

# The ALLEGRO Noble Liquid Calorimeter for FCC-ee

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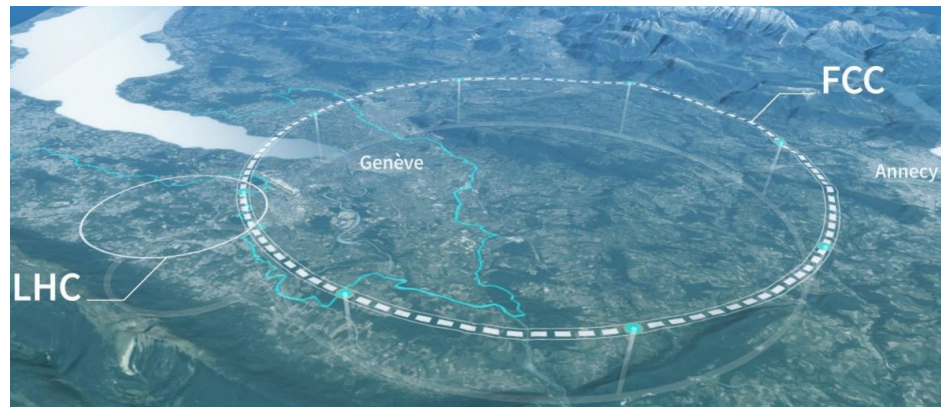
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# The FCC-ee physics case

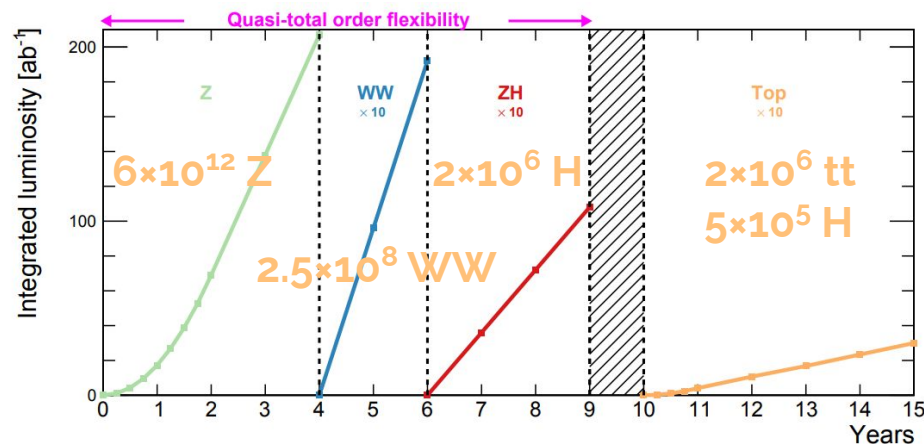
## The FCC Project

- 90km circular collider at CERN:  
 $e^+e^-$  as a first stage
- Collisions at 90 GeV (Z), 160 GeV (WW), 240 GeV (ZH), 365 GeV (tt)
- Feasibility Study concluded for ESPPU



## Outstanding physics programme

- Higgs precision physics
  - Complementarity with LHC
- Electroweak and QCD
  - Extraordinary precision
- Heavy flavour factory
- BSM searches



# Outstanding Physics $\Rightarrow$ Strong Requirements on Detectors

## Higgs factory

$m_H, \sigma, \Gamma_H$   
self-coupling  
 $H \rightarrow bb, cc, ss, gg$   
 $H \rightarrow \text{inv}$   
 $ee \rightarrow H$   
 $H \rightarrow bs, ..$

## Top

$m_{\text{top}}, \Gamma_{\text{top}}, ttZ, \text{FCNCs}$

Excellent tracking  
**Jet energy resolution**  
at high energies

## Flavor

"boosted" B/D/ $\tau$  factory:

CKM matrix  
CPV measurements  
Charged LFV  
Lepton Universality  
 $\tau$  properties (lifetime, BRs..)

$B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu$   
 $B_s \rightarrow D_s K/\pi$   
 $B_s \rightarrow K^* \tau \tau$   
 $B_s \rightarrow K^* \nu \nu$   
 $B_s \rightarrow \phi \nu \nu ...$

Excellent tracking  
**EM Energy resolution**  
PID at low energies

## QCD - EWK

most precise SM test

$m_Z, \Gamma_Z, \Gamma_{\text{inv}}$   
 $\sin^2 \theta_W, R_\ell^Z, R_b, R_c$

$A_{\text{FB}}^{b,c}, \tau \text{ pol.}$

$\alpha_S,$

$m_W, \Gamma_W$

Excellent knowledge  
of detectors:  
**Small systematics**

## BSM

feebly interacting particles

Heavy Neutral Leptons  
(HNL)

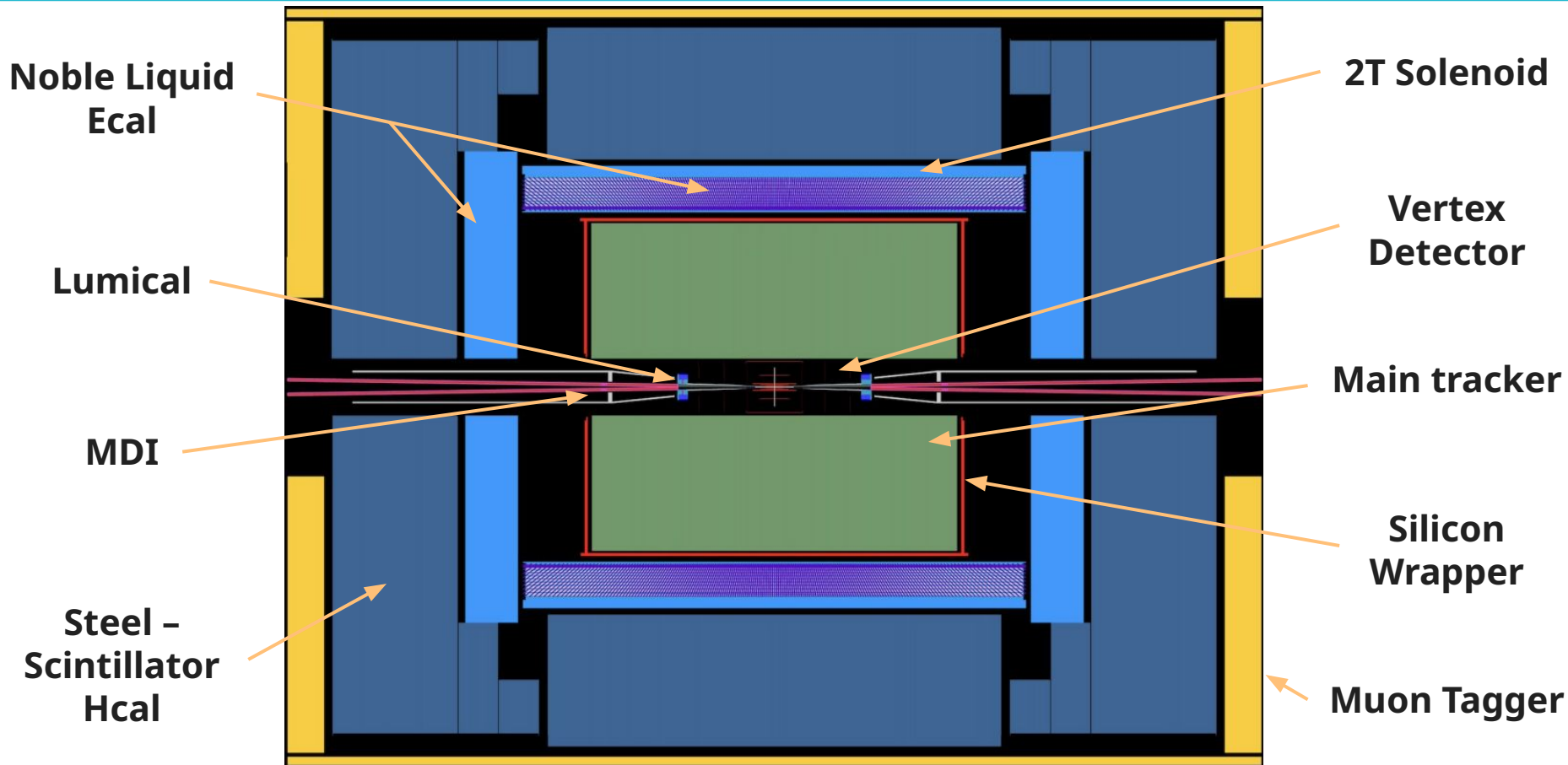
Dark Photons  $Z_D$

Axion Like Particles (ALPs)

