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Measurement Of Longitudinal Position For Silicon Strip Detectors Via Charge Division



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Why Charge Division?



What methods exist for longitudinal position measurements?^{1,2}

- Diffusive RC Line (noise dominated by the RC line)
 - Charge Division Method
 - Inherently linear for optimum shaping
 - Resolution is independent of resistance (both total as well as variations along the length of the diffusive line)
 - Rise Time Method
 - Not inherently linear
 - Sensitive to variations in both resistance and capacitance
- Delay Line (noise dominated by external sources (i.e. amplifiers))
 - Not efficient use of material
 - Requires significant line inductance to work

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Why Charge Division?



Motivated specifically by a paper written by V. Radeka in 1974 entitled "Signal, Noise And Resolution In Position-Sensitive Detectors".¹

 Most interesting is the claim that position resolution is independent of resistance for a diffusive line for relevant shaping times.



- χ = coefficient which depends on the shaping function • $\frac{\Delta L}{L} \approx \chi \left(\frac{\sqrt{kTC}}{Q_{\star}} \right)$ kT = from parallel Johnson noise contribution
 - C = total detector capacitance
 - $Q_{\rm s}$ = total signal charge

The diffusive line property of a silicon strip detector is modeled as a simple one dimensional RC line with a homogeneous distribution of discrete resistances and capacitances.³





Lets Test This Theory



- Designed a pc board as a mock silicon strip detector with readout
- Use of a pc board was motivated by two factors.
 - Detectors designed specifically for charge division investigation were manufactured incorrectly making them unusable for this project
 - A pc board model is easier anyways!

10cm Detector Model:
Total R = 600kΩ
Total C = 12.5pF



Choosing The Number Of Divisions For A PC Board Detector Model



Pspice Simulation

Used 600kΩ, 12.5pF
divided equally between
10, 30, 50 divisions.

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 Used same shaping function for all three cases.

• Result shows that the 10 division model has sufficient granularity to approximate a continuous distribution.

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PC Board Model Of A Five Channel Silicon Strip Detector With Charge Division Readout

Left side amplifier design is identical to the right side, but not shown

Node

Node

Node

Node

Preamp is a high GBP charge sensitive integrator.

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Three stage integration, with the shaping time of each stage ≈1/₃ total shaping time
AC coupled to preamp via differentiation with long shaping time to minimize undershoot

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Characterizing Stray Capacitances

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Investigation Of Optimum Shaping Time



Input impedance of preamp is 1kΩ



I define T as the time constant from node 1 to node 11 (or node 9 to node 0).
T ≈ (1/10)R_DC_D

- R_D = total strip resistance
- C_{D} = total strip capacitance
- Blue signal is the 600k 12.7pF diffusive line shown above.
 - Green signal is a 600k 12.7pF diffusive line with 0.09pF and 2.2pF strays removed.

Investigation Of Optimum Shaping Time



• shown as the blue line.



Normalized full scale S/N vs. position



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S/N vs. position

- Radeka estimates that the optimum S/N occurs for a shaping time of <u>τ ≈ 3T ≈ 0.27R_pC_p</u>
 - shown as the green line.

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Benchmarking Simulation With The PC Board



 First step is to determine the gain curves for the simulation and the pc board.

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 PSpice gain tends to be larger because of ideal components.

for $600k\Omega$, 12.7pF detector model with 2.5T shaping time

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Benchmarking Simulation With The PC Board



Target rise time is
 <u>1.83µs (2.5T)</u> from
 1%→peak.

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- Can see additional rise time added by diffusive line RC network which motivates the rise time method.
- Rise times differ by ≈ 5%.
- Peak charge values differ by ≈ 4%.
- e⁻¹ fall times differ by ≈2.5%.

Comparison of shaper output between simulation and measurement for $600k\Omega$, 12.7pF, 2.5T shaping time.

Benchmarking Simulation With The PC Board



R=600kΩ C=12.7pF					
Measurement Method	Noise [mV]	Noise [fC]			
Trace Merging	3.67	0.23			
Spectrum Analyzer	3.80	0.24			
Oscilloscope RMS	4.01	0.25			

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PSpice Prediction	3.69	0.23
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- Noise measurement agrees amazingly well with Pspice prediction!!
- We have confidence in the Pspice model.
- Pspice shows opamp noise contribution is less than 1% confirming that the noise is dominated by the RC network

Looking At The Dependence Of S/N On RC Line Resistance And Capacitance



2.5T shaping time for all measurements

 Pspice simulation confirms the claim that S/N is independent of strip resistance.





- We do see a dependence on strip capacitance.

Calculating Longitudinal Position Resolution

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 $P = \frac{Q_R}{Q_R + Q_R} = \frac{\alpha}{1 + \alpha}$ = fractional position $\alpha = \frac{Q_R}{Q_L}$ Anti-correlation factors in here $\sigma_{\alpha} = (\alpha) \left\{ \left(\frac{\sigma_R}{Q_R} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_L}{Q_L} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{\sigma_R}{Q_R} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_L}{Q_L} \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $\sigma_{P} = \left| \frac{dP}{d\alpha} \right| \sigma_{\alpha} = \left(\frac{1}{\left(1 + \alpha \right)^{2}} \right) \sigma_{\alpha}$

- We measure σ_p to be
 ≈6.1mm for a 10cm, 600kΩ, 12.7pF silicon strip detector
- Radeka predicts σ_P to be
 ≈6.5mm for a 10cm, 600kΩ, 12.7pF silicon strip detector.
- Asymmetry in $\sigma_{\rm P}$ due to slight non-linearity in 2.5T shaping time choice as well as measurement uncertainty.

	Node 1	Node 2	Node 3	Node 4	Node 5	Node 6	Node 7	Node 8	Node 9
Q _R [fC]	0.32	0.64	0.95	1.28	1.60	1.95	2.33	2.77	3.23
$Q_{L}[fC]$	3.24	2.75	2.33	1.94	1.60	1.26	0.94	0.65	0.32
Р	0.090	0.189	0.290	0.400	0.500	0.607	0.713	0.810	0.910
$\sigma_{R} = \sigma_{L} [fC]$	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24
σ _Ρ	0.0598	0.0609	0.0615	0.0616	0.0617	0.0618	0.0617	0.0603	0.0600

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Calculating Longitudinal Position Resolution

Calculated Position vs. Actual Position



 Measured position correlates very well with actual charge injection position.

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Longitudinal position resolution is independent of position

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- Implications of these results
- Predictions appear to be correct, even for very large resistances.
- Useful for pattern recognition without the use of a second layer.
- S/N results are the limiting factor in the accuracy of this charge division technique
- These results assume the information is read out in order to make these position measurements
- Because S/N is independent of strip resistance, improvement in resolution would come from a reduction in detector capacitance

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- Address capacitive coupling between channels of a silicon strip detector through the Pspice simulation developed here.
- Continue modification, by a fellow student, of a C++ pulse development simulation to do charge division in a silicon sensor
 - Investigate the impact by the charge division method on transverse resolution measurements
 - Explore the effect of signal sharing between neighboring strips on the longitudinal position resolution
- Think about viable methods that compensate for the low S/N
 For example, communication between left and right side readout.





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Reference Plots And Images



Radeka's results and methods





Plot showing measured position for various shaping times²

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Reference Plots And Images

Owen and Awcock results and methods



Alternative charge division readout design.⁵

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	R	0	.28	.69	.84	.9 0	.9 0

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From this it can be seen that there is little variation in rise time with position at the end distant from the amplifier.

This behavior is observed as well by the experiment presented here.⁵

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Reference Plots And Images

Kalbitzer and Melzer results and methods







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