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Hadron Colliders

Tool of choice at the "energy frontier" in particle physics.

 Discovery reach driven by CM energy, high luminosity important too.
At LHC : Also precision physics, HI physics,



Technology implies that "luminous region" has macroscopic dimensions.

 At LHC : Particle collisions spread out ove a region of about 20 cm - 180 ps.







HL-LHC & Phase 2

- HL-LHC is the high luminosity extension of the current LHC program.
 - Start data taking in ~2028, lasting about 10 years.
 - Main feature in increase in the luminosity by up to factor 10, from around 10³⁴ to 10³⁵
 - Pile up : 160 200 simultaneous proton collisions every 25 ns
- Detector upgrade program for HL-LHC :
 - Enable HL-LHC physics goals
 - Increase granularity, data throughput, radiation hardness
 - Improve efficiency of data exploitation with modern technology



CMS Detector & Phase 2 upgrades



- 15 m / 50 ns tall, 23 m / 77 ns long
- Calorimeters will have precision timing
- Dedicated MIP timing detector
- Trigger will have (some) precision timing information



Timing Opportunities at HL-LHC

New physics reach

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Improved reconstruction





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High pile up event: ~100 PU





PU mitigation with timing



- At high PU, density of tracks in space increases wrong assignment of low-pT tracks to vertices.
- Time tagging tracks, enable 4D reconstruction of vertices.
- Assign tracks and physics objects to their proper vertices, enhancing reconstruction.
- Utilizing timing from MTD, not yet from calorimeters.
- Not yet utilizing advanced reconstruction techniques.



HH production sensitivity (sigmas) at 3 ab <σ,> <**σ**,> <**σ**,> ¹Channel No MTD 35 ps 50 ps 70 ps bbbb 0.95 0.94 0.93 0.89 bbττ 1.3 1.58 1.48 1.44 bbyy 1.7 1.85 1.83 1.81 bbWW 0.53 0.579 0.576 0.53(*)bbZZ 0.38 0.423 0.418 0.38(*) Combined 2.71 2.63 2.57 2.4 Luminosity gain +20% +26% +14%



Improved Reconstruction

• Improved particle ID, extending usable range to higher pT compared to Tracker.



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Impact on HI physics



- Physics application of PID in Heavy Ion physics : Measurement of v2.
- Extended acceptance from MTD



• MTD will allow to derive the v_2 of charm baryons and to measure precisely the N_q-scaling of v_2 in the charm quark sector: 3

$$\mathbf{v_2(\Lambda_c)} = \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{v_2(D^0)}?$$



Long Lived Particles

- Long lived particles (LLPs) are an area of intense activity on searches at LHC.
- Long live times can be due to :



Feeble coupling to SM (Higgs portal to hidden sectors)



Scale suppression (Gauge mediated SUSY)







Phase space suppression (SUSY)







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For good time resolution, need:

- fast rise time (t_{rise}) ⇒ primary signal rise time (scintillation : LYSO ~30 ps, Silicon sensors ~1ns)
- 2. low Signal-to-Noise (DU/U) \Rightarrow primary signal amplitude : LYSO 30k photons/MeV (1.07 MeV/mm MIP), Si sensors ~30k e/h pairs in 300 μ for a MIP
- 3. more time samples (n_{samples})
- 4. signal integrity matching timing needs (pulse shapes, linearity, etc.)



Sensor Technology

- Photo sensors :
 - PMT : ~ns rise time, very good S/N
 - SiPM/APD : Rapid technology evolution _
 - **MCP-PMT : Fast pulses** _
 - **Cherenkov light**
 - Streak camera : sub ps _
 - **Pump-probe technology : fs**
- Semi-conductor sensors :
 - Silicon : Very common in HEP
 - CdTe : Large primary signal
- Gas based sensors :
 - **Micromegas : Micro fabrication**
- Advanced sensors :
 - **TIPSY**, Quantum Dots, Nano-wires
- But : HEP detectors are complex systems, more than just sensors.















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Precision timing with scintillators

- Scintillators have several features ideal for timing : Uniform, large raw signal yield, fast, very radiation hard.
- Effect of the scintillation photon arrival at the photo detector we refer to as Optical Transit Time Spread.



Time evolution of a shower from photon in CMS ECAL PbWO crystal (25 cm long).



Timing Performance of CMS ECAL (

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CMS Preliminary - Run1



շ(t₁ - t₂) [ns]

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Results from pp collision data at LHC :

- Electron showers from Z \rightarrow ee decay Δt_{TOF} : ~270 ps, single channel : ~190 ps
- W/o path length correction : ~380 ps
- Constant term of resolution : ~20 ps in test beam, ~70 ps in situ (same clock).

