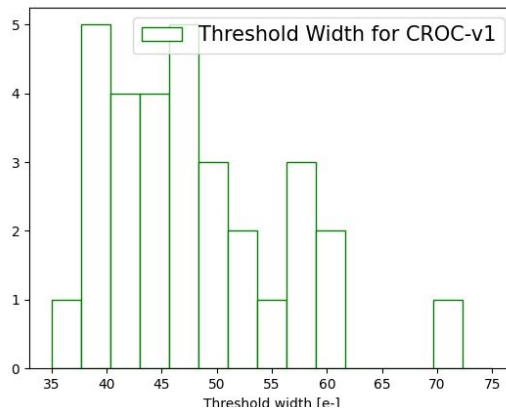
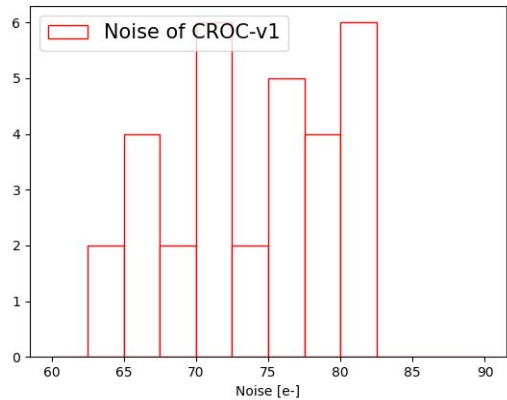


- With 8 Ampere each module requires ~ 1.7 V
 - Linear Resistor-like behaviour verified up to 9.5 A
- Power consumption with negligible differences between 10 °C and -32 °C, with stable communication in all the range
- Expect to operate the detector with $10\% < \text{headroom} < 20\%$
- The expected headroom, estimated from simulation, is investigated as a function of the input current with different CO₂ temperatures
 - System proven to be stably operated down to 7 A (> 10% Headroom, considered the safe operability limit)
 - Communication stable for the majority of CROCs even below 7 A





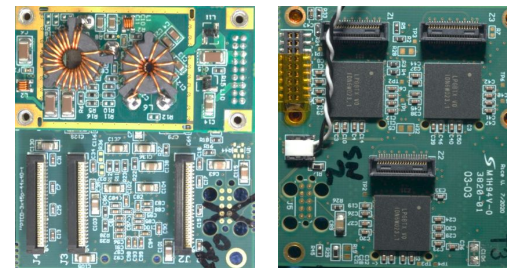
- CO₂ temperature at -32 °C
- 8 modules powered with 8 Ampere requiring 14.4 V
- All the 31 communicating CROCs were tuned targeting a threshold of ~ 1100 electrons
 - Average noise below 85 e-, Threshold dispersion below 75 e-, number of masked read-out channels <0.05%
- Results compatible with stand-alone measurements



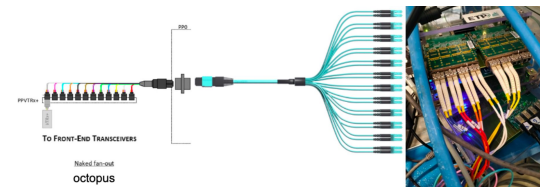
- TBPX quad e-links 4x up-link, each per ROC, 1x down-link, manufactured at the University of Kansas with length 1 m and 1.6 m
 - Flexible paddle-board for FFC connectors
- Portcards with LpGBT v1 powered with DC-DC mezzanine (bpol12V and bpol2V5)
 - Expected to work with V_{in} 8.5 V and 11.5 V
- Naked fanout optical cable to the FC7
 - Parallelization of up to 8x LpGBT and modules configured simultaneously from the back-end



