

Noble Liquid Calorimeter ALLEGRO Ecal

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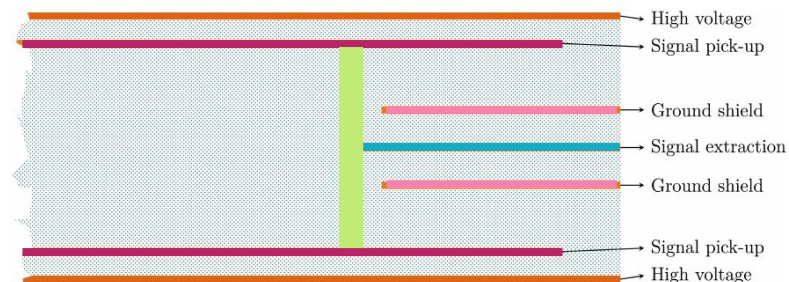
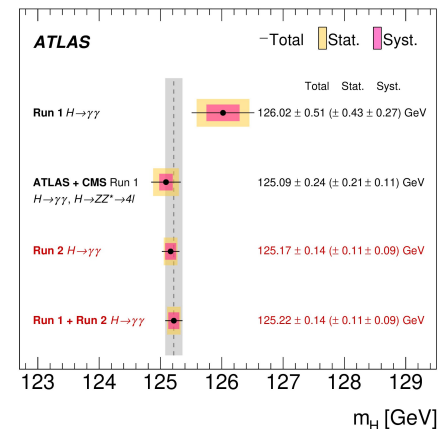


A Noble liquid Ecal for FCC-ee

- LAr: an excellent solution for small systematics
 - Good energy resolution
 - High(-ish) granularity achievable
 - Linearity, uniformity, long-term stability
 - Easy to calibrate
- What we want to get
 - High granularity, optimization for PFlow reconstruction
 - Achieving very low noise
 - Lightweight cryostats to minimize X_0
 - Designing for improved energy resolution

- What does limit ATLAS granularity ?
 - copper/kapton electrode: Traces to read out middle cells take real estate on back layer
 - Solution for Noble Liquid calo for FCC:
 - Multi-layer PCB to route signals inside
 - Allows for ~ **x10 ATLAS granularity**

100 MeV systematic on Hyy mass



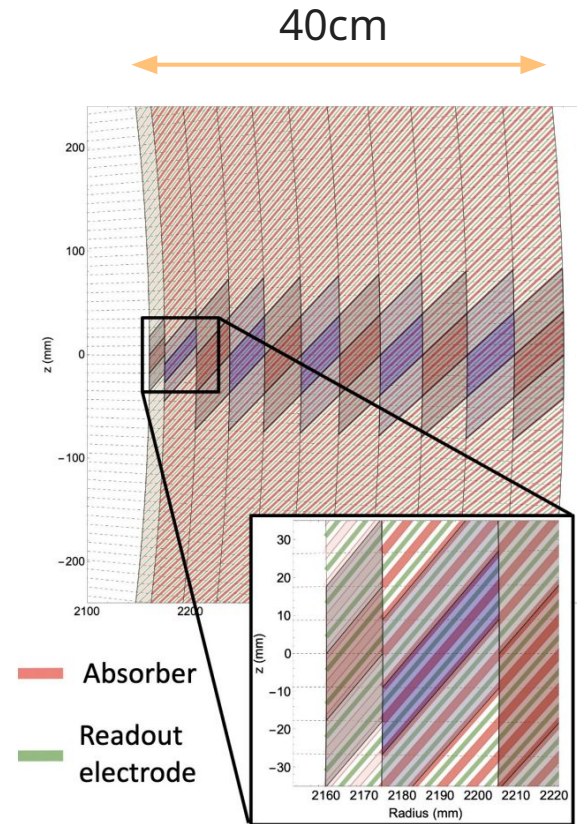
Allegro Ecal Design Idea

Design driven by the solution used for electrodes

- 1536 **straight inclined** (50°) 1.8mm **Pb** absorber plates
- Multi-layer PCBs as readout electrodes
- 1.2 – 2.4mm **LAr** gaps (**LKr** option): ~20% sampling fraction
- 40cm deep ($22 X_0$)
- $\Delta\theta = 10$ (2.5) mrad for regular (strip) cells, $\Delta\phi = 8$ mrad, 11 longitudinal layers

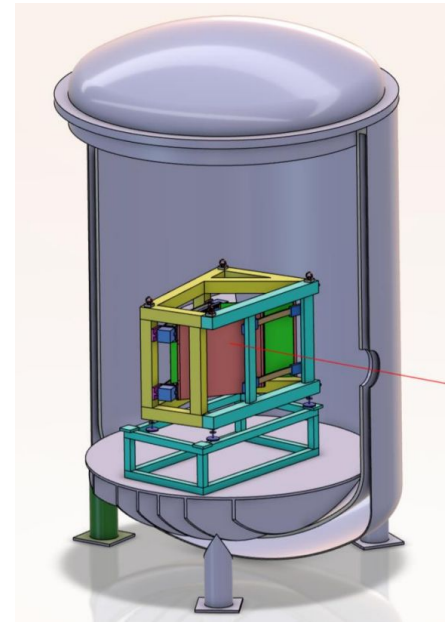
PCBs as electrodes: great flexibility

- Number of layers and granularity of layers fully optimizable
- Projective cells
- **Lots of room for optimisation !**



Goals of the ALLEGRO Ecal DRD6 project

- Development of the full simulation of a complete calorimeter
 - Integrate in the ALLEGRO Detector Concept
 - Develop reconstruction chain
 - e/ γ , then hadrons/jets
 - Inform important design decisions from the expected physics performance
 - Reconstruction efficiencies, resolutions, general PFlow performance
 - Optimal granularity, impact of absorber / active materials
- A first test-beam module ready for when beams are back at CERN (H2 2029)
 - Size: enough to contain full EM shower
 - This requires developments of individual elements
 - Electrodes, frontend electronics, absorbers, support mechanics
 - The module is necessary to prove that the design can work well



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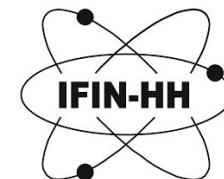
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N.M leader of the project (WP2 responsible)

- Giovanni Marchiori co-responsible for simulations

- Strong link with DRD6 WP4 (electronics) with Christophe de la Taille as responsible



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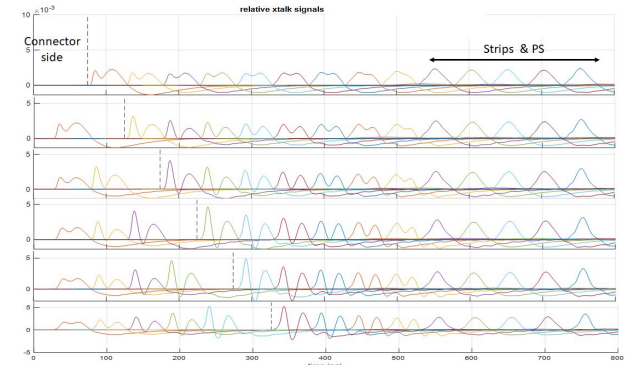


