

ALLEGRO ECAL Overview

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ALLEGRO detector concept

A Lepton co**L**ider **E**xperiment with **G**ranular calorimetry

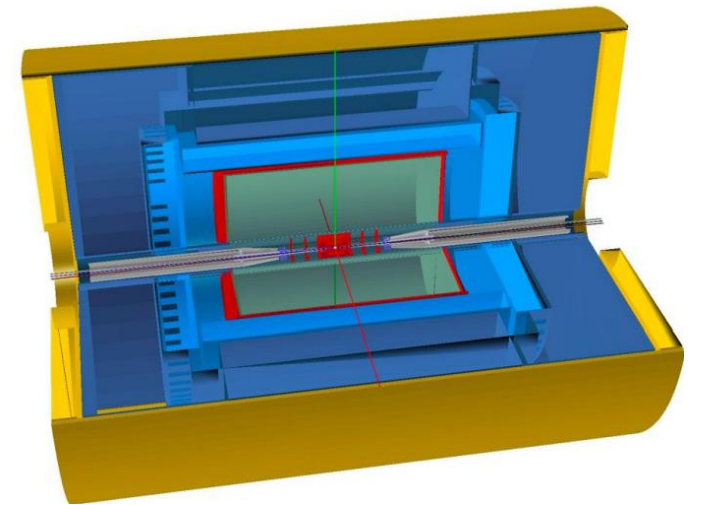
Read-Out: a general-purpose detector for FCC-ee
($\sqrt{s}=90\text{-}360$ GeV).

- Key feature: High granularity noble liquid EM calorimeter (ECAL) and tile hadronic calorimeter (HCAL).
- LAr or LKr with Pb or W ([material optimization talk](#)).
- Multi-layer PCB as read-out electrode.
- ECAL inside the 2 T solenoid sharing the cryostat.
- Other sub-detector systems: vertex detector, drift chamber and muon tagger.
- Designed for full FCC-ee physics program and focusing on particle identification with particle-flow.

The study of ALLEGRO ECAL belongs to DRD6 Collaboration as Work Package 2.



Layout of ALLEGRO



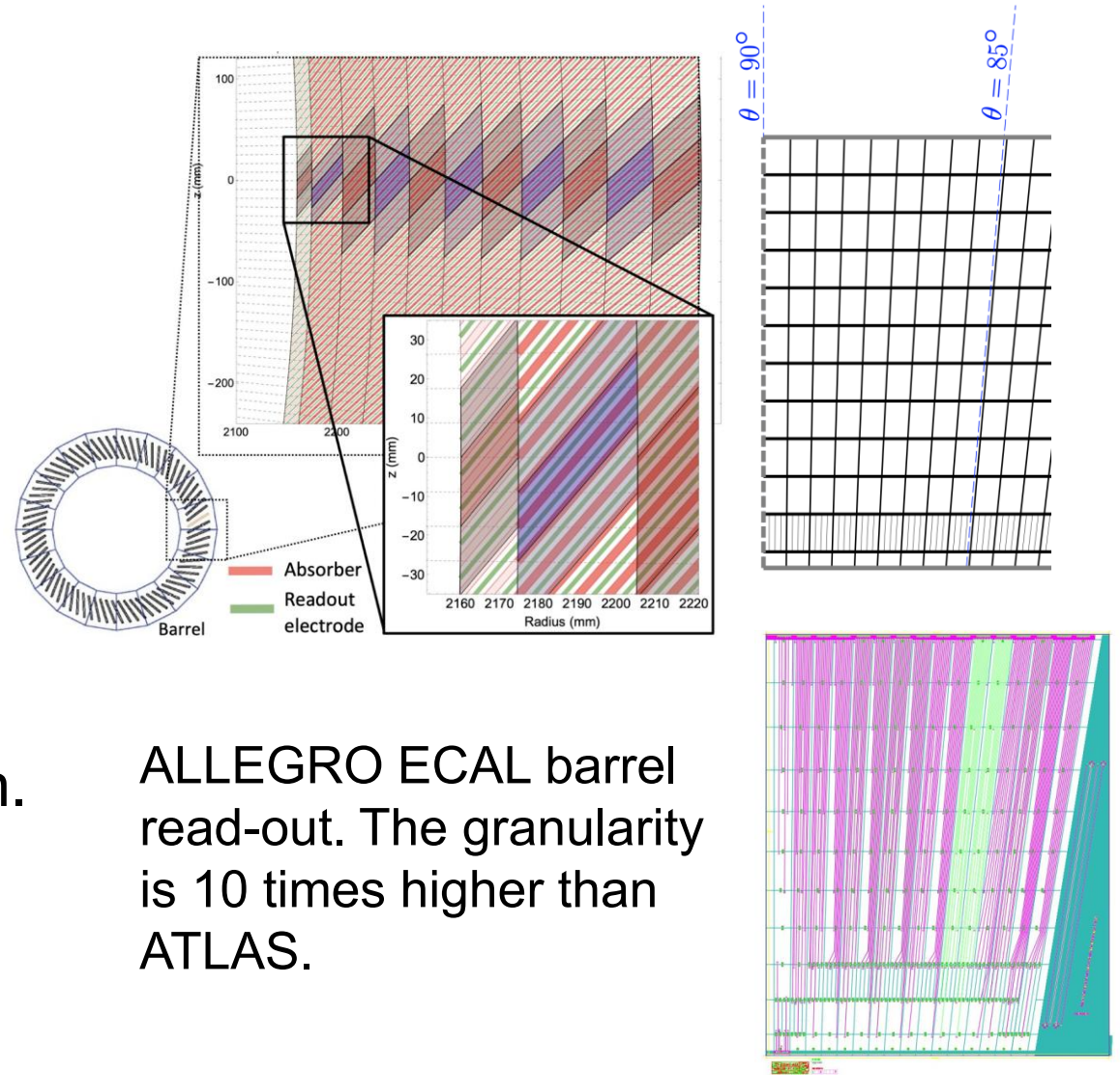
3D-view of ALLEGRO

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ECAL barrel

High granularity read-out is allowed by the PCB technology.

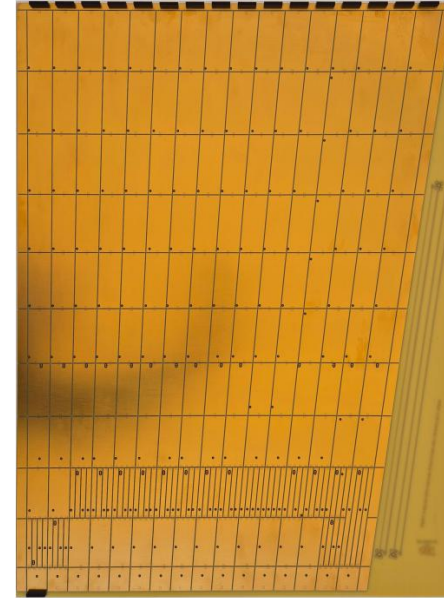
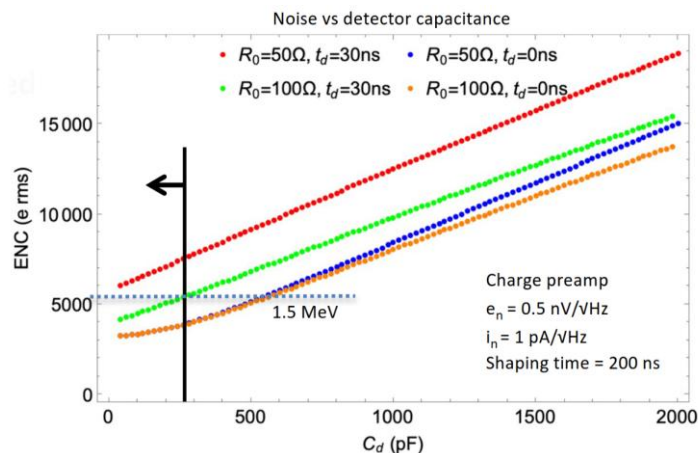
- Straight read-out electrode with 50° inclination angle.
- 40 cm in thickness, or $22 \chi_0$.
- Segmentation in θ and 11 radial layers.
- The second radial layer with narrow strips segmented in θ for π^0 detection.
- Signal traces go inside the electrode toward the edge of θ -tower.



ALLEGRO ECAL barrel read-out. The granularity is 10 times higher than ATLAS.

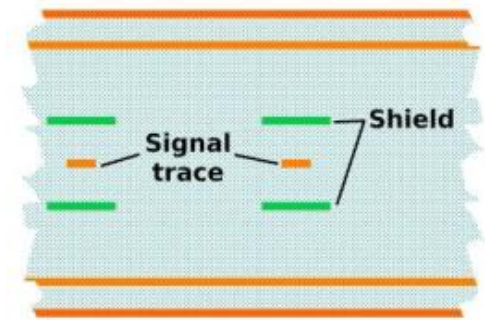
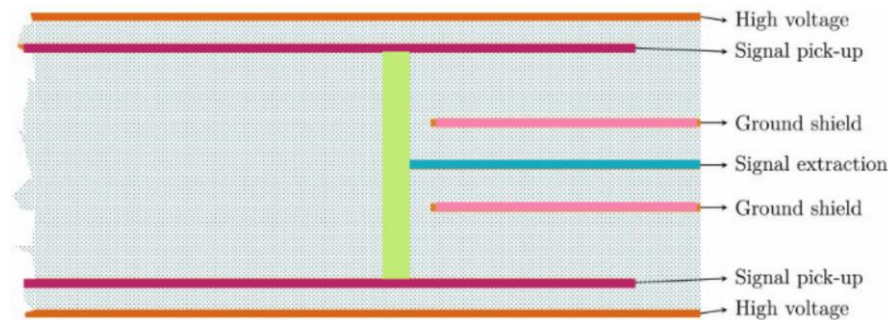
ECAL barrel read-out electrode

- High granularity of read-out cells leads to smaller signal amplitude.
- Use shielding to suppress the cross-talk generated by various coupling between calorimeter cells and signal traces.
- Choose proper size of shielding to limit the increase in noise due to larger detector capacitance.