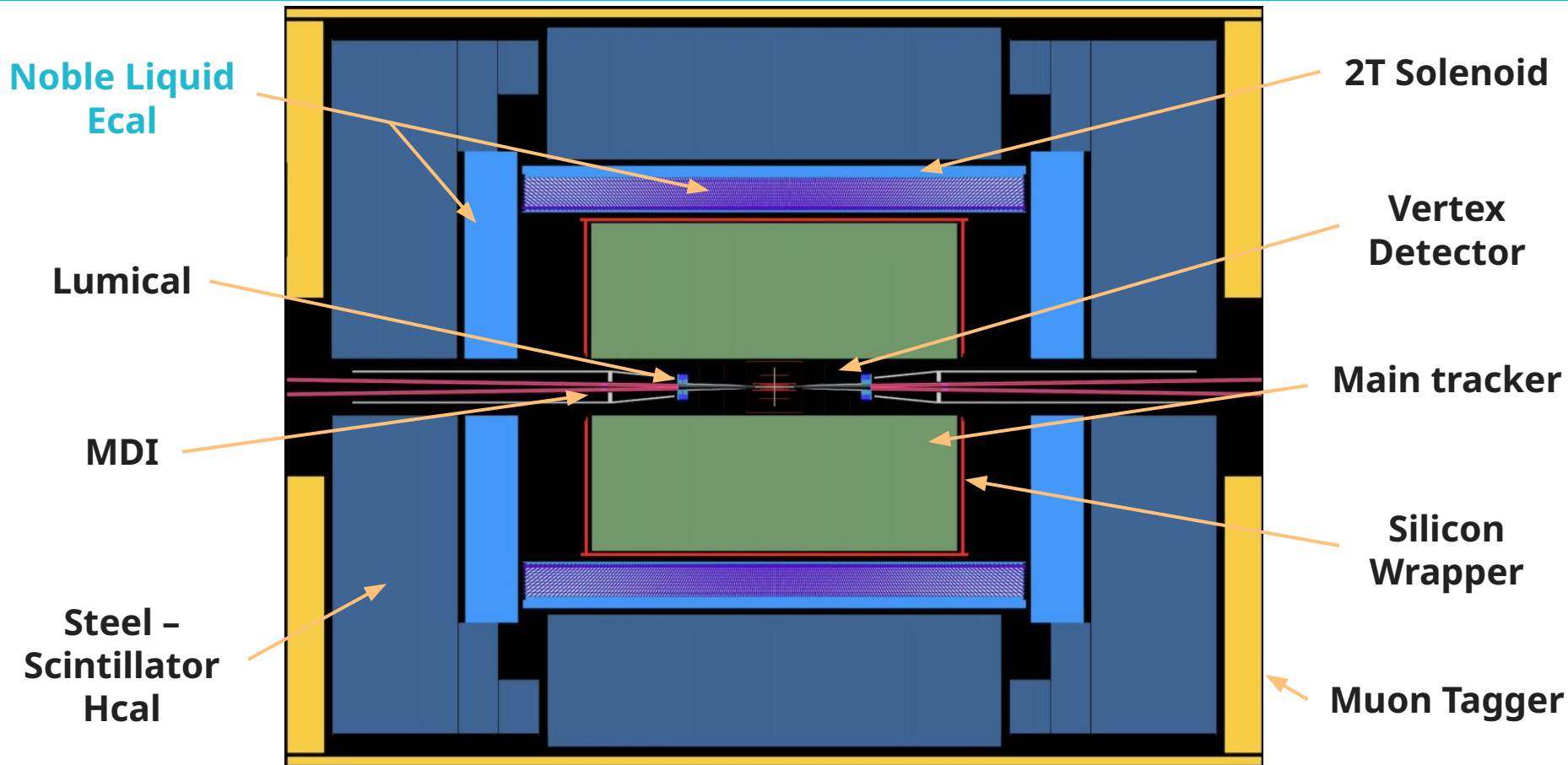
Exotic Higgs decays

Versatile detector  
**Photon pointing**

# The ALLEGRO Detector Concept

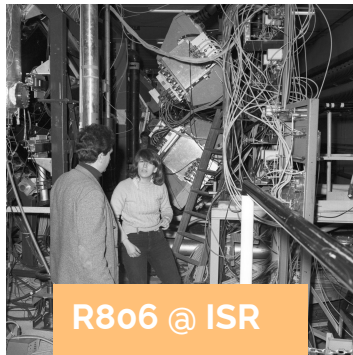


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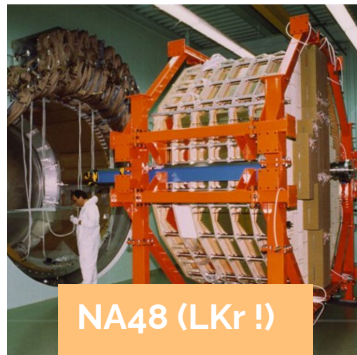
Decades of successes in particle physics experiments



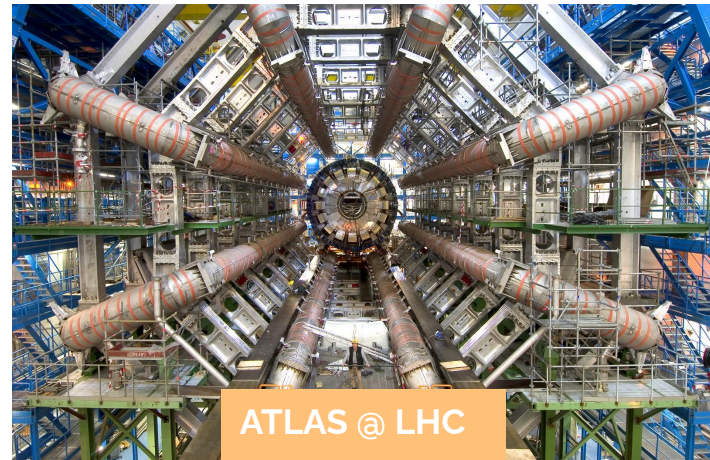
R806 @ ISR



DØ @ Tevatron



NA48 (LKr !)



ATLAS @ LHC

Checks all boxes for an excellent calorimeter at FCC-ee

- **Excellent energy resolution**
  - $5 - 8\% / \sqrt{E}$
- **High granularity** achievable
  - Few  $10^6$  channels for Particle Flow Reconstruction
- Suitable for **low systematics**
  - Linearity, uniformity, long-term stability
  - Easy to calibrate

90 MeV systematics in  
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  mass  
measurement with  
ATLAS



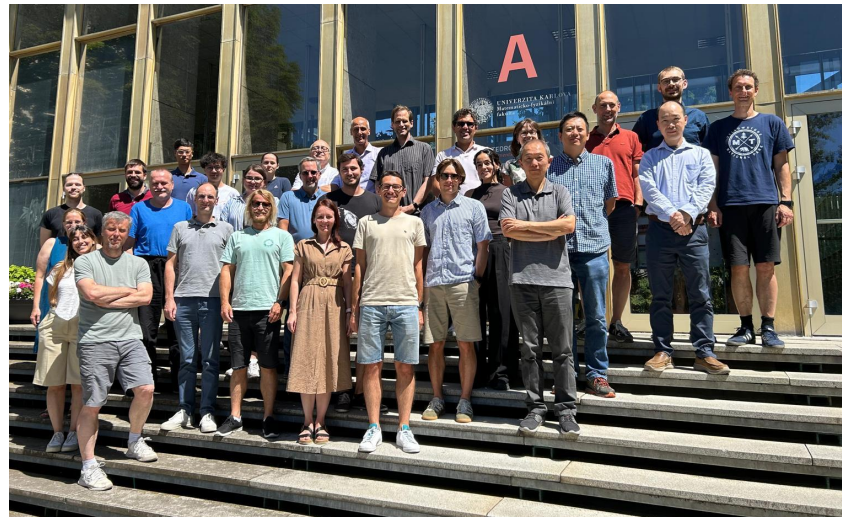
# Noble Liquid Calorimetry for FCC-ee

## Challenges for a next generation noble liquid calorimeter

- Reach **high granularity**
  - And optimize for physics: photon/ $\pi^0$  PID ; PFlow reconstruction
- Design for **improved energy resolution**
  - Including achieving **very low noise**
  - “Transparent” cryostat: **minimize amount of  $X_0$**  in front of calorimeter