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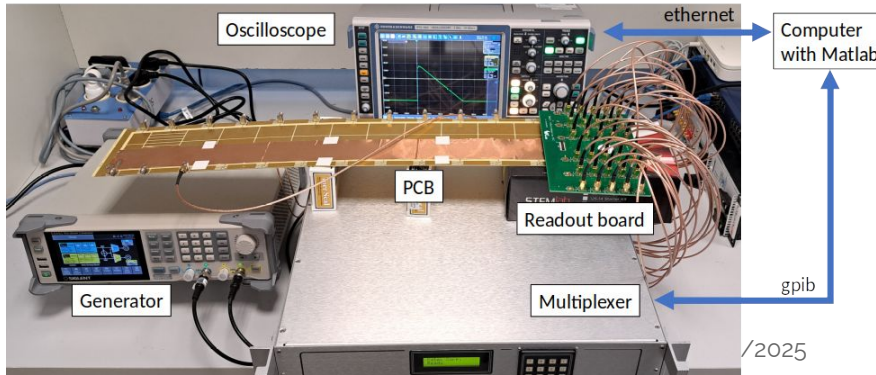
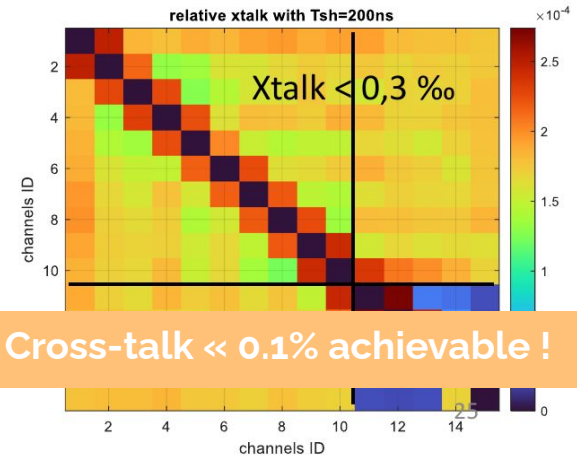
Progress on electrodes prototypes

Explore tradeoffs: max granularity / capacitance (noise) / cross-talk

- First large-scale prototype at CERN
 - Explore many options for grounding, for shields
 - Few per-mille cross-talk achievable with long shaping
- Latest prototype at IJCLab
 - All layers readout at the back
 - Best for material budget, worse for noise and cross-talk
 - New shielding ideas
 - Developed system for automated measurements
 - Detailed understanding of cross-talk and capacitances



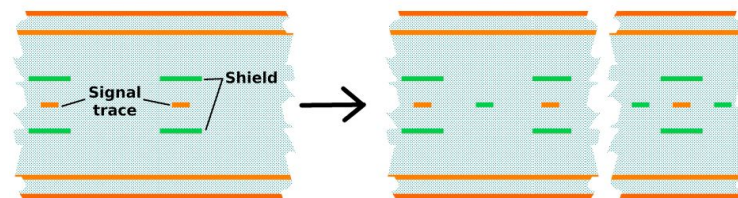
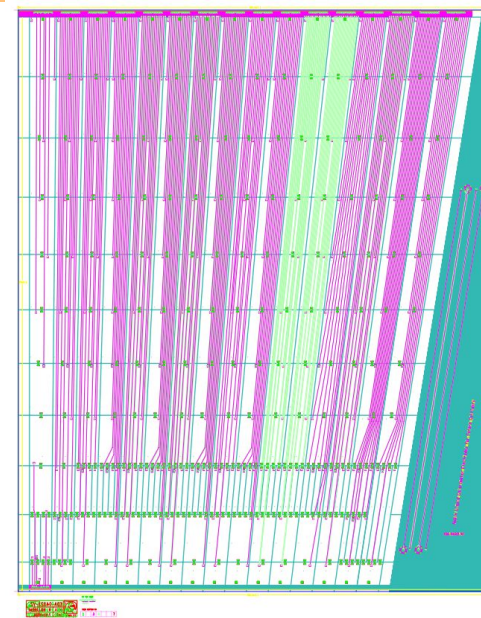
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Next generation of electrodes

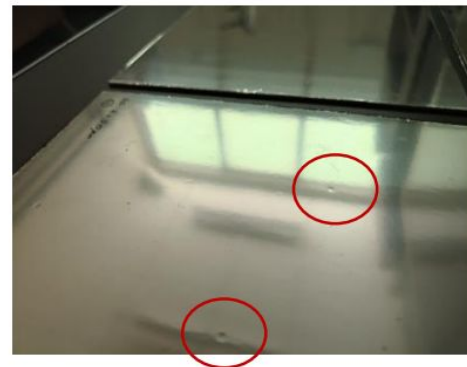
New large-scale prototype in fabrication at CERN PCB Lab (Jan 2025)

- Based on all lessons learned with previous generations
 - All channels readout at the back
 - Connectors to use same automated test system as IJCLab
 - Tuned widths and thicknesses
 - Optimization of stack-up and line impedance
- Still investigating options
 - Many towers are different, varying one parameter at a time (widths, thicknesses)
 - Additional shielding (à la IJCLab)
 - Traces ordering in towers (impact on cross-talk expected)
 - Position of "strip" layer



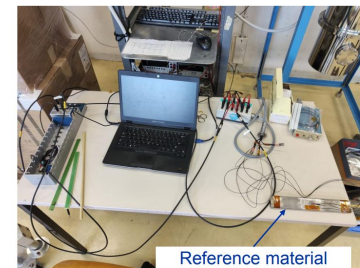
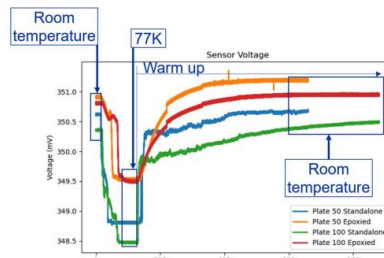
Absorbers

- 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**

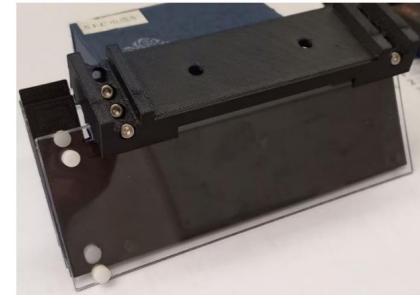
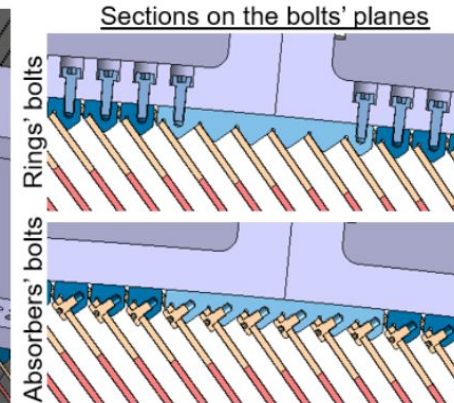
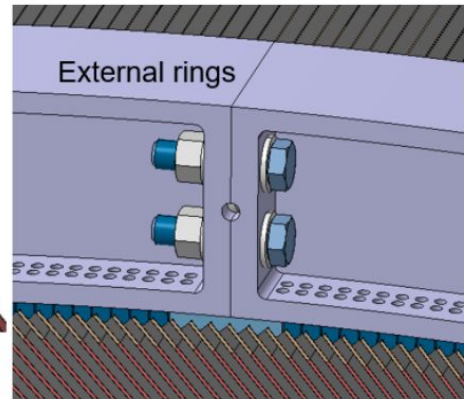
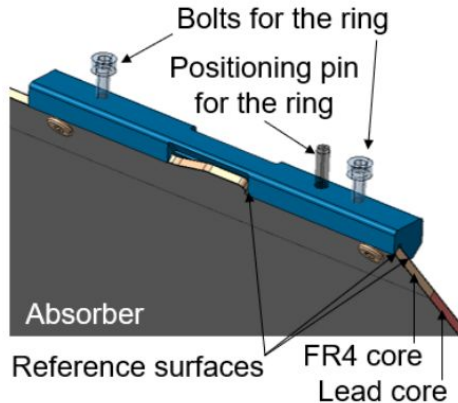
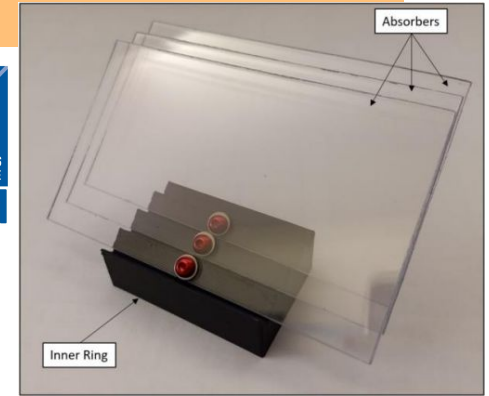


