

Fast timing requirements for hadron and e^+e^- colliders

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► Outline

- Introduction
- Use cases
- Integration
- Some remarks

- More than a structured talk, the sharing a few years of experience to try and integrate the MTD timing detector within the CMS experiment

- ▶ **Requirements for particle or shower timing follow from:**
 - ▶ **The use cases** [scientific goals]
 - ▶ **The beam structure** [time and position profile of the beam spot]
 - ▶ **The environmental constraints** [radiation levels, safety issues, etc.]
 - ▶ **The integration constraints** [impact on performance of other subsystems, material budget within the tracker and in front of ECAL, dead zones/passive material for routing services for readout, power, and cooling needs]
- ▶ **R&D programs are often focused on achieving the required time resolution and longevity at the sensor level**
 - ▶ The radiation hardness may be the main challenge for future hadron colliders
- ▶ **The performance/cost optimization of a timing detector depends also on a careful analysis of the last item**
 - ▶ In general (with perhaps one notable exception) the available technologies are adequate to match the needs for detectors at future e+e- collider and the integration aspects might deserve more attention than the sensors themselves

Use case 1: vertex timing (from track timing)

Background suppression

Event cleaning at hadron colliders with $O(30 \text{ ps})$ timing

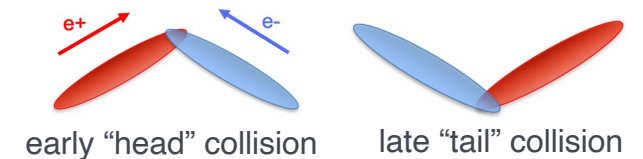
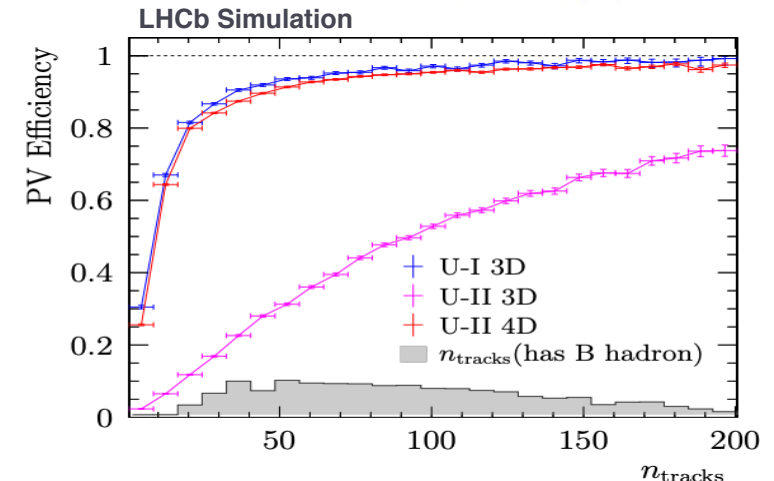
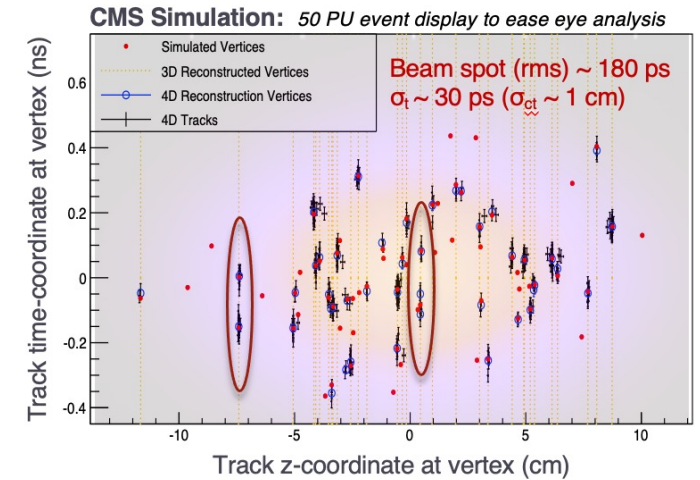
- Spatial overlaps of concurrent collision vertices are resolved in time by “slicing” the beam spot in successive time exposures
 - At HL-LHC, *efficiencies and background* back to LHC level with
 - $\sigma_t \sim 30 \text{ ps}$ per track ($\sigma_{ct} \sim \sigma_z$ for very forward tracks)
 - Hermetic [CMS MTD 2019] or forward coverage [ATLAS HGTD 2020, LHCb U-II 2021]
 - Likely needed at the FCC-hh, with requirements depending on beam properties and on the spatial resolution of the tracking system

