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Part 4: Terminated Multi-Ribbon Cable

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1. Introduction

1.1. General system description

This specification defines the design requirements for the analogue optical link to be used in the readout system of the tracker sub-detector of the CMS detector [1.1] at the CERN [1.2] Large Hadron Collider (LHC). The tracker sensing elements are silicon microstrip detectors. The approximate total number of detector channels is 10 millions, to be multiplexed and read-out by approximately 40000 optical links (plus spares). A thorough description of the CMS tracker is found in [1.3].

The CMS tracker optical readout link is embedded into the data acquisition chain shown in Fig. 1.1. It starts at the electro-optic opto-hybrid interface and ends at the opto-electric receiver module interface. Specifications for the Front End Driver board (FED), MUX and APV front-end chips can be found in: [1.4] and [1.5]

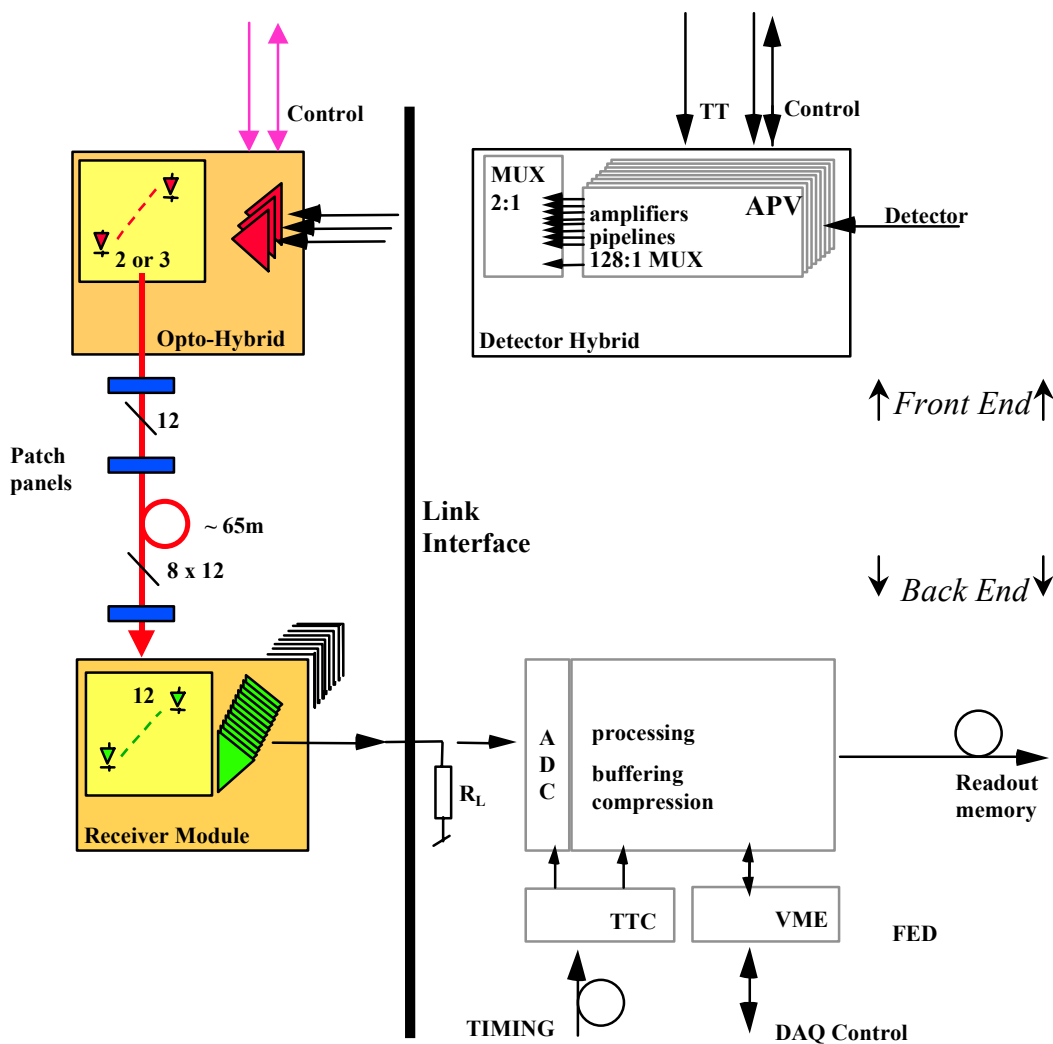


Fig. 1.1. Tracker readout chain with optical link highlighted on the left.