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 $\sigma(t_1 - t_2) = \frac{N}{\Lambda - t_2} \oplus \sqrt{2} \overline{C}$

 $\overline{C} = 0.020 \pm 0.004 \text{ ns}$

ndf = 173 / 169

N = 35.1± 0.2 ns

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Studies on jet timing vertex resolution suggest very promising performance.

E in EB [GeV]

E in EE [GeV]

 A_{eff} / σ_n

CMS 2008

 $\sigma(t_1-t_2)[ns]$

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CMS ECAL Phase 2 Timing



- Phase 2 upgrade of ECAL will feature precision timing readout :
 - 30 ps time resolution for high energy clusters.
- Information available at L1 trigger.
- Achieve by replacing front end electronics, dedicated ASIC.
 - Upgrade of electronics was necessary to cope with trigger rates.
- Improved pulse shape allows better suppression of intrinsic noise of photo detector.





Silicon Shower Timing





HGCAL Timing



- CMS endcap replacement HGCAL will feature precision timing capabilities.
- HGCAL : High Granularity Calorimeter Silicon/Scintillator "pixels"
- Cell size 0.5/1.0 cm, >6m channels, 640 m² (Si); 240k channels, 350 m² (Scint)



The CMS Barrel Timing Layer



BTL: LYSO bars + SiPM readout:

- TK / ECAL interface: |η| < 1.45
- · Inner radius: 1148 mm (40 mm thick)
- Length: ±2.6 m along z
- Surface ~38 m²; 332k channels
- Fluence at 4 ab⁻¹: 2x10¹⁴ n_{eq}/cm²



BTL technology choice – SiPM/LYSO :

- Timing performance <20 ps with MIPs in LYSO/SiPM demonstrated.</p>
- Radiation hardness established at the required level.
- Extensive experience with SiPM in CMS & LYSO in HEP & PET
- Cost effective mass market components

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Design constraints



- Time resolution 30-40 ps at the start of HL-LHC, <60 ps up to 3000 fb⁻¹.
 - Requires additional measures to maintain EOL performance.
- Radiation levels for BTL after 3000 fb⁻¹ :
 - Fluence $1.65 1.9 \times 10^{14} n_{eq}/cm^2$, Dose : 18-32 kGy
- Maintenance free operation inside the tracker cold volume.
 - Requirement to run SiPMs below -30 C to limit dark count rate (DCR).
- Cover ~38 m² of area at the outer circumference of the CMS tracker.
- Schedule constraints of HL-LHC :





MTD Barrel Sensor



- Maximize slew rate to optimize performance.
- LYSO crystals as scintillator
 - Excellent radiation tolerance
 - Bright (40k ph/MeV)
 - Fast rise time O(100ps), decay time ~40 ns
- Silicon Photomultipliers as photo-sensors
 - Compact, insensitive to magnetic fields, fast
 - For un-irradiated SiPMs, smaller pixels lower DCR.
 - For irradiated SiPMs, testing larger pixels.
 - High dynamic range, rad tolerant
 - Photo Detection efficiency : 20-40%
- High aspect ratio geometry :
 - Enhance light collection efficiency (~5 %)
 - Minimize SiPM area / Crystal area
 - Reduce power consumption
 - Better timing performance







Sensor geometry choice

- Scintillation light measured with a pair of Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPMs), one at each end of the crystal bar
 - Minimize impact point position dependency
 - Minimization of active area and power budget
 - Maximization of resolution ($\sqrt{2}$ improvement)
 - Determination of track position with O(mm) resolution





Further Design Improvements



- Two handles to mitigate impact of SiPMs dark count rate (DCR) due to large radiation budgets :
 - Reduce temperature
 - Annealing of SIPMs
- Added Thermoelectric Coolers (TEC) coupled to SiPMs :
 - Reduce operational temperature from -35 °C (CO₂) to -45 °C (CO2 + TEC).
 - Allow annealing in situ during detector maintenance at +40 °C





DCR Mitigation with the BTL ASIC

- Dedicated readout ASIC (TOFHIR) is being developed for BTL.
 - Derived from TOFPET ASIC developed for PET applications.
- Key feature is a noise suppression filter :
 - Inverted and delayed pulse subtract from the input pulse
 - Restores baseline at the rising edge of the pulse.
- Improves time resolution by about a factor 2 at EOL.





BTL Performance in Test Beam (P)

- Test beam to test resolution and uniformity of LYSO crystals
- 120 GeV protons beam.
- Silicon tracker telescope to measure proton position and Micro Channel Plate-PMT (MCP-PMT) used as reference time
- Two different SIPMs tested (HBK and FBK). Box at 25°C
- Layout allowing rotation of crystals vs direction of beam
- Recent test beams at PSI and CERN with TOFHIR readout and irradiated SiPMs, analysis ongoing.



