

A New proposal for the EIC Detector R&D Program

Precision Timing Silicon Detectors for a Combined PID and Tracking System at EIC

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Who are we – Heavy ion physics at RHIC and the LHC

RICE: Frank Geurts, Wei Li, Shuai Yang

- CMS Mip timing detector (MTD), STAR MRPC-TOF

KU: Christophe Royon

- CMS Mip timing detector (MTD), NASA-ANGILE (LGADs)

ORNL: Constantin Loizides

- ALICE BTU

Close collaboration with eRD24 team and CMS MTD collaborators

(A. Apresyan, N. Cartiglia, T. Liu etc.)

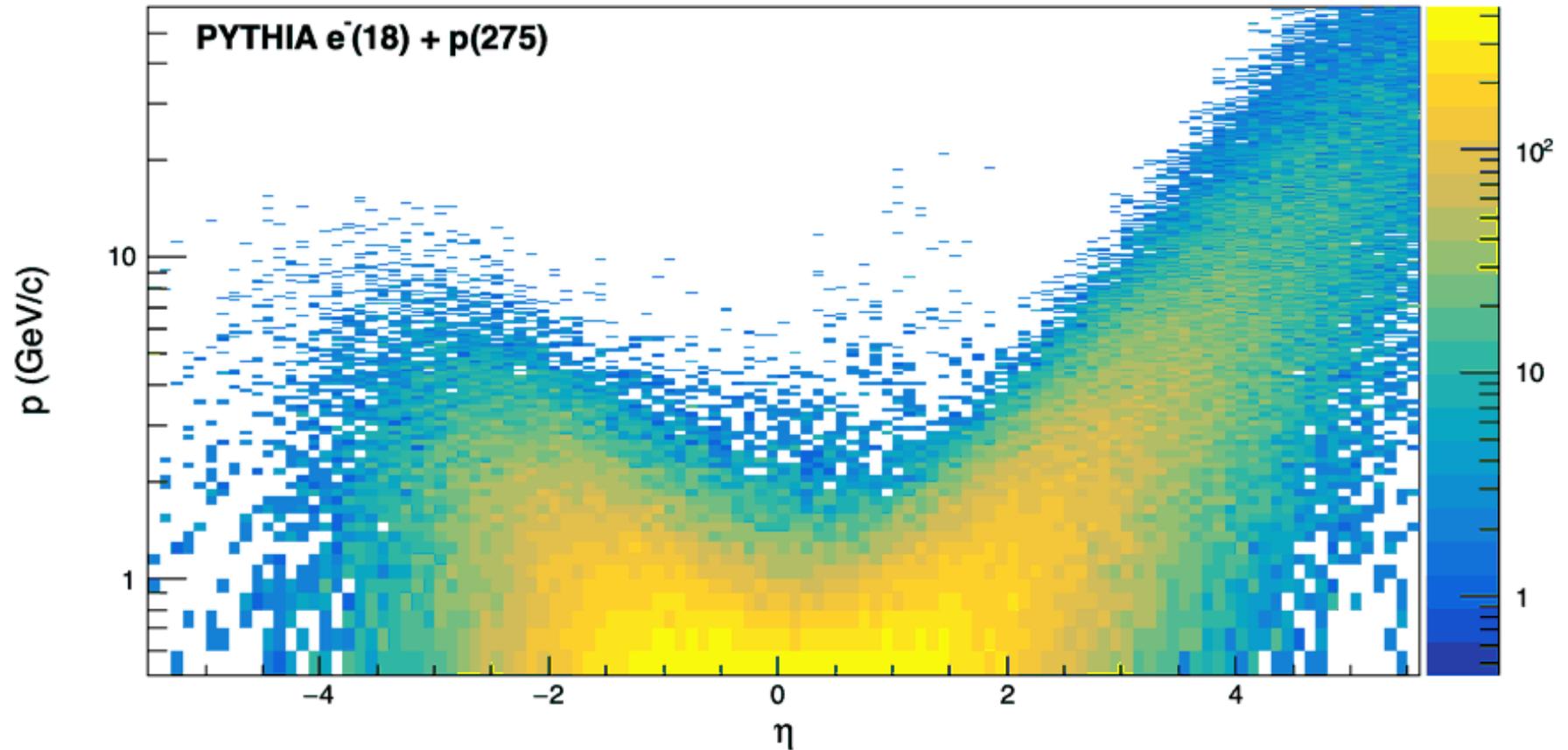
Outline:

- Overview of PID techniques at EIC and their complementarity
- LGADs and application at the CMS endcap timing layer
- Limitations of present LGADs
- R&D paths and proposed work
- Proposed budget