To ease the understanding and use of this document, a brief explanation of the CMS tracker sub-detector data flow is given below. A more detailed description of the CMS tracker readout chain can be found for instance in [1.6]. Signals from all sensor channels are sampled and stored every 25ns in the APV front-end chip analogue memory. In the event of a Level 1 trigger occurrence (TT), the analogue samples corresponding to the time slice of interest in the memory are processed, time multiplexed and transferred in packet form from the detector hybrids to the opto-transmitter hybrids via short lengths of flexible cable tape (0 to 30 cm typ.). They are then sent via optical fibres to the receivers situated at the link back-end, where they are converted back to electrical. A to D conversion, processing and buffering take place on the Front End Driver (FED) boards before the data packets are sent out to the readout memory and computer farms.

1.2. Document structure and convention

The optical link specification is broken down into eight independent parts, each describing and specifying a different level or function in the system:

- Part 1. System
- Part 2. Analogue Opto-Hybrid
 - 2.1 Laser Driver
 - 2.2 Laser Transmitter
 - 2.2.1 Terminated Pigtail
 - 2.2.1.1 Buffered Fibre
 - 2.3 Analogue Opto-Hybrid Substrate
- Part 3. Terminated Fibre Ribbon
 - 3.1 Ruggedized Ribbon
- Part 4. Terminated Multi-Ribbon Cable
 - 4.1 Dense Multi-Ribbon Cable
- Part 5. Analogue Opto-Receiver Module
 - 5.1 Analogue Receiving Amplifier
- Part 6. Distributed Patch Panel
 - 6.1 MU-SR Adaptor
- Part 7. In Line Patch Panel
 - 7.1 Connector shell
- Part 8. Backend Patch Panel
 - 8.1 Connector shell

Each part has the following structure:

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Due to the preliminary nature of this document, the specification section (section 2.3) of each system part is labelled "target specifications". CERN should be consulted before any hard- or software relying on these characteristics is being designed. Target specifications will eventually evolve into full specifications once the system definition is mature. Still to be determined parameters are labelled TBD.

1.3. Related WWW sites

- CERN laboratory: <http://www.cern.ch/Public/>
- CMS project: <http://cmsinfo.cern.ch/Welcome.html>
- CMS Tracker Technical Design Report: <http://cmsdoc.cern.ch/ftp/TDR/TRACKER/tracker.html>
- CMS Tracker Electronic System: <http://pcvlsi5.cern.ch:80/CMSTControl/>
- CMS Tracker Optical Links: <http://cms-tk-opto.web.cern.ch/>
- FED developments: http://hepwww.rl.ac.uk/cms_fed/
- APV and MUX developments: <http://www.te.rl.ac.uk/med/>

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1.5. Document history

Rev. 0.4, 02/08/96	Draft
Rev. 1.0, 04/09/97	Major rework, single document covering all system parts
Rev. 2.0, 05/06/98	Rework, document distributed
Rev. 3.0, 25/08/00	Document (Rev2.3) split into independent parts.
Rev. 3.1, 05/09/00	MPO24 option added, cable length modified (4.42, 4.70)
Rev. 3.2, 21/09/00	Fibre cladding diameter tolerances decreased.

