



Resistive Read-out in Silicon Detector offers the possibility to reach unprecedented position resolution using large pixels and thin sensors

- Impact parameter resolution, sensor accuracy, material budget
- Requests at future colliders
- Resistive readout in silicon detectors
- Charge sharing: RSD main formula
- Reconstruction method
- Results: laser, beam test \rightarrow All results obtained using RSD1 from FBK
- Read-out electronics
- Application of Machine learning algorithms
- Future directions
- Publications, contributors
- Extra topics (not for the presentation)





- First layer as close as possible to the beam line
- Last layer as far as possible
- Smallest possible σ_x : very accurate sensors

- Low mass beam pipe
- Place services far away
- Smallet possible σ_{MS} : very thin sensors

The sensors need to be very accurate and very thin

Sensor accuracy σ_x and readout



Binary readout

where the only information is hit/miss (0,1)



$$\sigma_x = k \; rac{pitch}{\sqrt{12}}$$
, $k \sim 0.5$ - 1

• σ_x depend on the pixel size

pixel = 100 $\mu m \rightarrow \sigma_x = 20 \ \mu m$

• σ_{MS} small : sensors might be thin

Thin, NOT accurate

Analog readout

where the amplitude of the signal is recorded



- $\sigma_x \ll$ pixel size
- σ_{MS} large

Sensors have to be thick to maintain efficiency

Need B field (or floating electrodes)

Accurate, NOT thin

The sensors are either very accurate OR very thin





Facility:	FCC-ee	ILC	CLIC
$\sigma_{\mathbf{x}} [\mu \mathrm{m}]$	~ 5	<3	< 3
Thickness of tracker material [µm of Si]	~ 100	~ 100	~100
Hit rate [10 ⁶ /s/ cm ²]	~ 20	~ 0.2	1
Power dissipation [W/cm ²]	0.1 – 0.2	0.1	0.1
Pixel size [µm ²]	25 x 25	25 x 25	25 x 25

 $\sigma_x = 5 \ \mu m \&\& \sigma_{MS} \sim 100 \ \mu m \&\& air \ cooled$ Very difficult to achieve

→ tiny pixels with binary readout: technologically very difficult (power, bumps, services) Monolithic (MAPS...)?

→ The reason for small pixels is the position accuracy not occupancy → almost empty detector

Good temporal resolution is also very challenging with so many pixels and not enough power





RSD

The e/h are drifting, producing direct charge induction in the n++ layer (Ramo's theorem)





Resistive readout



- 1) Extended the n++ electrode over the whole Si surface
- 2) Make the n++ electrode resistive \rightarrow n+
- 3) Add AC-coupling readout







- The signal is formed on the n+ electrode ==> no signal on the AC pads
- The AC pads offer the smallest impedance to ground for the fast signal .
- The signal discharges to ground •



Combining internal sharing and internal gain



- 1) Extended the n++ electrode over the whole Si surface
- 2) Make the n++ electrode resistive \rightarrow n+
- 3) Add AC-coupling readout
- 4) Add internal gain to maintain 100% efficiency even with signal sharing
- 5) Make the sensor thin to reduce material budget and enhance timing performance



Resistive readout: why does it work?





The resistive n+ electrode limits the geometrical volume seen by the read-out: given the high frequencies involved, the capacitive path to ground is more favorable than the resistive path

- Rather small capacitance: $\frac{1}{C_{Tot}} = \frac{1}{C_{AC}} + \frac{1}{C_{Det}} \sim \frac{1}{C_{Det}}$
- The AC pad discharge time is: $R_{Sheet} * C_{AC} \sim 2 \text{ k}\Omega * 3 \text{ pF} \sim 4 \text{ ns}$
- The signal rise time is increased by: $R_{Ampl} * C_{Det} \sim 100 \Omega * 1 \text{pF} \sim 100 \text{ ps}$

Timeline of the Resistive readout sensor: AC – LGAD / RSD 🕬 😨





These sensors enjoy a double name: the key technological features are the "resistive n+ layer", necessary to produce the local AC coupling, and **gain** to avoid inefficiency and allow small material budget. AC-LGAD (AC-coupled Low-Gain Avalanche Diode) or RSD (Resistive Silicon Detector).