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- **Collectivity**
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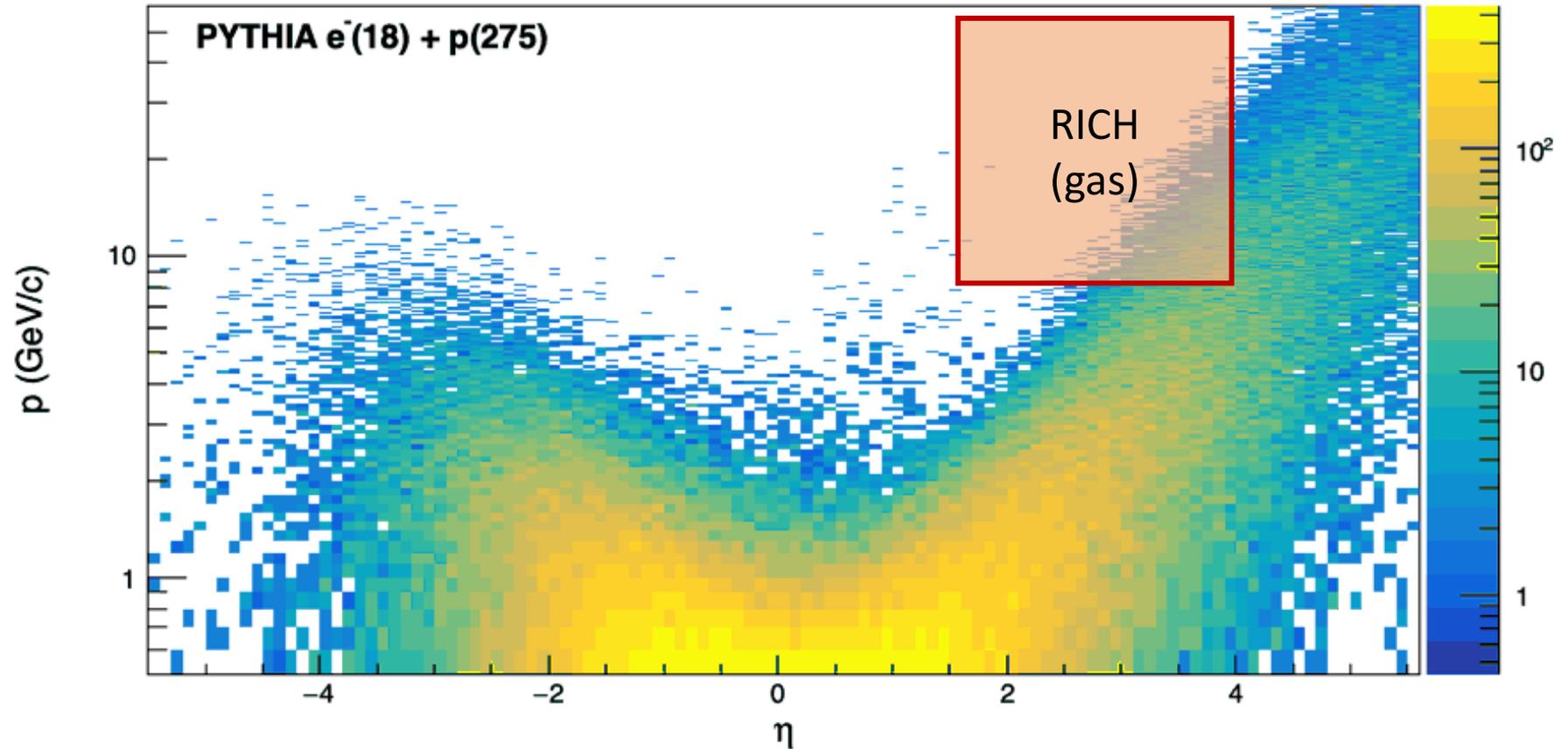
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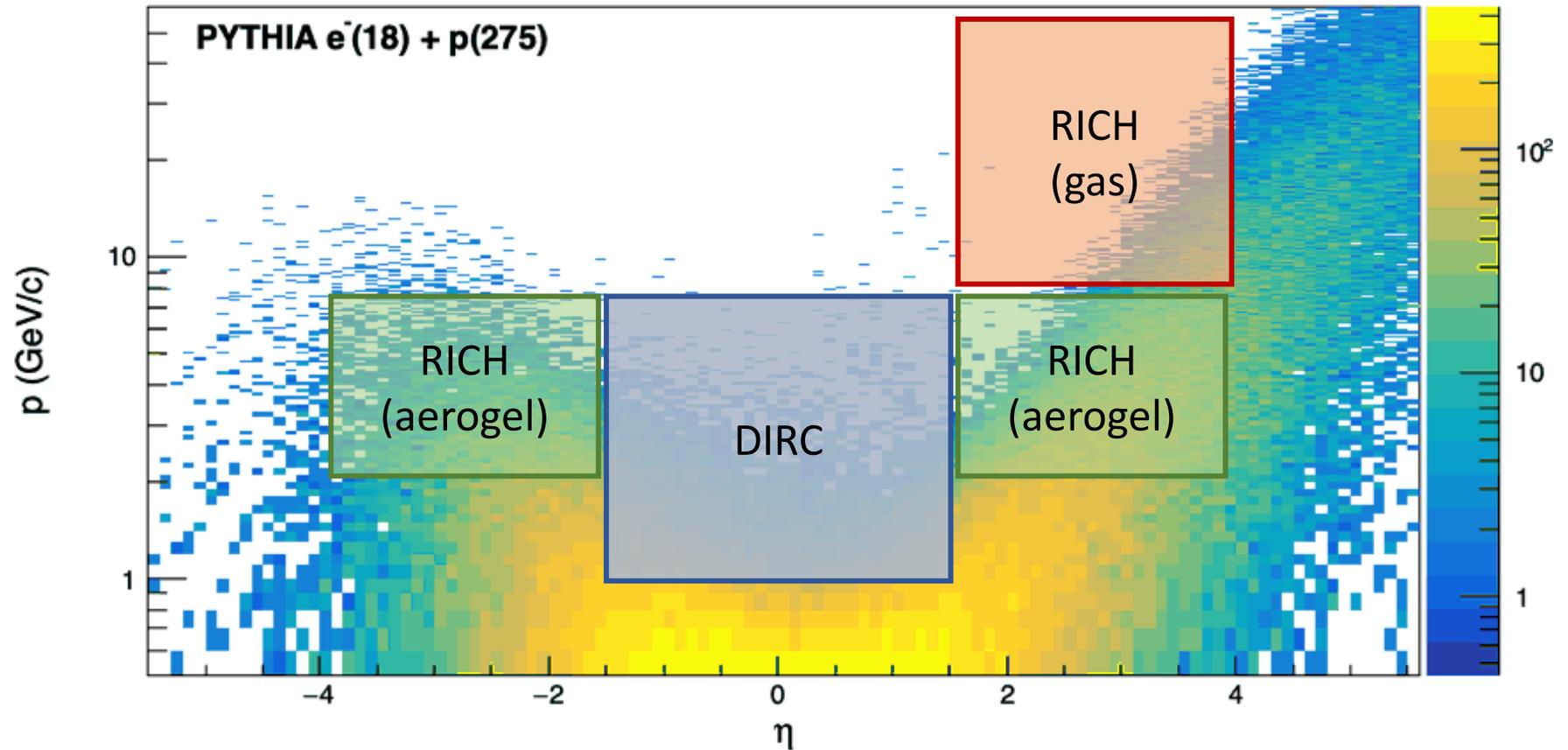
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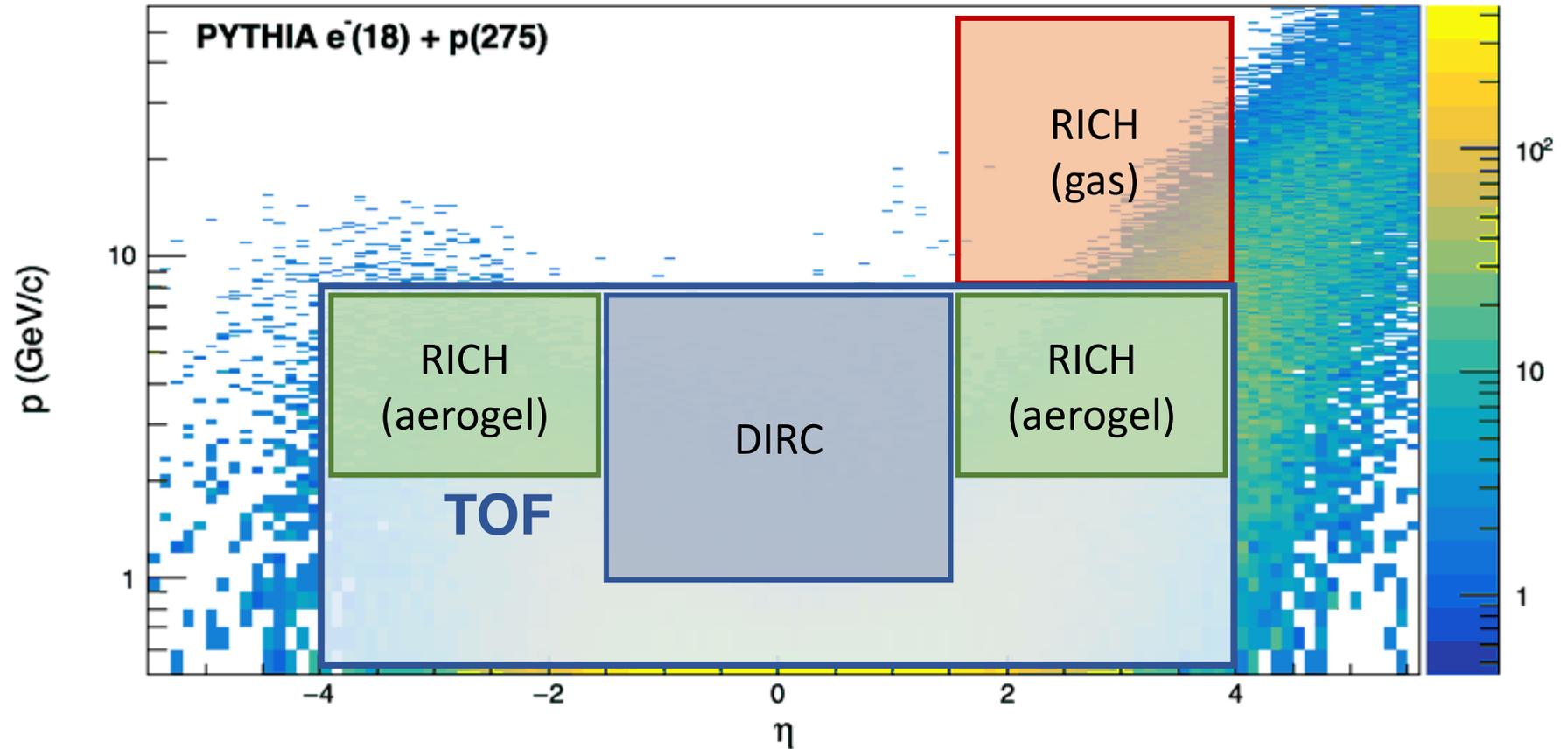
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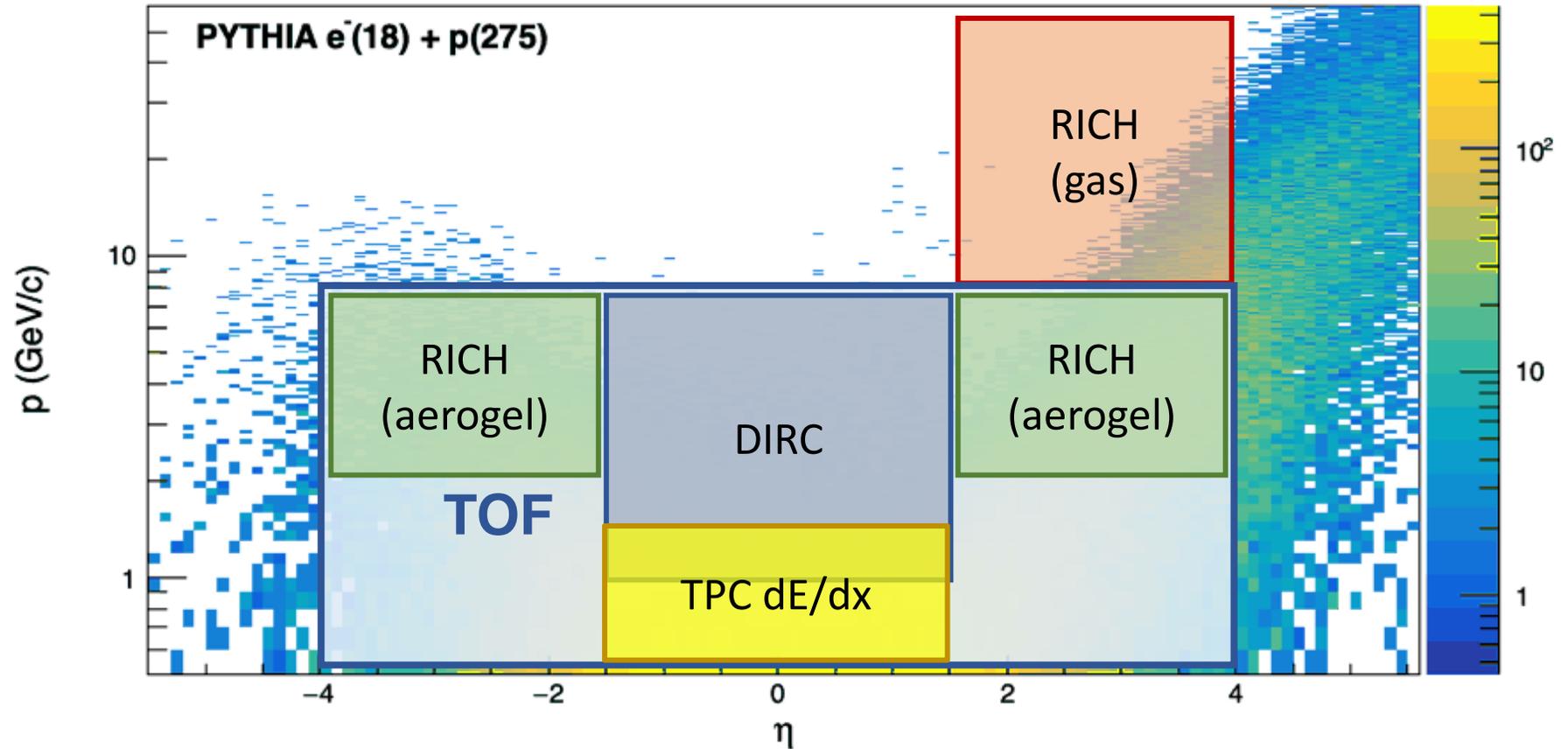
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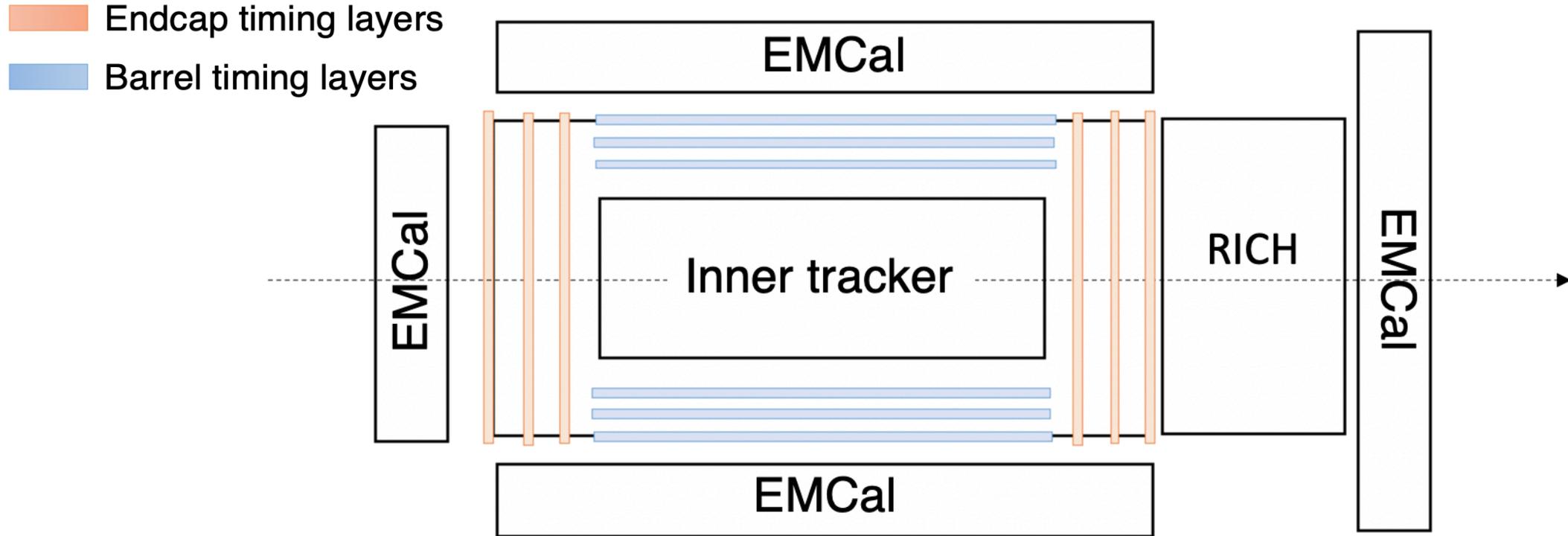
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LGADs silicon sensor: low gain avalanche diodes