The latest prototype ALLEGRO ECAL barrel read-out PCB.

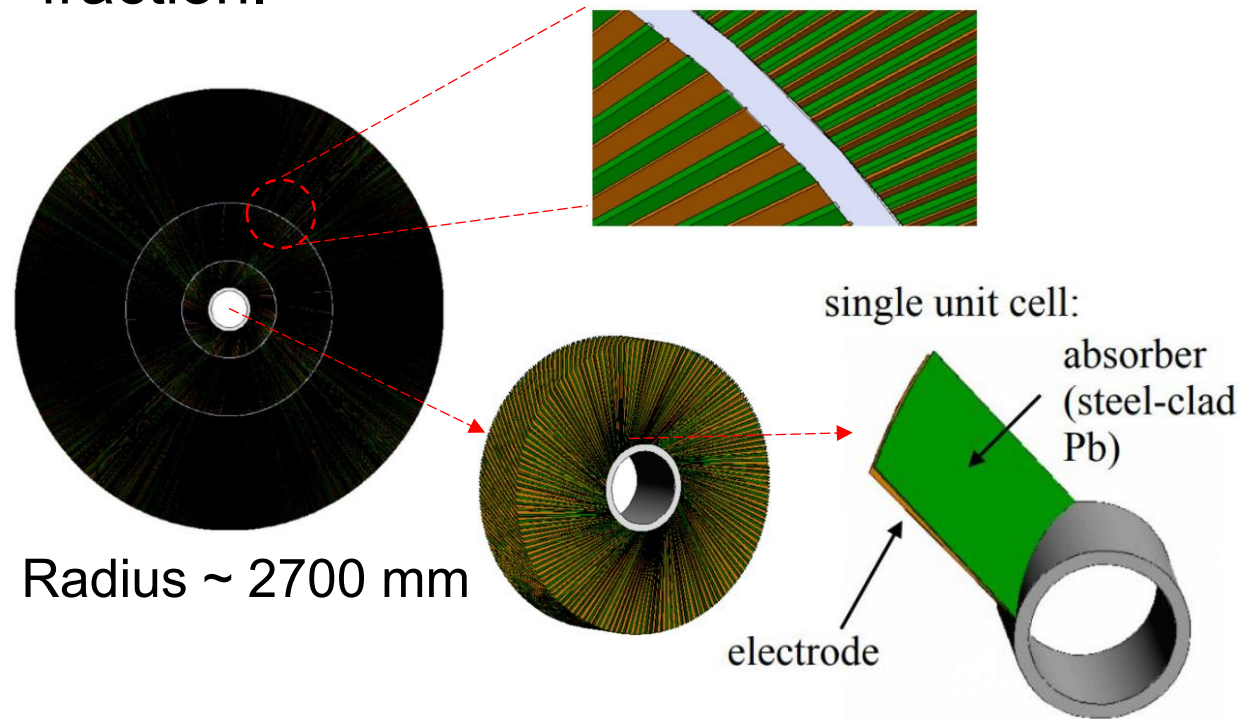
Stay tuned for [Zuchen's talk](#) (IJCLab) on relevant measurements.



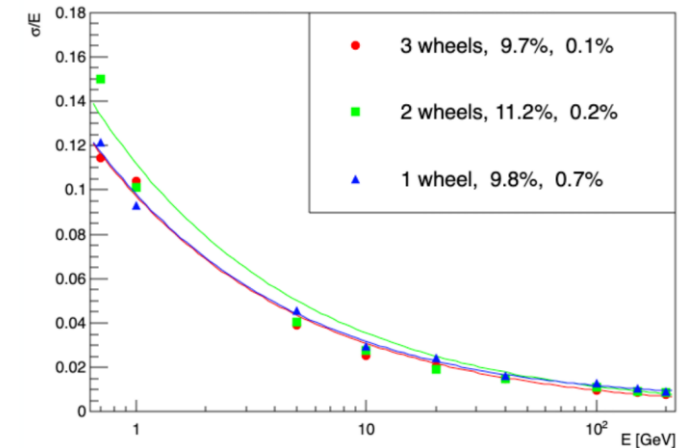
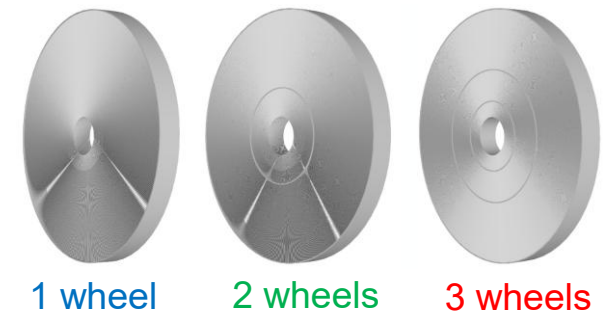
Sectional view of read-out PCB

ECAL end-caps

- Baseline design: 3 nested wheels with turbine-like layout.
- Tapered absorbers (varying thickness) are good for uniform sampling fraction.



Structure of baseline end-cap design.

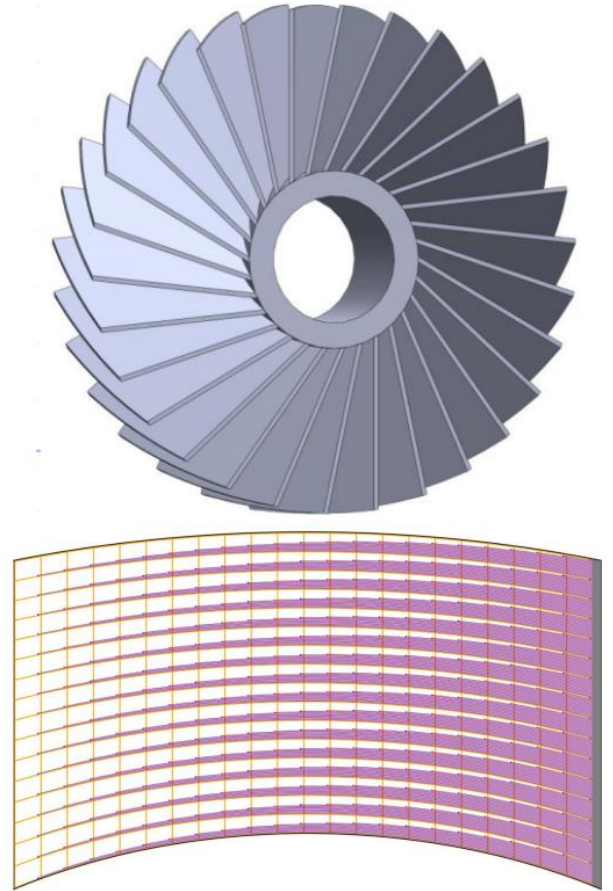
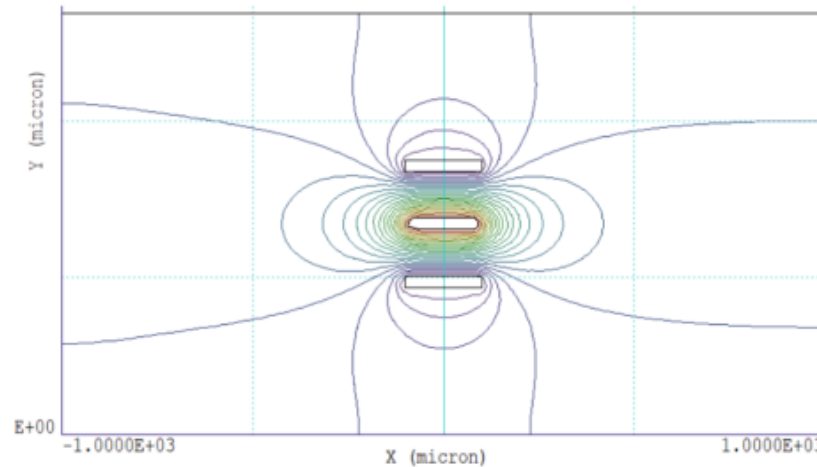
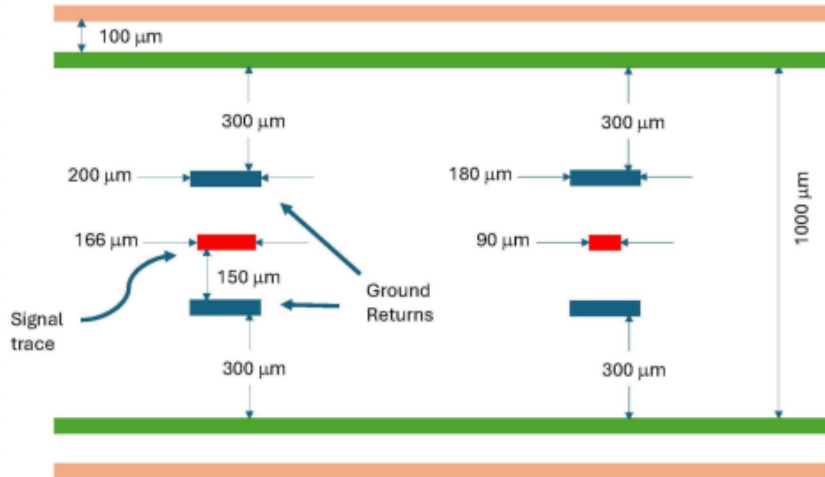


The final choice may be determined by construction practicalities.