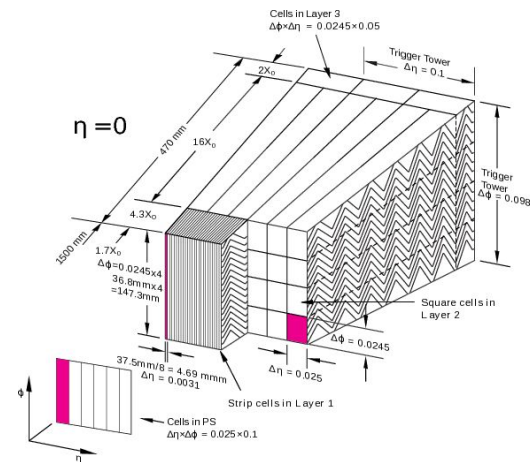
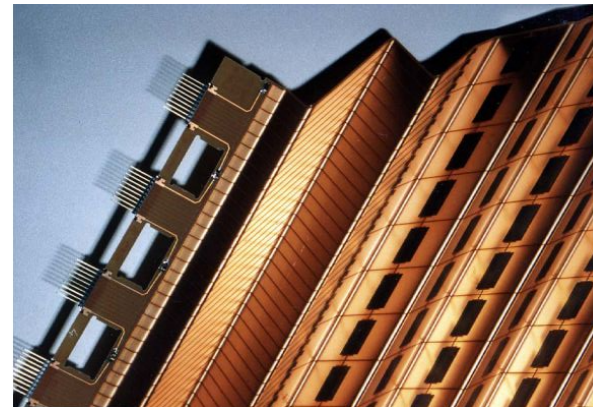
## ALLEGRO Ecal R&D

- New design ideas to tackle these challenges
  - Study concepts for a barrel and for endcaps
  - Validate with prototypes in testbeam
    - Aim for post-LS3 (2029)
- Community of 20 institutes
  - Many already involved in ATLAS LAr
- Part of the DRD6 collaboration
  - WP2 on Noble liquid Calorimetry



# Granularity of Noble Liquid Calorimeters

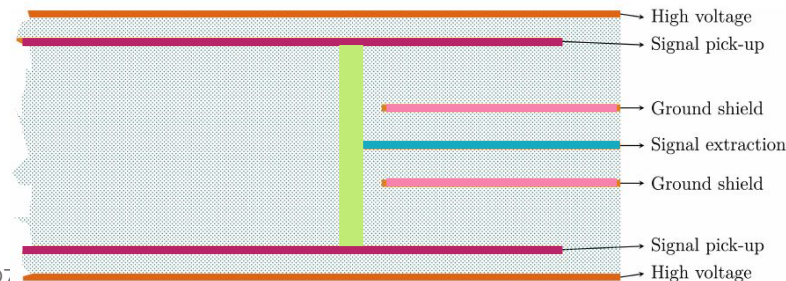
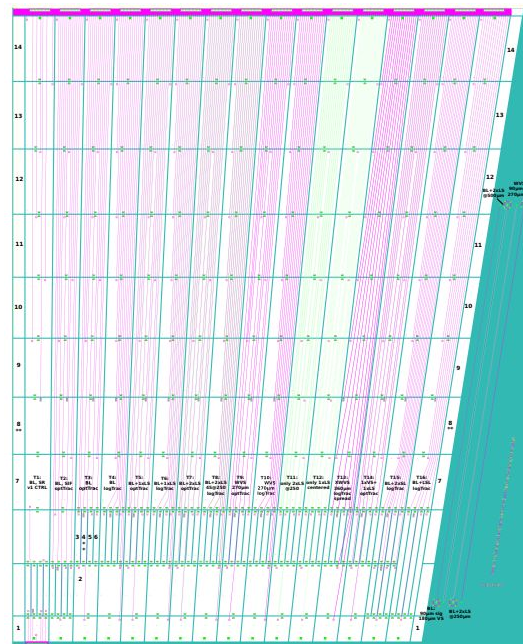
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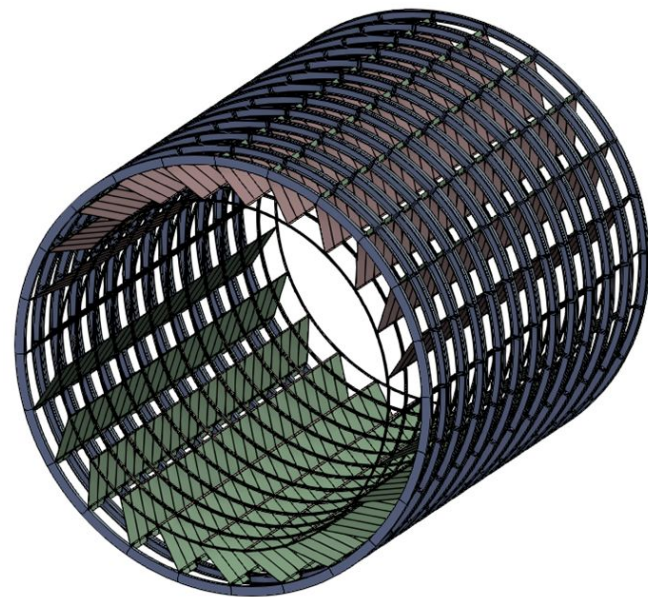
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- **Solution for Noble Liquid calo for FCC**
  - Multi-layer PCB to route signals inside
  - Allows for **~ ×10 ATLAS granularity**



