Predicting the In-System Performance of the CMS Tracker Analog Readout Optical Links

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Introduction

- 10 million channels in the CMS Tracker read out by ~40,000 analog optical links.
- Electronic, optoelectronic, and optical components making up the readout links will vary in gain.
- What spread in gain and dynamic range from link to link can we expect in the final system as a result?
- Will system specifications be met?
- We are now in a position to find out by simulation based on real production test data.
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- LLD has four gain settings, allowing a certain amount of gain equalization of the optical links in the final system.
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- **Calculated** AOH efficiency, using LLD and Laser Tx data
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Resistors used have 1% tolerance.
• Assumed a 4σ Gaussian distribution.

The load resistor offers another handle in tuning the gain of the optical link.
• The ARx12 contains a current mode amplifier that converts the optical power into an electrical current. This is changed into a voltage by the load resistor.
• The current value is 100Ω, but is not frozen.
Simulation: Method

- Use Inverse Transform Method to obtain random sample from each component PDF.

- Multiply each sample together to get overall optical link gain. 4 LLD settings ⇒ 4 link gains.

- Choose one of the four link gains according to switching algorithm.

- Repeat 1 million times.
Specifications

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<th>Single-ended gain</th>
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<td>0.25</td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>At nominal LLD setting 1, no switching</td>
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<td>0.8</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>With LLD switching</td>
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- **Target link gain** = 0.8V/V
- This corresponds to 80 ADC counts per 25,000 electrons from the detectors.
- Data is digitized, and there are 8 bits of information for the signal. At the target gain, 80,000 electrons can be transmitted with 8 bits.
- Assumption:
  - For 320µm detectors, 1MIP = 25,000 electrons
  - For 500µm detectors, 1MIP = 39,000 electrons

- Therefore, for thin detectors, 3.2MIP signals can be transmitted without clipping using 8 bits (2MIPs for thick detectors).
Results

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• Switching is like cutting through ‘single gain’ distributions and selecting the slices centered on the target 0.8V/V.
• Possible to estimate ‘hard limits’ of the switched distribution by calculation.
• Average gain ~0.775V/V.
• 99.9% of the links will have gains from 0.64 to 0.96V/V.
Dynamic Range

- Analog data is digitized by 10-bit ADC, but 2 MSBs are discarded later.
- Dynamic Range: Maximum signal size in electrons that can be transmitted without clipping using 8 bits.
- Can translate this value into MIPs for both thin (320µm) and thick (500µm) detectors.
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• At link gain = 0.8V/V, signals up to 80,000 electrons can be transmitted without clipping (80,000 e^-/8 bits).
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- Knowing the distribution of the gain, we can calculate the distribution of the dynamic range.
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- For **thin detectors** (320µm), **1MIP=\sim 25 000e^-**
- Hence at 0.8V/V gain, the system can transmit \sim **3.2MIPs/8bits** without clipping.
- 99.9% of the links will have a dynamic range from \sim **2.65** to 4 MIPs/8bits
• For **thick detectors** (500µm), \(1\text{MIP}=\sim39\ 000\text{e}^-\)
• Hence at 0.8V/V gain, the system can transmit \(\sim2.1\) MIPs/8bits without clipping.
• 99.9% of the links will have a dynamic range from \(\sim1.7\) to 2.6 MIPs/8bits
Results

123 Tracker End Cap system optical links in test beam.
Relative agreement between simulation and real data.
‘Single gain’ distributions of the real system are a few percent higher than in simulation, with larger spread. This is most likely due to electronic components on either side of the optical link which were not simulated.
Upper and lower limits of both switched distributions are almost identical – not surprising, given same switching algorithm is used and the dominant effect of gain settings 0 and 1 in both cases.
Results

- Uniform component distributions assumed.
- Typical LLD gain setting was thought to be 1, now it is 0.
- Larger range of gains than those predicted with real production data.
  - Due to low-end tail of Gain 3 distribution.
  - Hence, low-gain links could not be compensated as well as high-gain links (the opposite of the current situation).
- Ignoring the Gain 3 low-end tail, the extents of the spread are the same as in current simulation.
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