

A new dimension for ATLAS: A High-Granularity Timing Detector

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Overview



- LHC and the HL-LHC
- Upgrades to the ATLAS detector
- High Granularity Timing Detector
 - Motivation and Performance
- Low Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGADs)
 - Technology and current performance
 - Challenges and progress
- Design of the HGTD modules and layout
- Conclusions and outlook

The LHC

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• Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

CMS

- Swiss / French border (outside of Geneva)
- Proton proton collider 27 km circumference

Centre-of-mass energies (\sqrt{s}) = 7-14 TeV

- Instantaneous luminosity up to 2 x 10³⁴cm⁻²s⁻¹
- Proton bunch spacing of 25 ns
- 4 main experiments: ATLAS, CMS, ALICE, LHCb

LHC 27 m

ALICE

LHC and ATLAS

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 - ~ 10¹¹ protons per bunch
- Bunches cross every 25ns





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- Bunches cross every 25ns
- The centre-of-mass energy of the collisions:



• Increase in number of interactions per bunch crossing $<\mu> \sim 51$ in 2023



Bunch

Implications of the HL-LHC on ATLAS



- The HL-LHC is the world's flagship particle physics project during the next decades
- High Luminosity LHC: 2030 to 2042
 - Deliver up to 4000 fb⁻¹ integrated luminosity at 14 TeV
- To do this, increase in instantaneous luminosities:
 - Instantaneous luminosities up to L \approx 7.5×10³⁴ cm⁻² s⁻¹ (Run 2 ~ 2x10³⁴)
- Resulting impact of the conditions:
 - Pile-up $<\mu$ > = 200 interactions per bunch crossing (Run 2 ~ 34)



Challenges of HL-LHC Data-taking



- Z-> $\mu\mu$ candidate event with 65 additional reconstructed vertices from other interactions ($\mu \sim 90$)
- Average number of interactions per bunch crossing for 2023: $< \mu > ~ 51$
- Instantaneous Luminosity:
 - Challenges to online and offline detector performance



Mean Number of Interactions per Crossing



HL-LHC Challenges



- Why do we want $<\mu> \sim 200$?
- The HL-LHC promises 20 times today's dataset
 - 400 million Higgs bosons will be produced
- It would take us decades longer of running to reach the same size dataset
- What does <µ> ~ 200 mean in terms of a detector requirement in HL-LHC in maintaining similar performance:
 - Larger event sizes —> more collisions per bunch crossing, many more tracks, ...
 - Higher detector occupancy —> need a detector with higher granularity
 - Higher trigger rates —> re-design of our trigger architecture and readout system
 - Increasing reconstruction complexity —> Run more complex software online
 - **High radiation environment** —> need silicon with higher tolerances
- Requires the re-design of our current detector (or at least large parts of it) for our ATLAS HL-LHC physics programme

Upgraded ATLAS detector

 Major upgrades to the detector to achieve physics goals of HL-LHC



Trigger + DAQ Upgrade for higher rates 44m Electronics upgrades Additional 25m muon coverage **Tile calorimeters** LAr hadronic end-cap and forward calorimeters **Pixel detector** LAr electromagnetic calorimeters Toroid magnets Transition radiation tracker Solenoid magnet Muon chambers Semiconductor tracker

Fully silicon Inner Tracker (ITk) Coverage up to |η| = 4.0

HGTD silicon timing detector
Coverage from 2.4 < |η| < 4.0

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HGTD: ATLAS Phase-II Detector

Upgraded Inner Tracker of ATLAS (ITk)



• HL-LHC: Increased particle densities and radiation damage



Tracking in the HL-LHC



- Resolution in longitudinal direction (z) reduced in forward regions
 - Pile-up density (~1.6 vertices / mm) > z₀ resolution in forward regions
- Ambiguities in track-to-vertex information —> multiple tracks in the forward region can be associated to a given reconstructed vertex



- Physics and object performance reduced
 - Particularly in signatures with final state signals with $|\eta| > 2.4$

Using the time dimension



• Beamspot (luminous collisions) is spread in longitudinal direction and time



- Measure time of a track to improve track-to-vertex association for tracks $|\eta| > 2.4$
- Vertices have time spread of ~ 180 ps
- With 30 ps resolution for reconstructed tracks
 - Additional ~x6 pileup rejection
- Associate time to track using HGTD:
 - Reduce tracks in hard scatter (HS) jets from pile-up (PU) vertices
 - Reduce jets from pile-up vertices and stochastic jets