ECAL end-cap electrode design

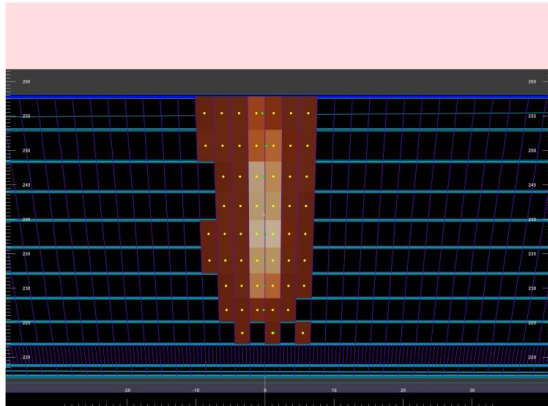
Dedicated PCB design in Arizona:

- Flat PCB with shape adapted to the turbine-like end-cap.
- Signal read-out from high- $|z|$ edge.
- Study of transfer line characteristic impedance: simulation required, backed by measurements.
- Prototype design in progress!

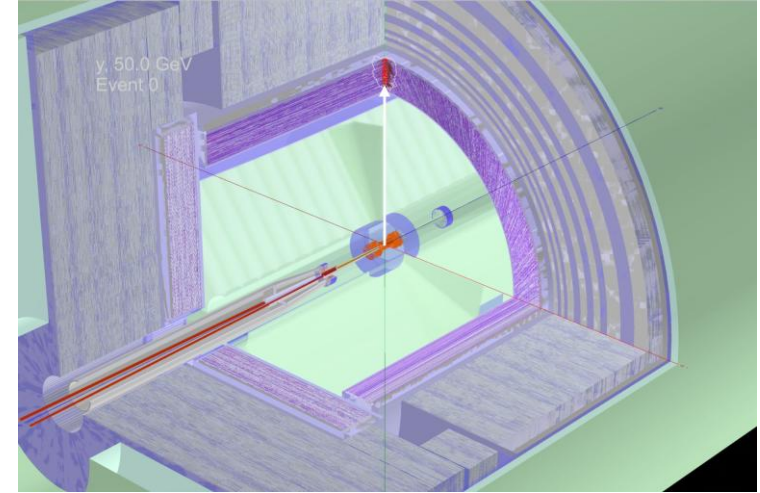


Overall status of full simulation

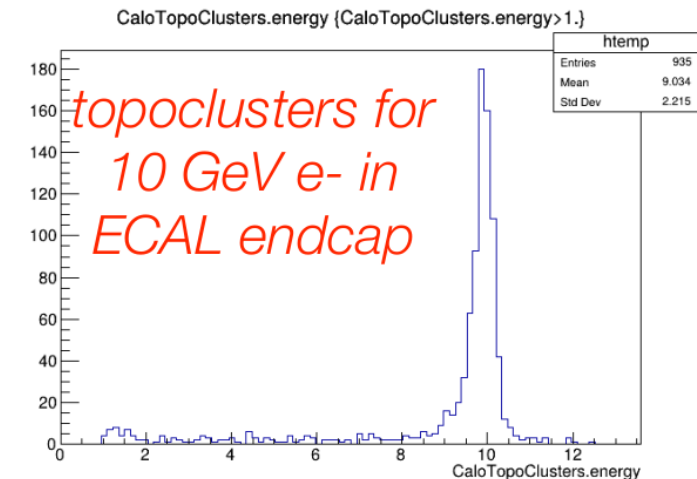
- ECAL detector model is fully implemented in [ddsim](#).
- Simple digitization is taken as a sum of Geant4 energy deposit, corrected by pre-calculated sampling fraction for each layer.
-> Realistic digitization on-going.
- Reconstruction is available for both fixed-size sliding window (SW) cluster and topo-cluster (major contributions from APC).



Reconstruction of a photon with ECAL-only SW cluster in the barrel region.



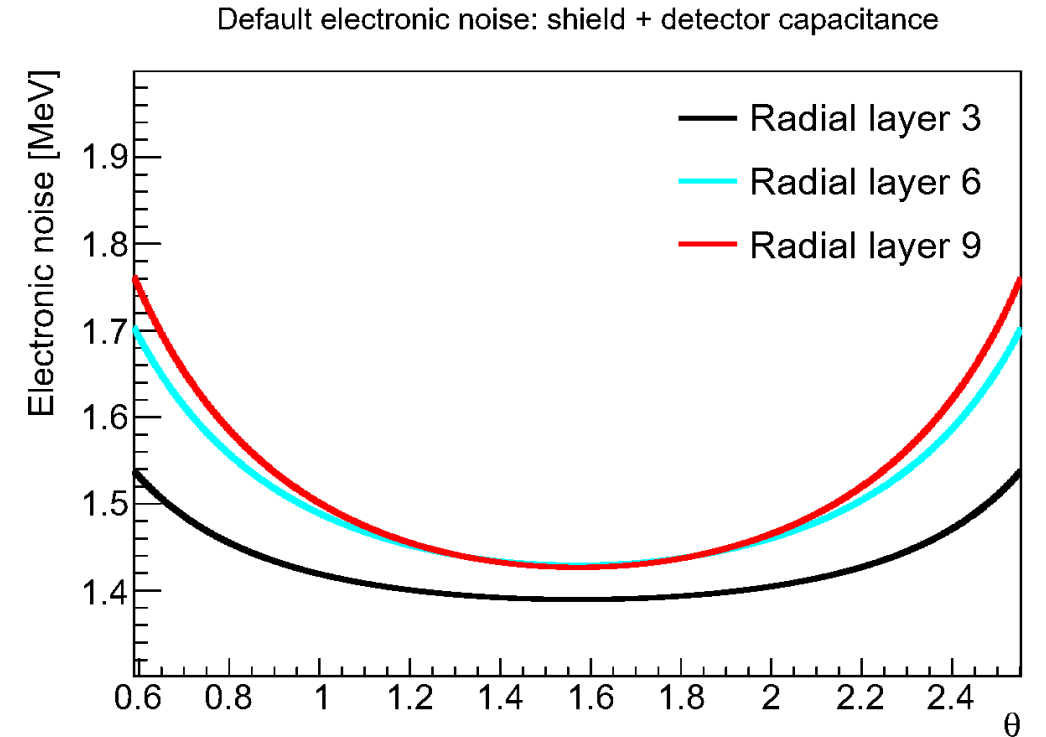
Response of ALLEGRO calorimetry to a 50 GeV photon.



Implementation of electronic noise

- Calculate the average level of electronic noise as a function of radial layer and θ .
- For each event in the full simulation, after the digitization, randomly draw the value of electronic noise for individual ECAL cells, following a Gaussian distribution.
- With the noise filter enabled, cells with energy below a certain threshold are removed from the cell collection, which reduces the input size to clustering algorithms.

Activities at APC and LAPP.

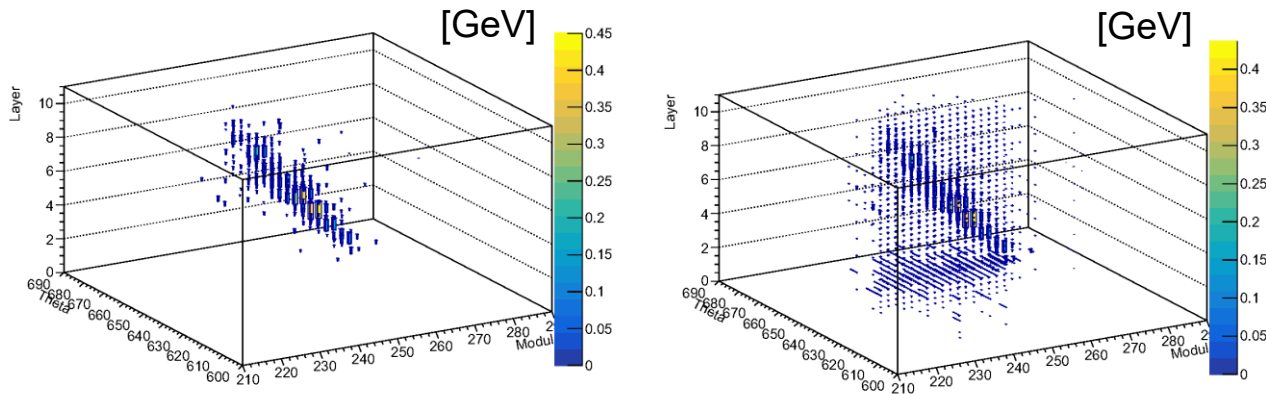


Pre-calculated conservative estimation of electronic noise, depending on radial layer and polar angle θ (unit in radian).

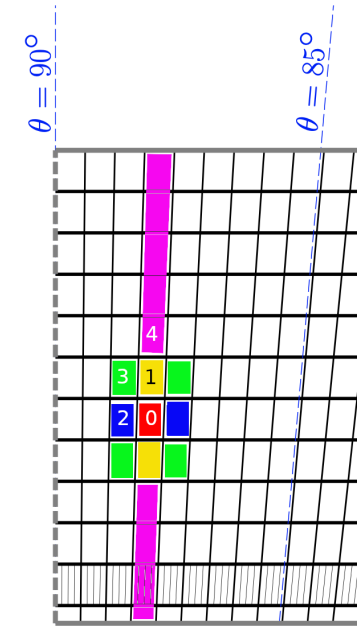
Noise level calibrated to MeV.

