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Part 5.1: Receiving Amplifier

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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]

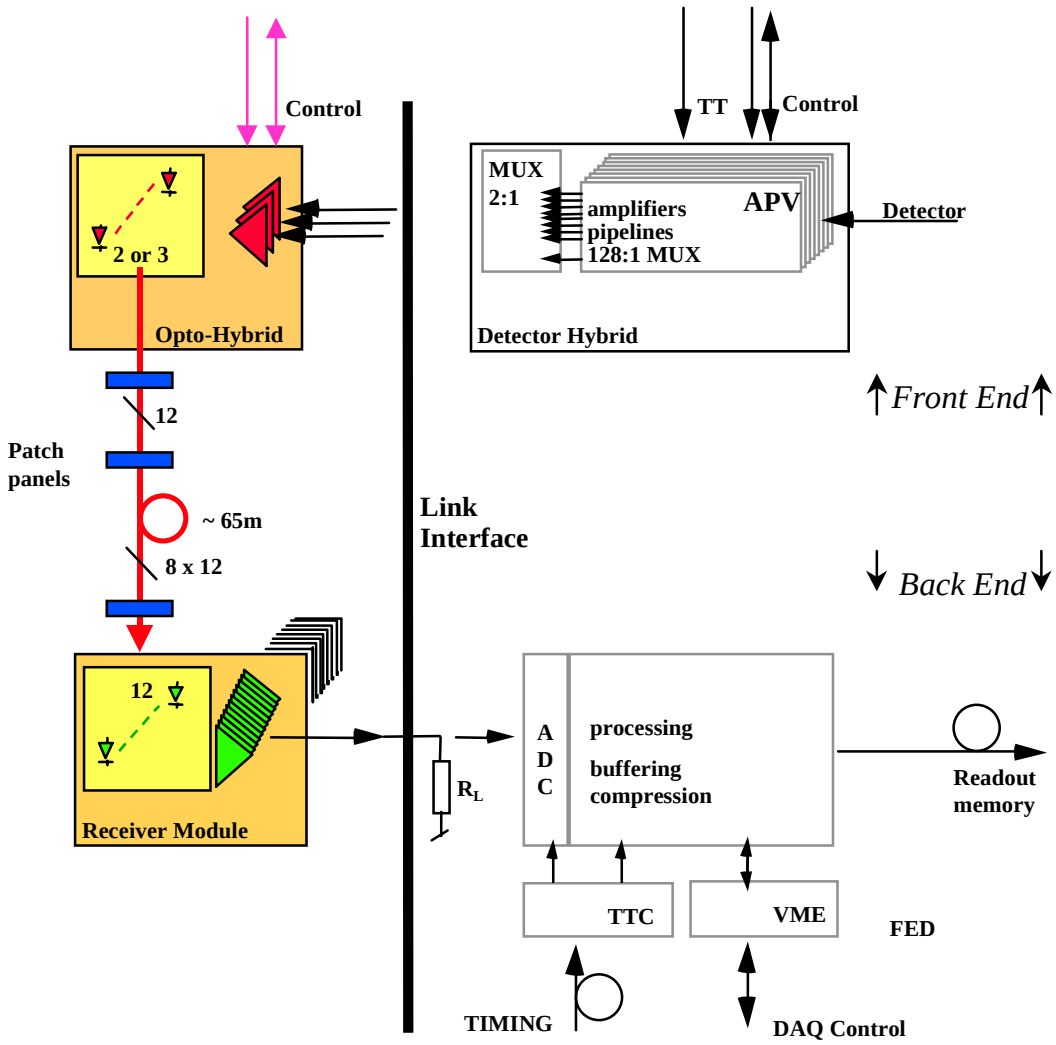

Fig. 1.1. Tracker readout chain with optical link highlighted on the left.