Reference material
Stainless steel sample

Support structures and general design

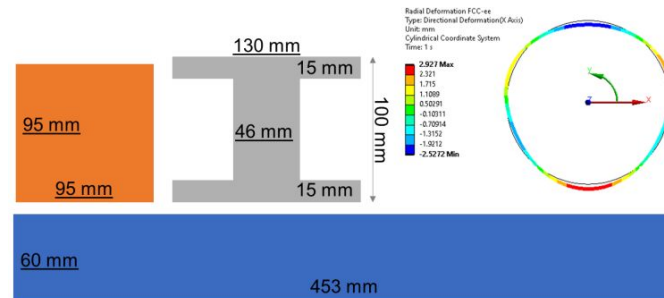
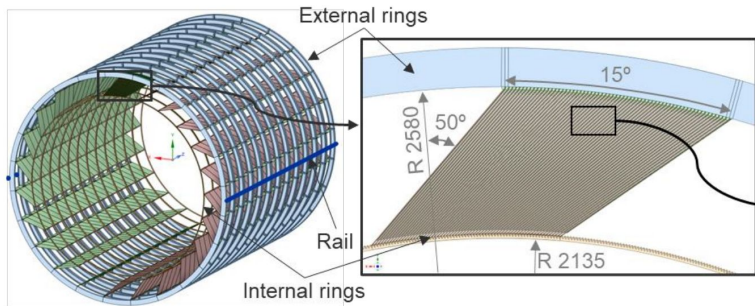
Significant progress on general mechanics design in 2024

- How to hold the electrodes and absorbers ?
 - Tight space
 - High precision
 - Minimal X_0 in front of calo \Rightarrow use fiberglass for inner ring
- Design and 3D-printed prototypes to check feasibility
 - Small screws: need Torx over Allen

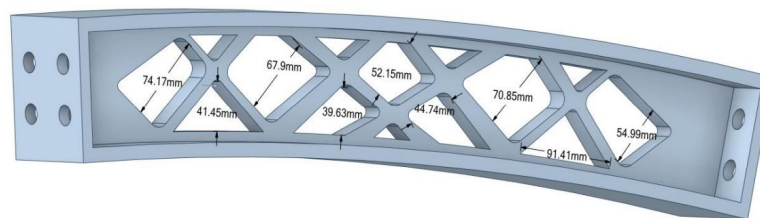
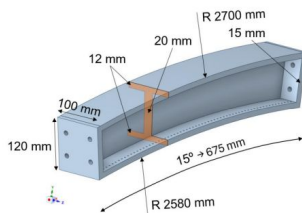


Support structures II

- Overall structure is given by support rings, external and internal
 - Inner ring: mostly positioning, need to be as 'transparent' as possible
 - External ring provides most of the support. Sits on rails in the cryostat
- Calculations on the overall structure inform needed size of the H beams

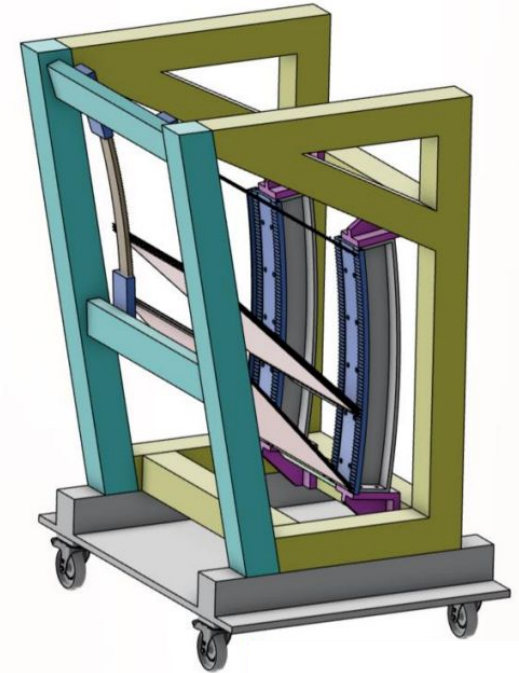
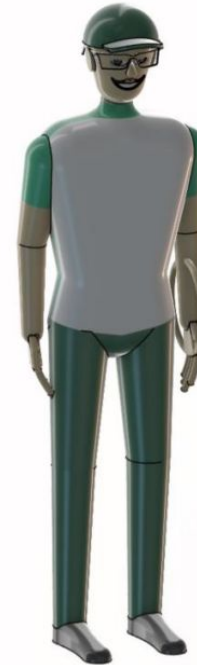
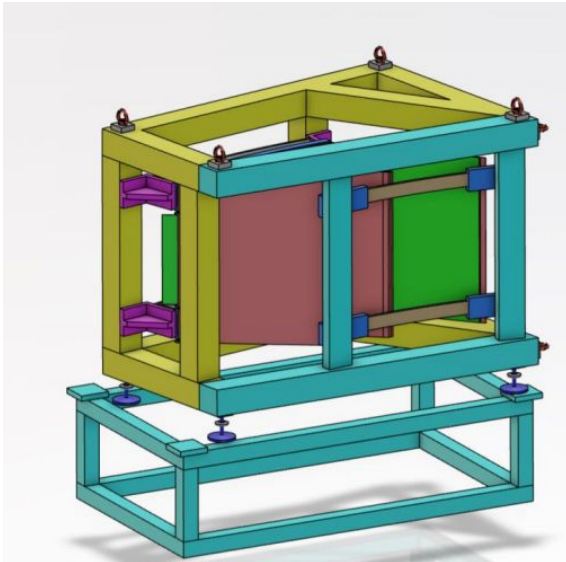


- Then: need space for cables and cooling pipes to go through
 - First attempts at using ANSYS to calculate a hollow structure to make room



Tooling for assembly

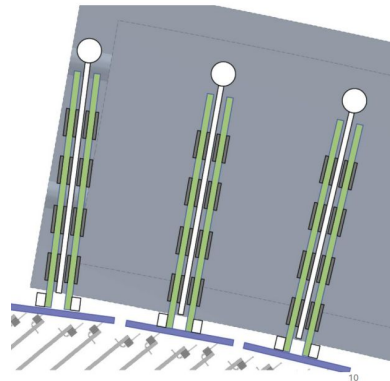
- Several concepts explored for tooling for assembly of module
- Easy access for assembly, and can be installed for test at cold