- AC-LGAD were proposed at the TREDI 2015 conference [1].
- The sensors presented here are manufactured at FBK within the RSD project (INFN) [2],[3].
- CNM produced AC-LGAD sensors in 2017 [4]
- BNL produced AC-LGAD in 2019 [5]. ٠
- Results shown from beamtest are from [6]
- The application of Machine Learning is [7]
- First results on AC-LGAD strips at beam test [8]







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The signal sees several impedances in parallel, and it is split according to Ohm's law.

Each pad gets a share of the total signal, exactly as in a current divider





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How to calculate Z_i



The impedance Z seen by a propagating signal does not increase linearly with the distance r since the signal spreads on a larger area

The resistance R per unit distance decreases as the circumference C becomes larger

 $Z(r) \propto \frac{dr}{\alpha r}$ The impedance Z up to radius r is therefore:

$$Z(d) \propto \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{1}^{d} \frac{1}{r} \propto \frac{\ln(d)}{\alpha}$$

where α is the angle (larger pad, smaller resistance)









The fraction of signal seen in each pad is:





where:

- d_i = distance hit-pad
- α_i = angle of view hit-pad

Important points:

- The signal seen in a pad depends upon how many other pads are nearby
- A signal can be seen by 2,3 or 4 pads, depending on the hit location





RSD main formula – floating pads





A floating pad does not contribute to the signal sharing, there is no path to ground, i.e., no current flow.





RSD main formula – Hit on metal







When the hit is on the metal, the impedance to that pad is ~ zero, so the whole signal is in one pad.

Consequences:

- In the following, signal sharing refers to the area without metal
- Metal pads need a special design





Experimental data: Laser and beam test

The laser studies presented here are obtained using a "Particular" laser TCT set-up

- Sensors are glued on a 16-channel read-out board.
- The laser is shot in various position via an x-y-z micrometric stage

The beam test results have been obtained at FNAL, in collaboration with the FNAL CMS-Timing ETL team

- 120 GeV/c proton beam
- Precise timing determination (~ 10 ps)
- Fairly precise tracking system (~ 35-40 um)

The signals are recorded with a digital oscilloscope (20-40 GS/s, 2-4 GHz BW) for offline analysis











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Structures tested (metal-pitch)



The FBK production RSD1 yielded many samples, of several geometries, exploring the interplay of n+ resistivity, dielectric thickness, metal pad, and pitch



Each sensor was tested with the laser TCT set-up, shining the laser spot (~ 10 um) in several positions and recording the signals seen by the 4 adjacent pads. The runs were repeated at 3-4 values of gain for each geometry



Signal amplitudes as a function of positions – 4 pads

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run

The amplitudes in the 4 pads change together, in a "coordinated way", as they should in a current divider.

Hit position





- RSD works as a current divider
- The signal is naturally shared among pads
- The RSD main formula works well

→ no free parameters, the magenta points are an absolute prediction

The total amplitude is fairly constant







Pad 3 amplitude vs run





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Position reconstruction method



Basic principle: the amplitudes seen by the pads define a unique x-y point

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.8

-0.6

0.4

0.2

600 x [um]

The RSD main formula allows computing for each x-y point the 4 amplitudes seen by the pads

W2 Calculated Amplitude ch 0 200-500



A particle hits in a given position, with relative amplitude in the 4 pads 0.5,0.2,0.1,0.2

How the hit position is determined? The x-y positions of a measured hit are the coordinates of the bin that minimize the difference between the measured and calculated amplitudes of the 4 pads. Minimize the quantity:





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Discretized Positioning Circuit



The readout of an arrays of SiPMs in PET detectors is often performed by connecting them in a matrix of resistors and/or capacitors and measuring the signals at the 4 corners. This technique, called Discretized Positioning Circuit (DCP), is used to reduce the number of readout channel

DPC uses the charge imbalance between the two opposite sides of a square to determine the hit position.

