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## Low Gain Avalanche Diode



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Si sensor technology	Approximate hit time resolution
Conventional	10 ns
LGAD	10 – 100 ps

#### **Open question:**

Equip ECAL or Si external tracker (SET) with the LGAD?

Allows to measure time of flight (TOF)

#### We study TOF effect on physics studies in the Monte-Carlo simulations

Particle identification (PID) is one of the applications of the TOF



### Basic principle of the TOF PID

#### Example for ILD@ILC



$$m = \frac{p}{\beta}\sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \qquad \beta = \frac{l_{track}}{TOF \cdot c}$$

pMomentum from the track fitI\_trackTrack length from the track fitTOFTime of flight from the LGAD Si sensors<br/>in the ECALβVelocitymMass of the particle

## Basic principle of the TOF PID



### **Challenges** of the TOF particle ID



## Estimating momentum

#### Momentum is calculated from:

- Track curvature ( $\Omega$ )
- Track slope in z direction (tan  $\lambda$ )
- Magnetic field  $(B_{z})$

$$p \sim |\frac{B_z}{\Omega}|\sqrt{1 + tan^2\lambda}$$

### **Issue:** Momentum **changes** along the track due to the energy loss! $p_{IP} \neq p_{ECAL}$

How does it effect PID and mass reconstruction?

## Estimating track length

Track length is calculated **assuming constant** curvature ( $\Omega$ ) and slope (tan  $\lambda$ )!

$$l_{track} = \left|\frac{\varphi_{ECAL} - \varphi_{IP}}{\Omega}\right| \sqrt{1 + tan^2 \lambda}$$

#### Issue:

**Curvature** of the track **is not constant** due to the energy loss.  $l_{track,IP} \neq l_{track,ECAL} \neq l_{track,true}$ 

It is tricky to calculate the track length precisely





$$TOF = t_{hit,closest} - \frac{|\vec{r}_{track,entry} - \vec{r}_{hit,center}|}{c}$$

- Consider time only of the closest ECAL hit to the track entry point
- Correct for the distance from the track entry point to the ECAL hit center
- → Sensitive to the single hit time resolution
- → Assumes speed of light in the ECAL



**TOF estimator #2** 

 $TOF = t_{hit, fastest} - \frac{|\vec{r}_{track, entry} - \vec{r}_{hit, center}|}{c}$ 

- Consider time only of the fastest ECAL hit to the track entry point
- Correct for the distance from the track entry point to the ECAL hit center
- → Sensitive to the single hit time resolution
- → Assumes speed of light in the ECAL







## Improving TOF particle ID



#### Bias is significantly reduced! But still some bias remains! Not crucial for particle ID, but ~100 off (1MeV vs 10keV) to precisely measure K mass

# Calibrating TOF with photons

- Check TOF estimation on photons:
- → track is a straight line
- → speed is c
- We know  $I_{track, true}$  and p is constant



TOF estimators show bias correlated with the  $\rm N_{\rm ECAL\ hits}$  and  $\rm E_{\rm photon}$ 

We are investigating **calibration factors** to **correct** for this bias



## Summary

- → Particle identification is an important tool for future Higgs factories
- → TOF can complement existing dE/dx particle ID tool
- Future Higgs factories with TOF particle ID can potentially improve PDG K<sup>±</sup> mass. But still need to understand absolute mass scale ~100 better

#### Future plans:

- Tune and calibrate TOF estimators to avoid biases and improve particle ID
- Derive required LGAD hit time resolution for physics analyses
- Study more realistic implementation of the electronics in the simulation
- → (smearing, digitization)
- Assess systematic uncertainties

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