2. Technical requirement, part 4: Terminated multi-ribbon cable

2.1. Description

The 96-fibre multi-ribbon cable (a bundle of eight 12-way ribbons protected by a low smoke, zero halogen sheath) links the in-line patch panel (part 7) to the final break point of the system (part 8), which is situated on the receiver electronics. This cable crosses the concrete shield separating the detector volume from the counting room. It will be pulled manually across a cable duct and should withstand standard installation and operation conditions. Individual ribbons are terminated with MT ferrules; the final connector shell is as yet undefined.

About 570 multi-ribbon cables with an average length of ~60m will be required for the CMS tracker detector readout links.

2.2. Block diagram

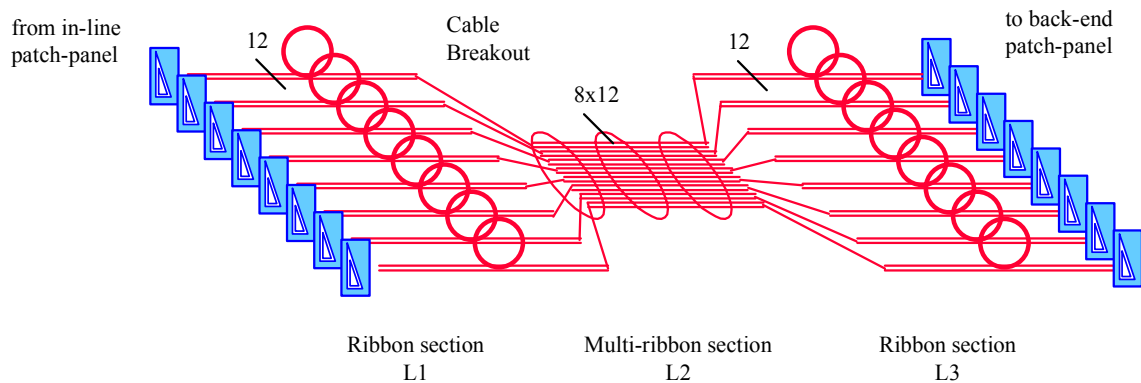


Fig. 2.1. Terminated multi-ribbon cable block diagram

2.3. Target Specifications (@25°C unless otherwise noted)

Optical fibre and dense multi-ribbon cable specifications are to be found in the technical requirement part 4.1.

#	Operational specification	min	typ	max	unit	note
4.1	Number of channels		96			
4.2	Operation Wavelength		1310		nm	
4.3	Connector type on in-line patch panel side	MFS		EN 186310 Option TBD		
		SMC		TIA 604-14 Option TBD		
		MPO24		Option TBD		
4.4	Number of mating cycles	20				In-line patch panel
4.5	Random mate insertion loss			1.2	dB	In-line patch panel
4.6	Random mate return loss	50			dB	In-line patch panel
4.7	Connector type on back-end patch panel side	MPO		IEC 61754-7 Option TBD		
		SMC		TIA 604-14 Option TBD		

4.8	Number of mating cycles	100				Back-end patch panel
4.9	Random mate insertion loss			1.2	dB	Back-end patch panel
4.10	Random mate return loss	50			dB	Back-end patch panel
4.11	Tensile loading on connector			10	N	Operation and installation
4.12	Left ribbon section length L1		0.3		m	TBD, Naked ribbon. Different lengths may be specified for each ribbon
4.13	Multi-ribbon cable section length L2		60		m	TBD
4.14	Right ribbon section length L3		1		m	TBD, Naked ribbon. Different lengths may be specified for each ribbon (staggered connectors)
	specs 4.15 to 4.60					reserved for future use

2.4. Operating environment

#	environmental specifications	min	typ	max	unit	note
4.61	Magnetic field			4	T	parallel to any axis
4.62	Hadronic fluence ¹			1e12	1/cm ²	Integrated over lifetime ² 90% charged particles 10% neutrons
4.63	Gamma radiation dose ¹			100	Gy(Si)	Integrated over lifetime ²
4.64	Temperature	-20	-10	70	°C	Operation and storage
4.65	Operating humidity			60	%RH	13°C dew point
	specs 4.66 to 4.80					reserved for future use

¹The component resistance to radiation will be controlled under the sole responsibility of CERN

²Foreseen operating lifetime: nominal 10 years.

