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3D silicon sensors with columnar shaped electrode geometry for fast timing tracking detectors

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We present accurate and extensive studies on 3D-column silicon sensors, aimed at high-resolution space-time (4D) tracking for future collider experiments.

Such studies are a follow-up of the TimeSPOT-project and AIDAInnova initiative, where we developed 3D-trench silicon sensors, which have been proved to reach a time resolution around 10 ps rms up to extreme fluences (10^{17} neu/cm²).

In this study, three configurations, 1E, 2E, and 3E, based on a parallel electrode configuration are designed, simulated, and compared with the established parallel trench geometry. Additionally, the impact of varying pitch sizes (45 μ m, 50 μ m, and 55 μ m) on performance are investigated. The simulation methods (Synopsys TCAD, Geant4, and the simulation tools we developed –TFBoost, and TCoDe) are validated using data from recent test beam and TCT scans from a dedicated LASER setup at INFN Cagliari on the already available 3D-trench geometry. A layout of the final structures has been submitted to FBK for production. Expected performance are illustrated.

Primary experiment

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