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:

1. Introduction	2. Technical requirement	3. Glossary	4. References
1.1. System description	2.1. description		
1.2. Document structure	2.2. block diagram		
1.3. Related WWW sites	2.3. specification		
1.4. Contact	2.4. operating environment		
1.5. Document history	2.5. other characteristics		
	2.6. testing		
	2.7. option (when required)		

Due to the non-final nature of this document, CERN should be consulted before any hard- or software relying on these specifications is designed.
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://cmstrackercontrol.web.cern.ch/CMSTrackerControl/docmain.htm
- 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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Rev. 4.2, 22/05/01	TBD added to specs 5.1.21 and 5.1.29. Note added to test requirement 5.1.10.
Rev. 4.3, 13-14/09/01	Specs 5.1.2, 5.1.10, 5.1.22, 5.1.26, 5.1.30, 5.1.33, 5.1.62 modified, sections 2.5 and 2.6 modified, introduction and glossary modified
Rev. 4.4, 19/10/01	Figures 1.1, 1.2 modified, Specs 5.1.2, 5.1.21-5.1.28, 5.1.30, 5.1.33 modified, section 2.5 modified, glossary modified (INL).
Rev. 4.5, 01/11/01	Document in conformity with Helix design, specs 5.1.3, 5.1.25, 5.1.26, 5.1.28, 5.1.31 modified, section 2.7 added.

2. Technical requirement, part 5.1: Receiving Amplifier

2.1. Description

An ASIC is to be designed, prototyped and produced, performing the function of a 12-channel current amplifier array. It converts into 12 single-ended current outputs the photocurrents generated by a 12-channel pin-photodiode array (not part of this specification). It also allows common adjustment of the DC input and output offset currents.
About 4500 known good 12-way receiving amplifiers will be required for the CMS tracker detector readout links.

2.2. Block Diagram

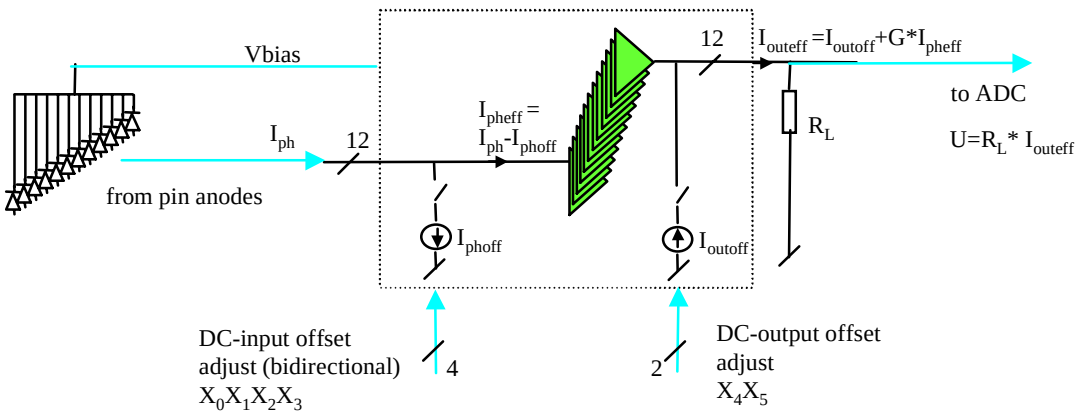


Fig. 1.1. Analogue receiver block diagram

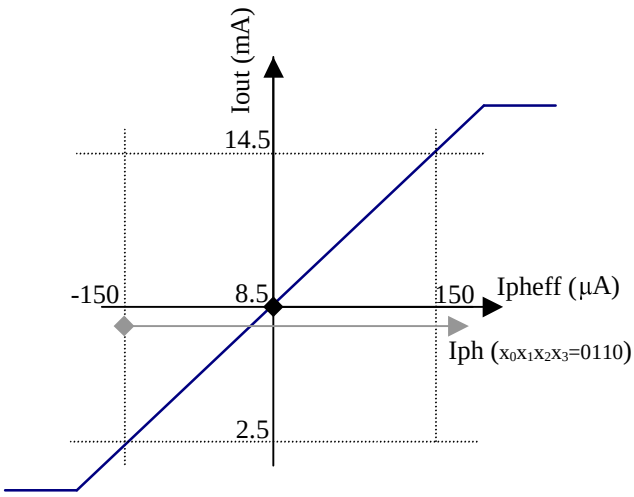


Fig. 1.2. Analogue receiver operating range

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

#	operational specifications	min	typ	max	unit	note
5.1.1	Number of channels	12				
5.1.2	Integral linearity deviation			1	%	in 120μA operating input range positioned anywhere in input range
5.1.3	Bandwidth		100		MHz	DC coupled, 10ns load
5.1.4	Settling time to ±1%			15	ns	
5.1.5	Skew			1	ns	
5.1.6	Jitter			0.5	ns	rms
5.1.7	Crosstalk		-60		dB	
5.1.8	Gain **G**	38	40	42	A/A	transimpedance $Z=GR_L$
5.1.9	Load Resistance $\mathbf{R_L}$	50	100	200	Ω	
5.1.10	Photodiode capacitance	0.8	1.0	1.2	pF	
	specs 5.1.11 to 5.1.20					unused