# Allegro Barrel Design

Design driven by the solution chosen for the electrodes

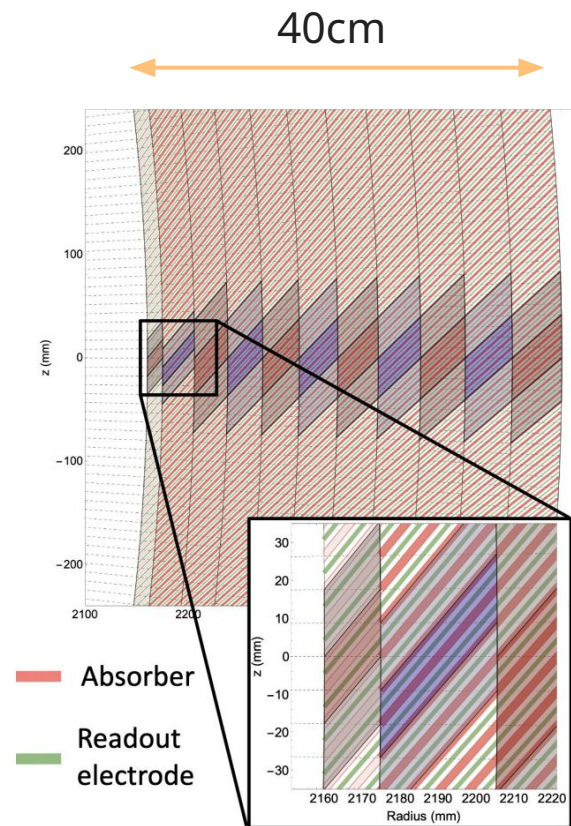
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  - 1.2 – 2.4mm LAr gaps ~20% sampling fraction
  - 40cm deep (**22  $X_0$** )
  - $\Delta\theta \times \Delta\phi = 10 \times 8$  mrad, 11 longitudinal layers
- PCBs as electrodes: great flexibility
  - Number of layers and granularity of each layer tuneable
  - Projective cells in  $\theta$  and  $\phi$
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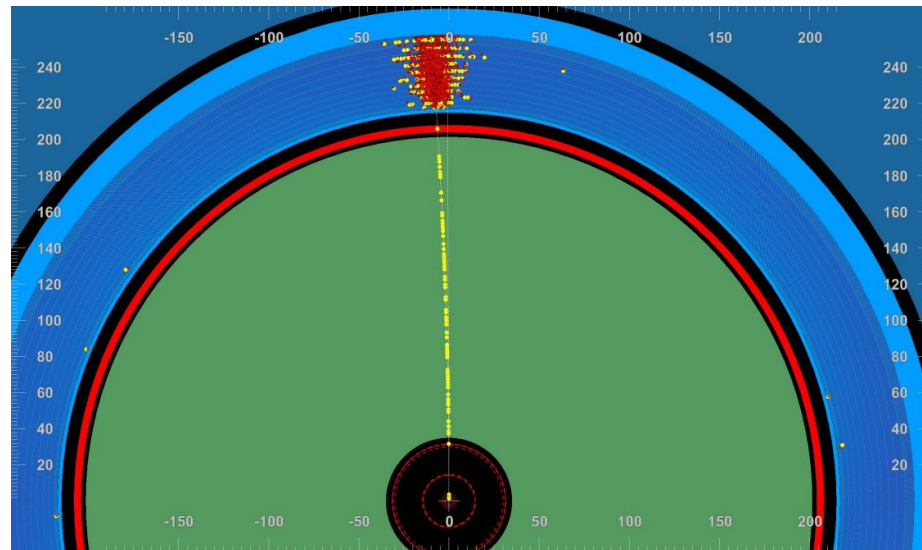
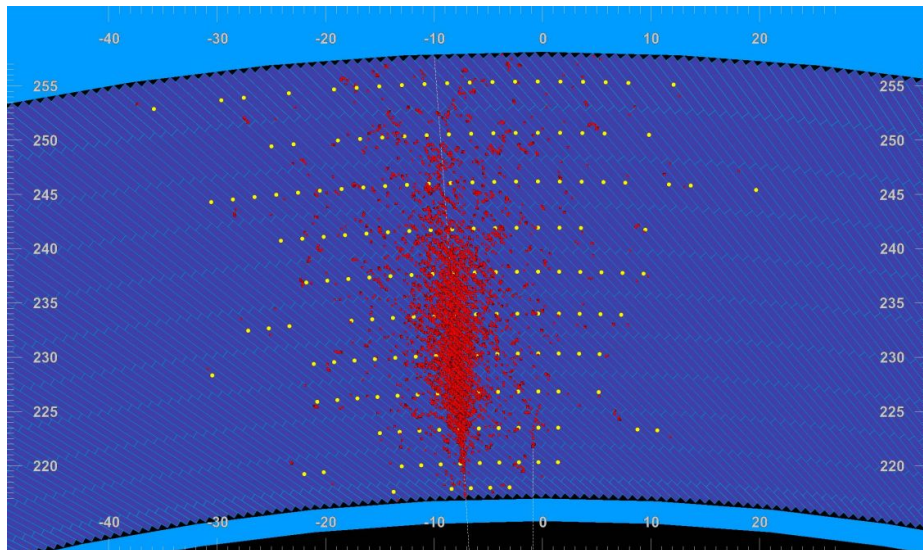
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# Calorimeter Simulation

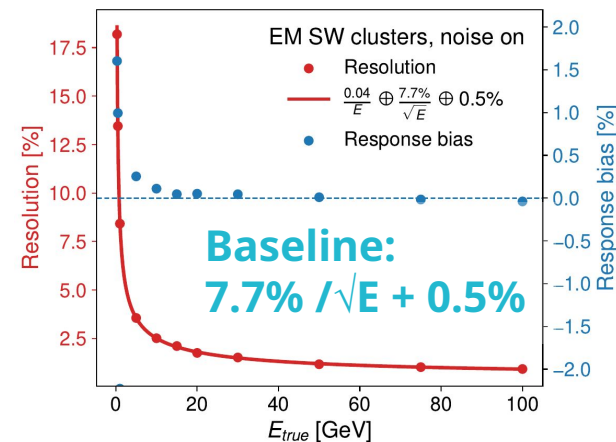
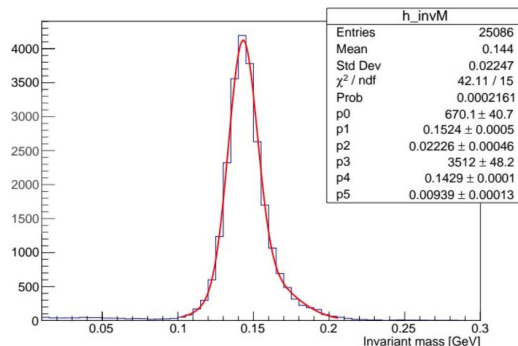
- Full calorimeter simulation implemented in Key4hep
  - (DD4hep/DDSim, EDM4hep, Gaudi)
  - Flexible enough to test easily new ideas



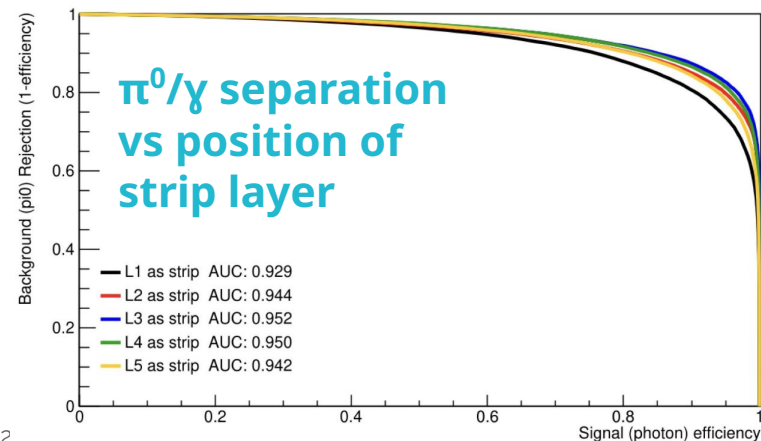
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- Electron and photon energy reconstruction using BDT regression
- Studies on photon /  $\pi^0$  classification
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  - Physics case: hadronic  $\tau$  decay modes

$\pi^0$  peak:  
 $\sigma = 23$  MeV



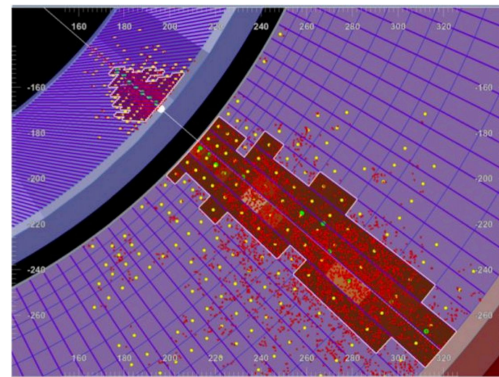
BDT ROC Curve (sliding-window clusters)



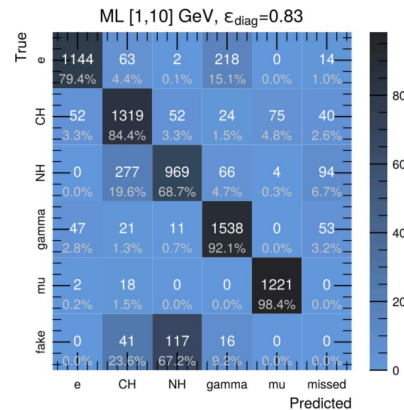


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- Next challenge: Particle Flow implementation
  - Key to performance of hadronic final states
  - Preliminary version of Pandora PFA running
  - Will also study state-of-the-art ML-based PFlow approaches



Cluster in  
ECal + Hcal



ML PFlow in CLD

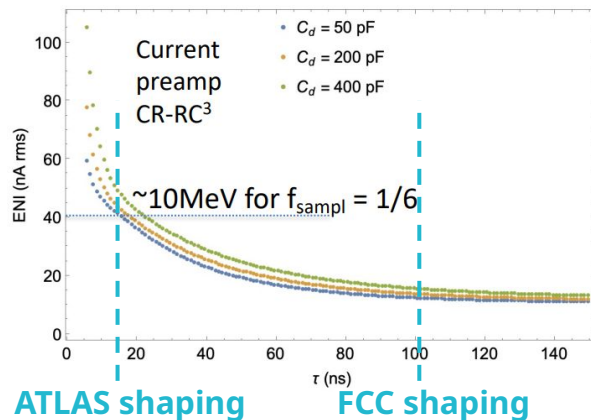
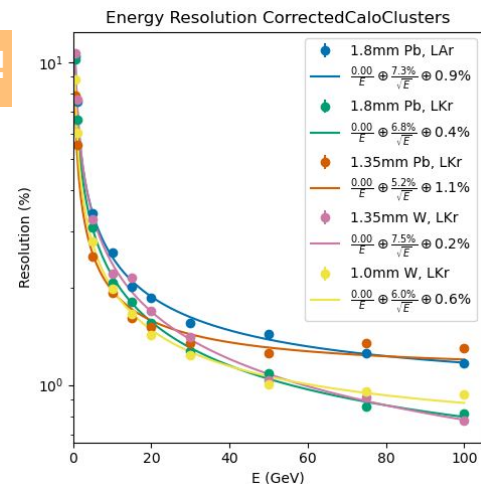
# Energy resolution: design options and noise

Energy resolution:  $\sigma(E)/E = a/E + b/\sqrt{E} + c \Rightarrow 3$  terms to optimise !