Cosmic ray rejection at $e+e-$ colliders with $O(1 \text{ ns})$ timing

- Historical example the ADONE $e+e-$ ring at LNF in the '60 [ADONE, 1969]
- Superseded by improved tracking systems and vertex spatial resolution

Energy vs time correlation in $e+e-$ colliders

- For some beam optics (“chromatization” scheme), the particle energy correlates with the longitudinal particle position in the bunch, and thus to the collision time
- Vertex timing with $O(5 \text{ ps})$ precision offers a \sqrt{s} scan at fixed centre-of-mass energy (scan of the Higgs resonance for a run at the Higgs pole) [Azzi and Perez, FCC-ee, 2020]
 - Vertex time resolution ($\sigma_{VTX} \sim \sigma_{TRK} / \sqrt{N_{tracks}}$) and clock synchronization $\ll 5 \text{ ps}$



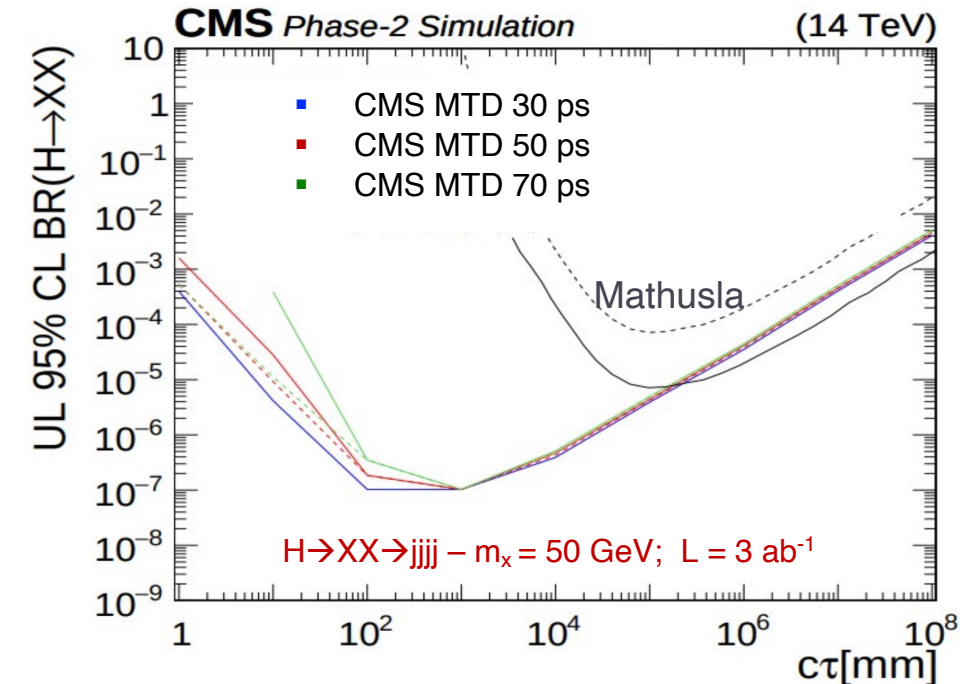
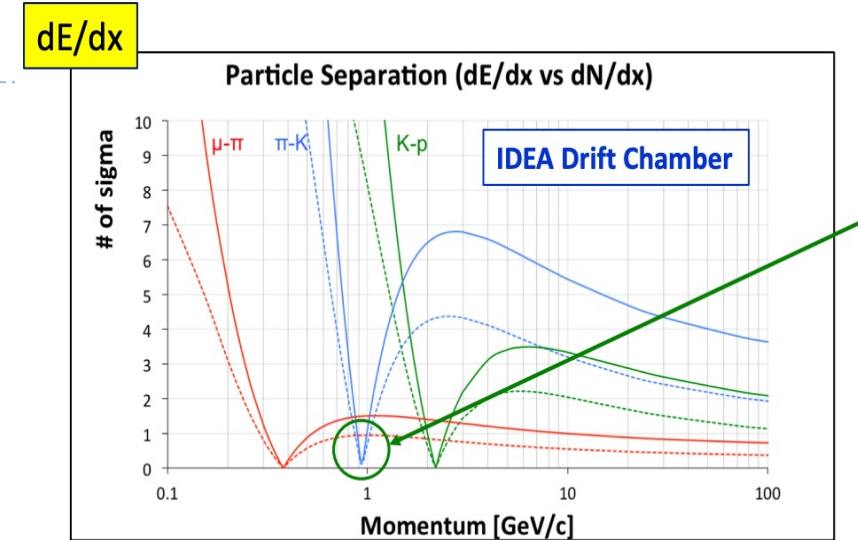
Use case 2: time-of-flight

