Preliminary Study on Timing Characteristics of Fast SiPMs

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1.Introduction

- Fast Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPMs) feature fast response and excellent time resolution (rise time ~ 10^2 ps, time resolution ~ 10^1 ps), showing great application potential in high energy physics, nuclear medicine instruments and space astronomical detection, etc.
- A fast-timing amplifier circuit board based on OPA855 has been designed, which was used to evaluate time performance of three \bullet types of SiPM (NDL, Hamamatsu and SensL)
- This preliminary study aims to promote the implementation of the Analog Hadronic Calorimeter (AHCAL) scheme based on SiPM readout in the Circular Electron Positron Collider (CEPC)

2. Design of fast-timing characteristics amplifier circuit boards

- OPA855 broadband, low-noise operational amplifier with bipolar inputs for broadband transimpedance and voltage amplifier applications
- A TINA-TI simulation was used to design the amplifier circuit board \bullet



Schematic diagram of Simulation with OPA855 amplifier



Simulated input and output waveform



Simulated and measured parameter values for this designed amplifier board

Parameters	Gain	Noise [mV]	Bandwidth [MHz]	Power [mW]	
Target Value	10	1	1000	50	
Simulated Value	10.3	0.5	>1000	40	
Measured Value	10.5	0.8	>1000	45	

3. Timing characteristics test of fast SiPMs

LD (400 nm) driven by a picosecond signal generator; sampling with HD



Limited time resolution of NDL 11-3030C-S, Hamamatsu S13360-1325CS and SensL J-30035 (fast output port) were measured



- oscilloscope (sampling rate 40 GS/s, bandwidth 4 GHz)
- Scanning the time resolution, here denoted as transition time spread (TTS), at different operating voltage to get optimized value
- The time resolution improves as ouput amplitude (i.e. light intensity) increases, and limited time resolution can be obtained





* The fast output port (F-OUT) of SensL J-30035 is designed for better time performance



Limited Time



~ 193.6

65.87 / 64

213.9 ± 3.8

4.Conclusion

- A fast-timing amplifier circuit board based on OPA855 operational amplifier was designed, which is compatible with the SiPM from NDL, SensL and Hamamatsu and facilitate the time characteristic test
- Based on the designed amplifier, an excellent time resolution of ~ 20 ps can be obtained for NDL and SensL SiPMs, and the rise time can be as good as 0.5 ns for SensL SiPMs, having great potential in timing measurement.

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