- Constant term
  - Hermeticity, low dead material, uniformity
- Sampling term: improve sampling fraction
  - Optimise gap size, sampling fraction, active and passive material
  - Explore LAr  $\Rightarrow$  LKr, Pb  $\Rightarrow$  W
    - between 5% and 7.5%
- Noise term: readout electronics
  - Req.: measurement of 200 MeV photons,  $S/N > 5$  for MIPs

$$N \sim C_d \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{g_m \tau_p}}$$

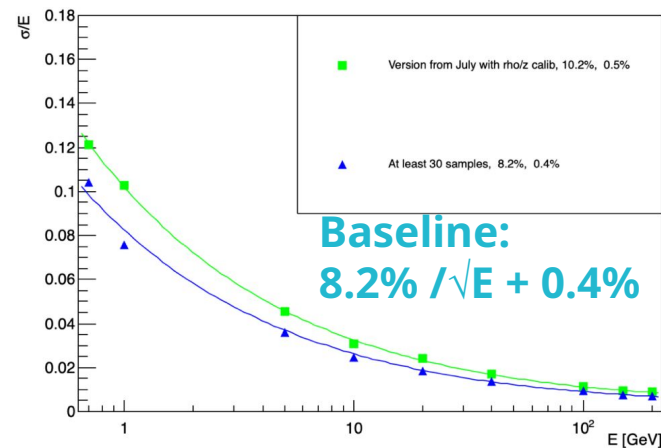
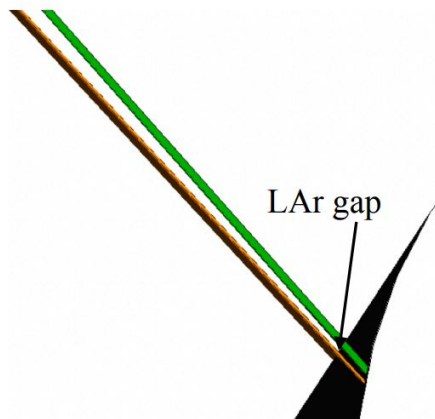
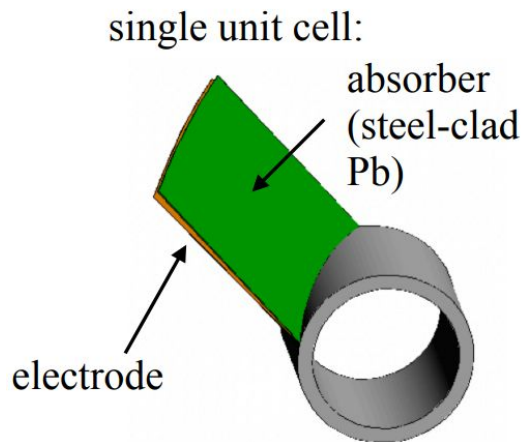
- Longer shaping time wrt ATLAS (200 ns)
- Cold frontend electronics in the cryostat will provide **noiseless readout**



# End-caps: turbine design

## Turbine design: adaptation of barrel idea to end-caps regions

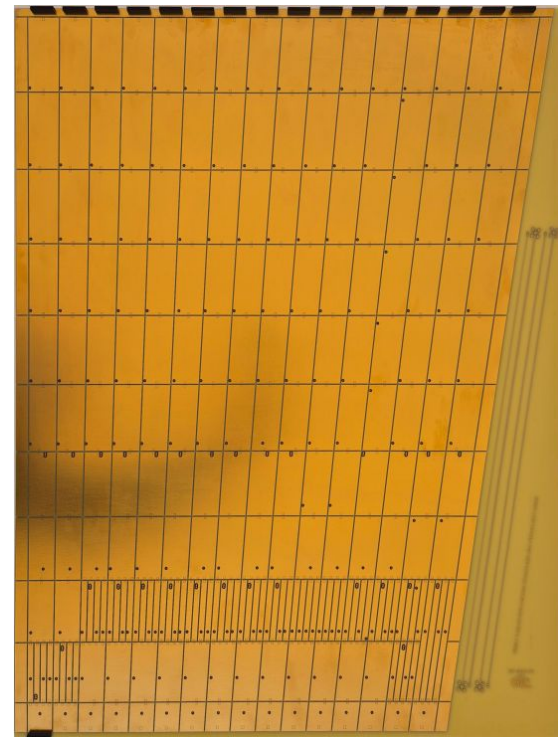
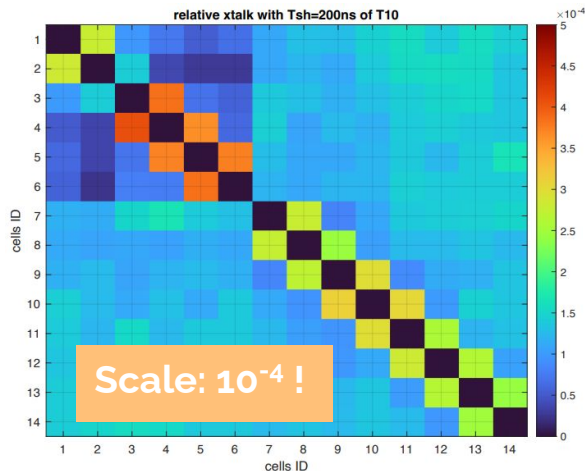
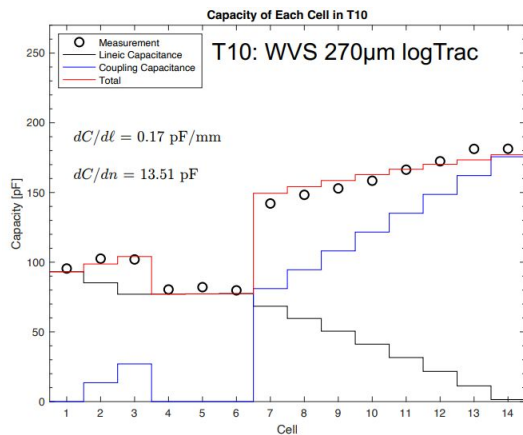
- Nice properties:
  - High sampling frequency
  - Uniformity in  $\phi$
  - Ability to read out solely from the high- $|z|$  face
  - Can be constructed with multiple copies of a small number of electrode/absorber designs



# R&D on Electrodes

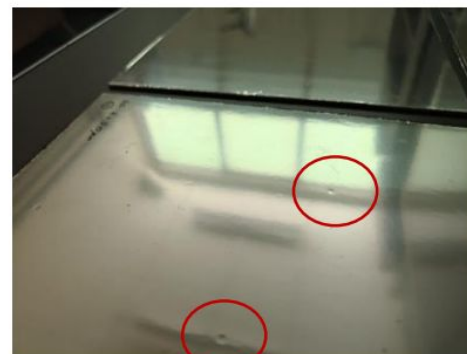
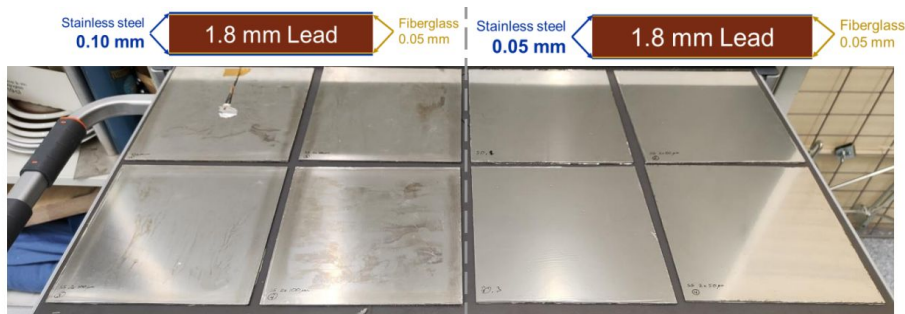
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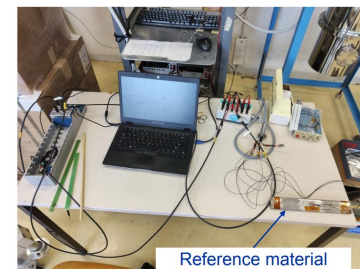
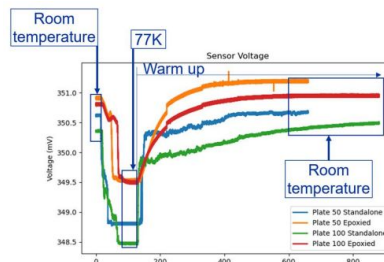