64 SiPM read out by 4 pads

Charge imbalance in the x, y direction



$$X = X_{o} + \frac{X_{A} - X_{B}}{2} \frac{Q_{A} + Q_{B} - Q_{C} - Q_{D}}{Q_{A} + Q_{B} + Q_{C} + Q_{D}}$$
$$Y = Y_{o} + \frac{Y_{A} - Y_{D}}{2} \frac{Q_{A} + Q_{D} - Q_{B} - Q_{C}}{Q_{A} + Q_{B} + Q_{C} + Q_{D}}$$

RSD as a Discretized Positioning Circuit





RSD is a hybrid resistors/capacitors DPC circuit

The reconstruction method uses only the signals in the 4 pads to reconstruct the hit position

- \rightarrow no need for a analytical sharing law.
- \rightarrow k_{x,y} = imbalance parameter along x or y
 - Maximum value of the charge imbalance within the pixel
 - Needs to be determined experimentally for each geometry



Laser study: position resolution



Shooting the laser in many positions, the **spatial precision** can be evaluated. This is done by comparing the position reconstructed using the look-up table to the known laser position.





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Spatial resolution in resistive readout



$\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_{Iitter}^2 + \sigma_{Sensor}^2 + \sigma_{Reconstruction}^2$

 $rac{oldsymbol{\sigma_{El_noise}}}{dV}$ σ_{Jitter} \overline{dx}

Electronic noise



Assume a geometry with only 2 pads:

- 100 μ m and 300 μ m apart
- 100mV signal
- 3 mV electronic noise

100 μ **m**: the signal changes by 1 mV/ μ m

 $\rightarrow \sigma_{litter} = 3 \,\mu m$

300 μ m: the signal changes by 3 mV/ μ m





Sensor non-uniformity



For equal resistivity, 50%-50% sharing indicates the hit is in the middle



If the resistivity is not uniform, the reconstruction shifts the point closer to the smaller resistivity

$\sigma_{Recontruction}$

Algorithm

$$S_i(\alpha_i, r_i) = \frac{\frac{\alpha_i}{\ln(r_i)}}{\sum_{1}^{n} \frac{\alpha_j}{\ln(r_j)}}$$

If the predicted sharing is incorrect, the reconstructed position is shifted.

DPC: RSD might not be a perfect DPC, yielding to systematic errors.

Laser study: position resolution as a function of amplitude **RSD**



The spatial resolution improves with signal amplitude, plateauing at about 5 um

Important points:

- At low signal amplitude, the resolution is dominated by jitter
 - → Low noise electronics
- Larger geometries have worse position resolution
 - \rightarrow need high gain
- At high amplitude, the resolution is limited by systematics such as the precision of the amplitude reconstruction and the use of the RSD main formula.

$$\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_{Jitter}^2 + \sigma_{Sensor}^2 + \sigma_{Reconstruction}^2$$









RSDs reach a spatial resolution that is about 5% of the inter-pad distance



Laser study: signal delay



Each pad sees the signal with a delay proportional to the resistance from the impact point to the pad





The time of each pad is defined as:

$$t_i^{True} = t_i^{Meas} - \beta \, \frac{\ln(r_i)}{\alpha_i}$$

Coefficient $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ for different geometries



 β depends linearly from (metal/pitch)^2 (related to the detector capacitance)



FNAL beam test results



All details in: M. Tornago, 36th RD50 "Latest results on RSD spatial and timing resolution https://indi.to/2cGQy

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- The metal size (100 vs 190 um) does not influence the time resolution





Interesting fact: the combination of *n* pads does not lead to a $1/\sqrt{n}$ improvement since the effects of non-uniform ionization are fully correlated

➔ pads see a copy of the same signal



RSD main formulas



RSD signals are therefore controlled by two equations:

1. the signal sharing among pads

$$S_i(\alpha_i, r_i) = \frac{\frac{\alpha_i}{\ln(r_i)}}{\sum_{1}^{n} \frac{\alpha_i}{\ln(r_i)}}$$

2. the signal delay

$$t_i^{True} = t_i^{Meas} - \gamma \left(\frac{Metal}{pitch}\right)^2 \frac{ln(r_i)}{\alpha_i}$$

where γ is wafer-specific (n+ resistivity, dielectric thickness)



ASIC for RSD



Very important point: in hybrid technology (sensor bump-bonded to the ASIC), the area available for each read-out channel is identical to the pixel area.

