The High-Granularity Timing Detector for ATLAS at HL-LHC

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- The new HL-LHC environment:
 - 7.5× Nominal luminosity
 - Integrated luminosity up to 4000 fb⁻¹
 - 140 to 200 collisions per Bunch Crossing (BC)
 - 1.5 vertex/mm on average



Motivation for HGTD



- The new Inner Tracker (ITk) extends the tracking down to |η| ≤ 4, but it is very challenging to associate tracks at such high rapidity to the primary vertex using only spatial information
- Need z₀ resolution < 0.6 mm</p>



- Placed in front of the endcap calorimeter for pile-up mitigation (2.4 < $|\eta|$ < 4)
- Add time information to be combined with ITk position to improve pile-up rejection
- Provide a 1% luminosity measurement in each BC





- Two endcaps located between the barrel and the endcap calorimeters
 - Two double-sided disks per endcap
 - Located at ± 3.5 m from the interaction point
 - Active radius 120 mm to 640 mm
 - Total radius 1100 mm







Radiation hardness



Detector segmented into three independently replaceable rings:



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Performance improvement with HGTD

- HGTD time information will allow to recover the performance in the forward region where the impact parameter resolution is lower:
 - Pile-up jet rejection
 - Lepton isolation





HGTD Modules

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HGTD Modules:

- 8032 Modules with 3.6M channels in total
- Two hybrids glued to the flex PCB
 - ALTIROC ASIC
 - LGAD silicon sensor
- 1.3 × 1.3 mm² pixels, 15 × 15 pixels per ASIC
- 2 × 4 cm² modules, 15 × 30 pixels per module
- ASIC contacting the cooling plate and wire bonded to the flex PCB





Time resolution



Main contributions to the time resolution on HGTD timing measurement:



Time Walk affecting the TOA measurement

Non-uniform energy deposit along the path on silicon by a charged particle

Sensor signal jitter before the discriminator

LGAD requirements for HGTD

	Start	End	
Maximum Fluence	-	2.5×1015	[n _{eq} /cm ²]
Time Res. / hit	35	70	[ps]
Time Res. / track	30	50	[ps]
Collected Charge	10	4	[fC]
Hit Efficiency	97	95	[%]

- Clock jitter expected <15 ps
- TDC contribution expected to be negligible (<6 ps)

LGAD sensors

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Low Gain Avalanche Diodes (LGAD):

- **N-on-p** silicon sensors with p-type multiplication layer
- 50 μm thin active substrates, to reduce the landau contribution on the time resolution
- Gain at operational point ~10, to reduce noise and keep signal proportionality
- High Voltage bias limited to 550 V (E>11 V/µm) to avoid damaging the sensor
- **Carbon-enriched** sensors diminish the effect of gain loss due to irradiation (acceptor removal)









Beresford et al, 2023 JINST 18 P07030



urn mark on a CNM sensor after proton beam irradiation in Fermilab in 2018 (picture produced by CNM)

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ALTIROC



ATLAS LGAD Timing Integrated ReadOut Chip (ALTIROC):

- 130 nm node CMOS technology from TSMC
- 225 channels (15 × 15) readout providing Time of Arrival (ToA) and Time over Threshold (ToT)
- Luminosity measurement per Bunch Crossing
- Has to withstand 2MGy
- Minimum discriminator threshold of 2 fC
- Jitter < 25 ps for 10 fC (< 70 ps at 4 fC)

ALTIROC0: 1st prototype ALTIROC1: 5 x 5 pixel ALTIROC2: VPA/TZ preamplifiers, 15 x15 pixel ALTIROC3: Rad hard prototype, TZ only ALTIROCA: Preproduction ASIC



Hybrid performance

- Testbench measurement performed by AlVin (IFAE) and FADA (IJClab) readout
 - Characterization of ASIC, sensor and module flex
 - Quality Control (QC) on modules
 - IV curves
 - Lower threshold
 - Bump connectivity before/after thermal cycling
 - Jitter







efficiency from internal injection



Jitter measurement with 10fC internal injection

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HGTD module assembly





Bump connectivity



- Robust performance at single hybrid and module level
 - Thermal cycling on the climate chamber
 - Temperature range: -45 to 40 °C
 - Testing for module operation
 - Testing occupancy with ⁹⁰Sr



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Tests on single hybrid

ATLAS HGTD Preliminary

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Detector Units, Flex tails and PEB



- HGTD disks are comprised of four identical quadrants
 - Each quadrant has different Detector Units (DU)
 - Each module in the detector unit connects through a flex tail to the Peripheral Electronics Board (PEB)



Gluing



• The PEBs are located after the active radius of the detector

- Merge and translate copper-based lpGBT data transmission from various ASICs to optic lines interfacing FELIX readout card
- Provide ASIC power through a Point of Load DC/DC
- Monitor ASICs power and temperature





Test beam measurements



- Test beam measurements performed with AlVin on hybrids and sensors at SPS and DESY
- Tracking with MIMOSA telescope and Micro-Channel Plate (MCP) for time reference
- First results of efficiency and time resolution with ALTIROC3 (more on next talk by Salah)



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- HGTD aims to reduce the effects of pile-up
- LGAD:
 - Time resolution per hit of 35 ps and 70 ps after 2.5×10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm^2 irradiation
 - Pre-production started
- Module assembly procedure stablished with ALTIROC3
 - Hybridisation validation ongoing (bump connectivity)
 - Moving to ALTIROCA
- Hybrid measurements:
 - First promising results with ALTIROC3
 - First ALTIROCA and irradiated hybrids are being charaterized at test beam
 - Full module testing coming soon





Module testing procedure

Backup - Time resolution



$$\sigma_{T_{hit}}^2 = \sigma_{Landau}^2 + \sigma_{jitter}^2 + \sigma_{TW}^2 + \sigma_{clock}^2 + \sigma_{TDC}^2$$



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Backup – ALTIROC2 irradiation studies



- Study of the effects of irradiation
 - Up to TID 220 Mrad
 - 3 Mrad/h
 - Temperature 22 °C



• Jitter stays stable with the increasing Total Ionising Dose (TID):



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