Hadron identification for flavour physics jet flavour tagging

- Compelling physics case at e+e- (and potentially at future heavy ion and hadron colliders)
 - [Wilkinson & Monteil, FCC-ee, 2020, Bedeschi *et al.*, 2202.03285]
- Future e+e- detectors largely rely on dE/dx (or dN/dx) and Cherenkov for PID
- A TOF detector providing an “unchallenging” resolution of **O(100 ps)** at **2 m** could cover the “ π/K cross-over window” at ~ 1 GeV, where dE/dx is blind.
- Moreover,
 - TOF could provide redundant π/K separation up to ~ 5 GeV
 - TOF also provides vertex timing ($\sigma_{Vtx} \sim \sigma_{TOF} / \sqrt{N_{tracks}}$)

Long lived particles

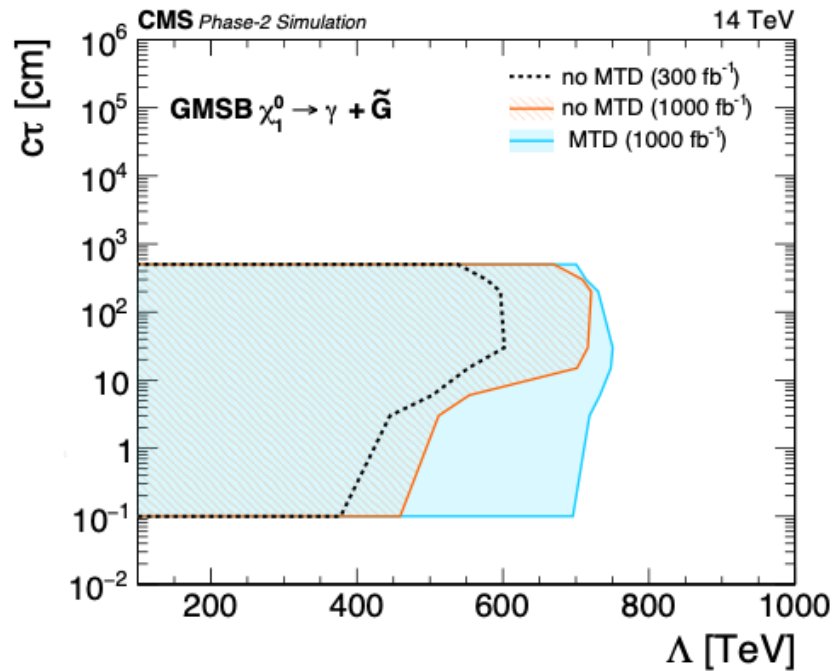
- One of the leading concepts for probing the highest mass scales in BSM models
- Although the sensitivity increases with time resolution, the large multiplicity of final state topologies softens the requirements on time resolution [CMS MTD 2019, CMS MTD 2022]
 - Plot shows the sensitivity to a heavy X scalar decaying to jets using time information from the CMS MTD at 1 m from the vertex
 - No time information from calorimeters is used
- Which window will remain open after HL-LHC?