# R&D on Absorbers

- Absorbers are 1.8mm lead plates sandwiched between stainless steel sheets, glued by prepreg
  - Absorbers fabricated with 0.1mm and 0.05mm SS sheets
  - Deformations appear in cold tests at 77K with 0.05mm sheets only



- CTE investigations
  - Deformations probably due to CTE differences
  - Investigated using strain gauges
- **0.1mm SS sheets is now default**
- **R&D conclusive !**



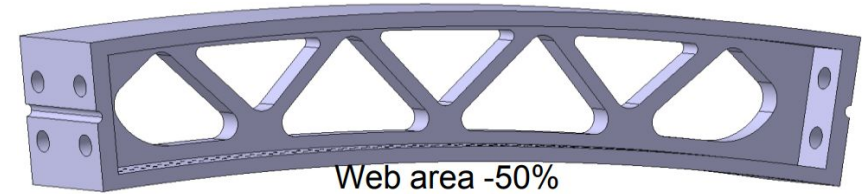
Reference material  
Stainless steel sample



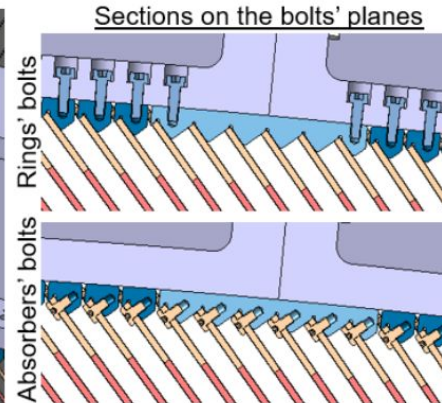
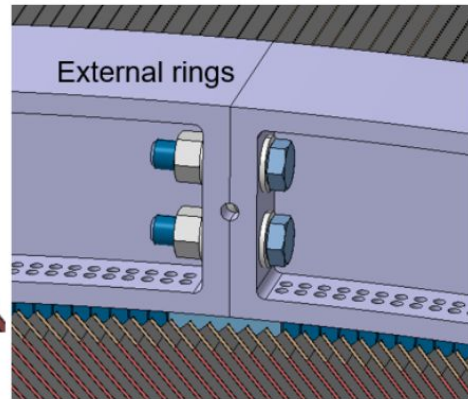
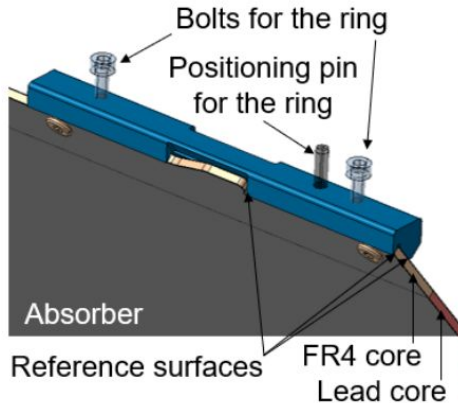
# Support structures and general design

Compactness, rigidity, high precision in positioning

- How to hold the electrodes and absorbers ?
  - Overall structure is given by support rings, external and internal
  - Calculations to chose minimal beam size
  - High precision: need uniform LAr gaps
- Add constraints to route cables and pipes
  - ANSYS studies for hollow structure



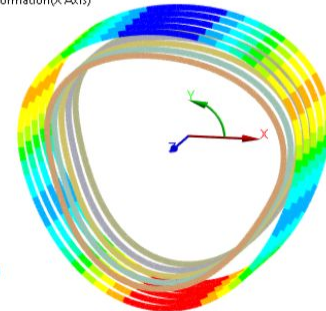
Radial displacement +15 %



D: v19.1 Gravity  
Radial Deformation External Rings 1  
Type: Directional Deformation(X Axis)  
Unit: mm  
CYLINDRICAL CS  
Time: 1 s

3.558 Max  
2.7703  
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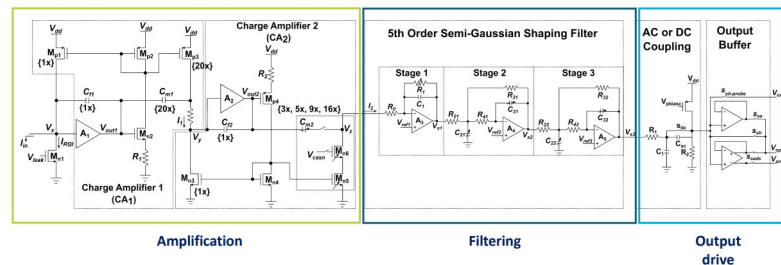
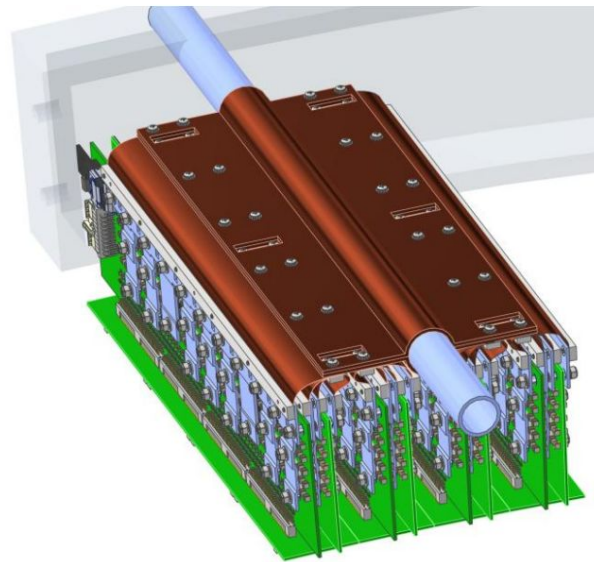
Scale x50



# Readout electronics in the cold

## ALLEGRO Ecal barrel: ~2M channels

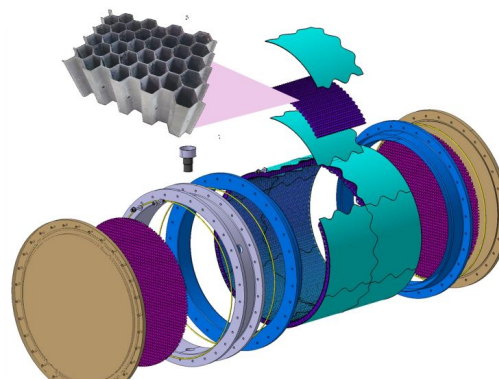
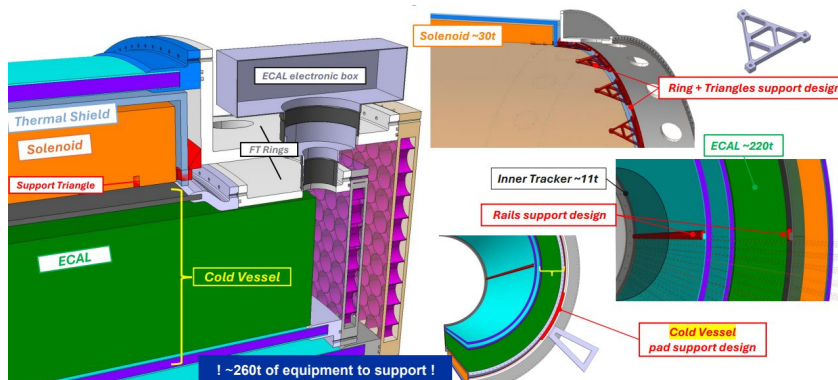
- Warm electronics outside of cryostat:  
2M cables to route  $\Rightarrow$  avoid if possible
- Cold electronics: fewer cables, digital signals
  - But: needs room for boards + HV, powering and signal cables
  - Proposed solution inspired by DUNE electronics
  - Requires cooling system to dissipate heat
- Cold Frontend ASICs: two designs, based on Dune LArASIC or on CMS HGCROC
  - DUNE: turn a cryogenic-ready design into calorimeter application
  - CMS: turn a calorimeter chip into a lower-power, cryogenic-ready design
  - **Designs submitted for fabrication**



