

High-performance timing detector for the HL-LHC Upgrade of the CMS experiment at CERN

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LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO E FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTÍCULAS "**CMS** acts as a giant, high-speed camera, taking 3D "photographs" of particle collisions from all directions up to 40 million times each second."



14000-tonne detector situated underground in 1 of the 4 collision locations of the Large Hadron Collider at CERN

How the CMS detector sees a pp collision



High-Luminosity LHC 2025-2035 2015-2018 CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN



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~34 Interaction points Accumulated Luminosity: 150 fb⁻¹

~140 Interaction points Accumulated Luminosity: 3000 fb⁻¹ The much higher collision rates far exceed the CMS detector current

We **build a new** detector: **MTD** Minimum ionizing particles **T**iming **D**etector

Assign **charged tracks** to the **correct interaction vertices** by exploiting the fact that the individual interactions **do not** all **occur at** precisely the **same time** but over time with an rms of 180–200 ps

- → Preserve data quality at high luminosities
- → Built between Tracker and ECAL
- → Provide timing information for MIPs with resolution of 30-40 ps

→ New capabilities to CMS: identification of charged hadrons based on time-of-flight Heavy Ion physics and for QCD studies



Expected scientific impact of MTD

Signal	Physics measurement	MTD impact
H → γγ H → 4 leptons	 + 15-25 % stats precision on cross-section → Improve coupling measurements 	Isolation Vertex identification
$VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow TT$	 + 30 % stats precision on cross-section → Improve coupling measurements 	Isolation VBF tagging, p _T ^{miss}
НН	+ 20 % gain in signal yield → Consolidate searches	Isolation b-tagging
EWK SUSY	 + 40 % background reduction → 150 GeV increase in mass reach 	MET b-tagging
Long-lived particles	Peaking mass reconstruction → Unique discovery potencial	$\beta_{_{LLP}}$ from timing of displaced vertices

Overview of the Barrel Timing Layer





Representation of a **Readout** Unit



TOFHIR ASIC requirements Time-Of-Flight, HIgh Rate

Used for **acquisition** and **digitization** of the photo-sensor signals. In particular the circuit must:

- Perform the digitization of time and energy of the passing MIPs
- Reject lower energy particles, mainly photons from the ECAL
- Provide links for data transmission, fast and slow control
- Comply with radiation tolerance, power and operation temperature
- Integrate test features

It's LIP-CMS task to deliver this!

My **EPR work** has been focused on **testing** TOFHIR FEB



TOFHIR Front-end-board

Measuring the time resolution FEB's ASICs

MTD's Goal: time resolution of 30-40 ps

FEB testing strategy:

- 1. Use FPGA's test pulse
- 2. Calibrate Time-to-digital converter (TDC)
- 3. Perform two channel coincidences (CTR)

4.
$$TDC_{res} = \frac{CTR}{\sqrt{2}}$$

5. Is TDC_{res} within MTD's goal?

Front-end test pulse



Two Channel Coincidences

Jitter is introduced from FPGA test pulse, cables, FEB board...

Part of it is common to all channels

- 1. Inject **fixed phase** test pulse in any two channels of the ASICs
- 2. Measure TDC time on both channels
- 3. Compute the difference
- 4. Distribution of difference → **time resolution**

Coincidences on test boards vs FEB



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Summary

- The new MTD upgrade to CMS detector answers the challenge of the increased expected pile-up
- Current testing gives promising results
- More tests to TOFHIR are still taking place: such as laser pulse, single SiPM and beam tests