Use case 3: calorimetry

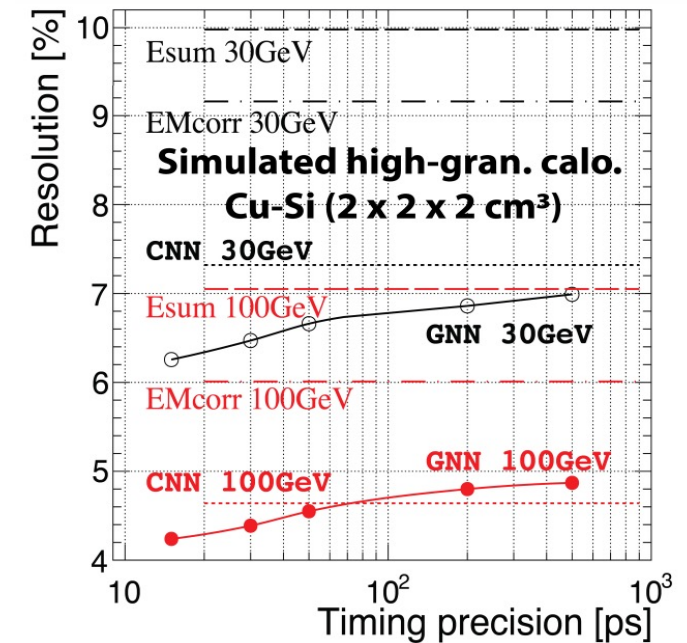
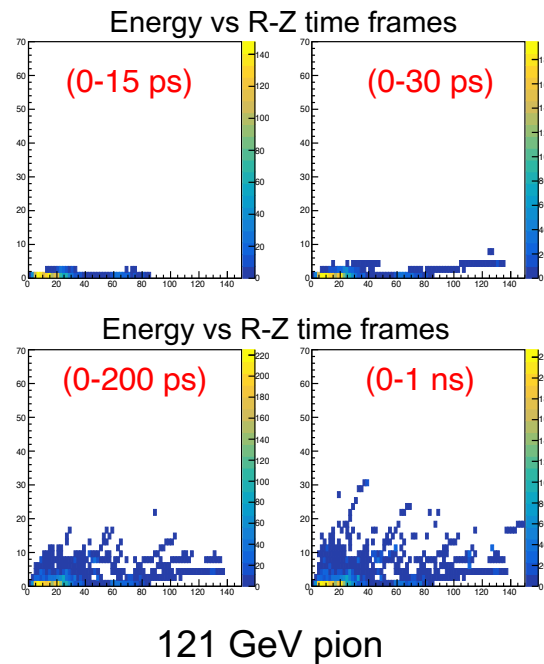
Extend LLP searches to neutrals (time-of-flight of showers relative to vertex)

- Example: HL-LHC with 30 ps resolution for photons
- Sensitivity at short $c\tau$ limited by timing resolution, with dominant contributions from:
 - Beam spot size w/o vertex timing
 - Shower time resolution w/ vertex timing
- Which window will remain open after HL-LHC?

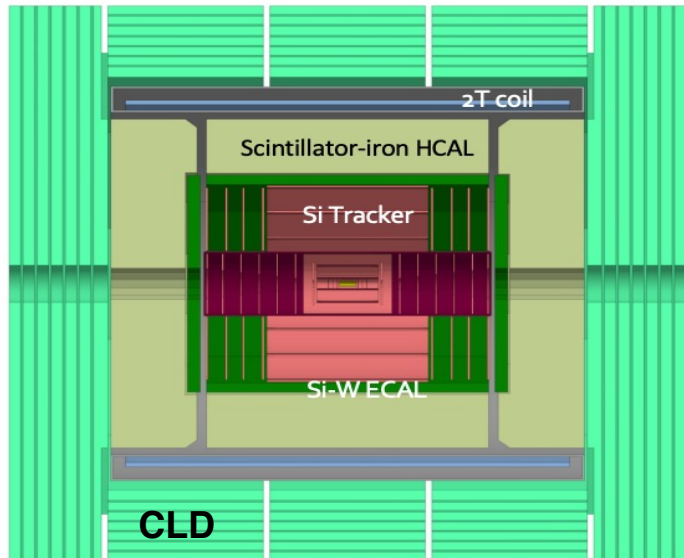


Add time information to hadron shower reconstruction (timing within the shower)

