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Outline

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- ADC prototype circuit
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- Tentative schedule
- Acknowledgements
- People





Introduction

(mainly stuff from previous meeting)





... from last meeting

• FE implementation via switched-capacitor



... more from last meeting

Reset scheme via switched-capacitor circuits





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... still from last meeting

Weighting functions precisely defined



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... so what's new since last meeting?

- FE design was frozen
- ADC specifications were defined
- A prototype ADC was designed and fabricated, and currently being tested
- The FE design is in layout stage





ADC Prototype Circuit





ADC Prototype Circuit

- Required specifications
- System-level design
- Circuit-level design
- Layout
- Tests





Specs given by channel high level design and FE circuit details

- Conversion rate: 3.25MHz
- Stated resolution: 10 bits
- Input capacitance: around 2pF
- Area, power: minimize (remember, one ADC per channel, 32 channels per chip)





- Successive approximation ADC is chosen
- Switched-capacitor charge redistribution implementation (widely used, McCreary, JSSC 12/1975)





- Challenge: 10-bit resolution and 2-pF input capacitance
 - Implies a ~2-fF unit capacitor. Is it possible? Matching? We'll see...
 - Using metal-oxide-metal (MOM) custom capacitors, and SPACE3D software from Delft U. for analysis.









Capacitor array 3D view (not to scale)







- How about cap. matching?
 - Not much data available...
 - To reduce matching requirements, 5 out of the 10 bits are thermometer-coded. This reduces differential nonlinearity.
 - Montecarlo simulations showed that 2% matching among unit caps is good enough (no missing codes). Maybe it is possible...





ADC circuit-level design

- ... a pretty standard implementation, except for:
 - the tiny capacitors.
 - Vref is Vdd; Vcomp can be > Vdd, so a charge pump is necessary to keep all wells properly biased.



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ADC layout

 Circuit & pad frame is 1mmx0.5mm, fabricated in TSMC025









- Preliminary test results show that:
 - the ADC behaves like an ADC, and that
 - the input capacitance is very close (1%) to the design target value.
- Linearity measurements (DNL and INL) will allow us to estimate capacitance matching and the exact capacitance value
- We are currently working on this...





Front-End Design Status





Front-End Design Status

- The FE principle of operation (switchedcapacitor filter and reset) has been extensively tested in simulations.
- It allows a low noise, dual gain measurement, in a 100%-occupancy system.
- The actual ASIC will allow us to prove the principle of operation...





Preliminary layout: CSA



Preliminary layout: Buffer



Preliminary layout: Filter amplifier



Tentative schedule

- July Finish layout and verification
- August 3rd The Bean V1.0 tape out
- Oct-Dec IC tests and measurements





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