Implementation of ECAL barrel cross-talk

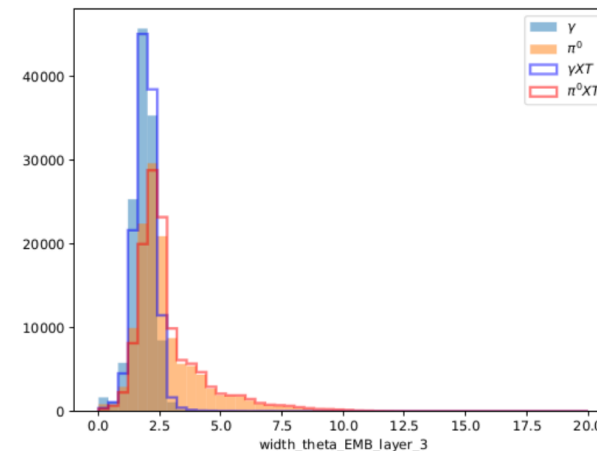
- Assuming four types of cross-talk on the read-out electrode.
- Minor impact on the energy resolution but causes a shift to ECAL shower shape variables, therefore affecting the particle identification performance.



ALLEGRO ECAL signals in each cell for a 5 GeV photon shower, before and after adding cross-talk.



Coefficients of 4 different cross-talk types (0.04%-0.7%) are taken from the measurement with 50 ns shaping.

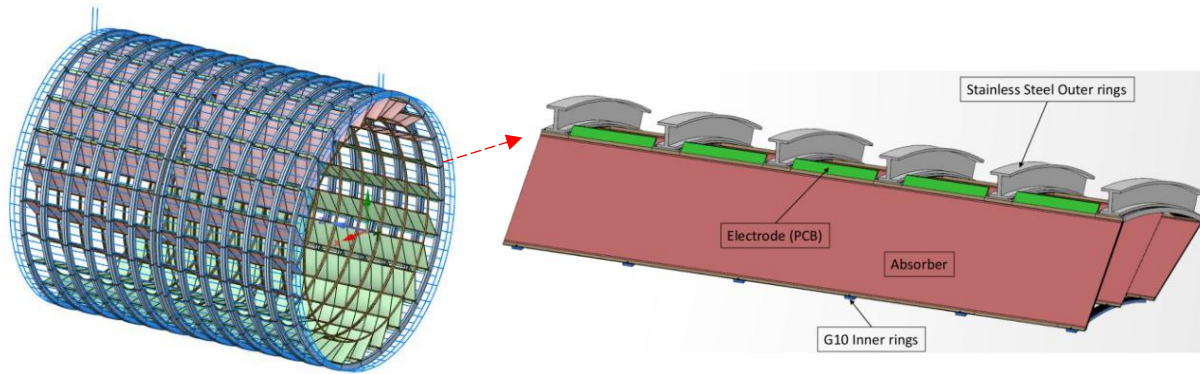


Shower shape variable "theta width" shifted by cross-talk.

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Mechanical structure and absorber prototype

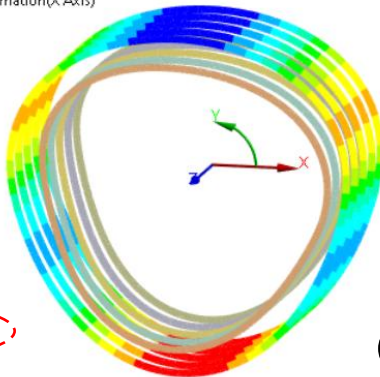
- Key components of the mechanical structure design: external rings, inner rings and connections.
- Absorber with 0.1 mm stainless steel clad is chosen for its resilience against the different thermal expansions between lead and steel.



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

3.558 Max
2.7703
1.9826
1.195
0.40728
-0.38039
-1.1681
-1.9557
-2.7434
-3.5311 Min

Scale x50



The external rings of ALLEGRO ECAL barrel and simulated deformation due to gravity.

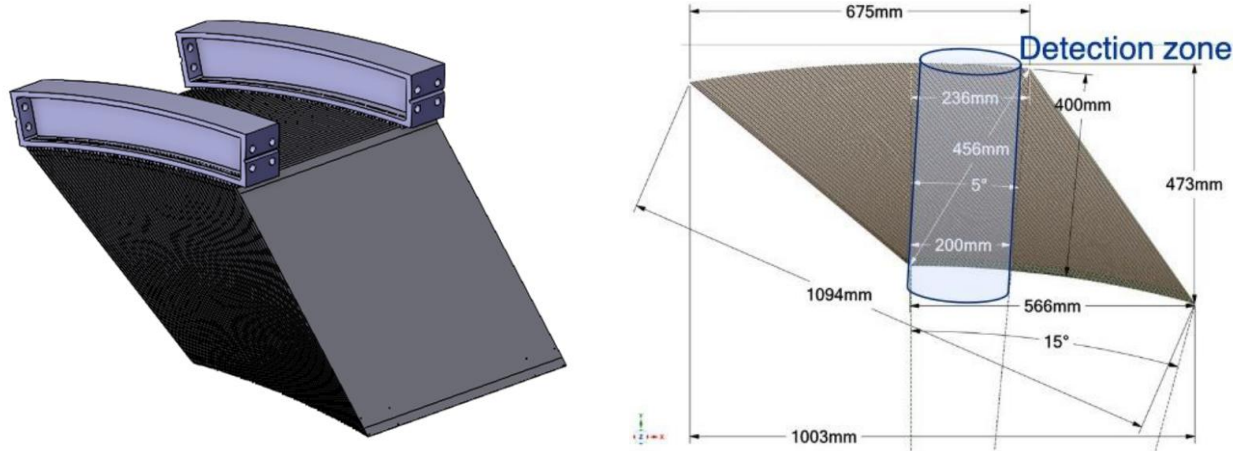
Contributions from CPPM.



One setup of cold test: clamped to the frame. The cold test is performed by a liquid nitrogen bath at 77 K, followed by warming to room temperature.

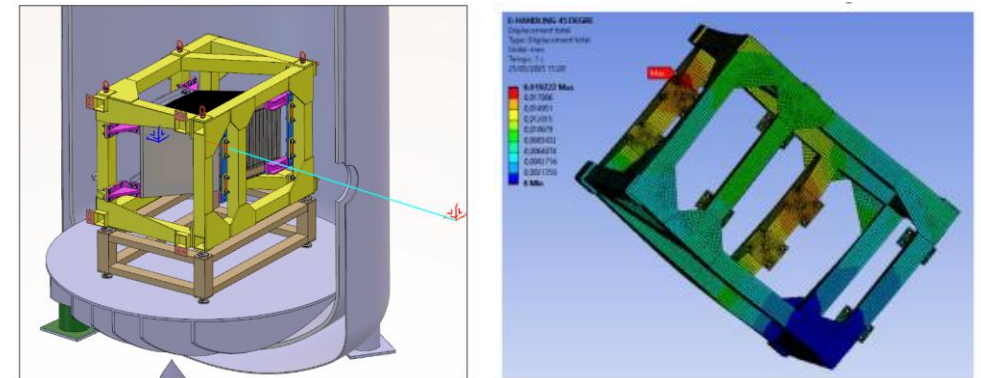
ECAL barrel test-beam prototype

The test-beam prototype: part of the ECAL consisting of around 64 repeats of absorber and read-out electrodes.



- 64 repeats of absorber and read-out electrodes are capable of containing the development of a typical shower.

Contributions from CPPM.



Progress in prototype mechanics:

- 500 kg prototype and 800 kg total weight.
- Mechanical properties simulated by FEM analysis.

Summary

Rapid progress in almost all aspects of ALLEGRO ECAL R&D, demonstrating that it is a realistic detector concept for high performance calorimetry designed for FCC-ee.

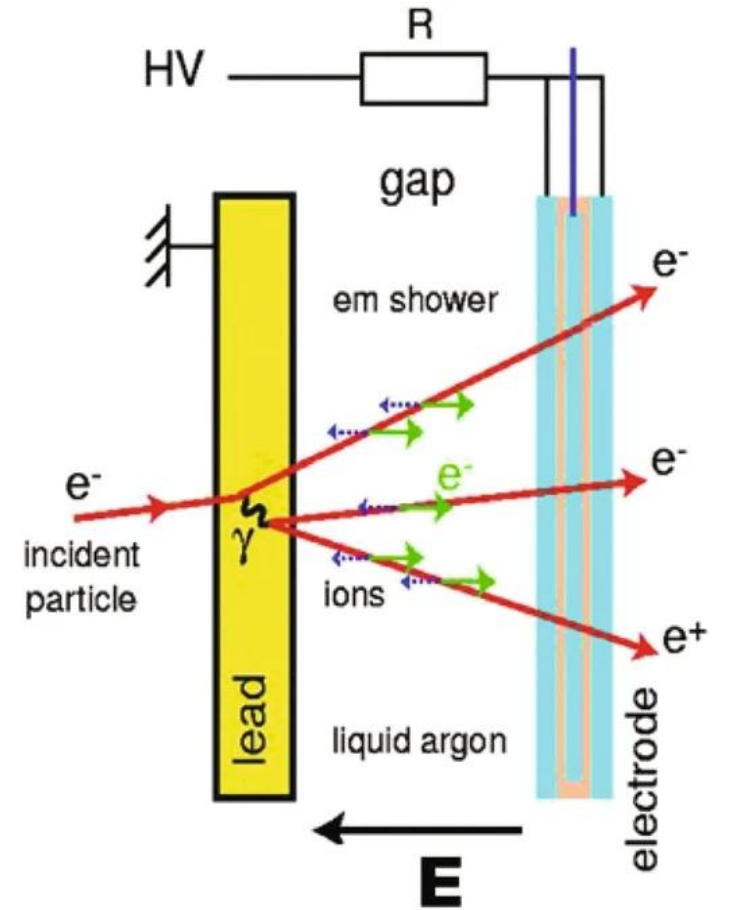
- Prototypes of ALLEGRO ECAL barrel readout electrodes have been produced. The measurement of electric properties has been carried out. In parallel, efforts have been made to develop the end-cap design.
- Various tools are available in the full simulation for the optimization of the detector design aiming at specific physics goals.
- With the assistance of FEM analysis and lessons learned from cold tests, the mechanical structure for test-beam prototype is quickly converging.