E-links 15to45 pins



Portcard



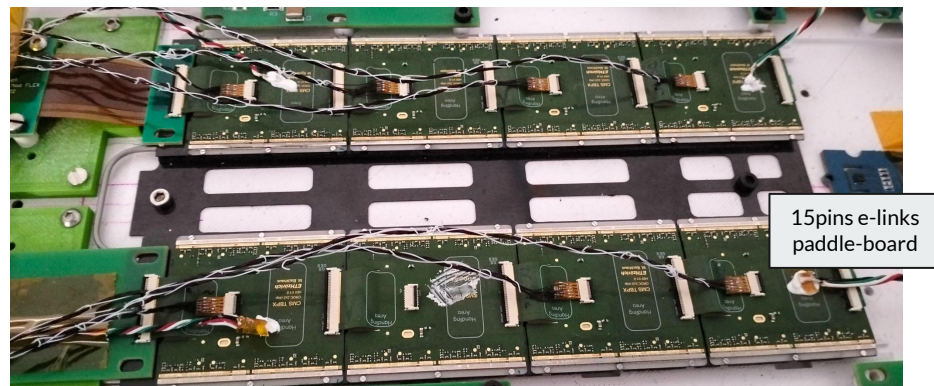
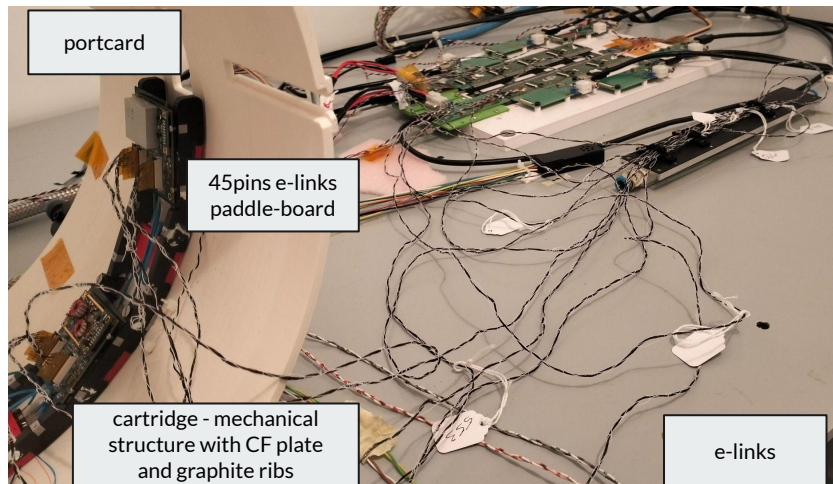
12 MT connectors serving 12 optical channels, connected to (up to) 12 Vos+ MT with pins and spring clamps

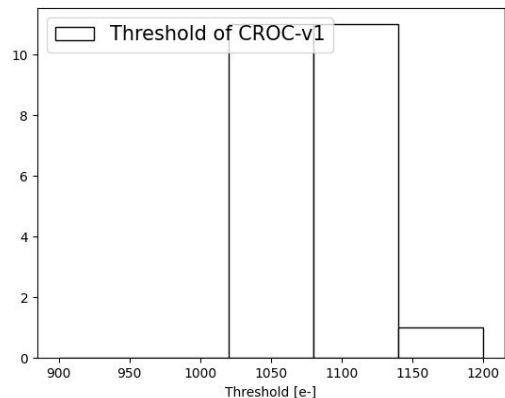
MTP/IMPO connector with 12 optical channels

COTS MTP to LC Breakout cable to 12 optical channels

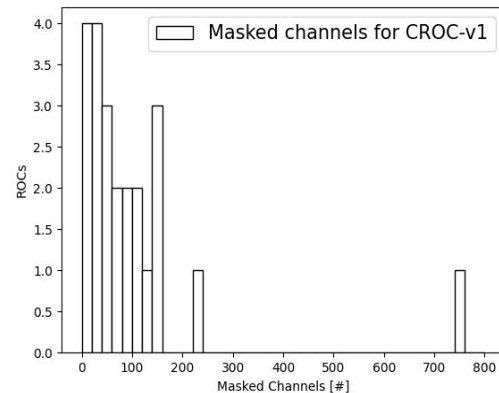
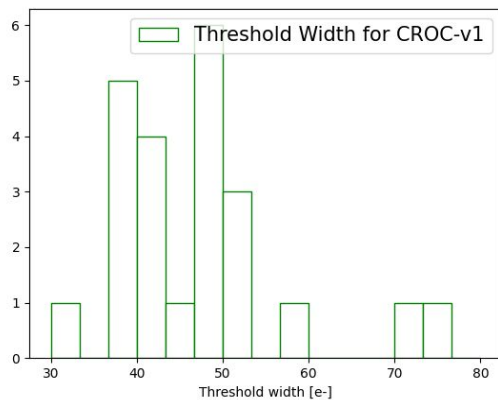
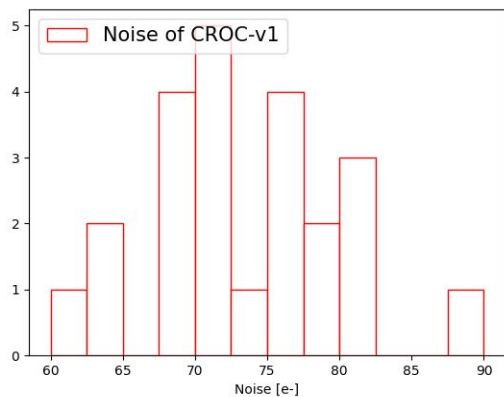
COTS SFP connectors mounted on two optical FMCs (COTS) on a FC7