- Pion energy resolution improves while progressively including shorter time slices in the energy estimates (GNN)
 - $O(10 \text{ ps})$ / cell for significant resolution gain over CNN cluster energy sums [N. Akchurin, ECFA Symposium, 2021]
- Can also improve linearity, particularly important for ultra-high-energy colliders such as FCC-hh



Integration: where and which timing detector?



▶ **Track-time embedded in the (silicon) tracker**

- ▶ Vertex timing

Not compelling for $e+e-$
Likely needed at FC-hh
(crowded environment)

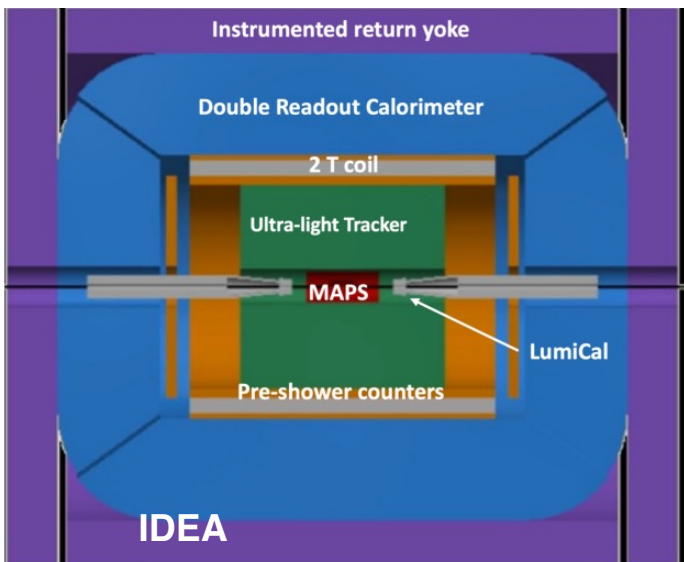
▶ **Designated TOF detector in front of the calorimeter**

- ▶ Vertex timing + PID from TOF + LLPs sensitivity

▶ **Calorimeter with front section sensitive to MIPs**

- ▶ Vertex timing + PID from TOF + LLPs sensitivity **including neutrals**

Clear physics case at $e+e-$
Required resolution is being
achieved in large systems
for the HL-LHC upgrades



▶ **Whole calorimeter**

- ▶ Jet energy reconstruction

As attractive as challenging

▶ **Time information at the trigger level – not covered**

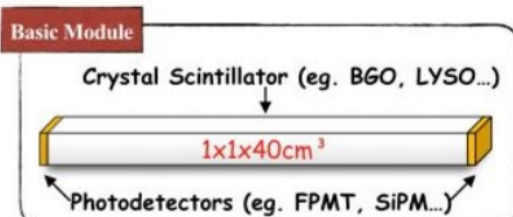
- ▶ It might be useful at FC-hh for early background filtering
but no compelling evidence from HL-LHC studies

