Colibri simulations with sim_telarray (for NECTAr)

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cherenkov telescope array



Motivation



- allow colibri-style flexible triggering and readout with sim_telarray
- compatible with different hardware options
- include in next (mini-) production ?



Modifications to sim_telarray code



- fork based on sim_telarray revision 1.81 (7/7/2011) colibri functionality controlled by preprocessor ("#define COLIBRI") everything 100% "downwards compatible":
- all colibri-specific code encapsulated in #ifdef COLIBRI blocks
- 2-threshold triggering in file colibri_trigger.c, included in sim_signal.c
- data types etc defined in colibri.h
- perform 2-level triggering, image building
- flexible readout regions used for charge integration (sum_adc_bins)
- colibri specific output included \rightarrow for detailed offline analysis

\rightarrow code available but not sufficiently tested!

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all colibri-relevant data stored in nested structure *colibri_camera_data*, added to *camera_electronics*

- cluster and sector setup information (pixels, neighbours)
- multi-threshold trigger info (where? when? multiple per cluster)
- readout information: where, when, which clusters (pixels)

customisation activated by "#DEFINE COLIBRI"

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Modified camera files



currently produced with Mathematica:

- based on "standard" camera files
- modified pixel setup (multiples of 7, organised in clusters)
- Colibri triggering and readout controlled via camera files:
 - cluster $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ pixel: in "pixel" tag
 - "ColibriClusters": #clusters, pixels per cluster
 - "ClusterNb": cluster neighbours → readout regions!
 - "ColibriTrigger": thresholds, delays
 - "ColibriReadout": size of readout region, readout window length

 \rightarrow the same for all cameras of this size

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hardware simulation parameters



based on NECTAr design, with Spanish trigger boards

points to discuss and fix:

- what pixel trigger threshold?
- what cluster thresholds (S1/S2)?
- realistic pulse shape and length?
- what range to read out?
- readout window length?
- enable length and offset?
 - what kind of array ?

3.5pe → get from NSB sim!
2 / 4 pixels per 21 / 28 ?
custom wf, 2.6ns FWHM
R=1 (next neighbours)
16 ns ?
100 ns ?

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Conclusions



Colibri triggering and readout available for sim_telarray

- possible to include in WP-MC array simulations?
- modified code being tested on mini-production (with help from Nukri!)
- could get "semi-official" version sometime soon
- NEED REALISTIC HARDWARE PARAMETERS!!!

possible to do for all camera sizes, different readout windows, triggering schemes, thresholds

currently only analogue majority trigger... but could include also others!

Questions ? ask me!

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