- 2x portcards powered in parallel and mounted on carbon fiber plate and on graphite ribs (cartridge) as in the final system
 - Verified that powering in parallel works - no start-up issues observed
- Each module connected to a LpGBT-v1
 - 5x 1.6 m e-links, 1x 1 m e-links
- 8x CROC-v1 modules powered with 7.5 A and 14 V at the Power Supply

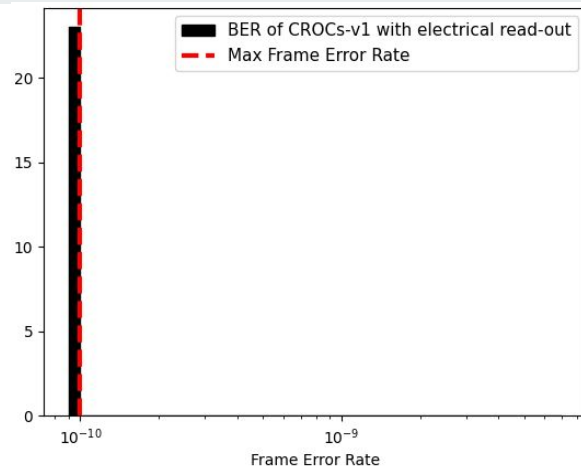




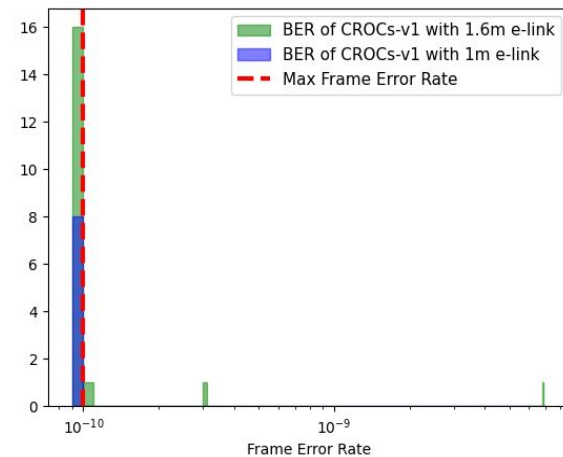
- CO₂ temperature at -28 °C, reading only six modules
- All the 23 ROCs were tuned targeting a threshold of ~ 1100 electrons → one CROC excluded for communication issue
 - Further investigation → 1 up-link broken of 1.6 m e-link
- Results compatible with the one with Electrical Read-out
 - Average noise below 90 e-, Threshold dispersion below 75 e-, number of masked read-out channels <0.05%



- BER Test performed sending 10^{10} frames (32 bit each) at 1.28 Gbps: failing if errors are registered otherwise Frame Error Rate (FER) $< 10^{-10}$
 - The CROC CML driver strength can be adjusted with TAP_o (default setting 900, TAP_o only no pre-emphasis)
 - Programmable Pre-emphasis
- 27 CROC investigated: 3 ROCs only resulted failing BER Test with minimal errors
 - Deploying pre-emphasis to increase the performance of 3x CROCs
- Similar results obtained comparing with 6 modules read-out with electrical read-out only