#	safety specifications		note
4.81	Material composition	Halogen-free, flame retardant material	CERN IS41, see reference [2.2].
	specs 4.82 to 4.99		reserved for future use

2.5. Open Characteristics

- connector plug (in-line patch-panel side)

fibre strain relief TBD
 Plug colour TBD
 Plug labelling TBD

- connector plug (back-end patch-panel side)

fibre strain relief TBD
 Plug colour TBD
 Plug labelling TBD

- Test Documentation and traceability: TBD

- Shipping and storage requirements: TBD
- Installation requirements: TBD

2.6. Testing

#	Specification to be tested	Manufacturer		CERN	
		Product Qualification	Lot validation (before delivery)	Pre-production Qualification	Lot Acceptance
4.1	Number of channels	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.2	Operation Wavelength	◆		◆	
4.3	Connector type on in-line patch panel side	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.4	Number of mating cycles	◆		◆	
4.5	Random mate insertion loss	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.6	Random mate return loss	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.7	Connector type on back-end patch panel side	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.8	Number of mating cycles	◆		◆	
4.9	Random mate insertion loss	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.10	Random mate return loss	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.11	Tensile loading on connector	◆		◆	
4.12	Left ribbon section length L1	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.13	Multi-ribbon cable section length L2	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.14	Right ribbon section length L3	◆	◆	◆	◆
4.61	Magnetic field	◆		◆	
4.62	Hadronic fluence			◆	
4.63	Gamma radiation dose			◆	
4.64	Temperature	◆			
4.65	Operating humidity	◆			
4.81	Material composition	◆			

2.7. Options

- Lengths L1, L2, L3

3. Glossary

This glossary is common to all parts of both the control link and the readout link specification. Some definitions may thus not be relevant to the part under consideration.

3.1. Signal to noise ratio

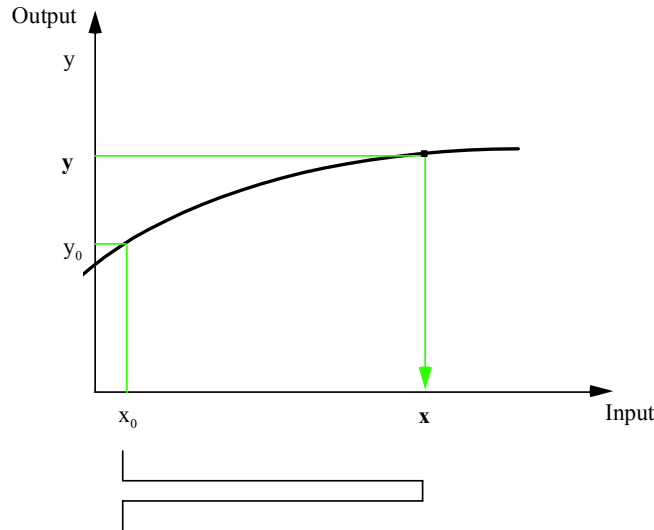


Fig. 3.1. Signal to noise ratio

The signal is defined as $\Delta y = y - y_0$, where y_0 is the system quiescent working point.

The rms noise y_{rms} is defined as the noise spectral density integrated over the full optical link bandwidth.

The signal to noise ratio (SNR) is defined as:

$$SNR = 20\text{Log} \frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{rmsNoise}} = 20\text{Log} \frac{|\Delta y|}{y_{rms}}$$

The peak signal Δy_{peak} is the largest amplitude which can be handled by the optical link in its linear operating range.

The peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) is defined as:

$$PSNR = 20\text{Log} \frac{|\Delta y_{peak}|}{y_{rms}}$$

3.2. Integral Non-Linearity

The integral non-linearity INL is defined as the full-scale-normalized error one makes when, for a given link output signal y , the link input signal is assumed to be the linearized value x_L instead of the real value x .