#	electrical specifications	min	typ	max	unit	note
5.1.21	Photocurrent input range **Iph**		200		μA	
5.1.22	Input offset current compensation **Iphoff**	0		375	μA	User adjustable with 4bits (X_0 X_1 X_2 X_3)
5.1.23	Resolution of input offset current compensation **Iphunit**	20	25	32	μA	Iphoff = X *Iphunit+X ***2***Iphunit+ X_2***4***Iphunit+ X_3***8***Iphunit
5.1.24	Effective input current **Ipheff**	–150		+150	μA	Ipheff = Iph – Iphoff Iphoff<0 means current flows into amplifier stage (see Fig. 1.1).
5.1.25	Output current range **Iout**	2		15.6	mA	Within output voltage range.
5.1.26	Output offset current **Ioutoff**	0		9	mA	Within output voltage range. User adjustable with 2bits (X_4 X_5)
5.1.27	Resolution of output offset current **Ioutunit**	2	2.5	3	mA	Ioutoff=X_5*Ioutunit+X_6***2***Ioutunit
5.1.28	Effective output current **Iouteff**	2		24.6	mA	Iouteff=Iout+Ioutoff
5.1.29	Output voltage range	0.4		3	V	min output voltage determined by R_L*0.25mA ESD protected outputs
5.1.30	Output loading			1.6	ns	$\tau = C_L * R_L$
5.1.31	Equivalent input noise			100	nA	Rms in 100MHz bandwidth @ Ipheff = Iphoff = 100μA, Iph =0μA
5.1.32	Power supply rejection ratio **ΔVcc/ΔU**	20			dB	At 1MHz, R_L=100Ω

5.1.33	Power supply	4.5	5	5.5	V	Vcc - Vee
5.1.34	Power dissipation			3	W	12 Channels, X_5,X_6 on, to be minimized
				2.5	W	12 Channels, X_5,X_6 off, to be minimized
5.1.35	Control inputs X X X X X_4 X_5	CMOS compatible, active high				Pull downs internal to the chip
	specs 5.1.36 to 5.1.60					unused

2.4. Operating environment

#	environmental specifications	min	typ	max	unit	note
5.1.61	Storage temperature	-20		70	°C	
5.1.62	Operating junction temperature	+20		100	°C	
5.1.63	Operating humidity			60 %	RH	13 °C dew point
	Specs 5.1.64 to 5.1.80					unused

2.5. Other Characteristics

- electrical interface

Bonded connections on Receiver module hybrid.
External 50 to 200 Ω termination resistors on output lines.

- package

bare die

- Test Documentation and traceability:

Conformance certificate from wafer fab, test certificate from test house and description of test programme.

- Shipping and storage requirements:

Known good chips to be diced and shipped in waffle packs.