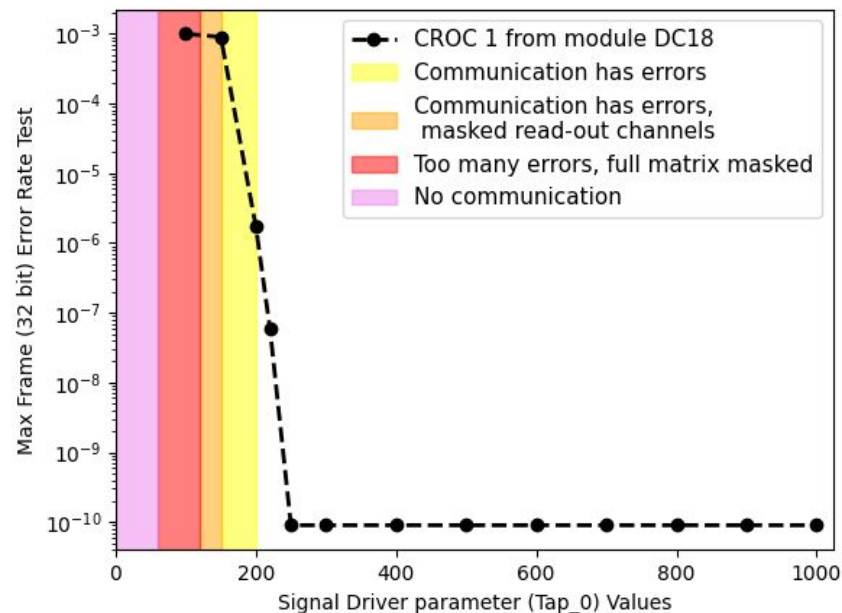


Electrical read-Out



Optical read-Out

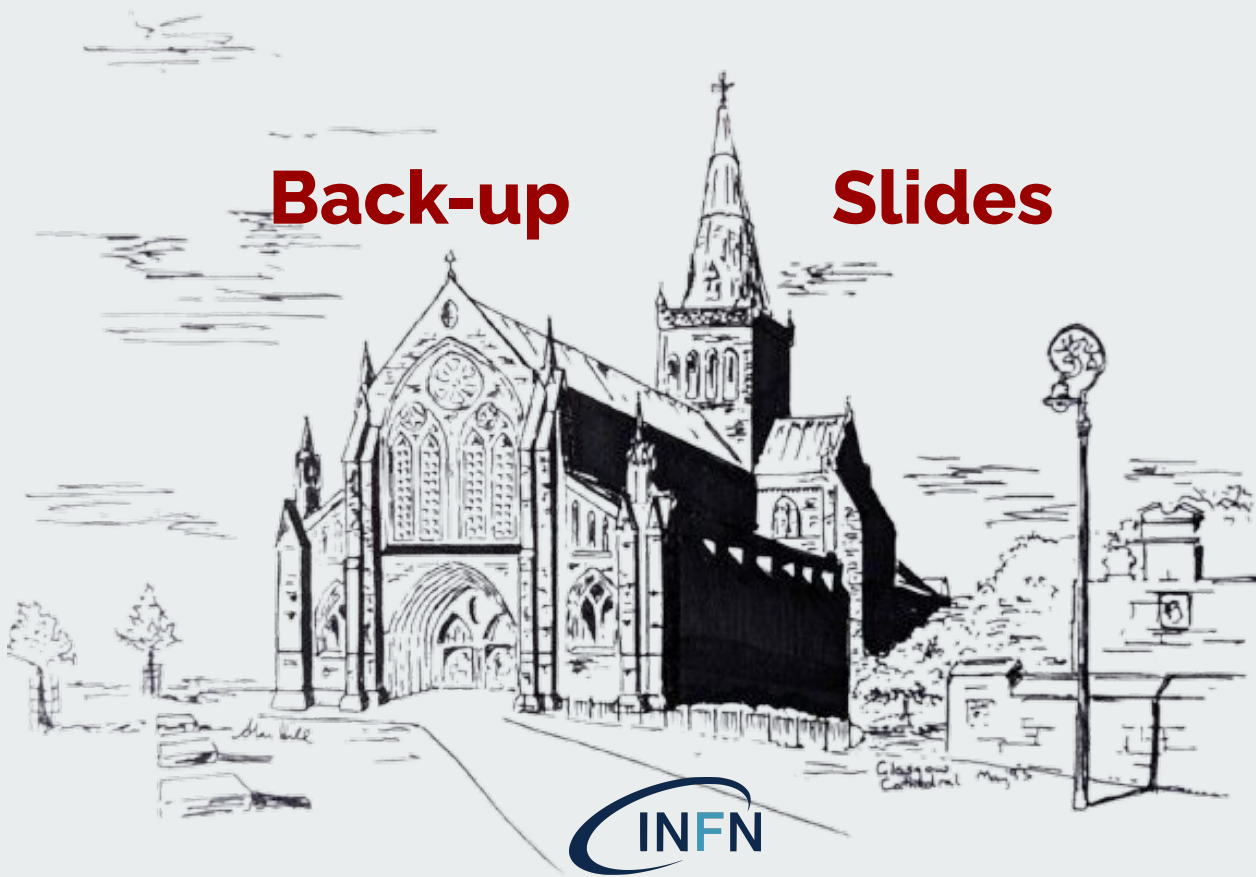
- Measuring number of noisy read-out channels and BER as a function of the signal driver
 - Using one 1.6 m e-link reading a single CROC sending always 10^{10} frames
 - Communication and noisy channels unchanged even at error rate $\sim 10^{-7}$
- Different combination of modules and e-links explored to grade both of them
 - Found 1x up-link broken of 1.6 m e-link
 - Most of the CROCs and E-links show no Bit error with signal driver ≥ 200 → large margin to cope with signal degradation