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BTL Timing Measurement



- In FNAL test beam shown, timing extracted from the leading edge of SiPM pulse.
- At low thresholds, timing resolution improves with increasing threshold due to larger S/N.
- At larger thresholds, timing resolution deteriorates as fluctuations on the arrival time of the Nth photon add more jitter.
- In case of BTL, minimum varies as DCR add noise. Optimal threshold in the range of 50 photo electrons.
 - Note : ~160k scintillation photons, ~9k PE





Time resolution



• Estimated as $\sigma_{t_{average}}$ and $\sigma_{t_{diff}}/2$ where

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$$\Delta t_{bar} = t_{average} - t_{MCP} = (t_{left} + t_{right})/2 - t_{MCP}$$
 and $\sigma_{t_{average}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\Delta t_{bar}}^2 - \sigma_{t_{MCP}}^2}$

- $t_{diff} = t_{left} t_{right}$
- Resolution for MIP below 30 ps
- Improves with increased light output and, for sufficiently high thresholds, scales with the inverse of the square root of amplitude



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Sensor Uniformity



- In the detector, particles will cross LYSO bars at broad range of impact angles depending on their pT.
 - LYSO bar thickness varies along eta in three groups (2.4, 3.0, 3.75 mm) to equalize effective path length.
- Uniform response and resolution along the bar :
 - Effect of gaps negligible if < 200 μ m, expect gap ~ 80 μ m for final bar arrays





BTL Layout & Design

- BTL attached to inner wall of Tracker Support Tube
- Cold volume shared with Tracker
- BTL Segmentation :
- 72 trays (36 in φ × 2 in η)
- 331k readout channels, 165k LYSO bars, organized in 10368 modules, 6 Readout Units per tray.
- Tray dimensions : 250 x 18 x 2.5 cm
- Module dimensions : 51x57 mm²





BTL tray, transvers (phi) cross section





The CMS Endcap Timing Layer

Endcap Timing Layer (ETL):

- Low Gain Avalanche Diodes (LGADs) with ASIC readout
- $1.6 < |\eta| < 3.0$
- Total surface of ~ 14 m²
- Fluence at 3 ab⁻¹: up to 1.7x10¹⁵n_{eq}/cm²



ETL technology choice – LGAD :

- Very resilient against radiation
- Typically 30 ps time resolution per timing layer
- Employing technology from tracking detecors

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Timing with LGAD



LGAD technology:

- p⁺ gain layer implanted underneath n++ electrode
 - High located electric field (E > 300 kV/cm)
 - charge multiplication
 - Moderate internal gain 10 30 to maximize signal/noise ratio
- Sensor Requirements:
 - Pad size of few mm² determined by occupancy and read-out electronics (pad capacitance ~ 3 – 4 pF)
 - Gain and breakdown uniformity
 - Low leakage current
 - Provide large and uniform charge, > 8 fC when new and > 5 fC at the highest irradiation fluence
 - No-gain distance between adjacent pads < 50 μm
- The final sensor:
- 16x16 pad array with 1.3x1.3 mm² pads



Intrinsic limitation : Landau fluctuations in the signal creation process :

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E filed Traditional Silicon Diode





LGAD Performance



- Laboratory setups in Torino and FNAL based on a Sr^{90 β-source}
- Sensor performances are benchmarked using very fast low noise electronics
- Both FBK and HPK sensors achieve a time resolution < 40 ps up to 2.5x10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm²
 - With both the latest FBK and HPK production, ETL able to avoid performance degradation even in its innermost part
 - Results might change with ELT ASIC. Additional resolution contribution from
- ASIC, discussed later





ETROC



Endcap Timing Layer Read-Out Chip (ETROC) is the ETL read-out ASIC

- Time resolution < 50 ps per single hit
- Power budget: 1W/chip, 3mW/channel

Three prototype version before the full-size 16x16 chip:

- ETROC0 : single analog channel
- ETROC1 : full front-end with TDC and 4x4 clock tree
- ETROC2 : design in progress: full functionality + full size

Test beam results with ETROC1 meet specs





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- Embedded in neutron moderator in front of HGCAL, 200 Kg, thickness 42 mm, out radius about 1.2 m, 8M channels.
- Radiation level up to >10¹⁵
- Two layers of LGAD, achieving a combined 30 ps BOL, <60 ps EO



Radiation fluence expected in ETL, in red the region > $1 \times 10^{15} n_{eg}/cm^2$



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Summary



- Hadron colliders continue to be prominent tools in particle physics
 - Detectors need to evolve to harvest physics potential
- Timing will have high impact on the HL-LHC physics program
 - TOF for particle ID, 4D reconstruction, LLP signatures
 - Enhance statistical significance of Higgs analysis by reducing effective pile-up
- CMS timing upgrade well advanced :
 - Transitioning from last prototype rounds to pre-series stage.
 - Design choices and concepts confirmed in lab and beam tests.
 - Detector production scheduled to start in 2023.









Backup

