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ESR 06 WP2: Integrated Time-based Signal Processing Circuits for Harsh Radiation Environments

RADSAGA Training Workshop – March 2018

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Project Deliverable & Milestones Lists:

•Report on technology selection and architecture definition.

•Report on the design and measurement of a radiation tolerant Time-to-Digital Converter.

•Report on the design and measurement of a radiation tolerant time based sensor readout circuit.

•Completed development of a radiation tolerant time based sensor readout circuit.

Planned Secondments [total: 8 months]:

- Magic Instruments (Dr. Y. Cao)[2m] For support in design and manufacturing of component.
- SCK•CEN (Dr W. de Cock): [2m] For neutron and gamma irradiation testing.
- CERN (Dr S. Danzeca): [2m] For mixed field radiation testing at CHARM.
- University of Montpellier (Dr V. Pouget): [2m] For SEE laser testing and hardening techniques.



Which One?

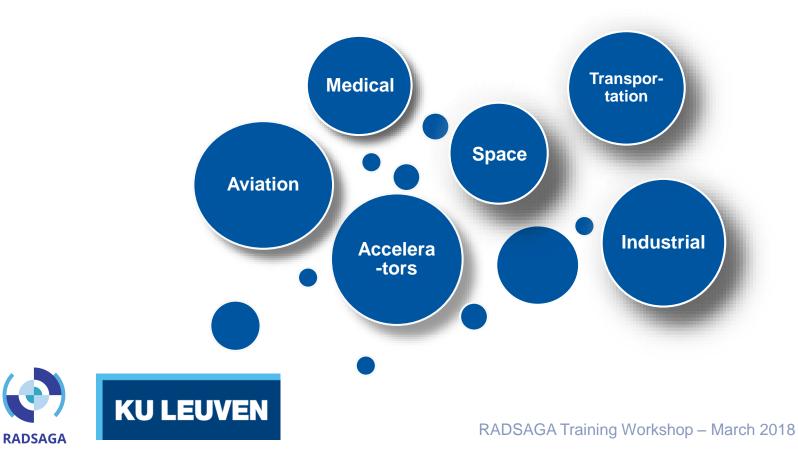
Ionizing Radiation!!



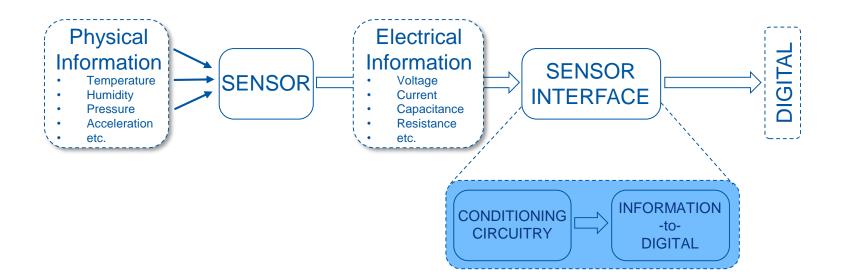
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Radiation Affected Areas



General Sensing Interface

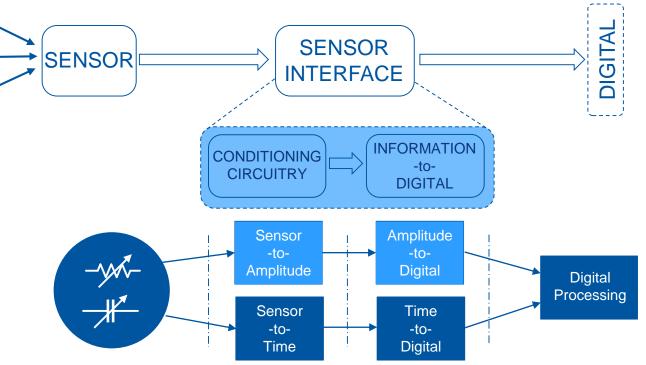




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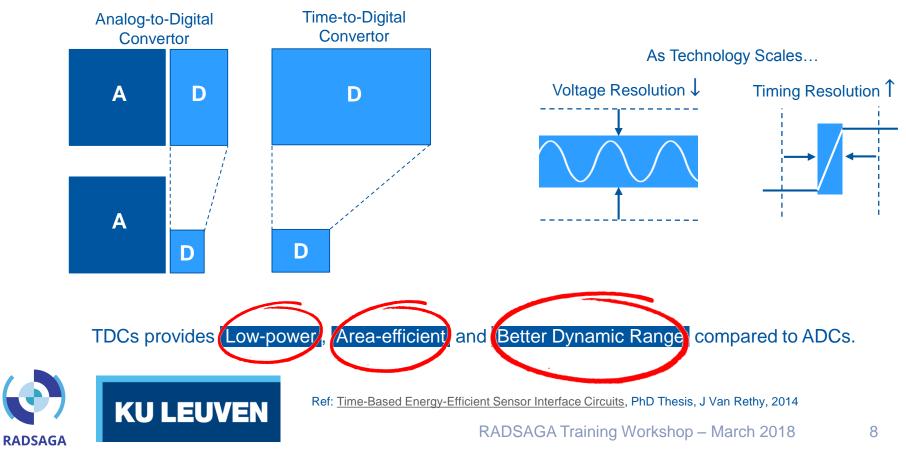




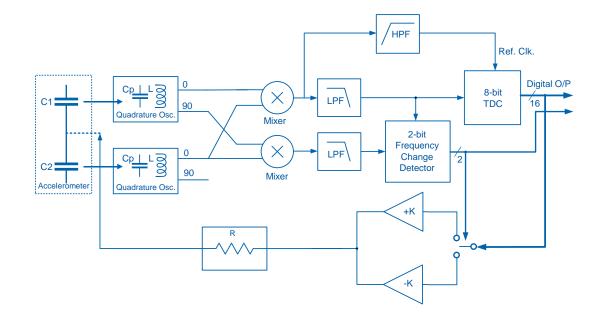
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Amplitude vs Time-based Conditioning Circuits



Rad-hard MEMS Accelerometer Readout Interface



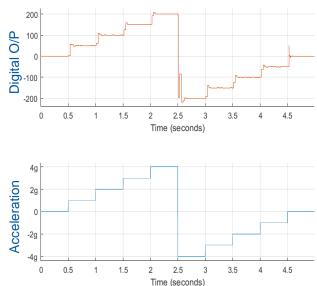
- Acceleration (upto ±4g) → ±Δx position of Capacitances' common plate.
- $(\Delta C \propto \frac{x}{d} C_{1,2}) \rightarrow$ change in Osc. frequencies (f_1, f_2) .
- A TDC converts $\Delta f \propto \frac{\Delta C}{(C_P + C_{1,2})} f_{1,2}$ to a digital 8-bit output.
- Linearity of the response is improved by a forced feedback through resistance R.



Rad-hard MEMS Accelerometer Readout Interface

Transfer Characteristics 200 Digital O/P 50 -4g -3g -2g -1g 1g 2g 3g 4q Acceleration -50 -100 -150 -200

Transient Response





Thank you

Questions?

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