Ideas on cold readout electronics

ALLEGRO Ecal barrel: ~2M channels

- Warm electronics outside of cryostat: 2M signal cables to route
- Cold electronics: need room for boards + HV, powering and signal cables
 - Note: number of cables greatly reduced through multiplexing
 - First idea: cold FEB along radial direction. Adapter boards to connect to electrodes and do the summation (2 electrodes in phi are summed)
 - Opens many new questions!
 - Space needed in support rings
 - Cooling aspects
 - Amount of data transferred per channel has large impact on number of cables needed
 - Stresses need for 0-suppression

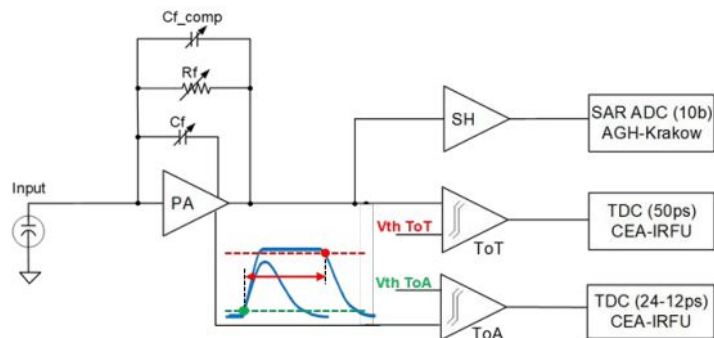


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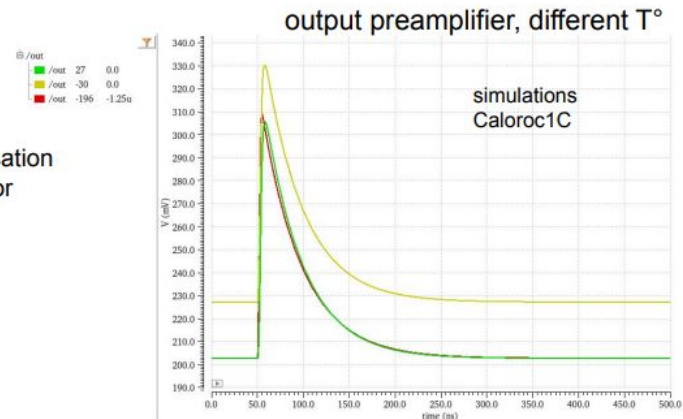
2025: first developments towards frontend ASICs

● CALOROC1C

- First adaptation of HGCROC to cryogenic temperatures
- Modified CMS frontend
 - Longer shaping times
- EIC-style readout
 - Simplified wrt CMS requirements
- Low power (10 mW/channel) solution

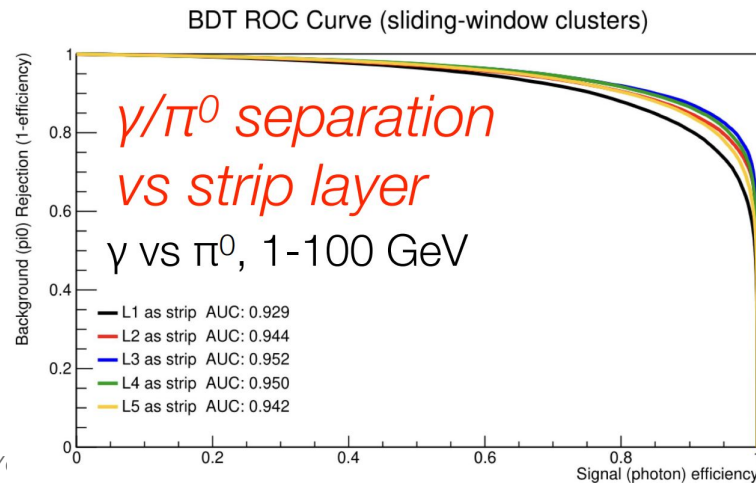
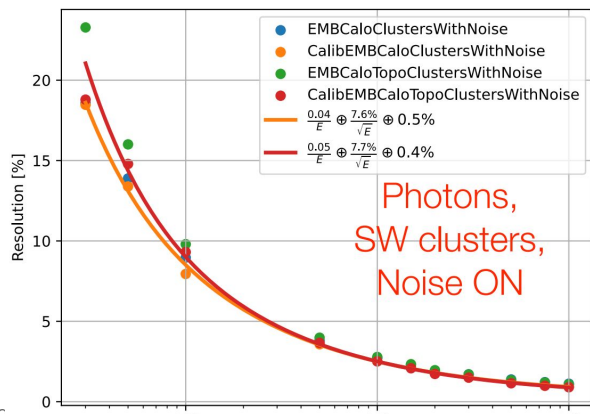


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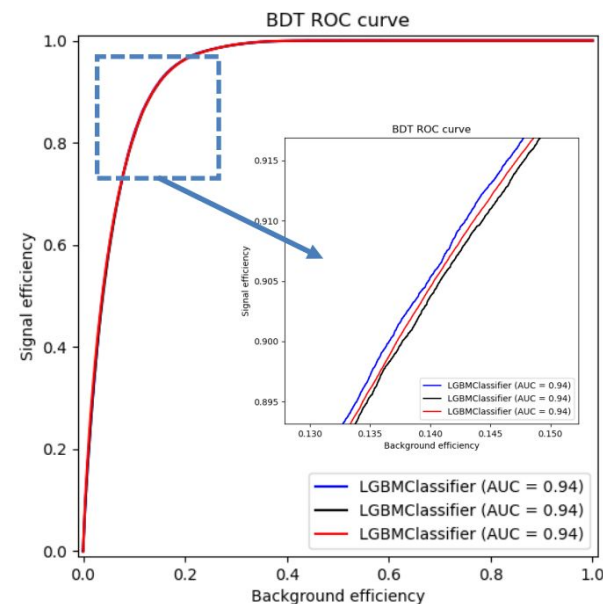
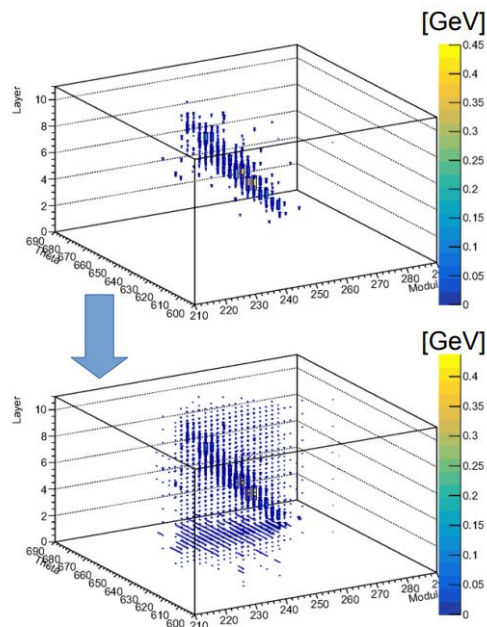
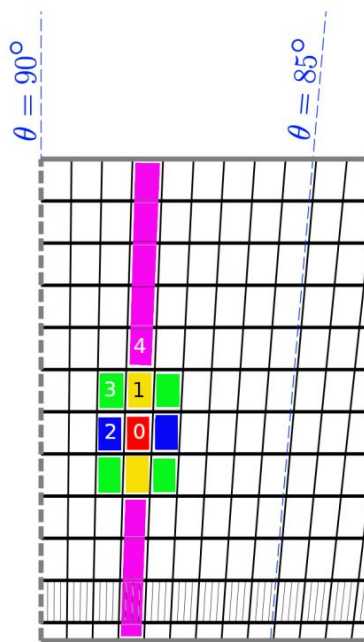
Simulations and design optimisation: granularity

- Lots of ground work on FCC simulation framework for ALLEGRO Fullsim
- Fixed-size and topo-clustering available for a while
- Electron and photon energy reconstruction using BDT regression
- 2024: BDT for photon / π^0 classification
 - Allows to investigate EM granularity
 - Indicates that “strips” layer would be better placed in 3rd or 4th layer instead of 2nd layer (shower has not started enough yet)



Simulations and design optimisation: improvements

- Inclusion of noise and crosstalk (energy sharing) in the digitization
 - **Tiny impact** on photon / π^0 classification, even with pessimistic cross-talk figures !