Assuming a goal of ~ 5 mm spatial resolution, the RSD pitch can be 150-200 μm

- ➔ At least a factor of 10-20 more space than using binary readout
- Can concentrate the power available for that area into a single channel
- → The needed circuits for timing might actually fit









RSD Read-out scheme - II



20040

1.10

2.887

13.48

Signal characteristics:

- Short and fast, very similar to standard UFSD
- Bipolar (do not integrate)

Read-out characteristics:

- Record signal amplitude with good precision •
- Timing capabilities: keep the jitter below the Landau floor ٠ BW ~ 500 MHz, Q_{in} ~ 5 - 10 fC
- → A Leading edge discriminator with linear Time-over-Threshold information or/and a DAC for amplitude measurement



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The AC readout scheme does not change the basic timing properties of UFSD:

 $\sigma_t^2 = \left(\frac{Noise}{dV/dt}\right)^2 + (\Delta ionization)^2$

"Jitter" term Here enters everything that is "Noise" and the steepness of the signal

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Non uniform ionization: 1) Amplitude variation: variation in the total charge 2) Shape distortion:

Signal Shape distortion \rightarrow Minimum time resolution



Simulation of signals in 50-um RSD

RSD minimum temporal resolution improves for thinner sensors:

40 ps @ 45 um → 20 ps @ 25 um

However, the total charge is less ($10fC \rightarrow 5 fC$) and the electronics might not be able to exploit this improvement

WF2 Simulation Minimum temporal resolution vs sensor thickness using CDF = 50%y = 0.87x





RSD material budget and time resolution



The active thickness of RSD sensor is rather small ~ 50 um.

In the present prototypes, the active part is attached to a thick "handle wafer"

There is a clear path leading to < 100 μ m material:







 Thinned handle wafer: 500 um → 10-20 um



- Thinned handle wafer: 500 um → 10-20 um
- Thinned active area:
 50 um → 25 um
 50 ps → 25 ps





In AC-LGAD/RSD signal sharing happens on the surface, in the n+ layer, and not during the e/h drift, opening the possibility of having very small σ_{MS} and σ_x

- 1. The AC-LGAD/RSD design combines internal signal sharing with internal gain
- 2. RSDs have:
 - Very good position resolution due to internal sharing (< 5 μ m)
 - Very good temporal resolution due to internal gain (~20-30 ps)
 - 100% fill factor due to the continuous n+ implant
- 3. RSDs can be made very thin (~ 30 μm)
- 4. The pixel size can be kept large: 200x200 μm^2 achieves 5 μm position resolution



Future directions



- Reconstruction algorithm: use of machine learning
- **Position resolution**: design optimization
- **RSD strip detector**: design optimization
- Far out designs: where the wild things are
- RSD field of applications



Machine Learning applied to RSD

All details in: F. Siviero, 36th RD50 "Position reconstruction using machine learning algorithms applied to Resistive Silicon Detectors (RSD)"

Each of the signals in an RSD event carries a lot of information (**amplitude**, **derivative**, **width**) that can be exploited to perform very accurate x-y-t reconstruction.



