



## **The High Granularity Timing Detector of the ATLAS Experiment**

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### LHC and HL-LHC



- Increase of the luminosity -> Upgrade : HL-LHC (2019 and 2024)
- More luminosity -> see signal with a smaller cross section
- HL-LHC : Instantaneous luminosity :  $L \approx 5 \times 10^{34}$  *cm*<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> Integrated luminosity (2037) : $\int L \approx 3000$  *fb*<sup>-1</sup>



Simulation of the pile up in Atlas for 200 events



- Pile-up : interaction happening during the same bunch crossing as the event we are interested in
- Create track and calorimeter cluster that could be associated by error to the event of interests
- Affect the signal reconstruction and can create fakes
- Increase of the instantaneous luminosity -> increase of the pile up
- Run2 : 20-60 pile up interaction in ATLAS (per bunch crossing)
- HL-LHC : 200 pile up interaction in ATLAS



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### **Precise timing measurement?**

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- Silicon based detector (PN junction)
- Particle go through the detector  $\rightarrow$  creation of electrons-holes pairs
- The drifting of those pairs create the signal
- Timing resolution inversely proportional to (Signal/background)
- LGAD sensors : Silicon detector with a gain : extra PN junction in the detector  $\rightarrow$  high electric field -> showering -> Gain
- Expected time resolution : 30 ps (60 ps after irradiation)

### **Principe of the timing measurement**

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### **Hits multiplicity**

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- Single muons with a flat distribution in R have been used to study the hit multiplicity in the detector
- More hits need at low radius to balance the timing resolution  $\rightarrow$  Study of the hit multiplicity
- Result consistent with the one obtain previously :
	- $\sim$  2 hits at large radius (R>320 mm)
	- $\sim$ 3 hits at low radius (R<320 mm)
- Oscillation at low radius : period  $\approx$ module size
- For different radius the **timing resolution** is computed : it is the sigma of the distribution of  $t_{reco} - t_{truth}$

### **Pileup-jet rejection**

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- Rejection of pile-up jets done using  $R_{\text{pt}}$  (PU -> low  $R_{\text{pt}}$ )  $R_{PT} = \frac{\sum P_T^{track}}{P_T^{Jet}}$  $P_T^{Jet}$
- Effect of the  $R_{pt}$  reduce for high PU
- Use the HGTD to remove the track not in time with the primary vertex
- Recover the barrel performance of  $R_{pt}$ in the endcaps

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ITk + HGTD / ITk

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### **b**-tagging

- Studies of H->bb need a way to identify jets coming from  $b \rightarrow$ *b*-tagging
- *b*-jets -> displaced vertex -> large  $z_0$ window -> very sensitive to pileuptrack contamination
- HGTD -> reduction of the PU contamination -> Improvement of the *b*-tagging efficiency

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### **Isolation des Leptons**

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- Pileup-robust when using only tracks from primary vertex
- Not robust to merged/close-by vertices
- HGTD can mitigate the merged vertices problem by associating a time to each track
- Computed with full simulation and different time resolution
- Track isolation used in many analysis with leptons to fight QCD background
- Isolated lepton -> Lepton that come from the studied process (and not from showering)

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### **Conclusion**

**Timing information can enhance the ATLAS detector capabilities** under **HL-LHC** conditions :

- Assigning time to tracks can improve offline physics
	- Lepton isolation, b-tagging, pileup-rejection ...
- Can also be used for luminosity mesurement, studies of non-collision beam background, ...

#### The HGTD was optimise to minimise the inefficiency and the **timing resolution for each tracks**

- Helix\_2 geometry with two layer which are mirror image of each other
- Sensor on both side of the cooling plate with an overlap of 80% for R<320 mm and 20% for R>320 mm

#### **This detector as been officially approved as an Atlas Phase-II upgrade Project last March.**

# Backup

### **Forward detector**

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- Forward detector :  $2.4 < |n| < 4$  (between 2° and 10° from the beam axis)
- In the forward region the resolution of the tracker on the position of the vertices decrease
- It is much more likely to have merged vertex in this region
	- Forward detector :
		- Useful for the VBF production of the Higgs in which the Higgs is produced with 2 forward jets
		- Can be use to increase the η region in which some analysis are perform
		- Can provide luminosity measurement that can improve all the analysis

### **Layers Geometry**

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- Illustration of the implementation of the HGTD in the simulation
- Each black rectangle correspond to a modules. The with space correspond to the noninstrumented region
- Inter modules dead zones as function of the radius :
	- 4 mm for 80% overlap
	- 16 mm for 20% overlap

### Dead zones in the **HGTD**

- Between each stave there is a 1 mm dead zones
- Between each half circle there is a 3 mm dead zones (in the simulation one between each quadrant)
- Dead zones align between layer 1 and 2 -> the particle can be completely lost -> mirror symmetry between the two layer
- 0,7% of the muons with a flat distribution in eta go through the detector without interacting

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### **Hits multiplicity**

- Single muons with a flat distribution in R have been used to study the hit multiplicity in the detector
- 3 overlap scenarios :
	- 20% overlap everywhere
	- 20% overlap for R>320 mm and 50% for R<320 mm
	- 20% overlap for R>320 mm and 80% for R<320 mm

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### **Number of layers**

- Number of hits per track in the HGTD as function of the number of layer
- Studies of the performance of the detector as function of the number of layer to optimise the cost
- After irradiation the timing resolution is worst at low radius so a geometry with 2 layer with 3 effective layer at low radius have been chosen

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### **Track matching efficiency**

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- One of the main objective of the HGTD is to remove PU track using timing information
- A way to associate hits in the HGTD to ITk track is need
- The tracks are extrapolated up to the HGTD then the closest hit (less than 5mm away) in each layer is associated to the track

- Matching efficiency defined as the probability of having at least one hit matched with the track
- Without PU it goes up to 95% at high  $P_T$  with PU the result are similar but 4% lower

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### **Luminosity**

- Knowing precisely the number of interaction per crossing is important :
	- Correction of the signal in the calorimeter
	- Luminosity already the dominant uncertainty in in (some) SM measurement
- High granularity detector in the forward region -> good luminometer
- Number of hits in the HGTD scale linearly with the number of vertex
- Non linearity :
	- Multihit  $\sim$  Solve by the low occupancy
	- Afterglow (background activity)  $\rightarrow$ can be determine with the time resolution by looking before and after the collision

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