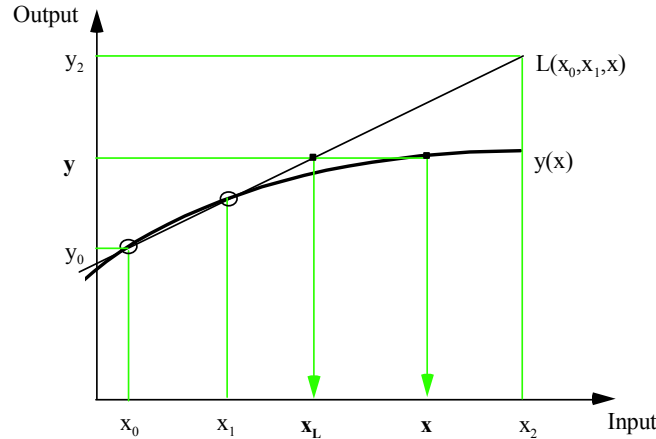


Fig. 3.2. Integral non-linearity

The linear regression is calculated by fitting the transfer characteristic in a linear operation window $[x_0, x_1]$ (alternatively $[y_0, y_1]$ in the output range) .

INL is defined as the error one makes when approximating x by x_L , normalised by the full-scale signal:

$$INL = \frac{x - x_L}{x_2 - x_0}$$

3.3. Settling time

The settling time is defined as the time required for a step response signal to settle to $\pm 1\%$ of its end value.

3.4. Skew

The skew is determined by measuring, for two channels, the average time $\overline{t_{50}}$ required for a step response signal to reach 50% of its end value. The skew between channels i and j is defined as:

$$t_{skew} = \overline{t_{50,j}} - \overline{t_{50,i}}$$

3.5. Jitter

The rms jitter is defined as the rms deviation of the time t_{50} required for a step response signal to reach 50% of its end value:

$$t_{\text{jitter}} = \sqrt{(t_{50} - \overline{t_{50}})^2}$$

3.6. Crosstalk

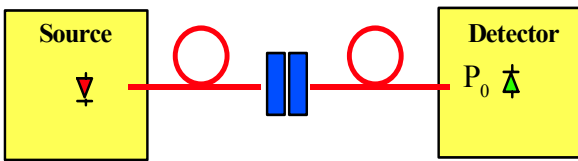
The crosstalk between two channels i and j is defined as the relative feedthrough from channel i to channel j at sampling time $t_s=20\text{ns}$ when an ideal step signal is injected into channel i at $t=0\text{s}$.

$$\text{Crosstalk} = 20 \text{Log} \left| \frac{\text{Out}_j}{\text{Out}_i} \right|_{t_s=20\text{ns}}$$

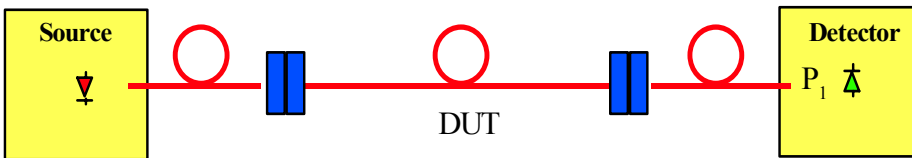
3.7. Insertion loss

The insertion loss (IL) is defined as the Log of the ratio of optical powers measured before (P_0) and after (P_1) insertion of the device under test (DUT). In case the DUT is a single connector, optical power (P_0 and P_1) is measured with a large area detector in a receptacle.

a) Launched power measurement (P_0)



b) Transmitted power measurement (P_1)



c) Insertion loss: $IL = 10\text{Log} \frac{P_0}{P_1}$

3.8. Power supply rejection ratio

The power supply rejection ratio (PSRR) is defined as the amplitude of a sinusoidal disturbance Δd injected into the power supply rail and causing a ripple Δy on the output of the device under test, divided by the input signal Δx which would cause an identical ripple Δy .

$$PSRR = 20 \text{Log} \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta x}$$

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