- TBPX 8 modules serial chain built and assembled at CERN from October 2023
- Final dimension read-out chip equips prototype quad modules mounted on mechanical prototype and read-out with the final read-out chain
 - Power studies confirm the robustness of the system
 - Optical read-out chain firstly assembled show similar properties to purely electrical read-out
- New tests with prototype e-links from company chosen to assembly TBPX e-links (instead of KU)
 - Repeat BER tests with longer target (results presented up to 10^{10} frames)
- Modules with sensors and power supply unit prototype will be added towards an even more realistic system bench of CMS IT

Back-up

Slides



- Same dimensions as CROC-v1
 - Submitted in October 2023
 - Wafer level testing ongoing
 - First single chip assembly produced
- Improved monitoring function
- SEU/SET Tolerance improved
- Data Merging possible issues fixed



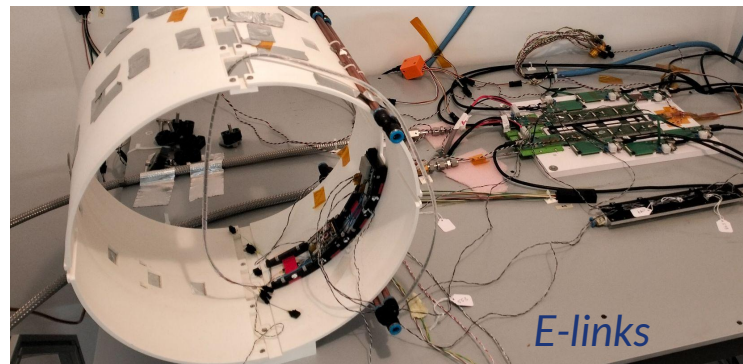


MARTA
unit

Cold Box
@20 °C or @-10 °C
(not tunable)

