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Timing detectors with 10 ps resolution

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We have developed particle detectors (QUARTICs) with 10 ps resolution, based on Cherenkov light in fused silica read out by micro-channel plate photomultipliers (MCP-PMTs) or silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs). Their geometry is edgeless, allowing an active area very close to the intense Large Hadron Collider (LHC) beam, with the photodetectors away from the beam to minimize radiation damage. They satisfy the requirements of a project to localize the collision point and study exclusive Higgs boson production at the LHC.

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