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The EICROC Project

Objective: **Development** and **characterization** of an **ASIC EICROC (32 x 32)** able to read-out the new generation of pixelated ($500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$) silicon sensors: **AC-LGAD** (Low-Gain Avalanche Diode) coupled **AC** for the **Electron Ion Collider** (EIC)
1st intention: optimized for Far Forward detectors: the **Roman Pots**

RC2

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Stepping up through successive ASIC iterations to control performances fulfilling ePIC detector requirements

- EICROC0 prototype (16 channels; 4 x 4): **under test since March '23**
- EICROC0_V1: updated EICROC0 fixing observed issues + lower power consumption ADC: 2024
- EICROC1 including EIC clocking): 2025
- ./.. EICROC2 (32 x 32 channels): 2026

(EICROC Project Timeline in back-up slides, p15)

Preliminary studies [board w/ EICROC0, no AC-LGAD]

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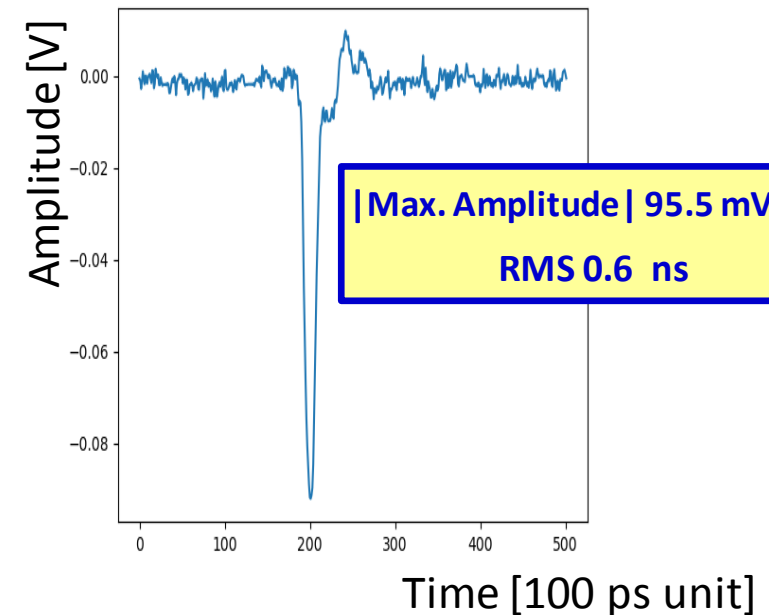
- TZ Pre Amplifier output signals
 - $S/N > 70$ for 12.5 fC input (expectation $S/N > 5$ for 1 fC input)
 - Jitter evaluation: 34 ps (25 fC), 41 ps (6 fC) [theoretical 12 ps] investigation of a floor jitter contribution from charge injection
- TDC performance:
 - Time resolution ~ 20 ps
 - quantification step (~ 25 ps) in fair agreement with design
- ADC performance in agreement with design
- Investigation of noise / clock couplings on-going to drive next ASIC iteration
- Evaluation of cross-talk between channels underway

Short term plan: to evaluate performances of the existing board w/ **EICROC0 + AC-LGAD (4 x 4)**



Wire-bonding by Brookhaven National Laboratory

Typical PA output signal (12.5 fC input)



Rise (Fall) Time (RT)
computed
between 10% and 90% of
|Max. - Ampl.|

RT 0.7 ns



AC-LGAD ASIC effort: Status (June '23)

Supported by DOE/eRD109 Consortium

- **EICROC developments (OMEGA, CEA/Irfu, IJCLab in close collaboration with BNL):**
 - *EICROC0 characterization on-going to drive next ASIC iteration*
 - *Individually each component shows performance in agreement with design*
 - **Investigation of noise / clock couplings on-going to drive next ASIC iteration**
 - **Evaluation of cross-talk between channels underway**
 - *additional test benches at OMEGA (operational), at BNL (shortly), at CEA/Irfu*
 - *EICROC French team reinforced*

For risk mitigation: other AC-LGAD ASIC designs considered (eRD109 supports)

- **FCFD (Fermi Lab): FCFDv1, FCFDv2**
- **UCSC/SCIPP: characterization of 3rd party ASICs: HPSoC, ASROC & FAST-2/3**

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