# Transparent Cryostat for ALLEGRO Ecal

Minimal amount of  $X_0 \Rightarrow$  Investigate solutions based on carbon fiber

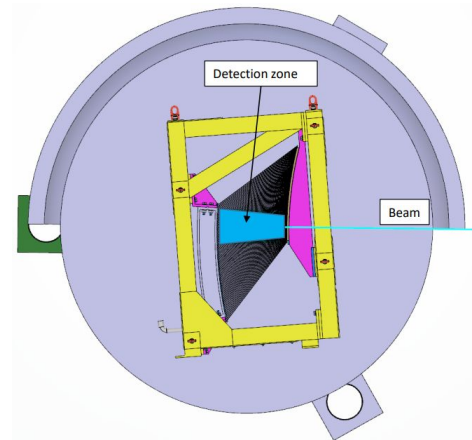
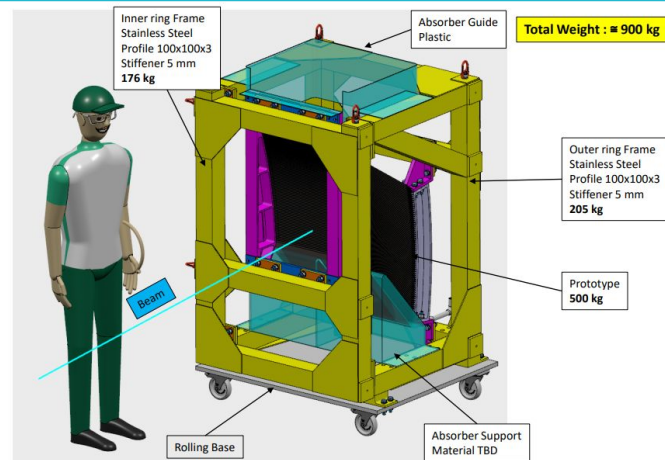
- Carbon cryostats developed for aerospace applications
  - But requirements quite different !
- R&D from component level to Engineering Models
  - **Sandwich Carbon layers + honeycomb: 3%  $X_0$  / wall !**
- Design of a cryostat suitable for ALLEGRO in progress
  - With plans for demonstrators



# Putting it all together: prototype module

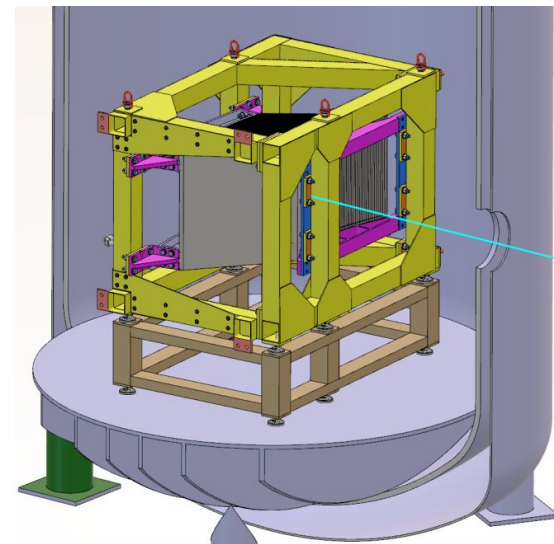
## Main goal of the R&D within 5 years

- Prototype representative of a calorimeter section
  - Full **containment of EM showers**
  - Realistic size of support beams
  - 64 electrodes, 65 absorber plates
  - ~5000 channels
- Advanced design of structure used for assembly and support
- Testbeams at CERN
  - Using existing cryostats
  - Post-LS3: 2029 – 2030
  - Coordination of calorimeter testbeams at DRD6 level



# Conclusions

- Noble Liquid EM calorimetry is a very appealing solution for FCC-ee
  - Fulfils **all requirements** of the physics programme
  - Cost-effective
  - Significant progress in simulations to prove all important metrics
- Very active ALLEGRO Ecal R&D
  - As part of DRD6 collaboration
  - Working on all challenges to reach our performance goals
  - Design to be demonstrated by a prototype within 5 years
  - There is still plenty to do !
  - We are **always open to new collaborators !**