- Potential to combine TOF and (partially) tracker in one system
- Lots of R&Ds at the HL-LHC to synergize

TOF-tracker PID with LGADs at EIC

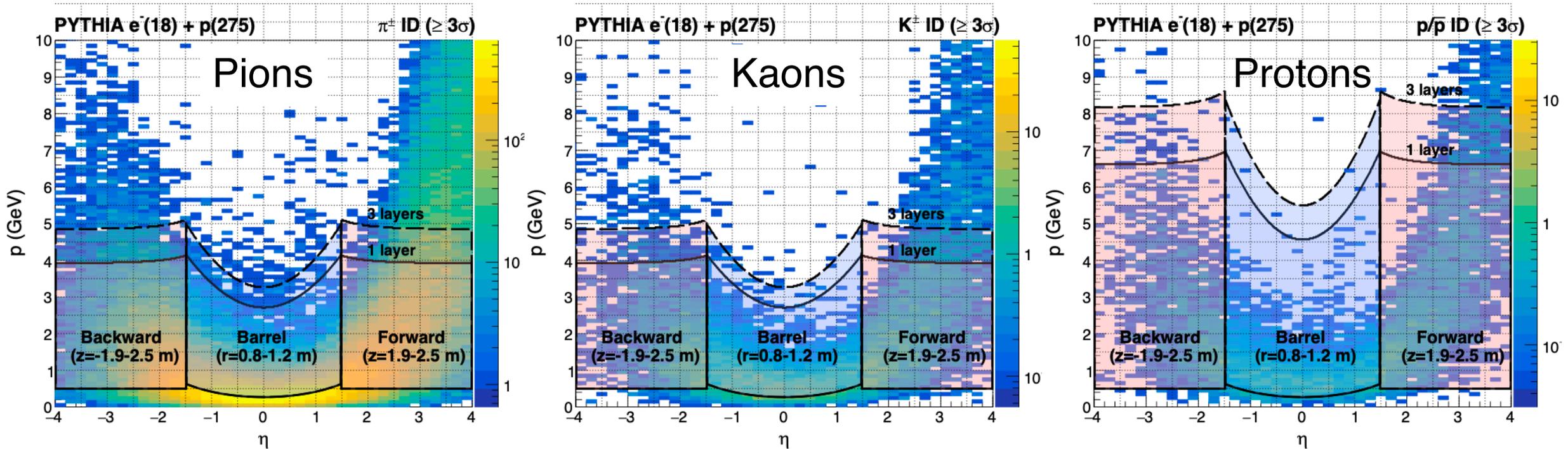


Timing layers outside inner tracker as both TOF and outer tracker

- ❖ presently not considering timing layers for the inner tracker due to too short flight distance and the requirement of low material budgets

TOF-tracker PID with LGADs at EIC

- Time resolution: $\sigma_T = 20$ ps / layer
- Flight distance: $L_{\text{half}} \sim 2$ m, $r \sim 1$ m



Cover a wide phase space of PID required at the EIC

A Hermetic TOF for CMS at the HL-LHC (2028)

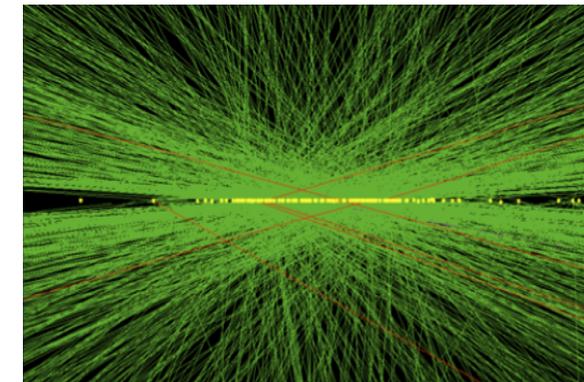
Barrel Timing Layer (BTL): $|\eta| < 1.5$

- **LYSO bars + SiPM readout**
- Thickness ~ 40 mm
- Surface: ~ 38 m²; Channels: 332k
- Radiation: 2×10^{14} n_{eq}/cm²

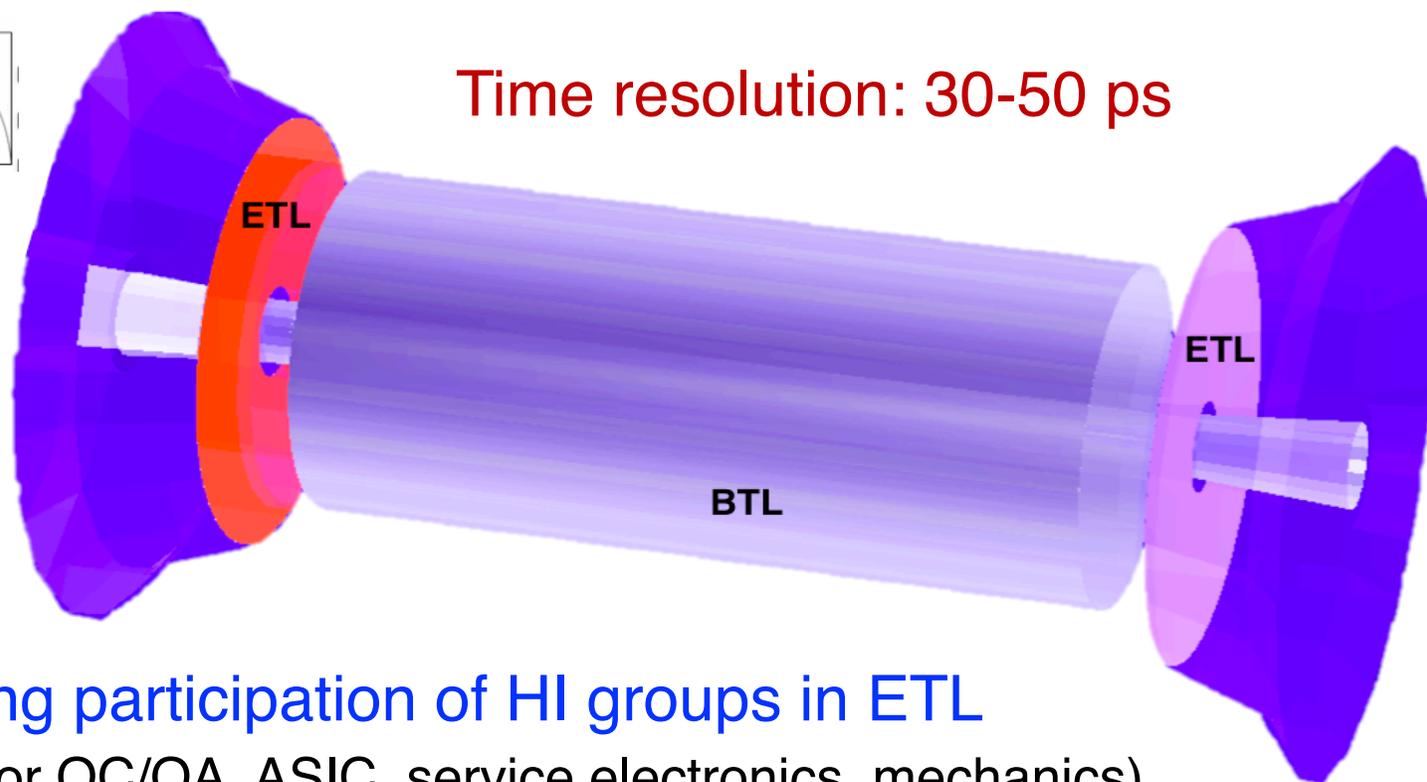
Endcap Timing Layer (ETL): $1.6 < |\eta| < 3.0$

