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Design of a 40 GS/sec 10 mw/Channel Waveform Sampling ASIC in 65 nm CMOS

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The development of large-area MCP-based particle detectors with time resolutions of 5 ps or less [1] would allow substantive advances in particle identification at particle colliders such as the LHC and EIC, high precision mass reconstruction in searches for rare K and η decays, and a reduction by orders-of-magnitude of the radiation dose in positron-emission tomography [2, 3]. We describe a preliminary design for a 16-channel 40 GS/sec waveform sampling ASIC in the TSMC 65 nm process with the goal of achieving 1 ps resolution at 10 mW power per channel. The buffer depth of each channel is 256 samples, corresponding to a recording window of 6.4 ns, long compared to a pulse from an MCP-based photomultiplier. In parallel for each channel, a 5 GS/sec 1024-deep sampling records a longer window of 204.8 ns for identifying pile-up and the temporal context for unusual signals. Recording of the data for each channel is triggered by a 10 ps resolution fast constant fraction discriminator [4] capable of multiple triggering during the window of the slow buffer. The sampling switches are implemented as 2.5V nMOSFETs controlled by 1.2V shift registers in order to achieve a large dynamic range, low leakage, and high bandwidth. Stored data is exported to be digitized by an external ADC at 10 bits or better. Specifications on operational parameters include a 4 GHz analog bandwidth and a deadtime of 20 microseconds, corresponding to a 50 kHz readout rate, determined by the choice of the external ADC. The current status will be presented.

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