The latest update on ALLEGRO ECAL: [Workshop in Prague](#)

Backup

Noble-liquid calorimetry

- Sampling calorimeter technology. Repeated layers of absorber, noble liquid and read-out electrode.
- EM showers start in the absorber. Electrons produced in the showers ionize the liquefied noble gas and induce signals.
- Advantages: Mature technology (D0, ATLAS, ...), good energy resolution, linearity, stability and uniformity, timing properties.
- Challenges: signal extraction and complex mechanical structure inside the cryostat.

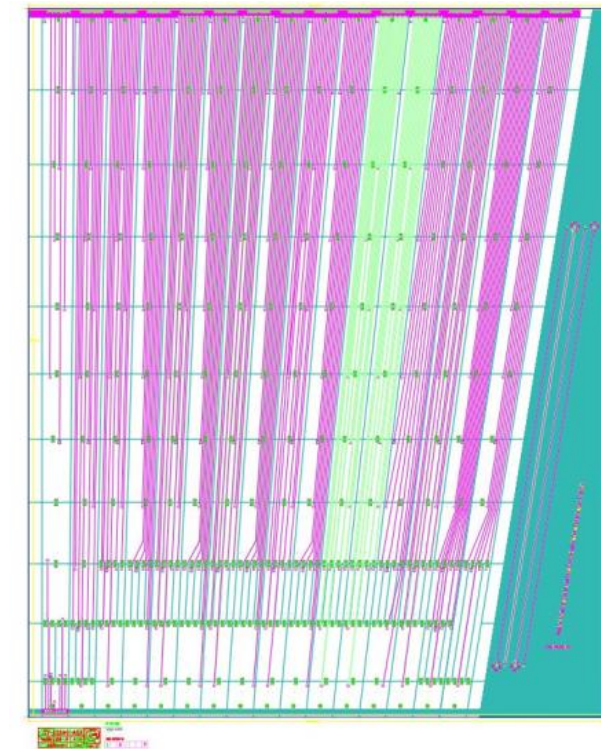
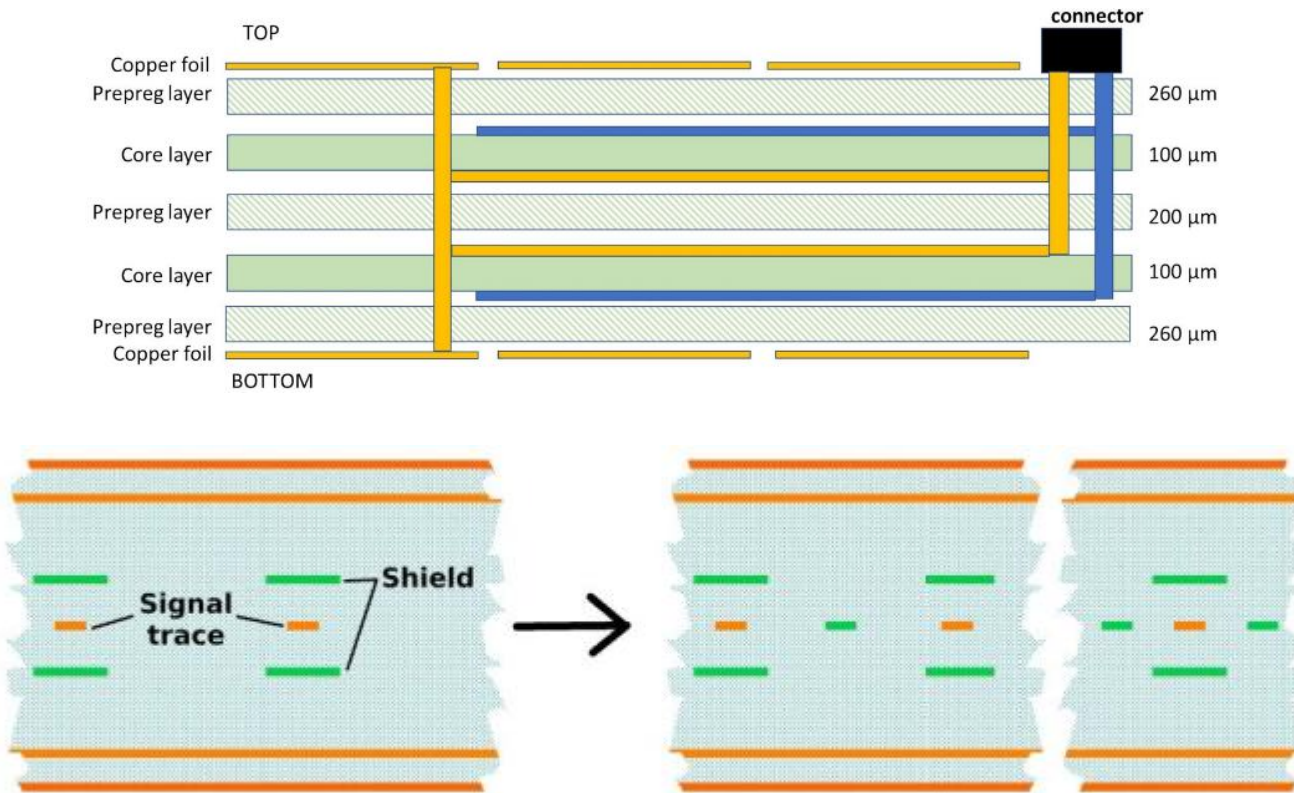


EM shower and signal induction

C. W. Fabjan, D. Fournier,
[*Particle Detectors and Detector Systems*](#)

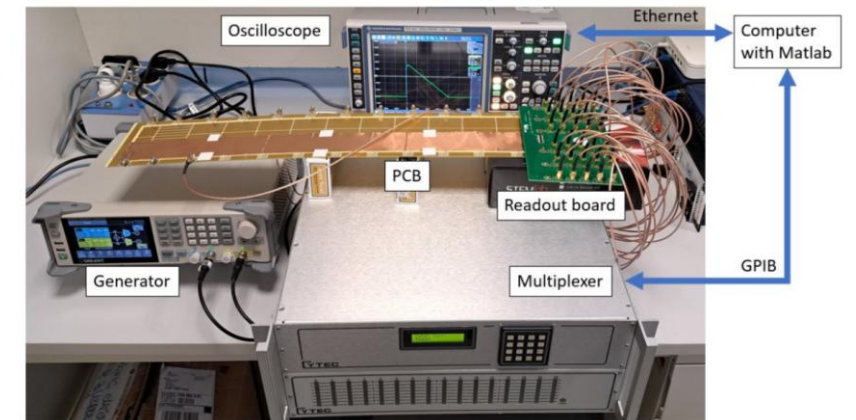
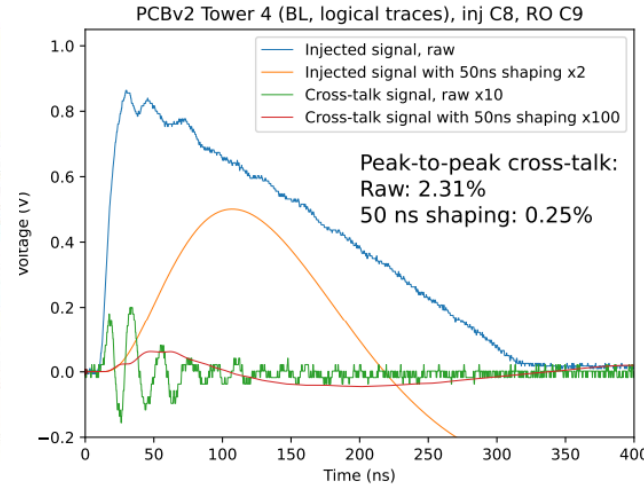
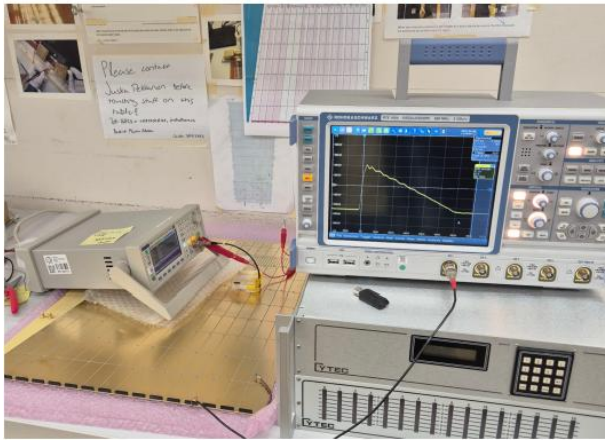
ECAL barrel read-out electrode

- PCB design



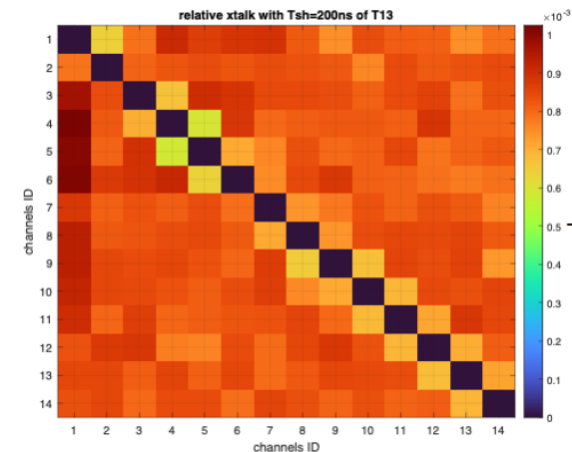
Test of ECAL barrel electrode prototype

Measurements of electric properties for different electrode designs.