- **Si with internal gain (LGAD)**
- Thickness ~ 45 mm for two layers
- Surface: ~ 15 m²; Channels: 8.5 M
- Radiation: 2×10^{15} n_{eq}/cm²

Pileup mitigation in pp



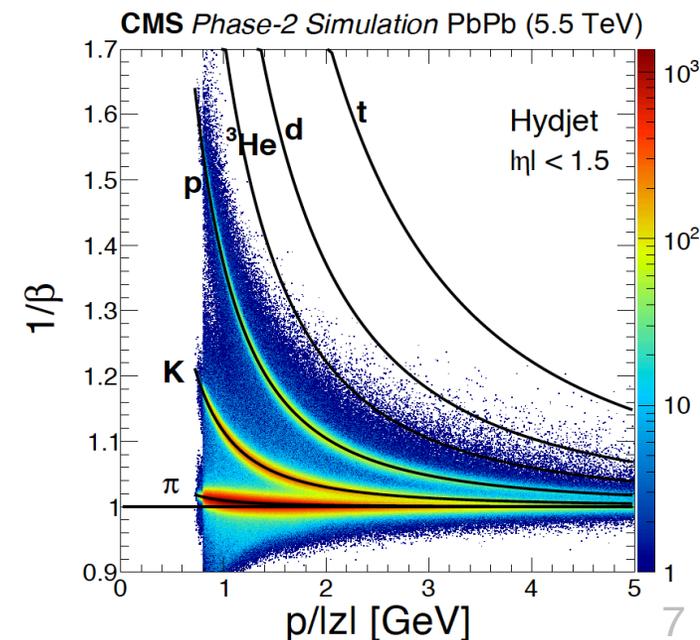
Time resolution: 30-50 ps



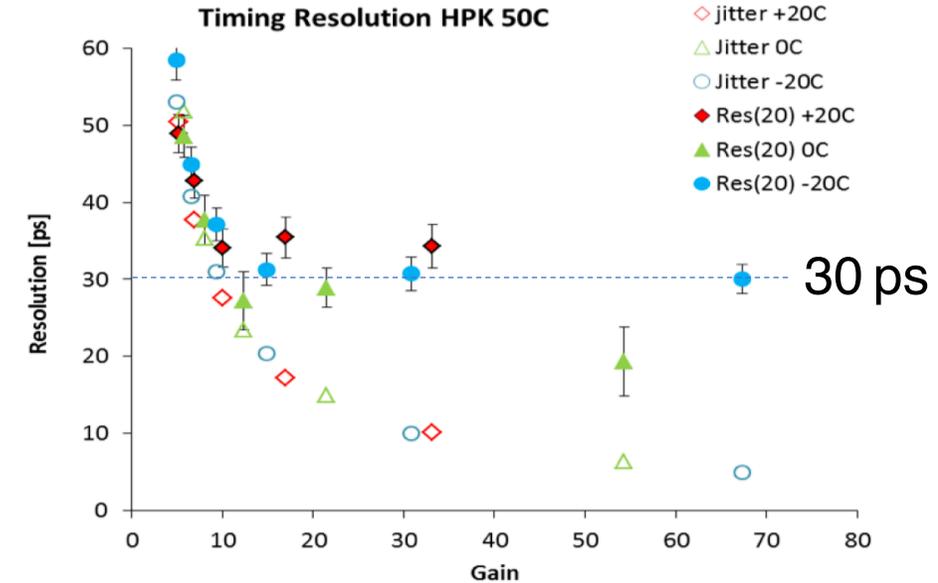
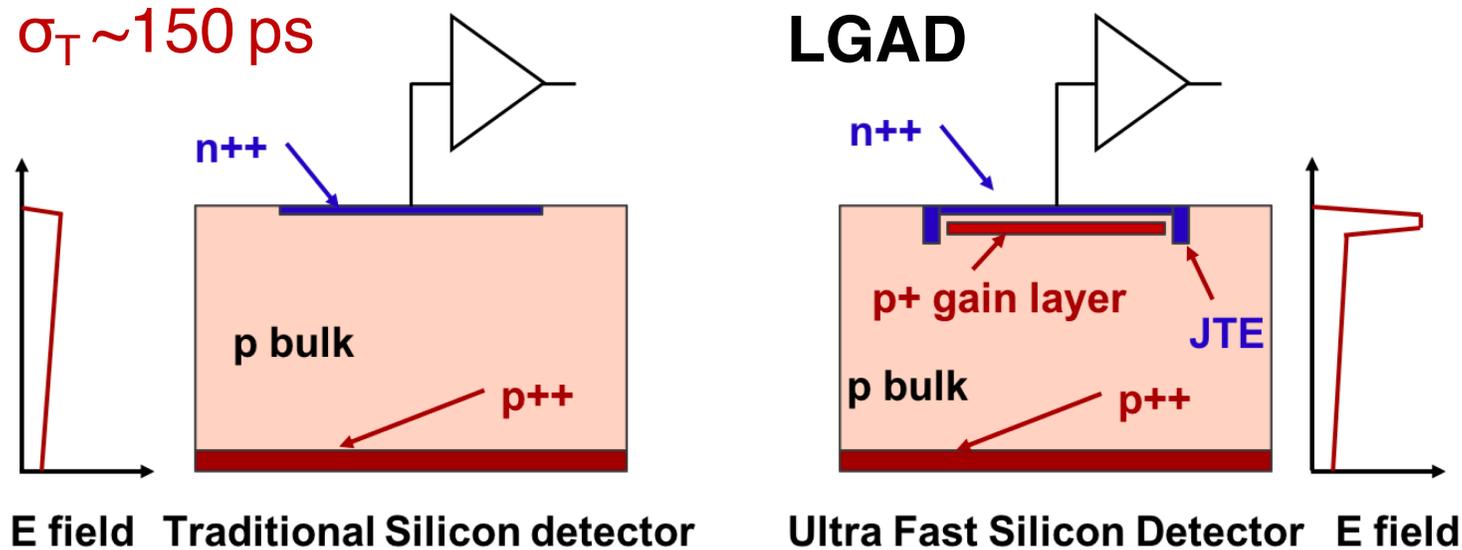
Strong participation of HI groups in ETL

(sensor QC/QA, ASIC, service electronics, mechanics)

Particle ID in HI



CMS Endcap Timing Layer (ETL)

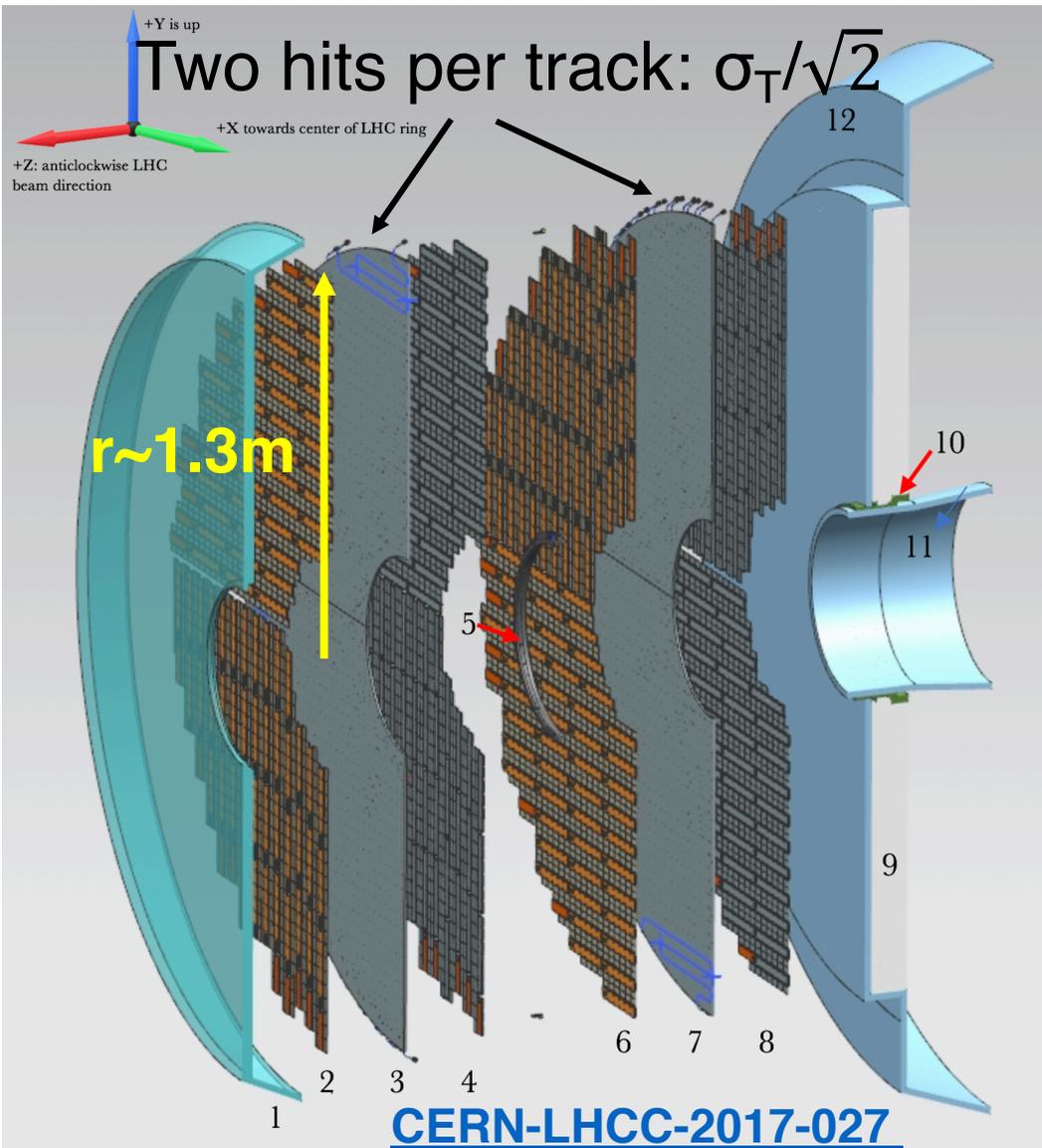


LGAD sensor for CMS ETL:

