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Gemroc 1

Micromegas and GEMs semi-digital read-out chip

GEMROC 1 is a 64-channel front-end ASIC designed to readout negative fast (<1ns) and short (<10ns) current pulses from low gain detectors (GEMs, Micromegas, ...). GEMROC 1 provides a semi-digital readout with three thresholds tunable from 1 fC to 500 fC and integrates a 128-deep digital memory to store the 2 x 64 discriminator outputs as well as the timestamp from a 24b counter. The three thresholds are set internally by three 10-bit DACs. The gain of each channel can be tuned individually from 0 to 2 over 8 bits, allowing the compensation of non-uniformity between the 64 detector channels. Each channel can auto trigger down to 1 fC input charge. A multiplexed charge measurement up to 500fC is integrated.

The power consumption is 1.5 mW/channel and the chip can be fully power-pulsed allowing a significant power reduction by disabling unused blocks.

Detector Read-Out	Micromegas, GEM
Number of Channels	64
Signal Polarity	Negative
Sensitivity	Trigger 1 fC
Timing Resolution	Time stamping 200ns
Dynamic Range	500 fC
Packaging & Dimension	TQFP160
Power Consumption	1.5 mW /ch, power supply: 3.3V power pulsing
Inputs	64 current inputs
Outputs	2 encoded data outputs per channel streamed out in serial 1 multiplexed charge output 3 multiplexed trigger outputs or 3 trigger OR of the 64 channels
Internal Programmable Features	Trigger threshold adjustment (10bits), 3*64 trigger masks, multiplexed latched trigger or direct OR64 trigger outputs

They are using Gemroc 1

Industrial application (NDA)

More about Gemroc 1

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