HGTD: High Granularity Timing Detector



- Active silicon area coverage: 2.4 < Inl < 4.0
- Both endcap regions outside of ITk
- Per track timing resolution of 30 ps 50 ps up to a fluence 2.5 x 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm²
- LGAD (Low Gain avalanche Detectors) of 50 μ m thickness with pad size: 1.3 x 1.3 mm²
- Sensors will be operated at -30 C
 - CO₂ dual-phase cooling system



Global view of HGTD





- Detector to be installed on each of two calorimeter extended barrels
- Two instrumented double. sided layers (mounted in 2 cooling disks)
 - Rotated by 15° with respect to one another



• Overlap between modules on inner, middle and outer ring

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Sensor and ASIC: HGTD Module



• HGTD *hybrid* modules:



LGADs

- <u>G. Pellegrini et al., NIM A765 (2014) 12</u>
- H. Sadrozinski et al., arXiv:1704:08666



- Low Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGAD)
 - Developed by CNM Barcelona and CERN RD50 collaboration



- Standard segmented N-in-P silicon detector with built-in p multiplication layer
- Results in high E field, avalanche region
- Moderate gain ~ 10 20 —> higher S/N
- Multiplication layer allows thinner detectors (35-50µm)
 - Fast charge collection (~1 ns)
 - Small rise time (~400 ps)



Excellent time resolution < 30 ps pre-irradiation

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HGTD: ATLAS Phase-II Detector

ALTIROC ASIC

- ALTIROC: ATLAS LGAD Timing Integrated ReadOut Chip
- Have to withstand high radiation levels
 - 2.0 MGy at the edge of non-replacing ring
- Each single readout channel needs to fit within the sensor pad
- Preamplifier and a discriminator to capture LGAD signal
- Provide **TOA and TOT** for timewalk correction (Vernier TDCs for timing)
- Timing data and hit flag stored in **local registers**
- Local data aggregated column wise and sent until *L0 Accept* with a latency up to 35 µs
- Provide luminosity in hits per ASIC per bunch crossing



- Provide strict jitter requirements < 25ps @ 10fC / 65ps@4fC
- Discriminator threshold minimum of 2fC





ALTIROC2: first full-sized prototype



Time to Digital Converter (TDC) for TOA



• Vernier delay configuration with two delay lines:

- Time resolution of 20ps: difference between delay of cells in each slow and fast line
- Time measurement can be made over 2.5 ns window centred on bunch crossing
- Time of Arrival (TOA) given by bin where STOP signal passes the START



• Timing ASICs require a high power consumption ~ 300 mW / cm²

- Strict requirements on CO₂ dual phase cooling ~ ASIC power 4 times the LGAD sensors
- No power used for TDC in case a signal is not detected

Luminosity

- Occupancy will be linearly correlated with the number of interactions
- Sum the hits over each region to reach a sufficient statistical accuracy to provide an online measurement

• Information sent at 40 MHz:

• Every bunch crossing independent of the ATLAS L0 Accept



Luminosity uncertainty one of the leading uncertainties in precision measurements



HGTD: ATLAS Phase-II Detector



 $\sigma_{total}^2 = \sigma_{Landau}^2 + \sigma_{jitter}^2 + \sigma_{timewalk}^2 + \sigma_{TDC}^2 + \sigma_{clock}^2$



Sensor





 σ_{Landau}^2 • Landau fluctuations from deposited charge as charged particle traverses the sensor: < 25 ps pre-irradiation: thin sensors



Simulation of signals in 50-um LGAD

N. Cartiglia PSD 12



Sensor + ASIC



Figures taken from 1704.08666

Largest components from jitter (total target < 25 ps)



ASIC + Readout

$$\sigma_{total}^{2} = \sigma_{Landau}^{2} + \sigma_{jitter}^{2} + \sigma_{timewalk}^{2} + \sigma_{TDC}^{2} + \sigma_{clock}^{2}$$

 σ^2_{Landau}

$$\sigma_{jitter}^{2} = \left(\frac{t_{rise}}{S/N}\right)^{2}$$

$$\sigma_{timewalk}^{2} = \left(\left[\frac{V_{thr}}{S/t_{rise}}\right]_{RMS}\right)^{2}$$
• TDC granularity
• Clock distribution: < 10 ps

DRD7 meeting

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LGAD R&D for hybrid detector



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 - LGAD bump-bonded to an ASIC



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Jitter of a preamplifier:



• Thickness of LGADs

- Tested LGADs down to ~ 35 μm active Si:
- Smaller rise time, faster signal, less impact due to Landau fluctuations
- Smaller bias voltages —> less power required (better for cooling)
- Large capacitance with thinner sensors $(C_d) \longrightarrow ~50 \text{ um} = 4 \text{ pF}$

• Depth and design of multiplication layer

- Gain limitations due to noise (< 100)
- Gain layer depth (up to 2.5 μ m)
- Implant width (up to 1-2 μm)
- Different materials —> Boron or Gallium
- Additional impurities —> Carbon



Time resolution < 70 ps Collected Charge > 2.5 fC

Radiation damage



- Occupancy < 10 % even in the innermost part of the detector + position resolution
 - Size of the sensing element 1.3x1.3 mm²
- Sensors will be operated at -30°C to mitigate impact
 - CO₂ cooling
- Radiation damage is a main concern
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- Replacement of inner most part of sensors to keep good performance (every 1000 fb⁻¹)
 - Maximum fluence of 2.5×10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm² and 2 MGy



Radius [cm]

Simulation of HGTD



• QCD dijet event showing HGTD hits and trajectories of charged particles



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LGAD radiation studies

- Sensor irradiated campaigns:
 - Neutrons at IJS (Ljubljana)
 - Protons at PS-IRRAD (CERN)
- Up to fluences of 6 \times 10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm^2
- Bias voltage increase recovers Gain loss due to higher fluences



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• Higher fluences result in losses of efficiency for a certain charge



Radiation hardness of LGADs

- With irradiation (fluence > 1.5e15 n_{eq}/cm²): the effective doping in the gain layer is significantly reduced
 - Due to the 'acceptor removal' process —> loss of free carrier concentration in p-type silicon
- LGAD gain layer reduction with radiation damage



 Studies of different gain layer designs, doping materials and C-enriched substrates

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• Least loss in gain from Boron + Carbon

G. Paternoster, TREDI 2019

Acceptor removal

- Quantify the acceptor removal coefficient (c-factor) from Capacitance-Voltage (CV) measurements
 - Identify the gain layer depletion voltages (V $_{gl}$) before and after irradiation

$$V_{GL,\Phi_{eq}} = V_{GL,0} \exp(-c \cdot \Phi_{eq})$$



• Optimization of dopants, depth, concentration of gain layers from various vendors and runs

• Carbon enriched wafers achieve lowest acceptor removal coefficient



Extensive R&D for ATLAS + CMS





LGAD studies

• R&D phase over several years of LGAD testing in lab and testbeam

- Tests of radiation-hardness up to maximum fluence:
 - Use of different designs and doping materials
 - Carbon implanted gain layers
- Carbon implanted gain layers reduce impact of irradiation
 - Larger charge collection at similar bias voltages
- Optimization of carbon enrichment dose and diffusion techniques to target acceptor removal coefficient







800

Efficiency [%]

Single Event Burnout (SEB)

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- During testbeam campaigns in 2017, 2018, and 2019 several sensors lost
 - All with fluences above $1.5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$
- No incidents in lab testing (laser or Sr90)
- Many testbeams trying to capture event





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ATLAS HGTD Preliminary















- A single beam particle was found to be responsible for the fatality
- Field collapse in the presence of high concentration of free carriers is the probable cause
 - Irreversible breakdown at high voltages

https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/18/07/P07030/pdf

Defining safe operation



- 2020 and 2021 campaigns at DESY to quantify this issue
 - Detailed collaboration with vendors, RD50 and CMS ETL
- Able to determine a safe operating operating zone dependent on thickness



 Apply voltage < 550 V for a 50 μm sensor

• Additional constraint for HGTD



LGAD performance in lab

- Lab measurements using Sr90 source
 - Collected charge (> 4 fC) and time resolution (< 70 ps) criteria met
 - Many sensors need to be pushed **beyond safe limits** to achieve performance necessary for HGTD
- Focus on verifying carbon implanted sensors can meet HGTD criteria
 - Reduce the required bias voltage to achieve similar performance (lower V_{bias} with same thickness)





Test beam performance



• Boron + Carbon gain layers meet all requirements of the LGAD sensors at highest fluence



HGTD will use only carbon implanted LGAD sensors from IME

HGTD large scale testing

- Testing of full sized objects on-going towards production
- Hybridization and module assembly testing
 - Source scan after thermal cycling



ATL-COM-HGTD-2024-005



• Module gluing and loading onto detector units



- - Full scale read-out tests using the demonstrator at CERN

 Peripheral electronics board testing



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Challenges and Potential: Vertex to determination