- Pixel size: 1.3 x 1.3 mm²
- Thickness: 50 μm
- Time resolution: $\sigma_T \sim 30-50$ ps (over the lifetime of HL-LHC)

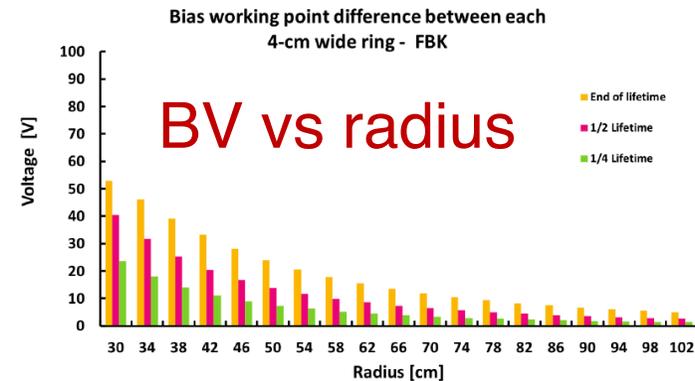
Vendors under consideration: HPK (Japan), FBK (Italy), CNM (Spain)

CMS Endcap Timing Layer (ETL)



Many challenges to overcome:

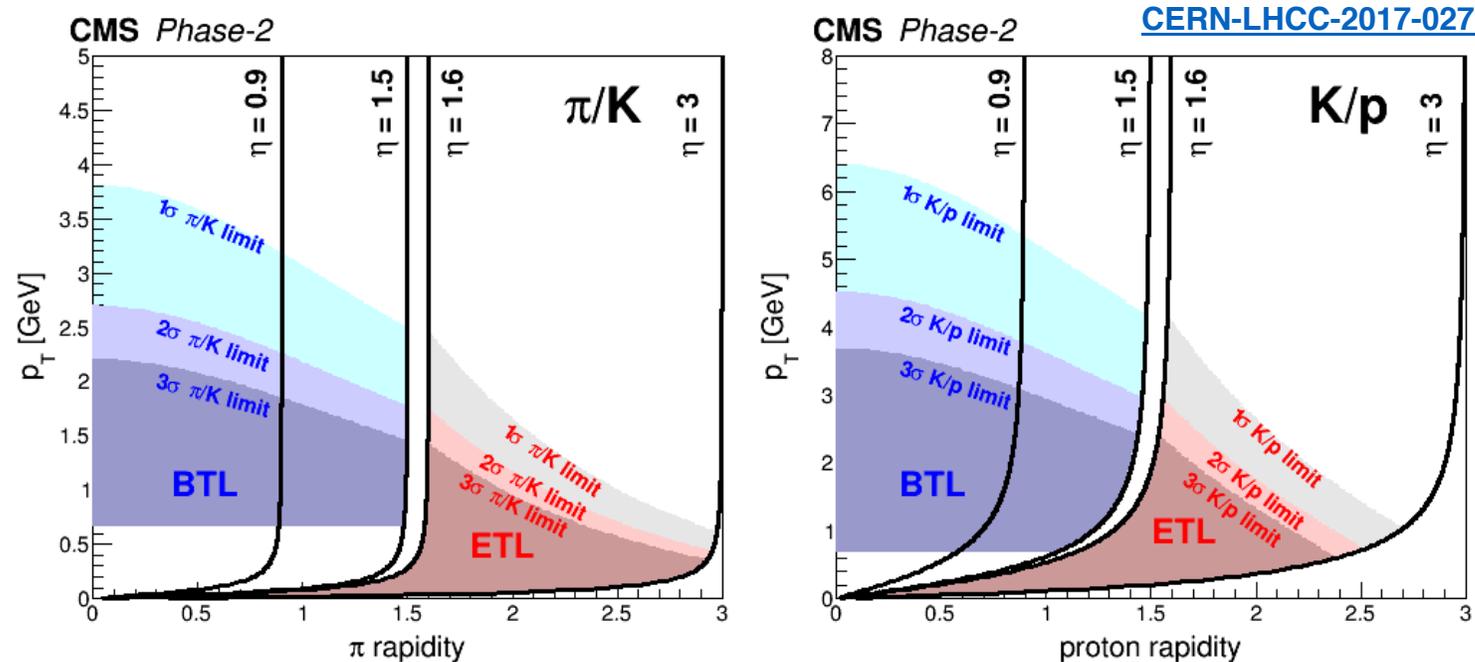
- ASIC chips: $\sigma_T \sim 30\text{ ps}$
- Clock distribution jitter: $\sigma_T \sim 10\text{ ps}$
- Radiation-hard: $\sim 2 \times 10^{15}\text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$



- Magnetic field tolerant: 4 T
- Mechanics and integration: $2.25\text{cm} / \text{layer}$
- High DAQ rate: $\sim \text{MHz}$



Performance for PID with CMS-MTD



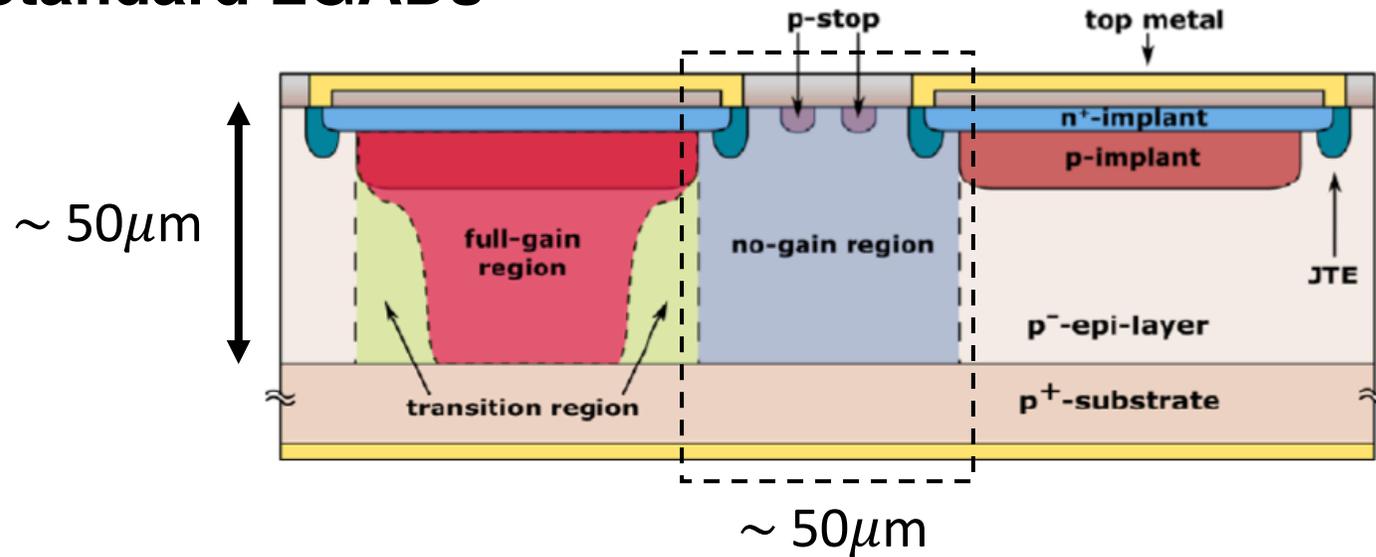
- p_T coverage comparable to STAR/ALICE
- **Unique wide η coverage**

A large coverage, LGAD-based TOF(-track) at EIC

- Significant synergies to leverage with the HL-LHC upgrade
- **Advantage of no radiation constraints at the EIC**

Limitations with CMS/ATLAS LGADs

Standard LGADs



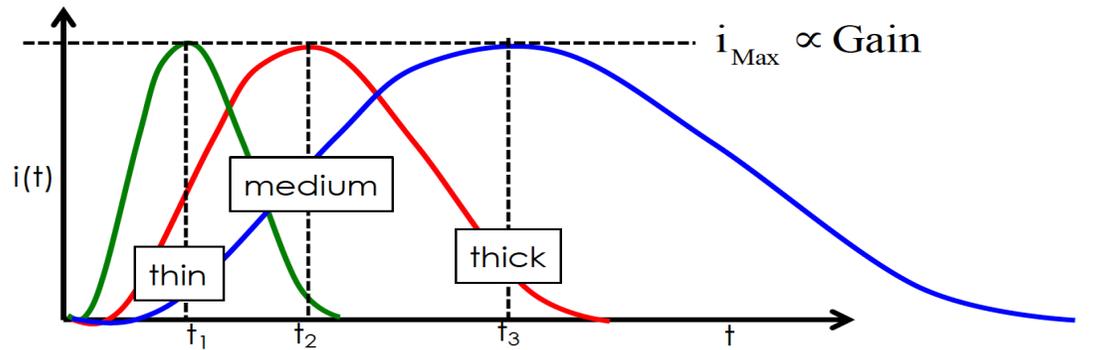
- a) Time resolution ≥ 30 ps – *limited by thickness (rad. hard)*
- b) Pitch size $\geq \sim 1$ mm – *limited by no-gain region*

