Calibration of the gain and measurement of the noise for the apv25 electronics

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Experimental setup put in place at UVa to

• Measure the gain of two apv25 based readout electronics: Scalable Readout System (CERN, RD51) and MPD (INFN Italy for SBS)

• Measure the apv channels rms noise and estimation of the ENC from the apv gain measurement

• Comparison of the performances of the two systems

APV25 MPD and SRS system

Multi Purpose Digitizer (MPD)

- P. Musico, INFN Italy
- More than 2.5K Channels at UVa



Main features:

- 2 "active" components: Front-End Card and VME64x custom module (MPD=Multi Purpose Digitizer)
- HDMI Copper cables between front-end and VME
- Optional backplane acting as signal bus, electrical shielding, GND distributor and mechanical support
- Developed by INFN, manufactured by a commercial company

APV25-SRS Electronics @ UVa





Scalable Readout System (SRS)

- Portable readout system developed by RD51 Collaboration (CERN)
- Successfully tested with APV25 chip (many users and experiments)
- APV25 cards, 1 ADC board, 1 Data Concentrator board
- Data transferred through Gb Ethernet via UDP (ALICE DAQ)
- Common platform for different chips (Bettle, VFAT, VMM1)

Scalable Readout System (SRS)

- H. Muller, CERN, RD51
- 2048 channels at Uva

APV25-MPD Electronics

APV25 Gain calibration setup



- Injected charges = Equivalent charges / Attenuator
 → attenuation 3dB to 39 db

APV2 on SBS GEM prototype

SRS



APV25 and ADC configuration for MPD and SRS systems

- We have almost the same configuration parameters for the two systems
- Different performances of the two electronics can be related to some differences in hardware that Paolo has identified:
 - protecting diode in the VCC line of the INFN card
 - input capacitance 47 pF vs. 1 pF in SRS
 - 1 MΩ resistor to ground in the SRS input lines
 - external biasing in INFN card vs. internal biasing in SRS (this affect the values of the QUE APV parameters for the optimal working point)



Apv25 Gain: MPD vs SRS

Gain calibration with 3.3pF and 10pF



number of injected charges

Study of the noise (rms of the apv25 channels)

- Typical rms for each of the 128 channels of a given APV cards from a pedestal run and for both MPD and SRS
- This rms is obtained after common mode correction of the baseline
- The common mode correction reduce the rms by
 - a factor 2 for apv25-MPD (basically from ~ 40 adc counts to ~ 20)
 - A few adc counts for apv25-SRS (from ~8 adc counts to 6.5-7)



Where do the hot channels come from for apv25-MPD electronics

Hot channels appears in some of the apv cards

- Sometimes come from the noisy strips or bad connection with the adapter
- Not always from the GEM strips nor is it alway coming from the flex adapter
- We are still studyin this effect





RMS noise and Equivalent Noise Charges for the 13 apv25 FE cards

- Noise in ADC counts is 3 × bigger for MPD (~20 ADC channels) than SRS (~7 ADC channels)
- When translated into ENC, it becomes a factor ~10 because MPD has a gain 3 to 4 times higher than SRS





SRS: GEM Readout strip Capacitance effect on the noise



SRS: Effect of the number of apv25 time frames on the noise



Backup slides

APV25 Readout time

Buffer length 192 samples : 4.8 us Look back 160 samples 32 samples reserved for event readout → Look back 160 samples → 4 us

APV readout time :

t_APV = 141 x number_of_sample / 40 MHz

 t_APV (1 sample) = 3.7 us.

Max rate APV front end : 270 KHz in 1 sample mode 90 KHz in 3 samples mode Will be triggered by coincidence trigger around 50 KHz