Type	1: Radial	2: Theta	3: Diagonal	4: Tower
Crosstalk	0.7%	0.3%	0.04%	0.1%

IN2P3: Status of R&T Project

Updates not concluded in time for this meeting – things being worked on

- FICHE Project R&T being updated
 - Recent withdrawal of LPNHE
 - LAPP is going to join work on electrodes (Renaud Gaglione)
- Comparison with initial version (2023)
 - Our **end goal has shifted**: no beams at CERN before mid 2029
 - ASICs developments shifted by 1 year: test structures (modified HGCROC) in 2025, more dedicated chip in 2026
 - Related frontend electronics: start in 2026
 - Overall resources requests for the R&D phase should be quite in line with the 2023 version
- Main need for funding towards 2027/2028 (out of scope of FICHE projet)
 - Construction of prototype

DRD6 WP2: sharing of resources

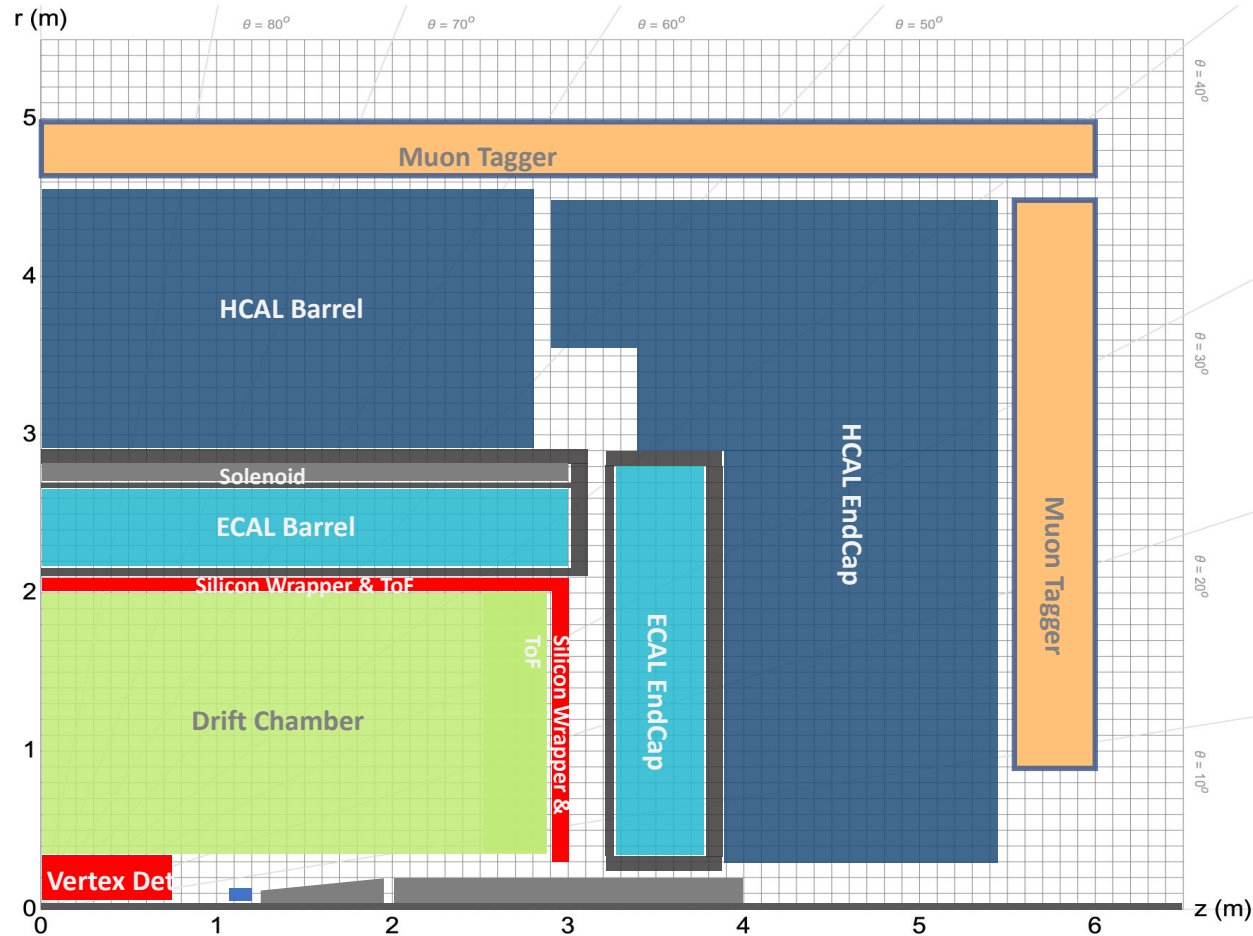
- **Work on DRD6 WP2 “money matrix” is starting**
 - Not an easy task given the number of institutes
- **Inclined barrel design of ALLEGRO Ecal: consequences for prototype**
 - Takes a lot of space for small active part with full shower containment
 - Requires ~60 electrodes and absorbers
 - Existing cryostats large enough to contain the prototype have outdated cryogenics systems
 - A bit costly for a small prototype

Conclusions

- Impressive progress on **all fronts** of the ALLEGRO Ecal R&D in 2024
 - Strengthens the idea that it is a **realistic** concept for **high-performance** calorimetry at FCC-ee
- **Electrodes: Noise / cross-talk trade-offs quite well understood**
 - Next prototypes will allow to finetune final choices for the barrel
- **Mechanics: lessons on absorbers stackup and developed concepts for the support structures and the assembly process**
 - Can be readily adapted to our first testbeam module
- **Simulations: full simulation is now fairly complete**
 - First lessons for granularity optimization
 - Further studies require integration with HCal / PFlow
 - Progress on mechanics and cryostat and solenoid require some changes to the ddsim description
- **Work starting on sharing the deliverables among the institutes**

Supplementary Material

Allegro detector concept



A Lepton collider Experiment with Granular Read-Out

- **Vertex Detector:**
 - MAPS or DMAPS possibly with timing layer (LGAD)
 - Possibly ALICE 3 like?
- **Drift Chamber ($\pm 2.5\text{m}$ active)**
- **Silicon Wrapper + ToF:**
 - MAPS or DMAPS possibly with timing layer (LGAD)
- **Solenoid $B=2\text{T}$, sharing cryostat with ECAL, outside ECAL**
- **High Granularity ECAL:**
 - Noble liquid + Pb or W
- **High Granularity HCAL / Iron Yoke:**
 - Scintillator + Iron
 - SiPMs directly on Scintillator or
 - TileCal: WS fibres, SiPMs outside
- **Muon Tagger:**
 - Drift chambers, RPC, MicroMegas

Outstanding Physics \Rightarrow Strong Requirements on Detectors

Higgs factory

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

Top

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

Flavor
"boosted" B/D/ τ factory:

CKM matrix
CPV measurements
Charged LFV
Lepton Universality
 τ properties (lifetime, BRs..)