Not yet sufficient for TOF and/or tracker at the EIC

R&D paths toward the EIC detector

(a) Time resolution

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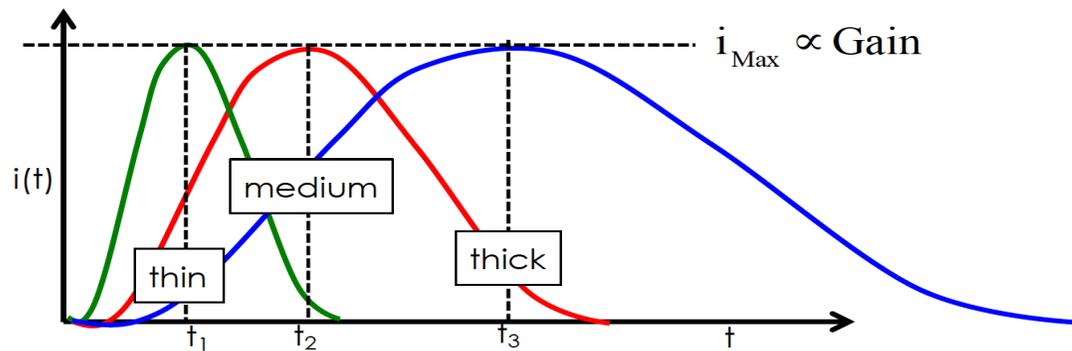


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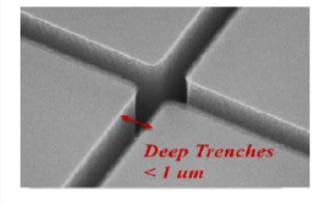
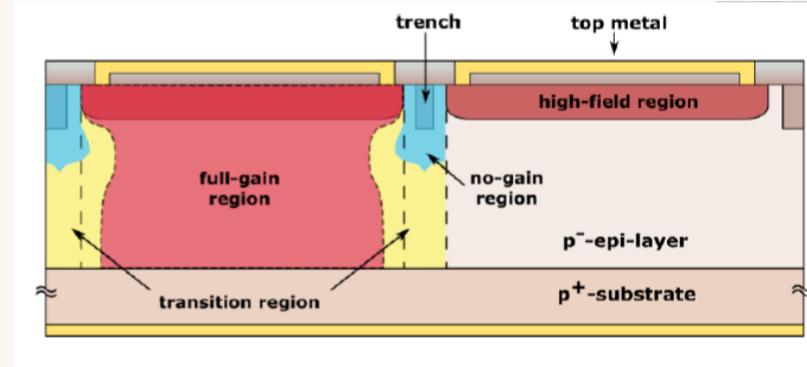
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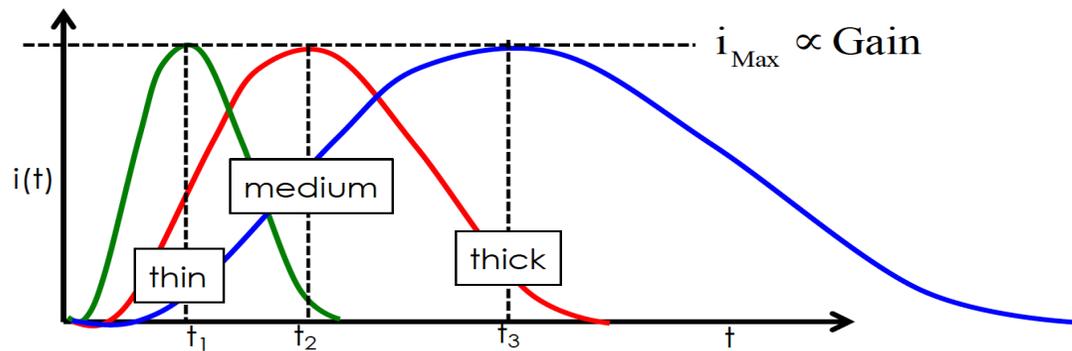
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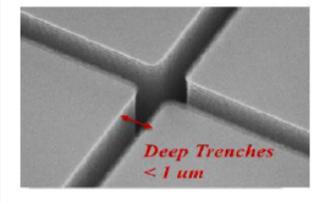
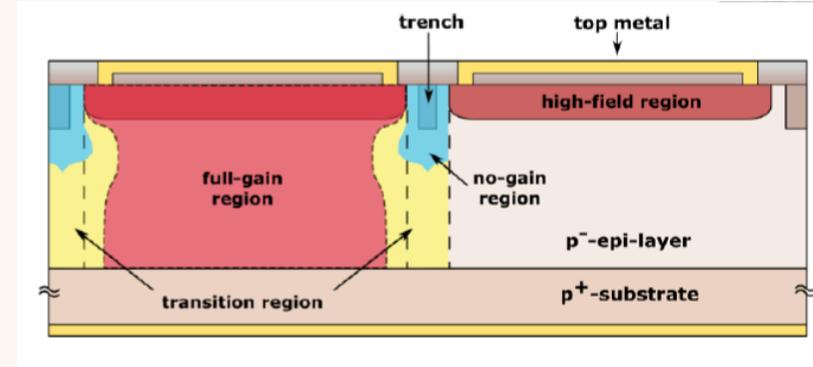
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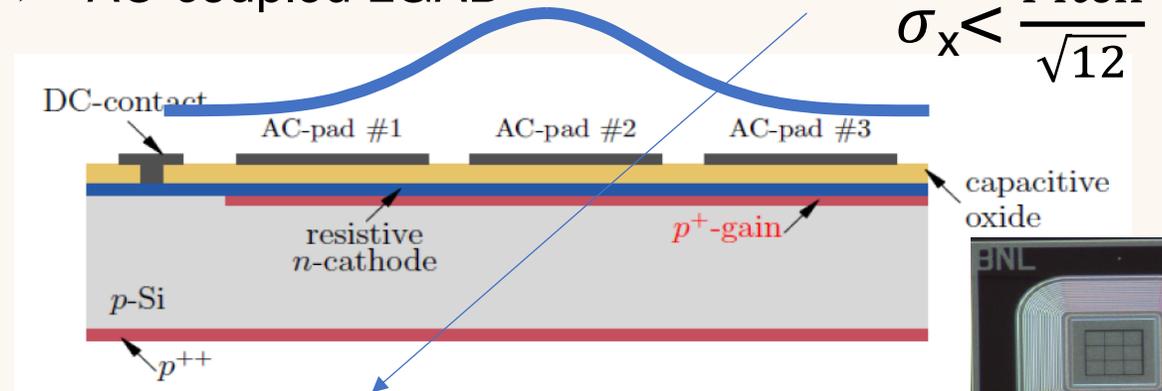
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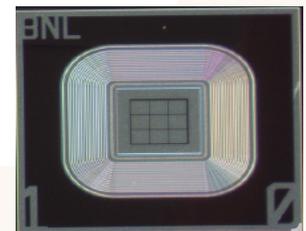


- AC-coupled LGAD



$$\sigma_x < \frac{\text{Pitch}}{\sqrt{12}}$$

synergy with eRD24



R&D paths toward the EIC detector

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Our proposed activities

Deliverable 1 (10/2020–03/2021):

R&D of ultra-thin LGADs

– to achieve $\sigma_T \leq 20$ ps

(b) Position resolution

Deliverable 2 (10/2020–05/2021):

Simulations of a LGAD-based TOF-tracker

– to determine the pixel size

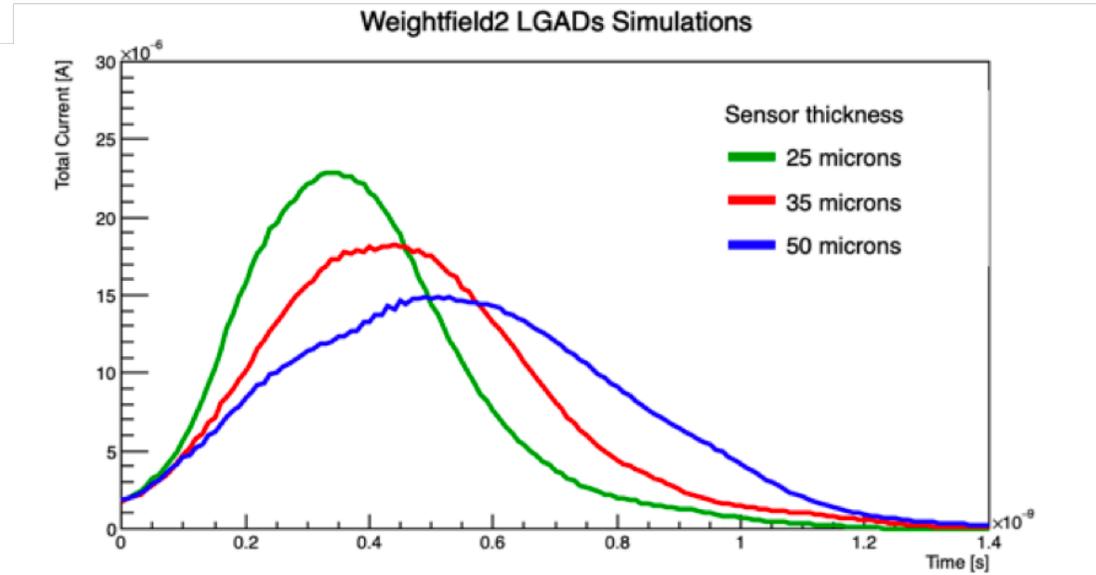
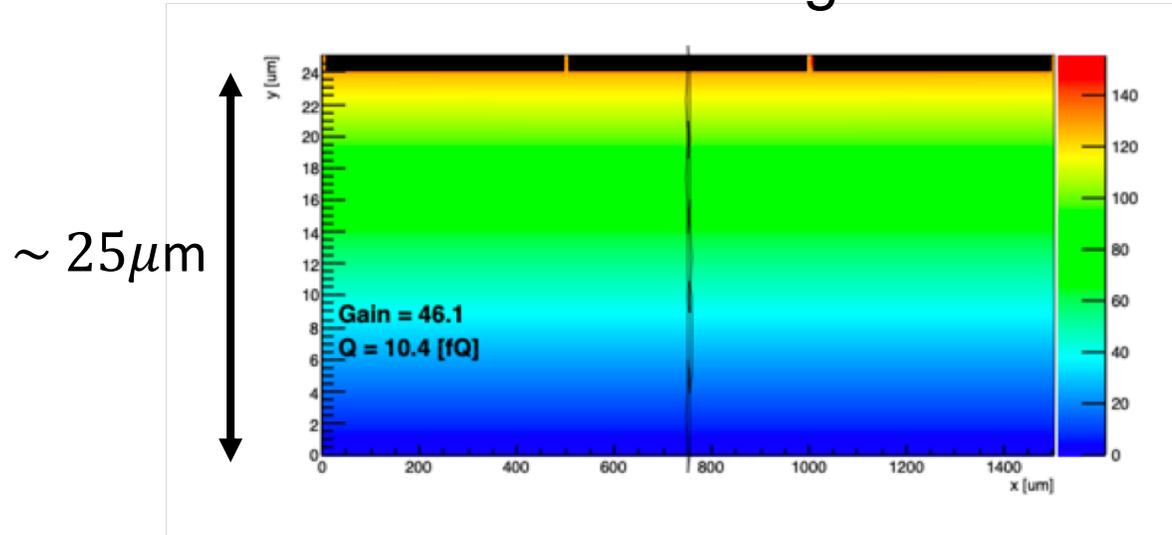
Deliverable 3 (03/2021–09/2021):