Test of prototype PCB at CERN.

- The cross-talk is measured via pulse shape injection on the electrode.
- The cross-talk can be reduced to 0.25% level with 50 ns pulse shaping.
- Measurement results reproduced in simulation.

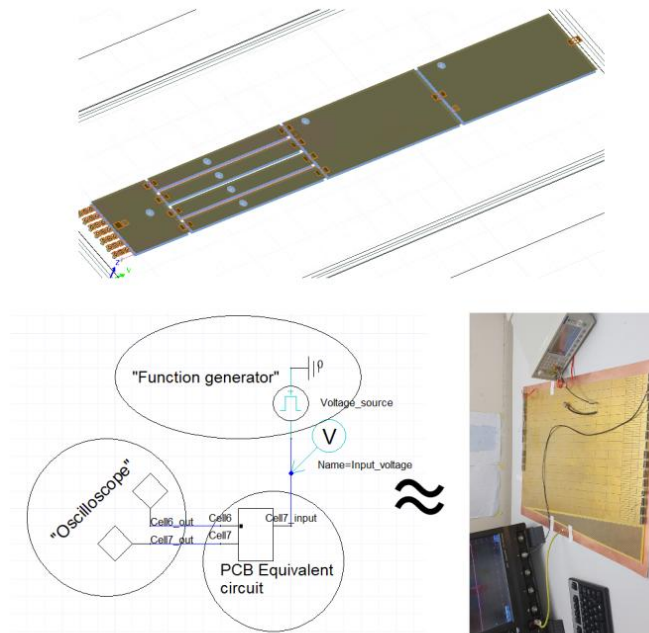


Automatic test platform at IJCLab. Relative cross-talk is reduced to <0.1% level with 200 ns pulse shaping.

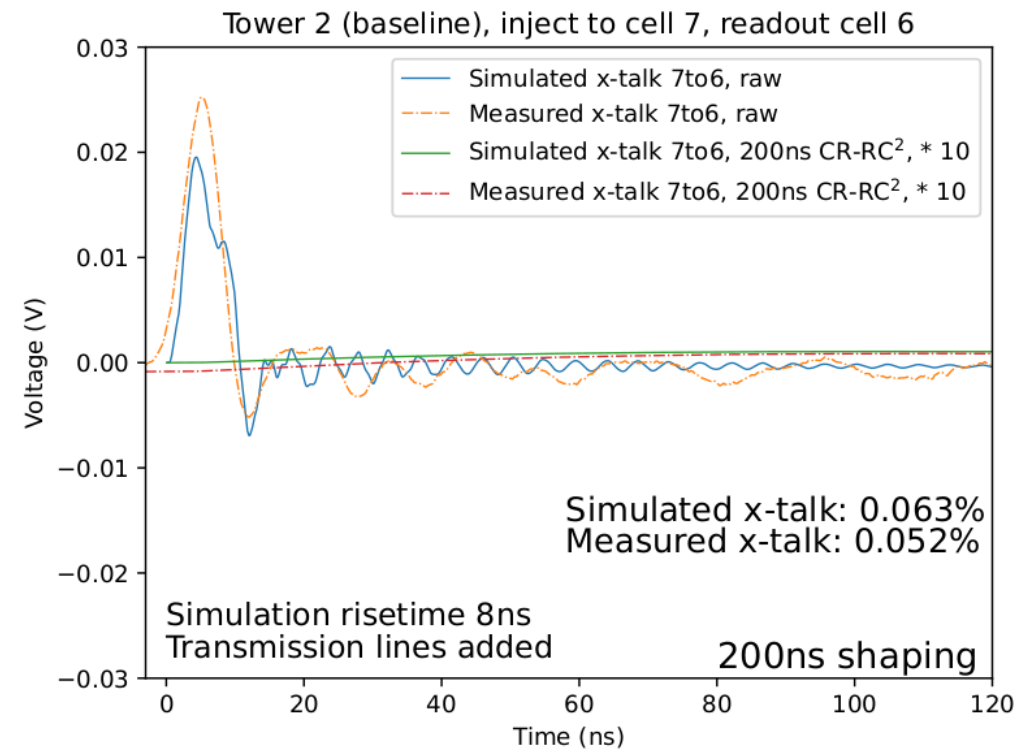
The measurement of characteristic impedance has started.

Simulation of read-out electrode

- Electrical properties are also studied by Ansys Electronics Desktop.
- Good agreement of cross-talk shapes between measurement and simulation.

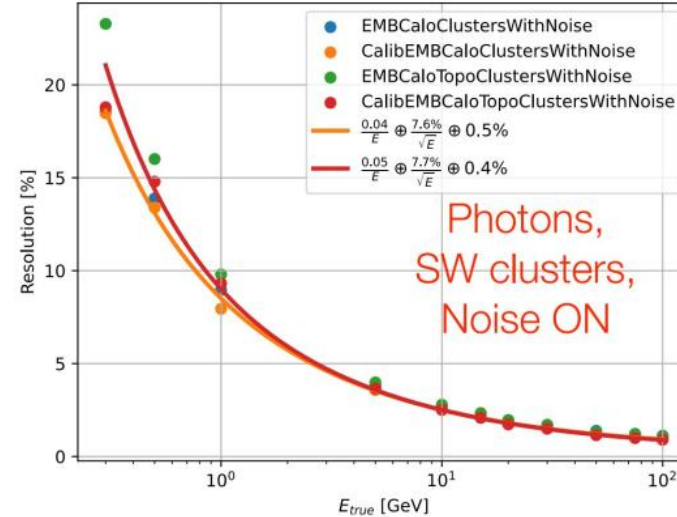


PCB model analysis and conversion to equivalent circuit.

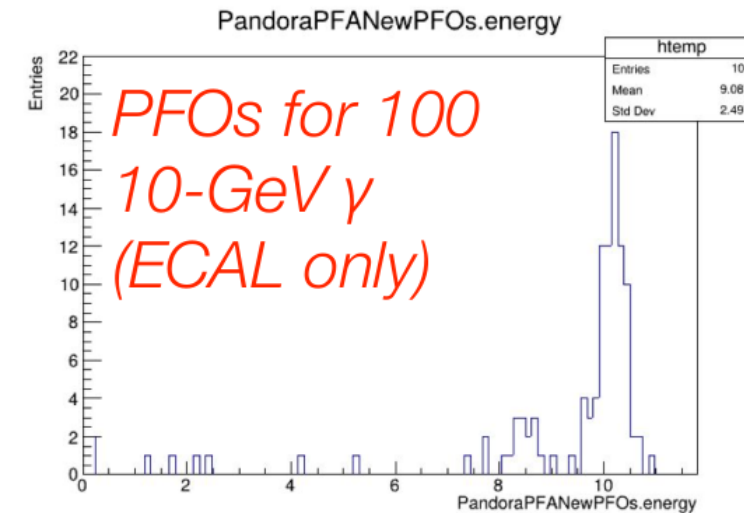


Energy calibration and particle-flow

- ECAL energy resolution to single electrons: a 7% sampling term is achieved for the baseline Pb+LAr combination.
- Machine learning techniques are introduced to improve the energy resolution.
- Particle-flow object (PFO) reconstruction with [PandoraPFA](#) is under development.



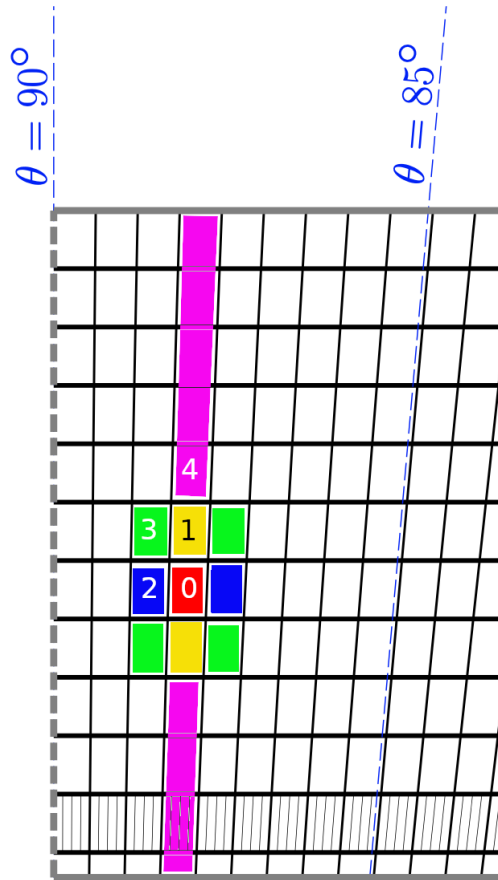
[BDT-regression based calibration](#) implemented in Gaudi improves cluster energy resolution.



Adaptation of PandoraPFA-based tools in Key4hep/FCCSW to ALLEGRO.

Cross-talk coefficients.