- Challenges of HGTD: No coverage in central region of detector
 - Very difficult to associate time to hard scatter vertex

• R&D: Use Machine Learning technique to determine HS vertex time (t₀)

- Kalman filter for track extrapolation
- Collect all tracks spatially compatible (in Δz) with selected PV
- Cluster them using their measured times



Roadmap



- The HGTD will mitigate pile-up effects and improve object/physics performance and provide a luminosity measurement for ATLAS
- Intense R&D program on LGAD sensors over the last 5+ years
 - Single-pad / 5x5 and 15x15 arrays tested in lab and testbeam
 - During the last years we have profited from a very open and fruitful collaboration with RD50 and CMS colleagues
- < 50 ps per hit achievable up to 2.5 x 10¹⁵ neq/cm² with 50 μ m thin LGAD sensors
- HGTD is moving into the full scale system tests and production phase
 - Exciting and challenging project for ATLAS
- Silicon timing is a very active area of detector R&D for HL-LHC and beyond
 - Many areas of research continues

Additional Slides





Data Recorded at ATLAS





ATLAS detector





Motivation for HL-LHC

• Fully exploit the physics potential of the HL-LHC:

ATLAS Preliminary

 $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Non-resonant HH

---- bbτ+τ-

Combined

🗕 – bbγγ

Asimov data ($\kappa_{\lambda} = 1$)

Baseline

- Extensive tests of SM at the TeV scale
 - Precise measurements of Higgs couplings, including self-coupling
 - Precision SM measurements
- Searches for new physics

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-2Δln(L)

• Higgs as a portal to the dark sector

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0.04

0.06

0.08

0.1

Expected uncertainty

Total

Theory

 κ_{γ}

 κ_W

 κ_{Z}

κ_q

κ

 κ_{b}

 κ_{τ}

κμ

 $\kappa_{Z\gamma}$

0

2 σ

1 σ

8

Kλ

Statistical

Experimental

Snowmass White Paper

Uncertainty [%]

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1.5 0.7 0.6 1.2

2.5 0.9 0.8 2.1

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 $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ per experiment}$

HL-LHC Projection

ATLAS and CMS

Testbeam Setup

- DUTs: LGADs sitting inside a cooling box
- SiPMs: for timing reference which sit in a separate cooling box (closed to light)

(a) Sensors under test

- Mimosa planes: Telescope used for tracking position / efficiency
- Fel4 + Scintillator: used for triggering
- Trigger Logic unit receives signal from FE-I4 and scintillator and sends signal to oscilloscope and NI-crate to save data

LGAD Sensor Studies

- Several on-going LGAD R&D studies at various HGTD Institutes:
 - Laboratory testing (IV,CV)
 - Laboratory dynamic testing (β,α,laser)
 - Testbeams with pions or electrons
- Time resolution analysis
 - Measure spread of ToA with well known devices (LGAD / SiPMs)
 - Time walk corrected via amplitude/ToT correction or Constant Fraction Discrimination

LGAD Technology

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• Up to 8" wafers in production

- 35 and 50 μm active thickness on substrate (50 μm default for HGTD)
- Tested B and Ga for highly doped multiplication layer
 - Carbon for improved radiation hardness
- Junction Termination Extension (JTE) on all sensors
 - Controls E-field against early breakdown
 - No multiplication layer between pads

G. Pellegrini et al., Status of LGAD production at CNM, 30th RD50 Workshop, Krakow, Poland, 2017

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LGAD Requirements for HGTD

- Testing various LGAD vendors: IHEP-IME, USTC-IME, CNM, FBK, HPK
 - Different doping materials, substrates, thickness

• Requirements on LGAD sensors:

- Detector can withstand the lifetime of the HL-LHC running:
 - Maximum fluence: 2.5×10¹⁵ neq/cm² and TID: 2 MGy at the end of HL-LHC (4000 fb⁻¹)
- Average time resolution: 35 ps (start), 70 ps (end) per hit / 30 ps (start), 50 ps (end) per track
- Collected charge per hit > 4 fC
- Hit efficiencies of 97% (95%) at the start (end) of their lifetime

IHEP-IME

FBK-UFSD 3.2 (2020)

- Full-sized sensor composed of 15x15 pads
- Extensive R&D in lab and test beams
- Focus on more radiation hard performance

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Full-sized Sensor Tests

• Study of performance full-sized LGADs (15x15) from various vendors

- The production of uniform gain layer on large devices has been shown for several vendors
- $\bullet~V_{gl}$ and $V_{foot}\,studies$

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Sensor studies: doping

 Gain and charge as a function of bias voltage for a CNM LGAD with different doping doses of the multiplication layer.