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

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, Γ_W

BSM
feebly interacting particles

Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL)

Dark Photons Z_D

Axion Like Particles (ALPs)

Exotic Higgs decays

Excellent tracking
Jet energy resolution
at high energies

Excellent tracking /
energy resolution /
PID
at low energies

Small systematics

Versatile detector

Calorimeters for HET factories

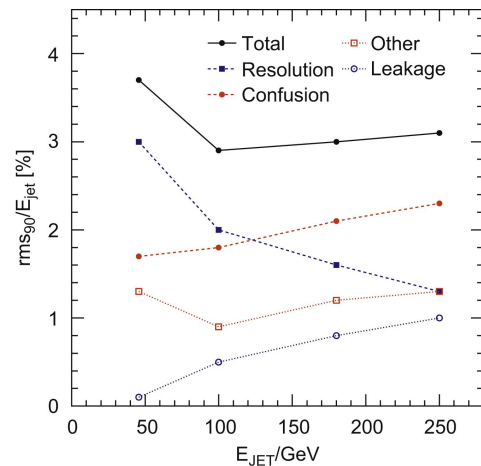
An extensive set of requirements

- **Energy resolution: “only” for photons and neutral hadrons**
 - But: ideally photons as low as 200 – 300 MeV
- **Dynamic range: 200 MeV – 180 GeV**
 - vs LHC: 6 TeV jets !
- **Granularity: PID, disentangle showers for PFlow**
 - But: how granular exactly ?
- **Hermeticity, uniformity, calibrability, stability**
 - Low systematics for precision measurements
 - Complex system-level engineering questions
- **No need to be particularly fast**
 - But: can precise timing help in reconstructing showers more accurately ?

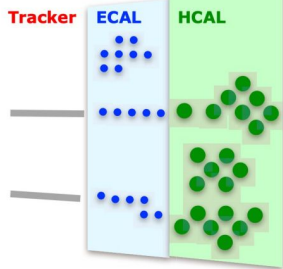
A quest for ultimate jet energy resolution

PFlow PFlow PFlow

- Target: $\sigma(E)/E = 30\%/\sqrt{E}$ (GeV)
 - Typical figure of merit: W/Z boson separation
 - Actual use: variety of hadronic measurements
- What granularity do we really need at HET Factories ?
- New calos concepts bring new ideas (crystals DR study)

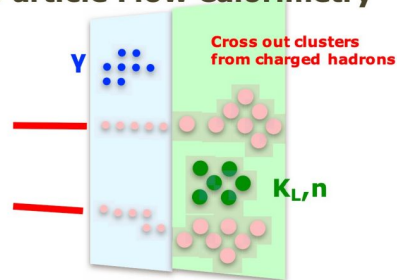


Traditional Calorimetry

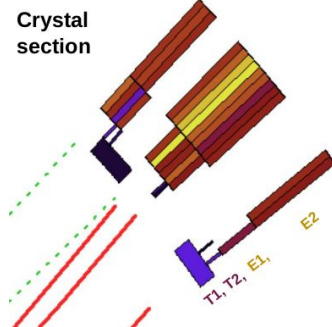


$E_{jet} = E(\text{ECAL}) + E(\text{HCAL})$
 Composition $\sim 30\%$: $\sim 70\%$

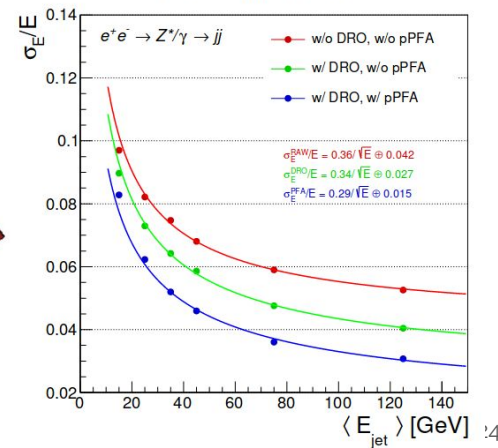
Particle Flow Calorimetry



$E_{jet} = E(\text{Tracker}) + E(\gamma) + E(K_L, n)$
 Composition $\sim 60\%$: $\sim 30\%$: $\sim 10\%$



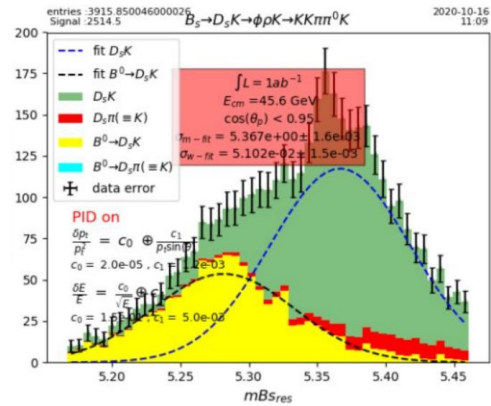
Jet energy resolution



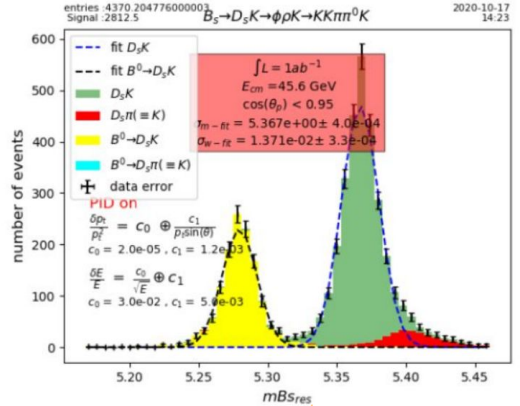
EW factories unique challenges

FCC-ee: $O(10^{11})$ B and τ at 45 GeV !!!

- Some physics channels require very high EM resolution
- τ physics: reconstructing the decays
 - Means π^0 reconstruction and ID
 - Count close-by π^0
 - Granularity
- BSM, e.g ALP searches
 - Photon resolution, photon pointing



15%/sqrt(E)



3%/sqrt(E)

Recon → Gen ↓	$\pi^\pm \nu$	$\pi^\pm \pi^0 \nu$	$\pi^\pm 2\pi^0 \nu$	$\pi^\pm 3\pi^0 \nu$	$\pi^\pm 4\pi^0 \nu$
$\pi^\pm \nu$	0.9560	0.0425	0.0010	0.0003	0.0002
$\pi^\pm \pi^0 \nu$	0.0374	0.9020	0.0586	0.0016	0.0002
$\pi^\pm 2\pi^0 \nu$	0.0090	0.1277	0.7802	0.0808	0.0022
$\pi^\pm 3\pi^0 \nu$	0.0036	0.0372	0.2679	0.5972	0.0910

Table: Each row shows the fraction of e.g. $\tau \rightarrow \pi^\pm \nu$ decays classified as each of the considered channels