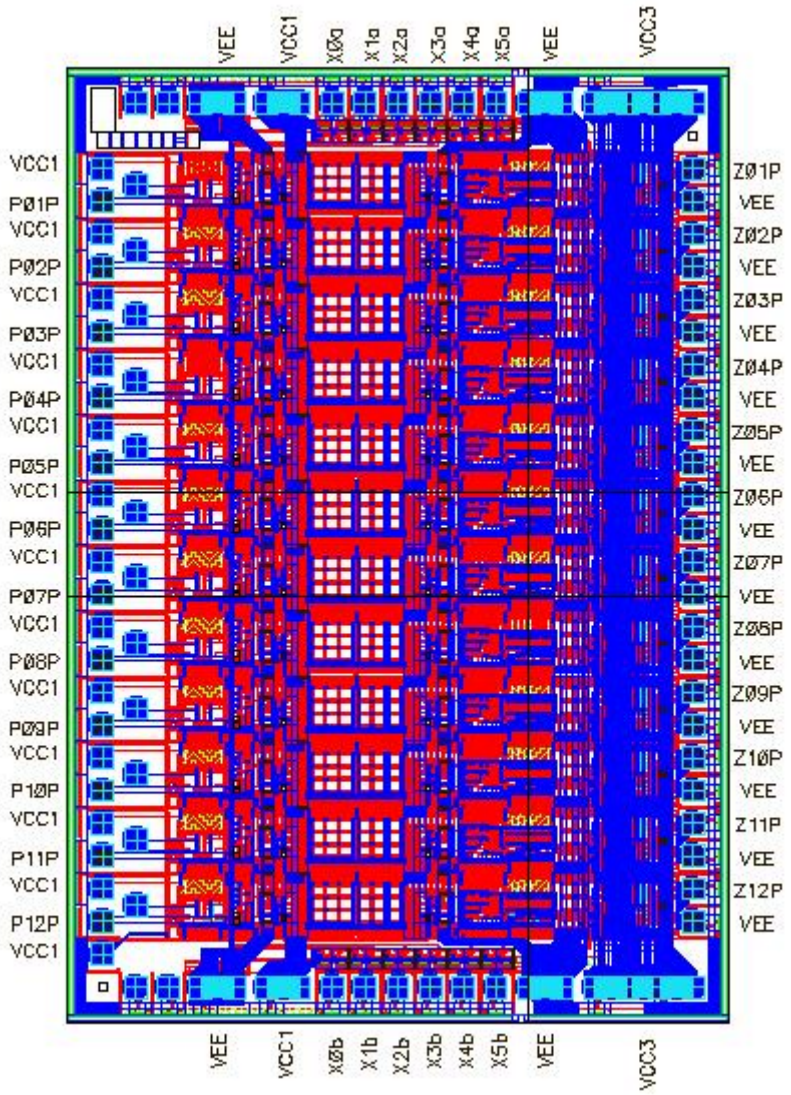
2.6. Testing

Chip shall be tested according to the following table:

#	Specification to be tested	Chip Qualification in module	Chip on wafer test
		Designer and/or CERN	Test house
5.1.1	Number of channels	♦	♦
5.1.2	Integral linearity deviation	♦	
5.1.3	Bandwidth	♦ [1]	
5.1.4	Settling time to ±1%		
5.1.5	Skew	♦	
5.1.6	Jitter	♦	
5.1.7	Crosstalk	♦	
5.1.8	Gain **G**	♦ [2]	♦ [3]
5.1.9	Load Resistance $\mathbf{R_L}$	♦	
5.1.10	Photodiode capacitance	([4])	
5.1.21	Photocurrent input range **Iph**	♦ [2]	
5.1.22	Input offset current compensation **Iphoff**	♦ [2]	♦ [3]
5.1.23	Resolution of input offset current compensation, **Iphunit**	♦ [2]	♦ [3]
5.1.24	Effective input current **Ipheff**	♦ [2]	
5.1.25	Output current range **Iout**	♦	
5.1.26	Output offset current **Ioutoff**	♦	♦
5.1.27	Resolution of output offset current **Ioutunit**	♦	♦
5.1.28	Effective output current **Iouteff**	♦	
5.1.29	Output voltage range	♦	♦
5.1.30	Output loading	♦	
5.1.31	Equivalent input noise	♦	
5.1.32	Power supply rejection ratio **ΔVcc/ΔU**	♦	
5.1.33	Power supply	♦	
5.1.34	Power dissipation	♦	♦
5.1.35	Control inputs X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 X_6	♦	♦
5.1.61	Storage temperature		
5.1.62	Operating junction temperature	♦	
5.1.63	Operating humidity		
	Channel to channel uniformity	♦	♦

([1]) Measured as rise-time.
([2]) Measurement is convoluted with pin response.
([3]) Gain and Iphoff measurements during automated testing are convoluted.
([4]) Photodiode capacitance will be directly measured on the receiver modules.

2.7. Implementation: HXR9003



AMS 0.8µm BiCMOS process, all pad centers on 125 µm grid.