R&D of TI- and AC-LGADs

– to realize the pixel size needed

Deliverable 1: R&D of ultra-thin LGADs

Simulations with Weightfield2



Similar total charges ≥ 10 fC

Better time resolution of thinner LGADs predicted by simulations but optimal thickness and doping concentration with reasonable gains to be studied in detail and verified experimentally

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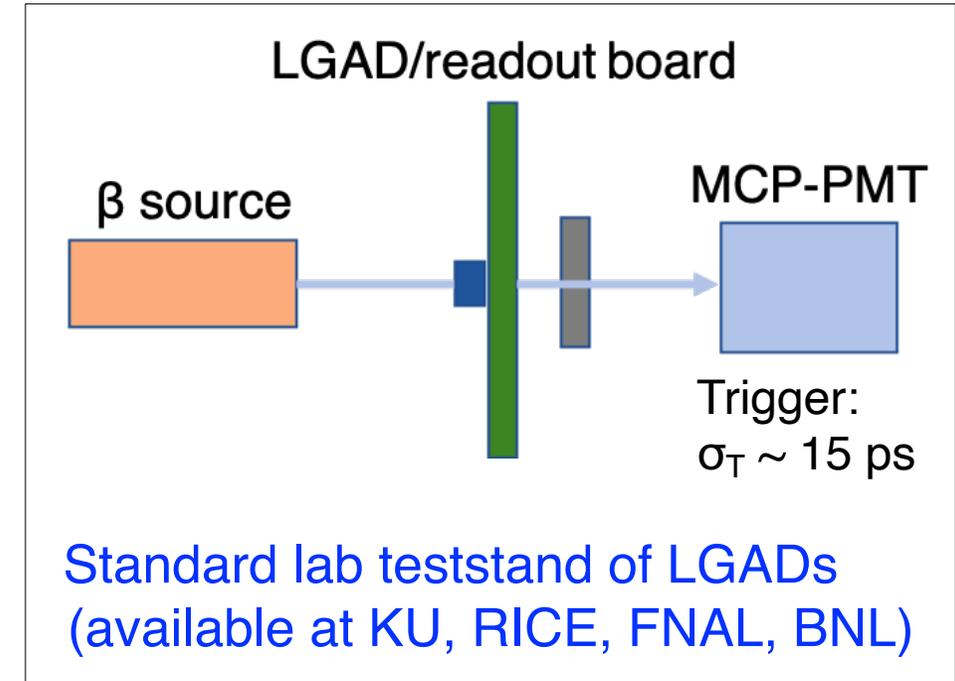
Proposed work:

1) Characterization of standard LGADs for various sensor thicknesses with lasers and sources.

- N. Cartiglia (Torino) will help obtain samples with 55, 45, 35 and 25 μm from FBK

2) Fabrication of thin LGADs at BNL in collaboration with the eRD24 team.

- the only LGADs producer in US and possibly a domestic vendor in longer term



Beam tests for CMS ETL
at FNAL foreseen next year

Deliverable 2: simulations of a LGADs TOF-tracker

Proposed work:

- 1) Realistic TOF-PID performance, including effects of start-time (T_0) determination, based on sensor time resolution achievable from work in Part I.
- 2) Determination of LGADs pitch sizes needed to achieve the required track momentum and back-pointing resolutions at EIC.
- 3) Studies of benefits from combined position and timing information to tracking.

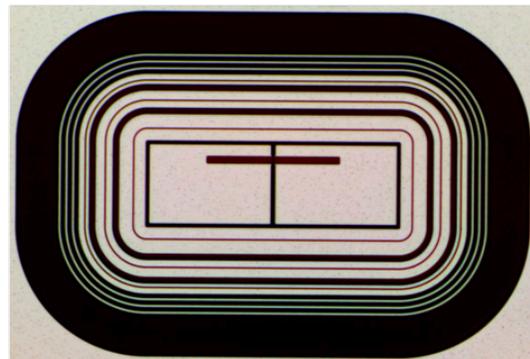
Will perform in EIC common software framework
(eic-smear library, Fun4All)

Deliverable 3: R&D of TI- and AC-LGADs

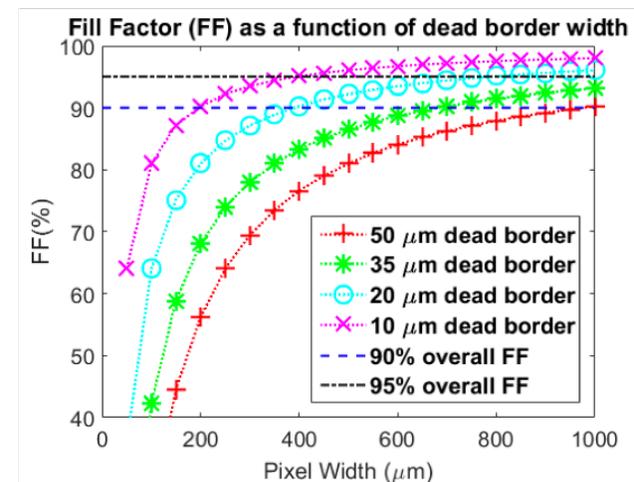
Proposed work:

1) Performance Studies of the TI-LGADs (FBK) and direct comparisons to standard LGAD at the same thickness (50 μm)

FBK 2x1 TI-LGAD



Pixel size: 0.375x0.25 mm²



G. Borghi, 34th RD50 Workshop

(a)

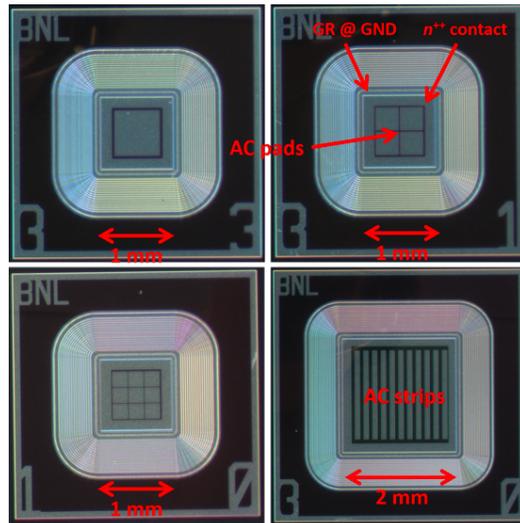
(b)

If timing performance comparable (as expected), seek for production of TI-LGADs with desired thickness and pixel sizes determined in Part I & II (if possible and time allows)

Deliverable 3: R&D of TI- and AC-LGADs

2) Fabrication of AC-coupled LGADs with desired thickness and pixel sizes at BNL in collaboration with eRD24

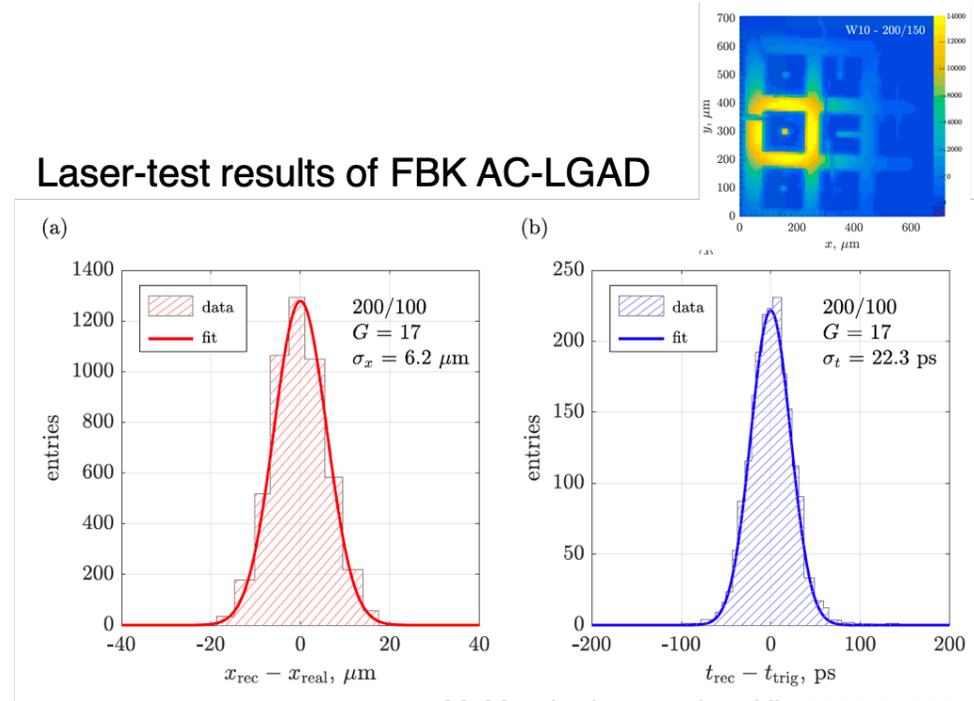
BNL AC-LGAD



G. Giacomini et. al., JINST 14 (2019) 09, P09004

(a)