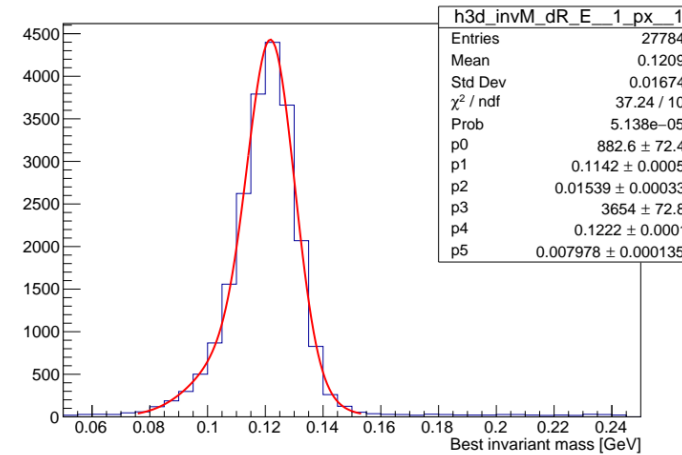
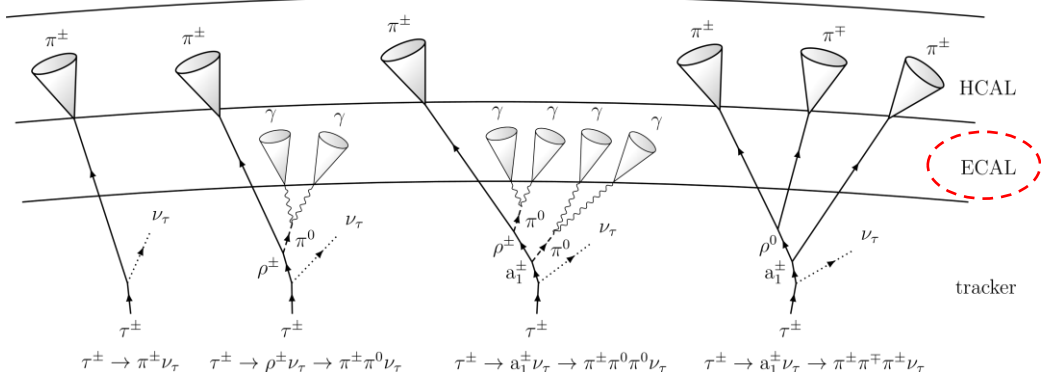
- Taken from measurements with 50 ns shaping time.



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

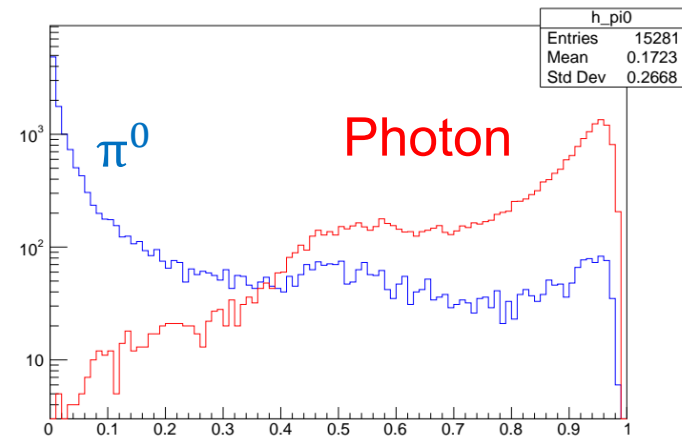
Photon- π^0 separation with ECAL (APC and LAPP)

- Reconstruction of resolved π^0 by pairing clusters in the π^0 invariant mass window.
- Unresolved π^0 are separated from photons via machine learning method.
- Identification of tau decay mode by counting number of reconstructed π^0 in the ALLEGRO ECAL.



π^0 invariant mass distribution reconstructed by ALLEGRO ECAL.

Calibration not up-to-date.

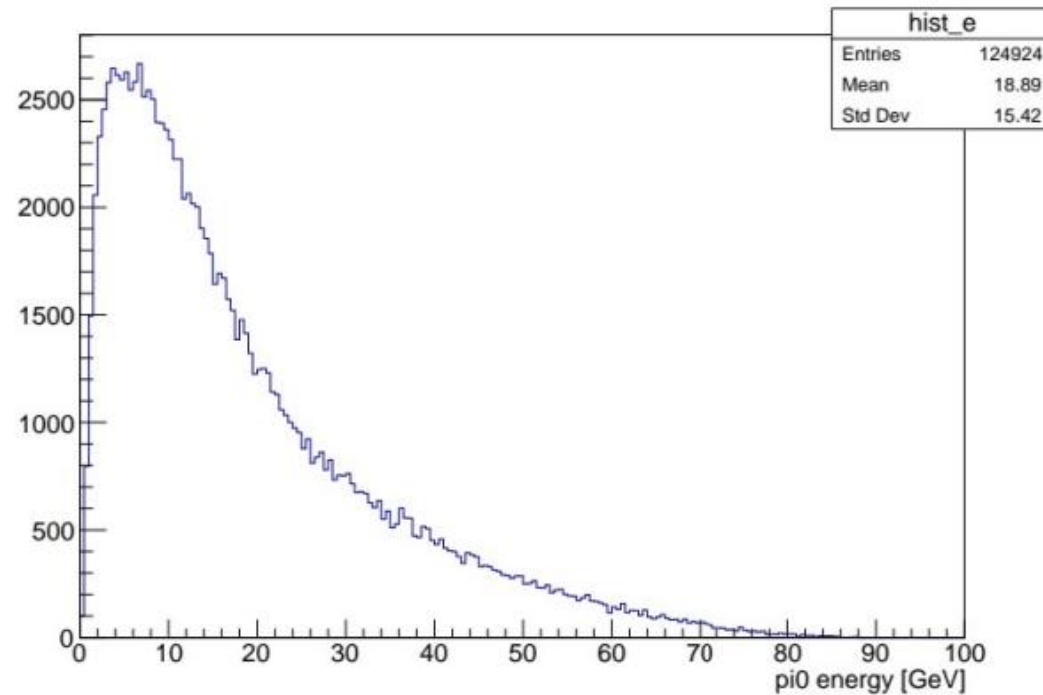


BDT score of photon- π^0 separation trained with cluster energy and shower shapes.

BDT training uses input π^0 from $ee \rightarrow ZH$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ process at $\sqrt{s}=240$ GeV.

π^0 energy distribution

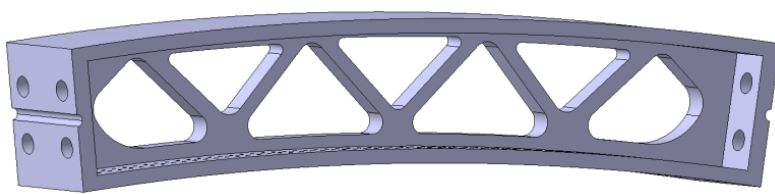
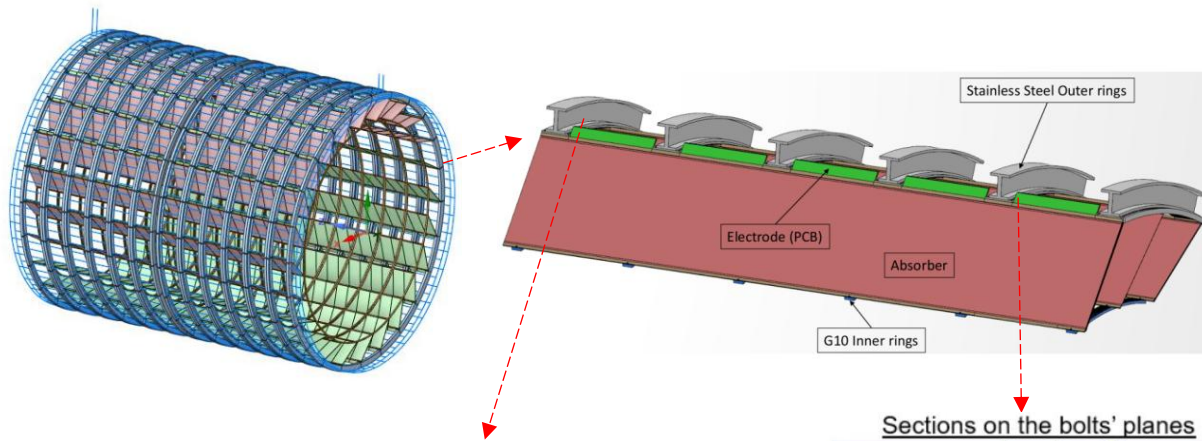
Distribution of π^0 energy in photon- π^0 separation.



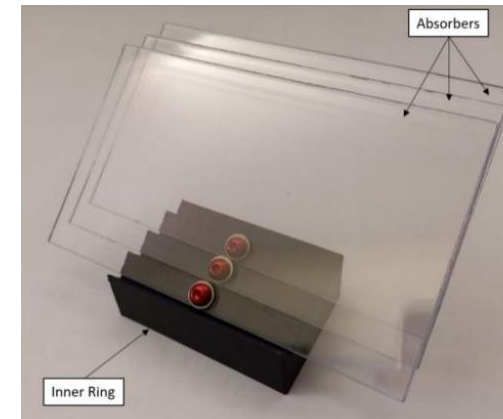
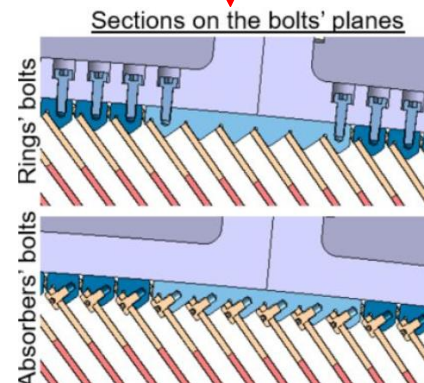
Energy distribution of π^0 from the
 $\tau \rightarrow h + \pi^0 + \nu$ decay mode.
ZH production @ 240 GeV.