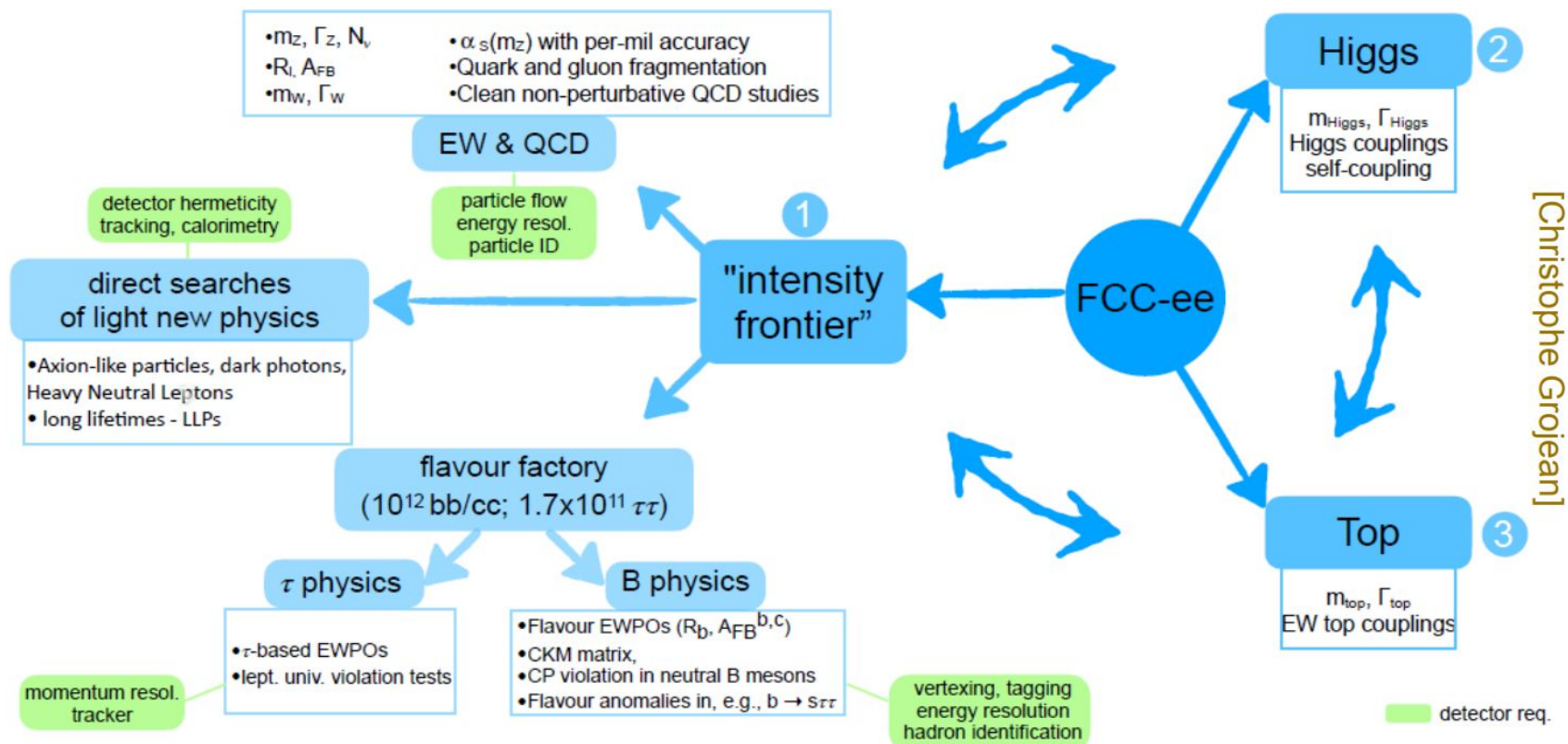




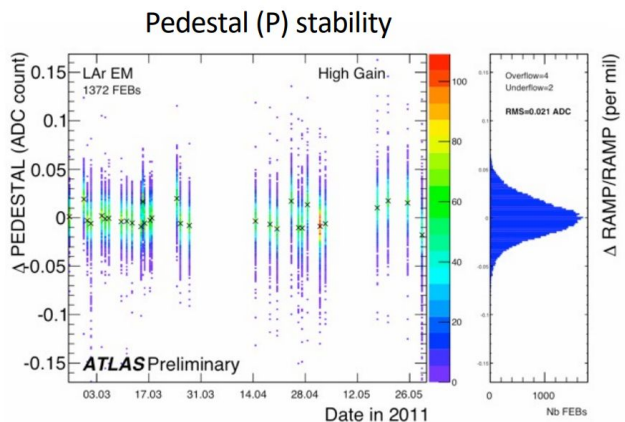
# Additional Material

# FCC-ee Physics Programme

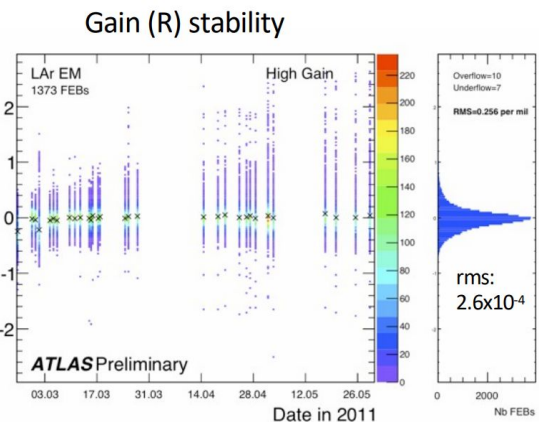
Extremely broad ! Excellent complementarity with HL-LHC



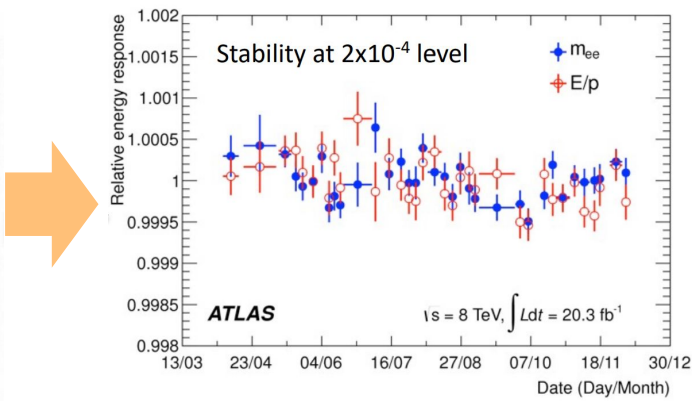
# Example: Stability of ATLAS LAr Energy Scale



Pedestal stability 100 keV

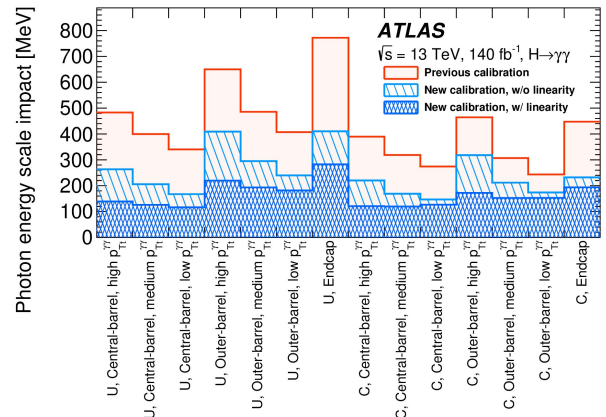
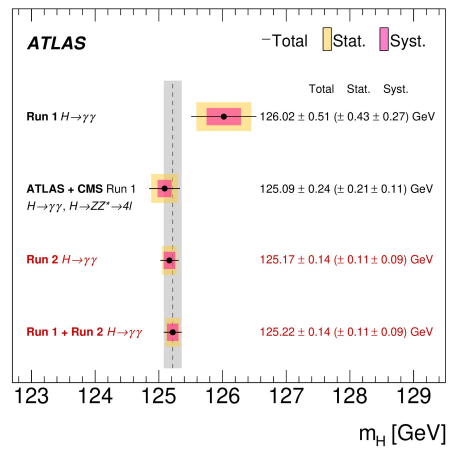


Gain stability  $2.6 \times 10^{-4}$



Energy scale stable at  $2 \times 10^{-4}$

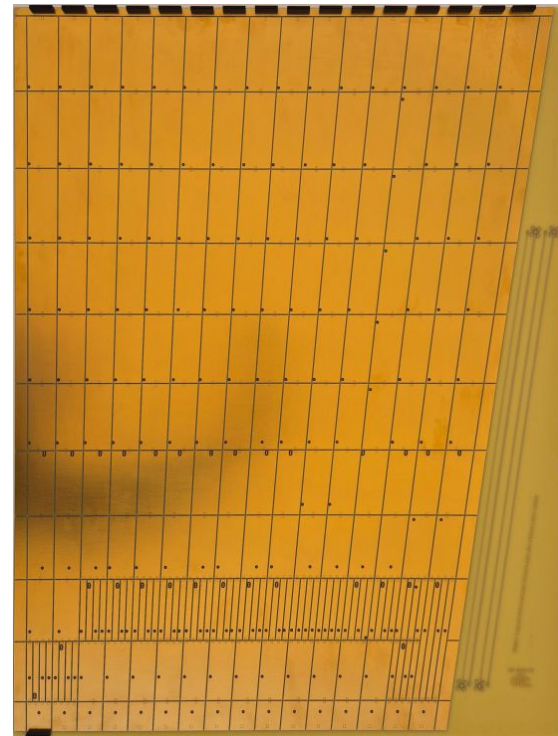
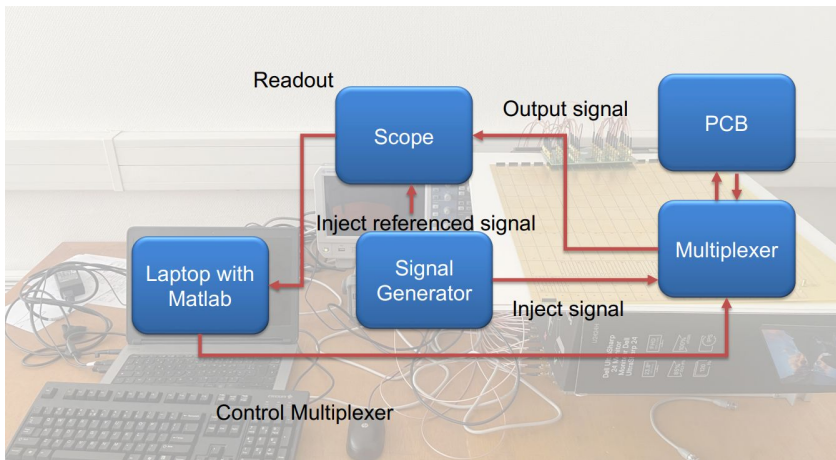
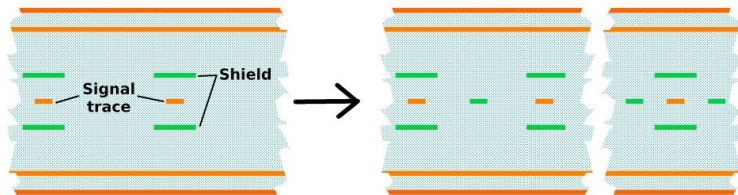
Key to measurement of Higgs mass with 140 MeV precision in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



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- Next challenges

- Distribution of High Voltage (1 – 2 kV)
  - Will investigate resistive layers or resistive ink
- Design of large electrodes at the end of the barrel
  - Do we still need projectivity ?