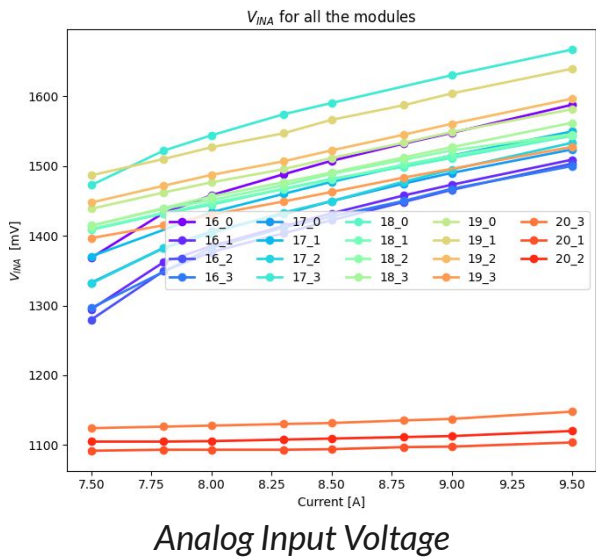
Dry air:
Ambient temperature

Rack with
power
supplies,
FC7s and
Interlock
PLC

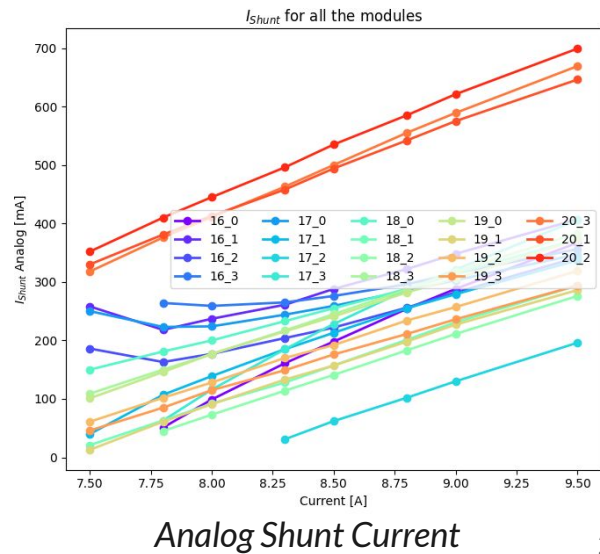


Mock-up cylinder with TBPX cartridge prototype

- A module in the middle chain exhibiting a short-like behaving ROC
 - One CROC, 20_0, draws a lot of current but does not communicate
 - The other three CROCs results underpowered with no increasing input Voltage and with their shunts drawing excessive currents.
 - The performance of the rest of the chain are unchanged



Measurement from the monitoring
Focus only the relative scale,
not the absolute one

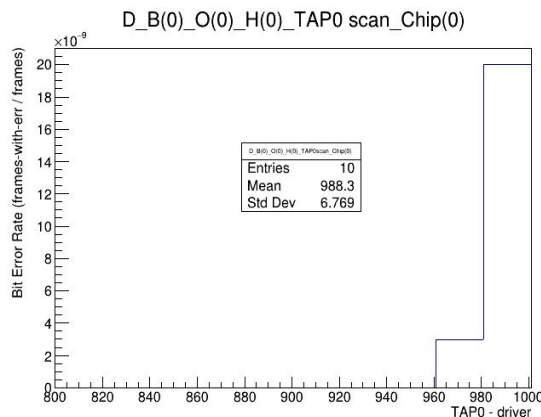


- Some difference for the two tuning:
 - **Electrical Read-Out tuning:** Marta @-31 °C, modules at 8 Amp tuned between 1000 and 1200 e-
 - **Optical Read-Out tuning:** Marta @-27 °C, modules at 7.5 Amp tuned @ 1100 e-
- Similar results obtained in the two cases assuming a Gaussian Distribution

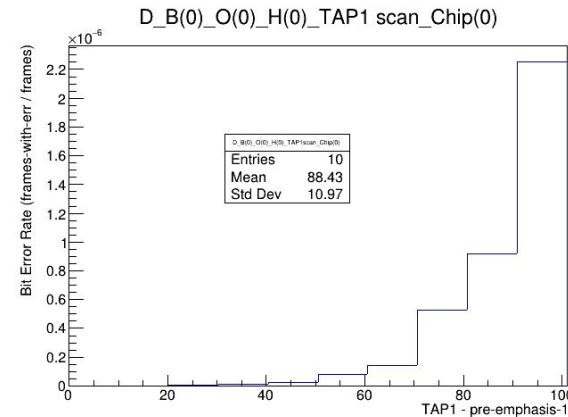
	Optical readout Mean	Optical readout Standard deviation	Electrical readout Mean	Electrical readout Standard deviation
Threshold [VCAL]	211	4	206	9
Width [VCAL]	9.4	1.9	9.6	1.7
Noise [VCAL]	15.5	1.1	15.6	1.1
Masked read-out Channels [#]	74	60	61	42

- Tap_0 (signal driver) and Tap_1 (undershoot) optimized in a 2D scan
- For the CROC not shown Tap_0 = 1000 (maximum value) and Tap_1 = 0 (no pre-emphasis)
- 2x CROC optimized in standalone measurement passing the BER without errors
 - Show 10^{-9} FER in the collective BER reading out 6 modules

Module and Roc	Tap_0 Value	Tap_1 Value
DC18 0	850	0
DC18 3	900	40
DC11 1	900	30
DC11 2	950	0



Tap_0 scan



Tap_1 scan