Mechanical structure design

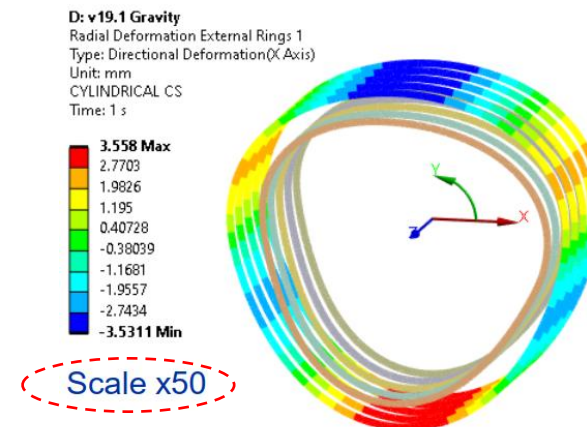
- Key components: external rings, inner rings and connections.
- The finite element (FEM) analysis facilitates the study of mechanical design.



The external rings of ECAL barrel, H-beams and connections to the absorber.



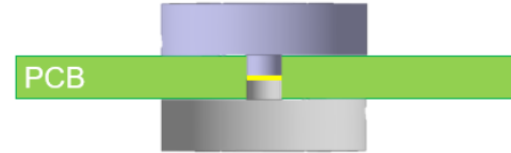
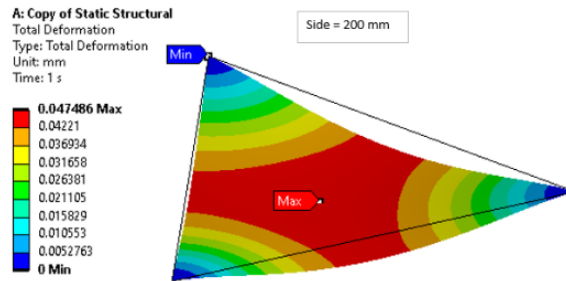
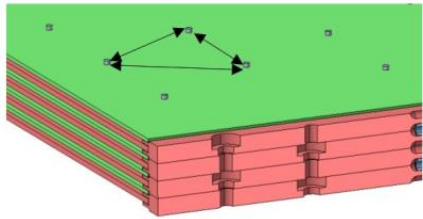
The conceptual model of ECAL inner rings.



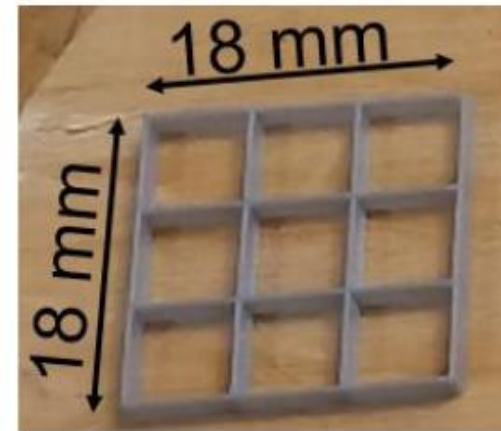
Simulated deformation of external rings due to gravity.

Spacers

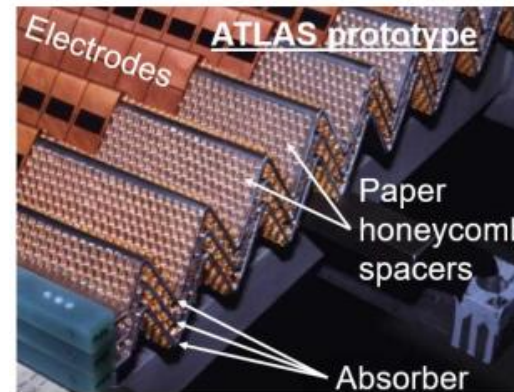
Spacers are placed between read-out electrodes to maintain the gap for the flow of liquefied noble gas.



Solution A: pins
Exact position and good tolerance, but concentrated force.



Solution B: 3D print mesh
Distributed force and easy to build, but burring needed, and difficulty in material characterization.



Solution C: honeycomb
Distributed force, easy assembly, but expensive, tolerance unknown.

The maximal interval is determined from FEM analysis.

- A distance of 200 mm leads to normal deformation less than 50 μm .

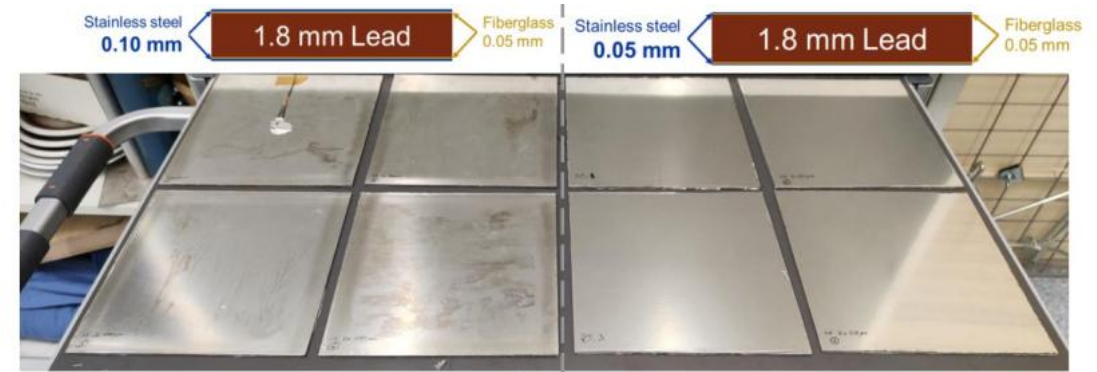
ECAL absorber cold test

Test of two absorber designs performed with liquid nitrogen bath of 77 K: 0.1 mm steel clad vs 0.05 mm steel clad.

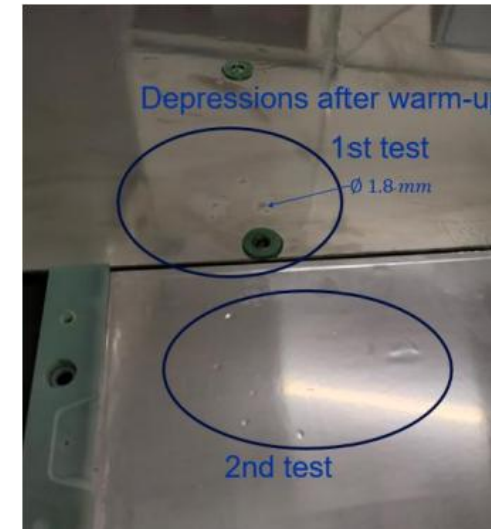
- Deformations appear only on the 0.05 mm steel, because of different thermal expansions of lead and steel.
- Consequently, the absorber with 0.1 mm stainless steel clad is chosen to be the default.



One setup of cold test: clamped to the frame



Two absorber designs with different thickness of steel clad.

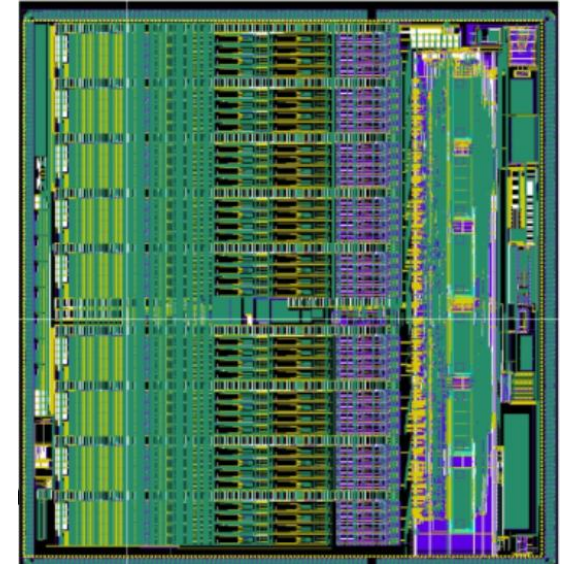


Depressions on the absorber with 0.05 mm steel clad after cold tests.

Explore the possibility of cold electronics

ALLEGRO ECAL barrel contains about 2M channels.

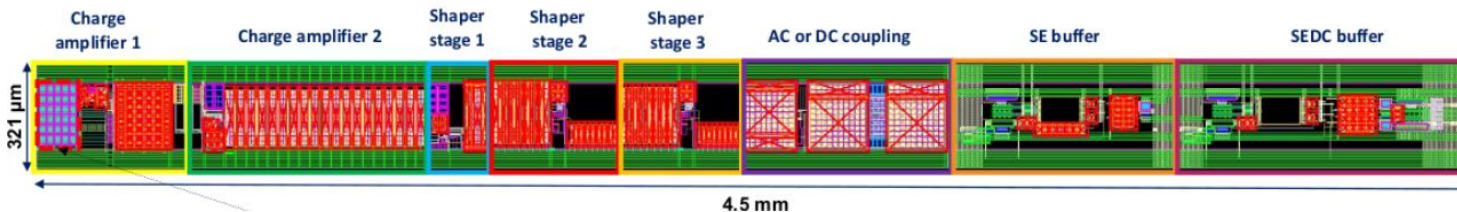
- Warm electronics needs to deal with the routing of signal cables.
- Cold electronics requires room for boards+HV, powering and signal cables.



CALOROC1C chip for
ALLEGRO ECAL
@ Omega Labs



Front-end channel layout



CHARMS250 cryogenic analog front-end ASIC @ BNL

Explore the possibility of cold electronics

CHARMS250 core channel circuits