Dimensions:	X (µm)	Y (µm)
Thickness:	535 µm ± 25 µm	
Design size	2525	3650
Scribe line width	+100	+165
Repeat distance	2625	3815
Saw cut loss	- 50	- 50
approx. die size	2575	3765

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

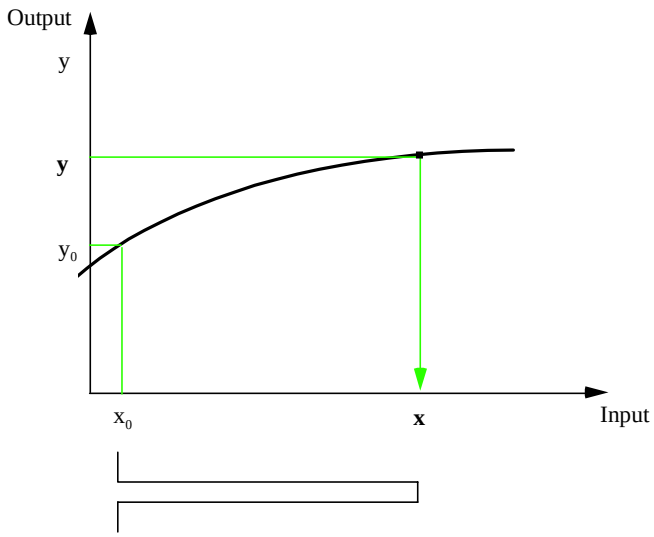


Fig. 3.1. Signal to noise ratio

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:

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

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:

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

3.2. Integral Non-Linearity

The integral non-linearity INL is defined as the operating-range-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.

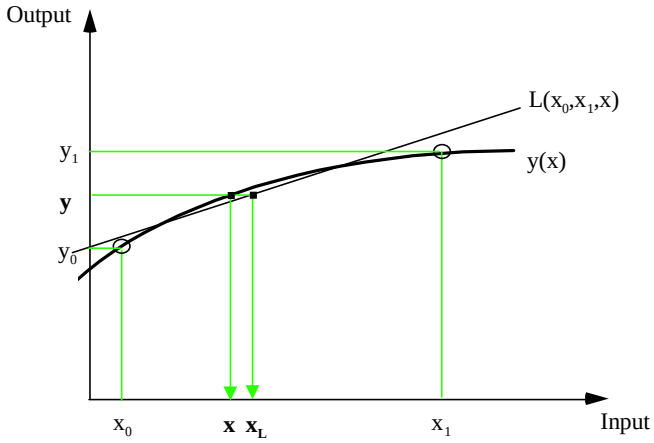


Fig. 3.2. Integral non-linearity

The linear regression is calculated by fitting the transfer characteristic in the linear range $]x_0, x_1]$ (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 operating range $x_1 - x_0$:

$$INL = \frac{x - x_L}{x_1 - x_0}$$

The operating range can be anywhere within the full input range.

3.3. Settling time

The settling time is defined as the time required for a step response signal to settle to ±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:

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

3.6. Crosstalk

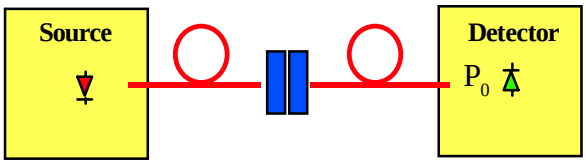
The crosstalk between two channels i and j is defined as the relative feedthrough from channel i to channel j at sampling time t_s=20ns when an ideal step signal is injected into channel i at t=0s.

$$\text{Crosstalk} = 20\,\text{Log}\left|\frac{Out_j}{Out_i}\right|_{t_s=20\,ns}$$

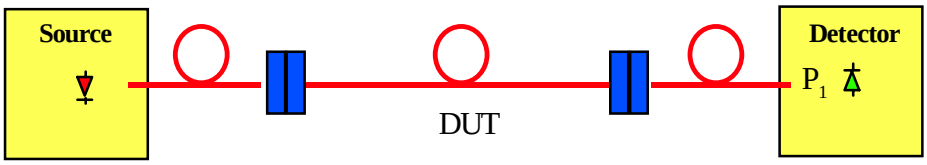
3.7. Insertion loss

The insertion loss (IL) is defined as the Log of the ratio of optical powers measured before (P0) and after (P1) insertion of the device under test (DUT). In case the DUT is a single connector, optical power (P0 and P1) is measured with a large area detector in a receptacle.

a) Launched power measurement (P0)



b) Transmitted power measurement (P1)



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 ripple Δx which would cause an identical ripple Δy .

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

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