Development of GEM Readout Electronics for Particle Tracking and X-Ray Imaging

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Introduction

- What's the Requirements
 - TPC vs. X-ray Imaging
- Two Readout Schemes
 - CASA/Waveform Sampling/DSP
 - Switched FET Array
- Summary

GEM based Time Projection Chamber



GEM-TPC @ Tsinghua

- Measurement of ion particle tracks in 3D
- Single particle detection
- Amplitude and timing needed
- 1~10 channels/cm²

X-Ray Imaging



- 10~100keV photons
- Integration or photon counting
- Only amplitude needed
- 1~100 channels/cm²

Readout Electronics for Particle Tracking



CASA: the Front-end ASIC



Variable value of C, giving different charge gain, together with matched size of the MOS transistor

A dummy shaper amplifier, transfer signals to differential

A fully differential amplifier, with class-AB output stage

Specifications

Input Charge	10-1500 <i>f</i> C
SNR for MIP	>20:1
Gain (Differential)	1-28mV/ <i>f</i> C, adjustable
Shaping Time (<i>t</i>)	25-100ns, adjustable
Output Swing	2 V p-p, differential
Drive Load	10pF
Crosstalk	<1%
Power Consumption	<10mW/ch

Front-End Board



Programmability



Noise Performance



Linearity



Sampling and DSP Board



Sampled Waveform



- Sampling @ 10bit 40MSPS
- Two level buffers: Latency buffer and Derandomrize buffer
- 1000Mbps data output rate via Ethernet

FEAR: FET Array Readout



Layout



Preliminary Test Results



Summary & Future Work

- Two different readout electronics system for GEM detector are developed for particle tracking and Xray imaging
- Two frontend ASICs, named CASA and FEAR are designed and tested
- Further tests with detectors and dedicated DSP filter design are undergoing

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