- CNM single-pad sensors and arrays
 - With and without JTE
 - Medium and high doping

• Time resolution of sensor of 30 ps achievable

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Sensor studies: doping

- Different doping profiles: Boron, Carbon, and Gallium
 - Fluences up to 3 x 10¹⁵ neq/cm²
- Boron and Boron+Carbon showing the best performance
 - Gallium also contains a very high leakage current —> higher power

Sensor studies: time resolution

- Time resolution as a function of neutron fluence
 - HPK 50D at breakdown (VBD) and with headroom (VHR) at -20 °C
 - Headroom defined to be ~ 10 % or more below breakdown
 - HPK B35 at VBD
- Time resolution found to be 20 ps before irradiation and 50 ps at 6 x 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm²

Sensor studies: bias voltage vs radius

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• Given the fluence vs. R dependency:

- Bias voltage of sensors will need to be adjusted during detector lifetime
- Required bias voltage vs. fluence for different fluence levels at R = 300 mm
- A rapid increase is seen between:
 - 1 x 10¹⁴ and 3 × 10¹⁴ n_{eq}/cm^2

- Increase bias voltage over lifetime of detector and as a function of R
- Also include replacement of inner section

Sensor studies: bias voltage vs radius

• Given the fluence vs. R dependency:

- Bias voltage of sensors will need to be adjusted during detector lifetime
- Power density increased with higher fluence

Annealing studies: initial studies

• No significant differences in annealing performance

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 Studies continue on inter-pad gap, B+C dopants, deeper multiplication layer

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Arrays: efficiencies vs threshold

- Signal amplitude for un-irradiated and irradiated 6 × 10^{14} n_{eq}/cm²
 - Signal amplitude is reduced after irradiation
- Signal efficiency vs the amplitude threshold
 - Efficiency drops much quicker for irradiated LGAD with higher threshold

 Hit efficiency as a function of collected charge at a noise occupancy of 0.1 % and 0.01%

HGTD Test beam Sep. 2017

Unirradiated, 120 V, 20°C

6×10¹⁴ n_{eo}/cm², 250 V, -21°C

Sensor + ASIC: Jitter

Collected Charge [fC]

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Sensor studies: charge and time

• Collected charge and time resolution for HPK 50 μm at -30 C

- CC of 1 fC for all fluences, 2.5 fC up to 3 x 10¹⁵ n_{eq}/cm²
- 50 ps achievable up to 3 x 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm² with 2.5 fC collected charge

Arrays: 15 x 15 pads

- Studies of 15 x 15 LGAD arrays on-going (half-size of final sensor)
- Microscope photo of an HPK-ATLAS Type 3.1 15×15 array.

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• V_{BD} map of a 15 × 15 HPK type 3.1 array

- Measurement at room temperature
- Neighbours and GR floating
- Excellent uniformity observed
- Feasibility of large-size LGAD arrays demonstrated

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Arrays: efficiencies and time resolution

• Hit efficiency (left)

- Time resolution (right)
 - Top: Un-irradiated
 - Bottom: $6 \times 10^{14} n_{eq}/cm^2$

- Efficiency ~ 100 %
 - Inter-pad gap slightly more efficient after irradiation
 - Voltage threshold is 3 times larger than the noise (~5mV)

Mechanics and Assembly

- Detector mechanics and infrastructure were designed taking into account the severe constrains of space to accommodate the detector
 - Services need to be routed in the gap between the barrel and end-cap calorimeters, sharing the space with ITk
- HGTD hermetic vessel made of carbon fibre composite sandwich structure

- Temperature inside vessel: -35C.
- To avoid condensation, heaters will be placed on HGTD cover and LAr cryostat wall

Services routed along the end-cap calorimeter face

Challenges and Potential: High precision timing

- Associating the correct time to all hits/tracks in a given event
- Contributions from time of flight of particles and from collision time offset from the LHC
- Calibrations needed to correct for short and long variations

- Global sketch of the the full HGTD system with LHC clock distribution to each pixel block
- Contributions will need to be very well understood and calibrated

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Object Performance

- Track candidates from ITk are extended to HGTD using a progressive Kalman filter
 - Extrapolation resolution when using last silicon hit < 1 mm
- Improved performance of objects beyond ITk-only scenario
 - Pileup jet rejection
 - b-tagging and light-jet rejection
 - Lepton isolation

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