Laser-test results of FBK AC-LGAD



M. Mandurrino et. al., arXiv:2003.04838

(b)

$\sigma_x \sim 6 \mu\text{m}$ with a pitch size of $200 \mu\text{m}$

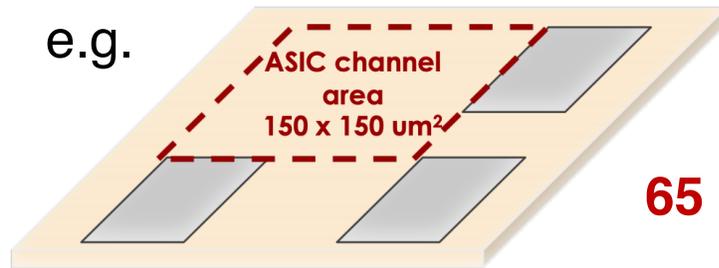
Prospective on readout ASIC chips

– outside the scope of this proposal but for the future

A common challenge to address in collaboration with eRD24

- Up to a pixel size of $500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$, use ETROC/ALTIROC architecture (eRD24 focus in FY21)
- For even smaller pixels, major redesigns are necessary

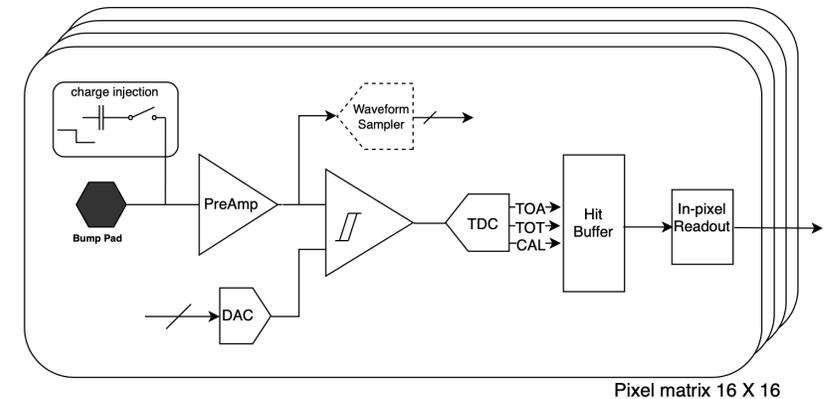
e.g.



65 nm \rightarrow 28 nm (?)

EIC will drive the cutting-edge technology

CMS ETROC architecture



65nm process:

- Preamp.: $90 \times 94 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Discriminator: $81 \times 67 \mu\text{m}^2$
- TDC: $245 \times 40 \mu\text{m}^2$

Budget

Costed Item	100%	80%	60%
Labor	\$57k	\$48k	\$36k
M&S	\$5k	\$2k	\$2k
Travel	\$1k	\$1k	0
Total	\$63k	\$51k	\$38k

Labor: 0.6 FTE RICE postdoc + 1 FTE KU undergrad.

M&S: acquiring and fabricating LGAD sensors

Travel: minimal due to the COVID-19

Reduced scenarios:

- 80%: drop new sensor fabrication and focus on AC-LGADs only for Part III
- 60%: possibly only to pursue part I

Contributed resources:

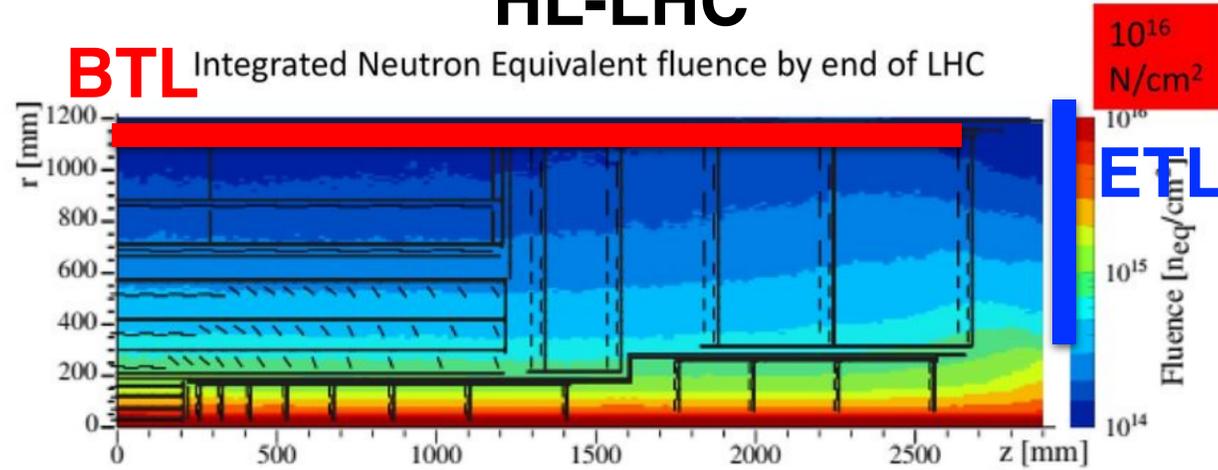
- 0.5 FTE RICE graduate + 0.5 FTE ORNL postdoc to lead the simulation work
- A. Novikov (post-doc), T. Isidori and F. Gautier (graduate) from KU on the NASA ANGILE project, will provide assistance to this project.
- All lab equipment and resources (leveraged from other projects).
- Additional travels if needed.

Backups

EIC: the next QCD frontier

Radiation fluence

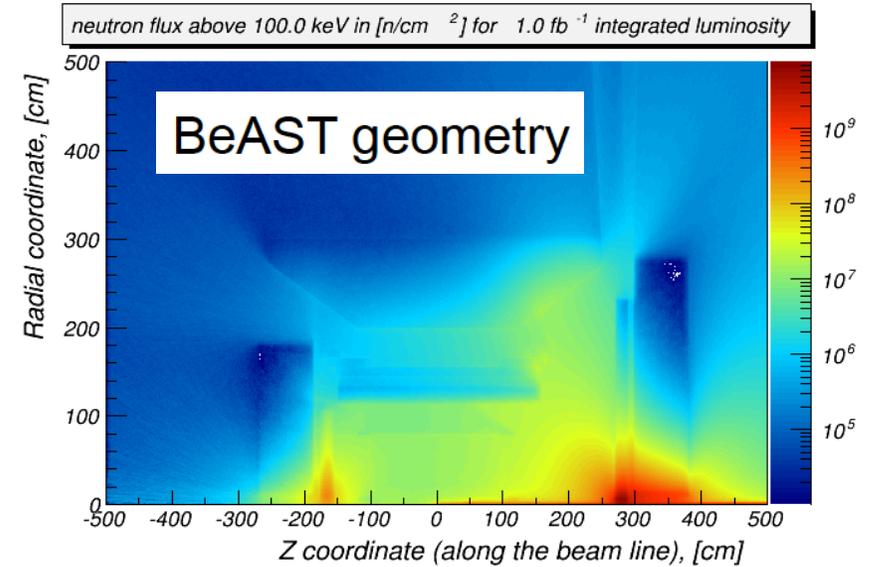
HL-LHC



$\sim 2 \times 10^{14} n_{eq}/cm^2$ for BTL

$\sim 2 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$ for inner radius of ETL

EIC



Up to $10^{11} n_{eq}/cm^2$ over 10 yrs

Synergies between LHC and EIC but also different challenges:

- No radiation constraints for EIC – good for the entire lifetime
- Optimize for better time and position resolutions

EIC Detector Requirements

Table 2: Physics requirements for an EIC detector

η	Nomenclature		Tracking			Electrons		$\pi/K/p$ PID		HCAL	Muons							
			Resolution	Allowed X/X_0	Si-Vertex	Resolution σ_E/E	PID	p-Range (GeV/c)	Separation	Resolution σ_E/E								
-6.9 – -5.8	↓ p/A	Auxiliary Detectors	low- Q^2 tagger	$\delta\theta/\theta < 1.5\%$; $10^{-6} < Q^2 < 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$														
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-4.5 – -4.0			Instrumentation to separate charged particles from photons															
-4.0 – -3.5	Central Detector	Backwards Detectors				2%/√E	π suppression up to 1:10 ⁴	≤ 7 GeV/c	≥ 3σ	~50%/√E								
-3.5 – -3.0			$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.1\% \times p + 2.0\%$	TBD														
-3.0 – -2.5																		
-2.5 – -2.0			$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.05\% \times p + 1.0\%$		7%/√E													
-2.0 – -1.5																		
-1.5 – -1.0																		
-1.0 – -0.5			Barrel		~5% or less	$\sigma_{xyz} \sim 20 \mu\text{m}$, $d_0(z) \sim d_0(r\phi) \sim 20/p_T \text{ GeV } \mu\text{m} + 5 \mu\text{m}$												
-0.5 – 0.0				$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.05\% \times p + 0.5\%$														
0.0 – 0.5																		
0.5 – 1.0																		
1.0 – 1.5	Forward Detectors				(10-12)%/√E													
1.5 – 2.0		$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.05\% \times p + 1.0\%$	TBD															
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3.5 – 4.0	↑ e	Auxiliary Detectors	Instrumentation to separate charged particles from photons															
4.0 – 4.5																		
...																		
> 6.2			Proton Spectrometer	$\sigma_{\text{intrinsic}}(l\#)/l\# < 1\%$; Acceptance: $0.2 < p_T < 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c$														