Calorimetry options

Many options on the table, for both Ecal and Hcal

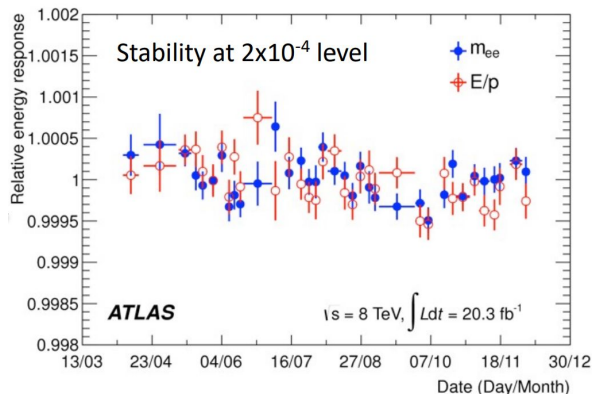
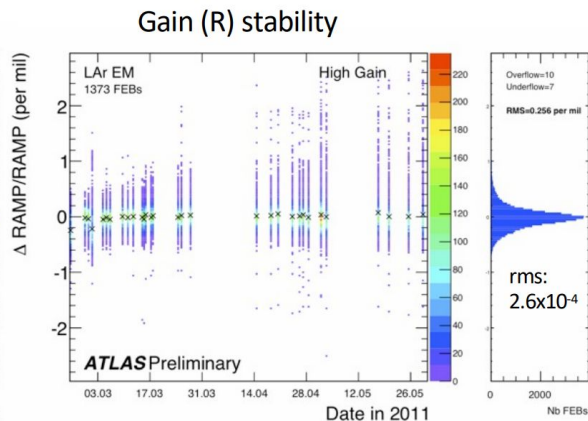
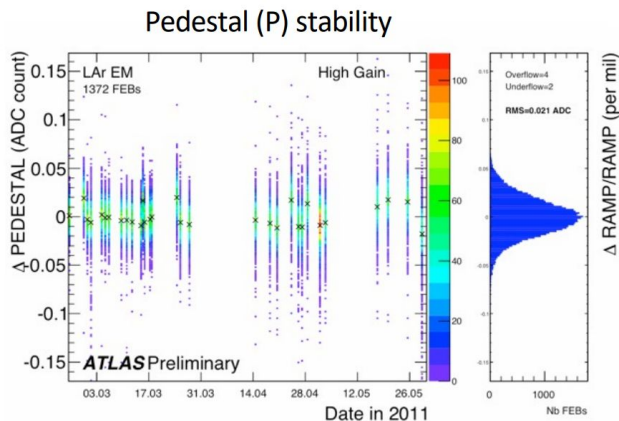
Detector technology (ECAL & HCAL)	E.m. energy res. stochastic term	E.m. energy res. constant term	ECAL & HCAL had. energy resolution (stoch. term for single had.)	ECAL & HCAL had. energy resolution (for 50 GeV jets)	Ultimate hadronic energy res. incl. PFlow (for 50 GeV jets)
Highly granular Si/W based ECAL & Scintillator based HCAL	15 – 17 % [12,20]	1 % [12,20]	45 – 50 % [45,20]	≈ 6 % ?	4 % [20]
Highly granular Noble liquid based ECAL & Scintillator based HCAL	8 – 10 % [24,27,46]	< 1 % [24,27,47]	≈ 40 % [27,28]	≈ 6 % ?	3 – 4 % ?
Dual-readout Fibre calorimeter	11 % [48]	< 1 % [48]	≈ 30 % [48]	4 – 5 % [49]	3 – 4 % ?
Hybrid crystal and Dual-readout calorimeter	3 % [30]	< 1 % [30]	≈ 26 % [30]	5 – 6 % [30,50]	3 – 4 % [50]

- All options feature good jet energy resolution
- Varying Ecal resolution ⇒ Highest EM resol required for B physics
- Varying segmentation: PFlow, shower shapes, cluster pointing
- Other characteristics: Operational stability, cost

Example: Stability of ATLAS LAr Energy Scale

Noble-liquid calorimetry: High intrinsic stability

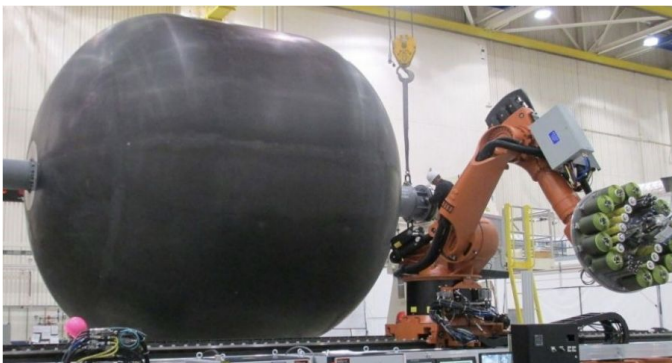
- Pedestal stability < 100 keV
 - Gain stability 2.6×10^{-4}
 - Parameters monitored in daily calibration runs
 - Changes in constants needed only about 1 / month
- **Stability of the energy scale of 2×10^{-4}**
- Visible on $Z \rightarrow ee$ invariant mass and E/p



Cryostat and feedthroughs

Low mass cryostats

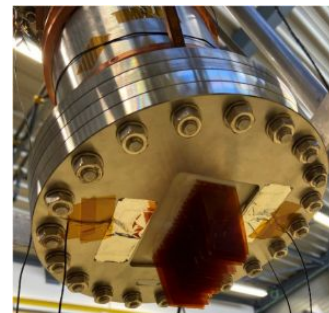
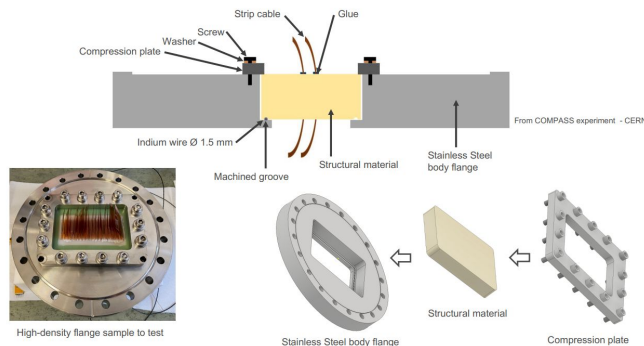
- Minimise dead material in front
 - Use of sandwiches with carbon fiber + Al honeycomb
 - Synergy with progress in aerospace
- CERN R&D: address CFRP/Metal interfaces
- Promises for **“transparent” cryostats**: few % of X_0 !



NASA's lineless cryotank

High-density feedthroughs

- Aim for $\sim \times 5$ density and $\sim \times 2$ area wrt ATLAS
- Successful R&D on connector-less feedthroughs at CERN
 - 3D-printed epoxy resins structures with slits for strip cables, glued to the flange
 - Leak tests and pressure tests at 300 K and 77 K

