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Precision Timing with the CMS MTD Barrel Timing Layer for HL-LHC

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The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector at the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is undergoing an extensive Phase II upgrade program to prepare for the challenging conditions of the High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC). A new timing detector in CMS will measure minimum ionizing particles (MIPs) with a time resolution of 30-40 ps for MIP signals at a rate of 2.5 Mhit/s per channel at the beginning of HL-LHC operation. The precision time information from this MIP Timing Detector (MTD) will reduce the effects of the high levels of pileup expected at the HL-LHC, bringing new capabilities to the CMS detector. The barrel timing layer (BTL) of the MTD will use sensors that are based on LYSO:Ce scintillation crystals coupled to SiPMs with TOFHIR ASICs for the front-end readout. In this talk we will present motivations for precision timing at the HL-LHC and an overview of the MTD BTL design, including ongoing R&D studies targeting enhanced timing performance and radiation tolerance.

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