Analytic sharing laws are not able to capture all this information

Need to use

- → Multiple sampling front-end
- Achine learning algorithm trained with real data, no need to have a "sharing law"





Position resolution: the geometry problem



100 – 200 Number of pads used in reconstruction Amplitude = 120 mV, min amplitude = 15 mV



In a squared pixel geometry, **4 pads are necessary to obtain optimal resolution**

- When only 3 pads are used, the reconstructed position is "pulled away" from the missing pad
- When 2 pads are used, the hit position cannot be determined

Solution:

- \rightarrow Use triangular geometry, with equidistant pads
- → In triangular geometry, 3 pads are necessary to obtain optimal resolution
- \rightarrow No region with 2 pads

100 – 200 Number of pads used in reconstruction Amplitude = 120 mV, min amplitude = 15 mV



Position resolution: the metal problem

RSD

Lessons learnt:

- Very good position resolution (~ 3-5 um) even with large pixels (~100 200 um) can be achieved exploiting charge sharing
- The traditional "squared geometry" leads to a position-dependent space resolution
- Large metal pads prevent good hit localization
- Uniform read-out is obtained when the distance between neighboring pad is the same
- The metal pads should be redesigned, using less metal

Present design







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RSD Simulator: WF2_{RSD}



In the development of Ultra Fast Silicon Detectors we have written and extensively used a simulator, Weightfield2.

- <u>http://personalpages.to.infn.it/~cartigli/Weightfield2/</u> <u>Main.html</u>
- WF2 emulates the current signals produced in a UFSD.
- It includes non-uniform ionization, radiation damage, B field, temperature
- It requires Root build from source, it is for Linux and Mac.
- It will not replace TCAD, but it helps in understanding the sensors response

We has expanded WF2 to include RSD, incorporating the RSD main formula and the signal sharing among pads placed with any array geometry.

WF2_{RSD} emulates the charge sharing among pads and provide the current signals from each pad.







Where the wild things are

A circular RSD with 3 or 4 electrodes should be very accurate providing with a few channels excellent position (~ 5 um) and time (~ 35 ps) resolution. Looks promising for beam test apparatuses

Universal RSD: no metal pad, glued to the ASIC.

In RSD the signal is large, 5-10 fC, so it can be seen across a thin layer of glue.

The metal pads are provided by the read-out chip, no need to deposit metal pad on the RSD side.

Any metal pattern: as there is no implant underneath, the AC metal can be shaped into any pattern



Read-out strips











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Thank you for your attention



RSD are a novel n-in-p silicon device that evolves the LGAD design to obtain signal amplification with 100% fill factor and very strong signal sharing among pads

The RSD design maintains the excellent temporal resolution of UFSD sensors,: $\sigma_t \sim 40 \ ps$ for 50 μm thick sensors at gain ~ 15.

RSD exploits the resistive n+ layer to achieve charge sharing among pads. The spatial resolution is about 5% of the inter-pad distance:

Geometry	50 -100	100-200	150 - 300	200-500
σ_{x} [um]	4	5.5	5.9	15



The multiple signals germane to RSD are well suited for reconstruction algorithms based on machine learning. We expect that this technique will provide the ultimate spatial and temporal resolution

The extended signal sharing in RSD is a drawback in environment with high density of tracks and high irradiation. Most likely RSD and FCC-hh don't go together





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Extra topics



Calculation of signal sharing

Let's use the RSD main formula to explore the following geometry (analytic calculation):

- Pixel matrix (round metal for simplicity) with metal pitch = 100 200 micron
- Signal amplitude = 100 mV
- Min amplitude = 15 mV





Signal discharge

Amplitude [mV]



The signal discharges, according to the read-out RC. Small RC have larger and shorter positive lobes (need to discharge the same charge in a shorter time)





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RSD strip detectors



The FBK RSD1 sensor production included 2 type of strip designs. We tested them with the TCT laser and they work fine. This first design did no exploit completely the charge sharing capability

In the next productions, several strip pitch and metal width will be explored, using thin metal strips (~ 20-30 um) at increasing distance (50,100, 200, 500 um).

Given the very favorable geometry, very good position resolution (~ 5 – 10 um) with large pitch is expected

RSD strips should have small metal and large intergapd

Results on AC-LGAD strips manufactured by BNL was shown here: K. Di Petrillo, https://indico.cern.ch/event/918298/contributions/3880513/attachments/2050888/3437589/2020.06.04.kdp.ACstrips_RD50.pdf







Pixellated RSD sensor have a single n-in-p diode.