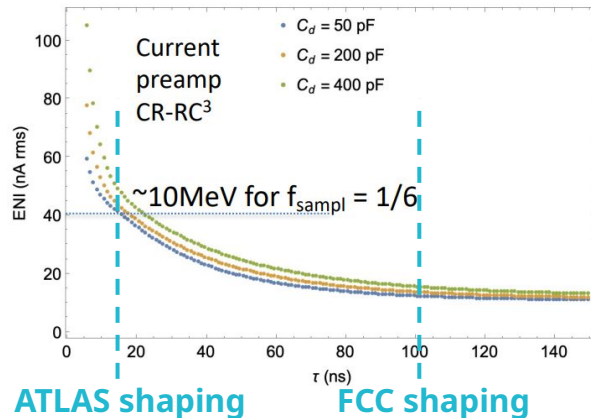
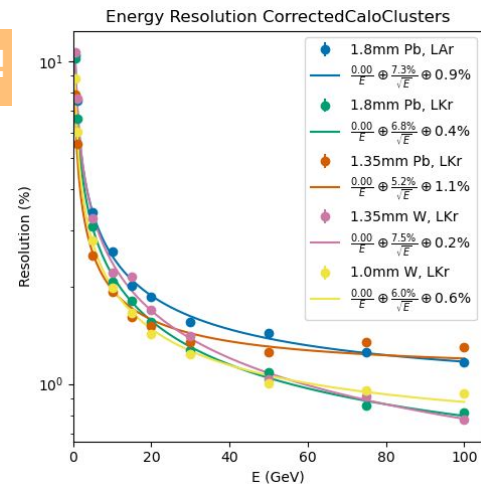


Energy resolution: design options and noise

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
 - Want: measurement of 200 MeV photons, $S/N > 5$ for MIPs
 - Longer shaping time wrt ATLAS (200 ns) helps a lot
 - Cold frontend electronics in the cryostat would provide noiseless readout

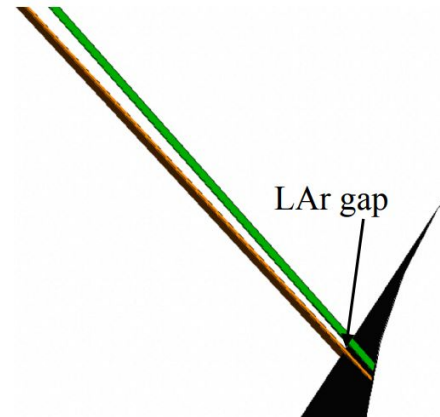
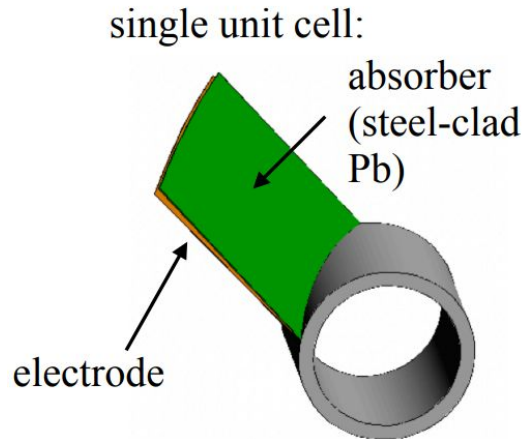
$$N \sim C_d \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{g_m \tau_p}}$$



End-caps: turbine design

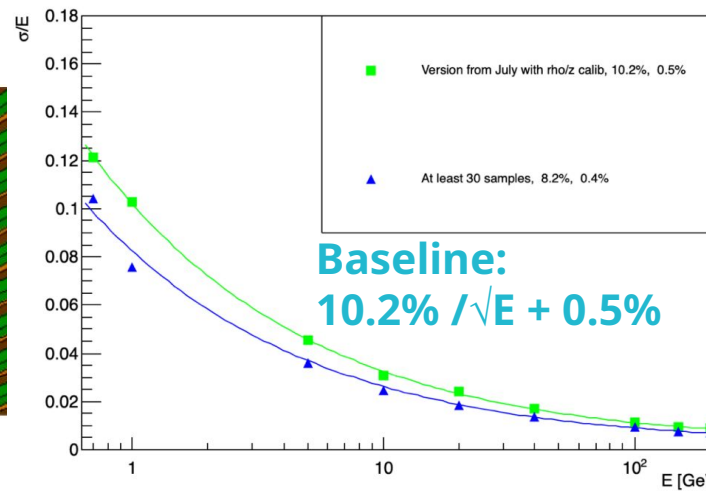
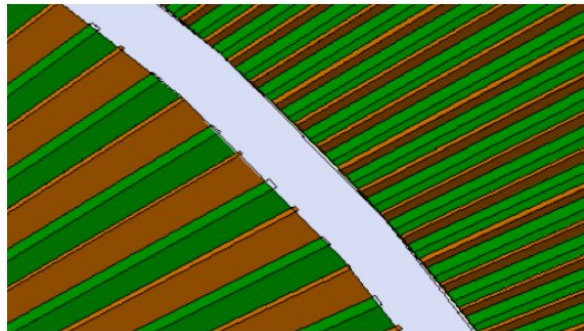
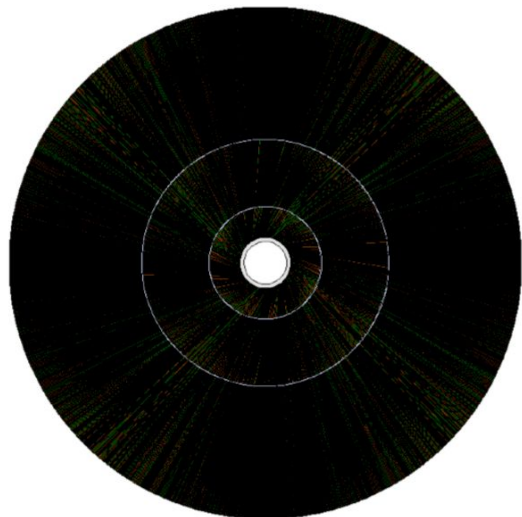
Turbine design: adaptation of barrel idea to end-caps regions

- Nice properties:
 - Particles should traverse many thin absorber/sampler/ electrode unit cells (for spatial and energy resolution)
 - Uniformity in ϕ
 - Ability to read out solely from the high- $|z|$ face
 - Can be constructed with multiple copies of a small number of electrode/absorber designs



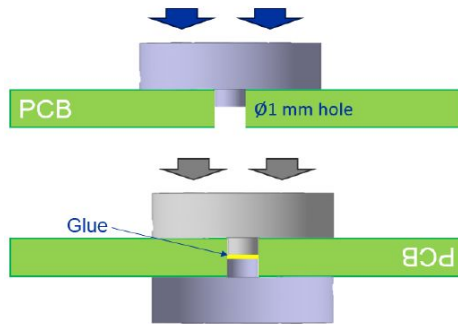
End-caps design progress

- Require 3 nested wheels to limit gap widening effect
 - $r_o/r_i = (275/42)^{1/3} \approx 1.9$
- Use tapered (variable-thickness) absorbers for more uniform sampling fraction
 - Exploring further ideas to improve resolution
- Progress in computation of calibration constants

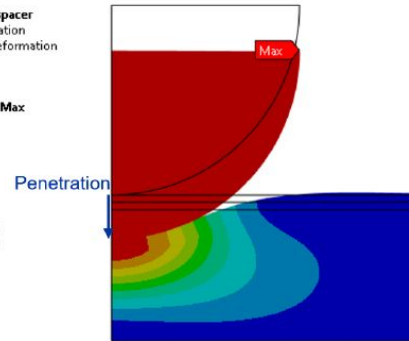
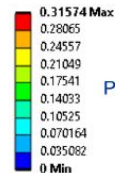


Spacers

- Spacers needed to ensure well controlled liquid argon gap
- First idea studies: simple cylindrical spacers
 - Mechanical simulations: need >6mm spacers, placed in corners of readout cells at most 20cm apart from each other
 - 5 different heights due to LAr gap variation
 - Equivalent of 0.15% of LAr volume



A: Spherical spacer
Total Deformation
Type: Total Deformation
Unit: mm
Time: 1 s



- Alternative ideas (meshes) to be studied