

Second ECFA Workshop on e+e- Higgs/EW/Top Factories **Noble Liquid Calorimetry for Future Collider Experiments** a.k.a. ALLEGRO detector concept & ECAL development

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Outline

- ALLEGRO detector concept
- Noble liquid calorimetry
- Read-out electrode prototype & cross-talk studies
- Mechanical design
- Software & performance studies
- Conclusions & outlook





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ALLEGRO detector concept

- General-purpose detector for FCC-ee
- Recently coined as ALLEGRO by a vote
 - A Lepton coLlider Experiment with Granular calorimetry Read-Out
- Concept built around a highly-granular noble liquid ECAL
 - LAr or LKr with Pb or W absorbers
 - Multi-layer PCB as read-out electrode
- Vtx detector, drift chamber and ECAL inside 2T solenoid, sharing cryostat
- CALICE or TileCal like HCAL and muon system outside solenoid
- Optimized for full FCC-ee physics program
 - Focus on PFlow & particle ID performance







Refresher on noble liquid calorimetry

- Sampling calorimetry relying on ionization
- Based on alternating layers of absorbers, noble liquid and read-out electrodes
 - Voltage applied over noble-liquid gap
 - Incident particle ionizes noble liquid
 - e⁻ drift to electrodes for signal pick-up
- Successfully applied in a number of HEP experiments
 - MarkII, DØ ≡ , H1, NA48/62, ATLAS 🔳
- Excellent E resolution, linearity, stability and uniformity, good timing properties
- Challenges: complex mechanical structure inside cryostat, signal feed-thru, granularity





Highly granular noble-liquid calorimeter

- Printed circuit board (PCB) technology allows "arbitrarily" high granularity
 - Signal traces inside the electrode
- $\blacktriangleright\,$ Prototype PCB 58 cm \times 44 cm $\rightarrow\,$
 - 50° inclination, 40 cm (22 χ_0) thick
 - Split to 16 θ-towers & 12 depth layers
 - Narrow strips in front for π⁰ detection
- 7-layer PCB, complex internal structure
- 240 cells in total in the first prototype
- Read-out from inner and outer edge







Readout electrode structure & shielding

- Signal traversing under other cells induces cross-talk (x-talk)
- Can be mitigated by shielding signal traces with grounded strips
- Trade-off between x-talk and electronics noise
 - More shields, smaller x-talk
 - More shields, more electronics noise
- In PCB v0 baseline is 2x width shields above and below each signal trace











PCB measurement setup

- Electrical properties of the PCB measured with a simple table-top setup
- Function generator used for injecting sharp-edged triangular signal
 - 300 ns wide 1 V peak with long (5 ms) period
- Signal read with oscilloscope, analyzed offline
- Extra care taken for ensuring good quality measurements
 - Short cables, thorough grounding, termination of signal strip, impedance matching







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PCB measurements



- Compare main signal magnitude to x-talk signal
- X-talk measured as "peak-to-peak" ratio
- \blacktriangleright X-talk ratio of <1% is needed and achieved with shaping \rightarrow



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Cross-talk and shaping time



- Longer shaping time gives lower x-talk in e⁺e⁻ contitions
 - At LHC long shaping times not good due to pileup
- Cross-talk goes down to 0.1% with 200 ns shaping
- Here only one pair of cells, more studies to be done



Plans for next PCB prototype

- Simulation studies underway for optimizing granularity
- Read-out from outer edge only for minimizing material bulk
 - Signal-to-cross-talk ratio of narrow strip layers a challenge due to smaller main signal
 - Singnal traces need to be "funneled" thru support structure
 - Will increase "trace-to-trace" cross-talk
- Would only one shield per signal strip be sufficient?
 - 6-layer PCB cheaper to manufacture
 - Thinner PCB increases sampling ratio
- Better solution to read-out connection
 - Industry standard connector?







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Mechanical studies

- ATLAS LAr ECAL used as reference
 - Larger radius, new electrode geometry
- Finite element analysis used for structural element design (strenght, size)
- First prototype of two absorbers and one electrode was built
 - Tested in liquid nitrogen bath, no permanent damages found





ATLAS liquid argon calorimeter general layout



Calorimeter size comparison



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Test-beam prototype

- Design of a test beam prototype to be frozen by September 2024
 - 64 electrodes and absorbers
 - Placed in a cryostat for beam tests
- 3D-printed prototype in development
 - Easy to produce and improve test parts
 - Design can be used as basis for real parts
 - Helps also in visualizing complex structure











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Software & Performance studies

- Full detector simulation in development in the FCC-SW in the Key4hep framework
 - Crucial already in early planning state for performance studies before test beam
- More on SW today at 4pm & Friday at 9am
 - Talks by Alvaro Delgado & Brieuc François
- Some performance studies already done, much more to be done
 - Materials, inclination, granularity, ...

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Conclusions & Outlook

- ALLEGRO is a multi-purpose detector concept for FCC-ee
- Multi-layer PCB allows high-granularity NL calorimetry
 - Good option for future e⁺e⁻ experiments
 - Also excellent choice for hadron colliders
- New prototype PCB design in 3-4 months
 - Smaller prototype PCB coming earlier to IJCLab in Paris
- Test-beam prototype with 64 layers in development
 - Design ready by 9/2024, then need to build it...
- Draft web page done, to be published within next months
- Team is growing fast, more people always welcome!









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