This can be a problem in large detectors (in 6" wafers they can be~ 10x10 cm²)

Possible solution: insert a macro grid of ground contacts connected to the guard ring.



This grid isolates the macro area from each other, making the detector look like a sequence of smaller units





The effect of n+ resistivity



What are the effects of n+ resistivity on the signal?

The signal is formed on the n+ layer, and it is coupled to the AC metal pad.

If the n+ is too conductive, it will not couple the charges to the AC metal pad

\rightarrow the AC amplitude decreases with increasing n+ doping.

In the limit of very conductive n+, there is no AC signal.

- → Additional effects, studied on RSD1 wafers (W13, W2) with $\frac{Doping W13}{Doping W2}$ ~
 - RC discharge time is shorter at lower resistivity, $\left(\frac{\tau_{W13}}{\tau_{W2}} \sim 0.5\right)$
 - The $\beta \left[\frac{\ln(r)}{\alpha} \right]$ coefficient, the delay, decreases at lower resistivity $\left(\frac{\beta_{W13}}{\beta_{W2}} \sim 0.8 \right)$





RSD use in HADES



The HADES collaboration (GSI) has completed a beam test with a combination of UFSD and RSD strips.

2.5 GeV/c protons, 1.2 MHz/ strip, results in the near future





FNAL 16-ch board





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The effect of irradiation on RSD is similar to that of the other LGAD-based devices:

- Decrease of charge collection efficiency due to trapping
- Doping creation/removal
- Increased leakage current, shot noise

Most important fact: irradiation de-activate the gain layer
→ the electric field decreases, and the multiplication stops.



RSD has been irradiated, albeit not yet tested after irradiation.

Possible outcome: RSD will behave as the other LGAD-based devices, working well up to fluences of about ~ 1E15 n_{eq}/cm^2

Unknown: effect of enhanced oxide charges due to radiation to the AC coupling mechanism



Position reconstruction method: the recipe



Recipe:

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- For each position, using the RSD main formula, calculate S_i^{Calc}
- Find which x-y bin minimize the quantity:

 $\chi^2 = \sum_{1}^{4} \frac{\left[S_i^{Meas} - S_i^{Calc}\right]^2}{\sigma}$

Perform a local interpolation around the minimum.



 χ^2 values for 4 different laser shots

(sensor geometry:100-metal 200-pitch)

The reconstructed position is the bin with the minimum χ^2 value











The **hit time** is obtained combining the timing information from each pad, after correcting for delay

Geometry: **Temporal precision:**

100 Metal, 200 pitch **28 ps**

200 Metal, 500 pitch 35 ps



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Fermilab beam test results



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- The metal size (100 vs 190 um) does not influence the time resolution

	single pad	3 pad	4 pad
100-200 laser	45 ps	proves as $1/\sqrt{n}$	22 ps
100-200 test beam	50 ps	→ 44 ps	-
190-200 test beam	35 ps	42 ps	-





Small improvement combining pads in beam test:

resolution limited by the effects of non-uniform ionization that are fully correlated







There is one more interesting point.

Let's compute the time of the event as the average time seen by the 4 pads:

$$RSD_{Time} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{1}^{4} t_{i}^{True} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{1}^{4} t_{i}^{Meas} - \beta \frac{1}{4} \sum_{1}^{4} \frac{ln(r_{i})}{\alpha_{i}}$$



The sum of the resistivity, $\sum_{1}^{4} \frac{ln(r_{i})}{\alpha_{i}}$, is actually a constant (it is equivalent of the signal amplitude) for every point of the sensor, so it does not contribute to the time resolution, it is just an offset \rightarrow no need to know accurately the delay

$$\sigma_{tot}^2 = \sigma_{Trigger}^2 + \sigma_{RSD}^2 = \sigma_{Trigger}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{4} \sigma_{t_i^{Meas}}^2}$$





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