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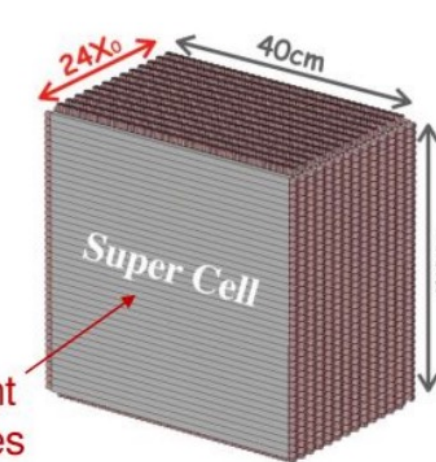
- ▶ **Calorimetry: “all-in-one” option for e+e- collider detectors**
 - ▶ Timing of showers + TOF in the front layers of the calorimeters
 - ▶ E.g., crystals for high-resolution EM calorimetry
 - ❑ **~25 ps/MIP** in LYSO-SiPM before radiation^(*) [[CMS MTD 2104.07786](#)]
 - ▶ Or silicon pads in a Si-W calorimeter:
 - ❑ < 30 ps/shower [[CMS HGCaI 2018](#)]
 - ❑ **~200 ps/MIP** with Si diode w/o internal gain^(*) [[N.Akchurin et al., 2017](#)]
 - ❑ **~30 ps/MIP** with Si diode w/ internal gain (LGADs)^(*) [[CMS MTD 2019](#)]
 - ▶ May add timing everywhere for improved jet energy reconstruction
 - ▶ Very attractive concept but challenging timing resolution and integration (power and service hungry detector) for significant gain in resolution
- ▶ **Supplemental vertex timing capabilities from tracker may be needed in high occupancy events (FCC-hh)**
 - ▶ Time measurement embedded in the tracker or vertex detector
 - ▶ “light / thin technologies” on small surface (cost and power effective)
 - ▶ E.g., 3D silicon pixels as proposed for the LHCb upgrade [[LHCb U-II 2021](#)]

Concept for an e+e- EM calorimeter [[Y.Liu @IAS2021](#)]

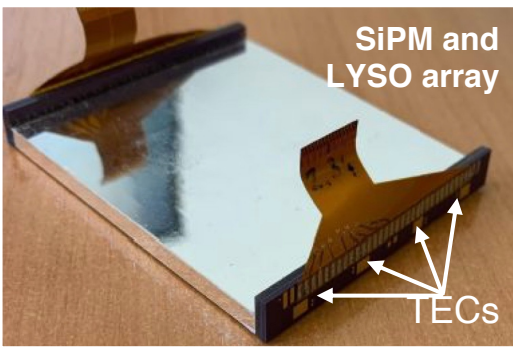
Basic Module



Crystal Scintillator (eg. BGO, LYSO...)
1x1x40cm³
Photodetectors (eg. FPMT, SiPM...)



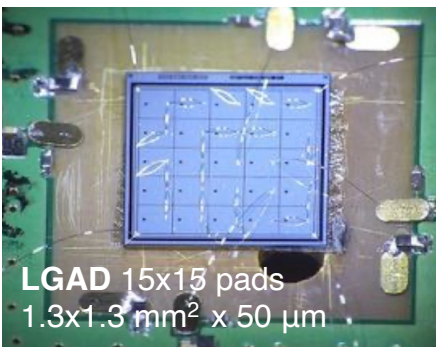
Super Cell
Incident particles



SiPM and LYSO array
TECs

CMS MTD Barrel module

- ~ 1 kW/m² (~50% from SiPM radiation damage)



LGAD 15x15 pads
1.3x1.3 mm² x 50 μm

CMS MTD Endcap / ATLAS HGTD sensors

- ~ 5 kW / m²

- ▶ **Timing requirements for e+e- detectors are, in general, relatively loose and can be matched by existing technologies**
 - ▶ Current HL-LHC upgrades provide viable solutions for the integration of a TOF detector in the (front layers) of a calorimeter
 - ▶ Integration aspects and the interplay with other subsystems (e.g., Cherenkov systems at and of tracker) need dedicated effort

- ▶ **The measurement of the time evolution of showers can potentially improve the hadron energy measurement**
 - ▶ Very attractive concept requiring precision timing over large area with challenging integration requirements (power and services)
 - ▶ Need scientific, conceptual, and technical progress for ultimate performance with O(10 ps) timing of the shower development

- ▶ **Requirements on timing resolution for background suppression at future hadron colliders are likely similar or tighter than at HL-LHC**
 - ▶ Resilience to radiation damage at unprecedented levels needs to be studied
 - ▶ Some (current) technologies are already hitting their limits at the HL-LHC