



## Scintillating sampling ECAL technology for the LHCb PicoCal

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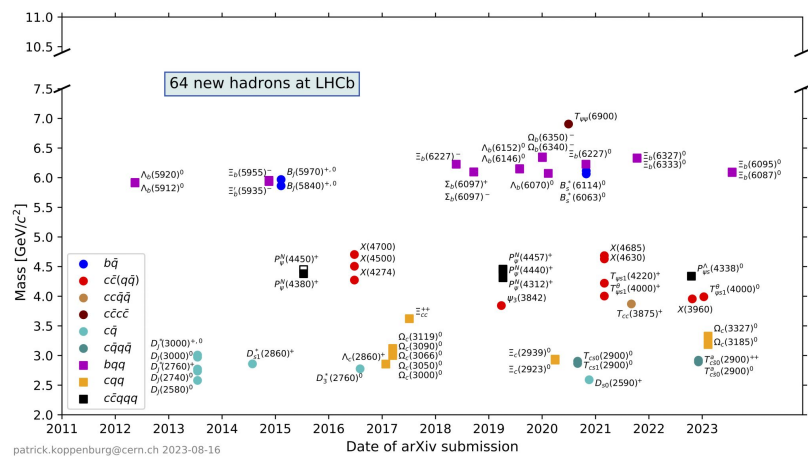
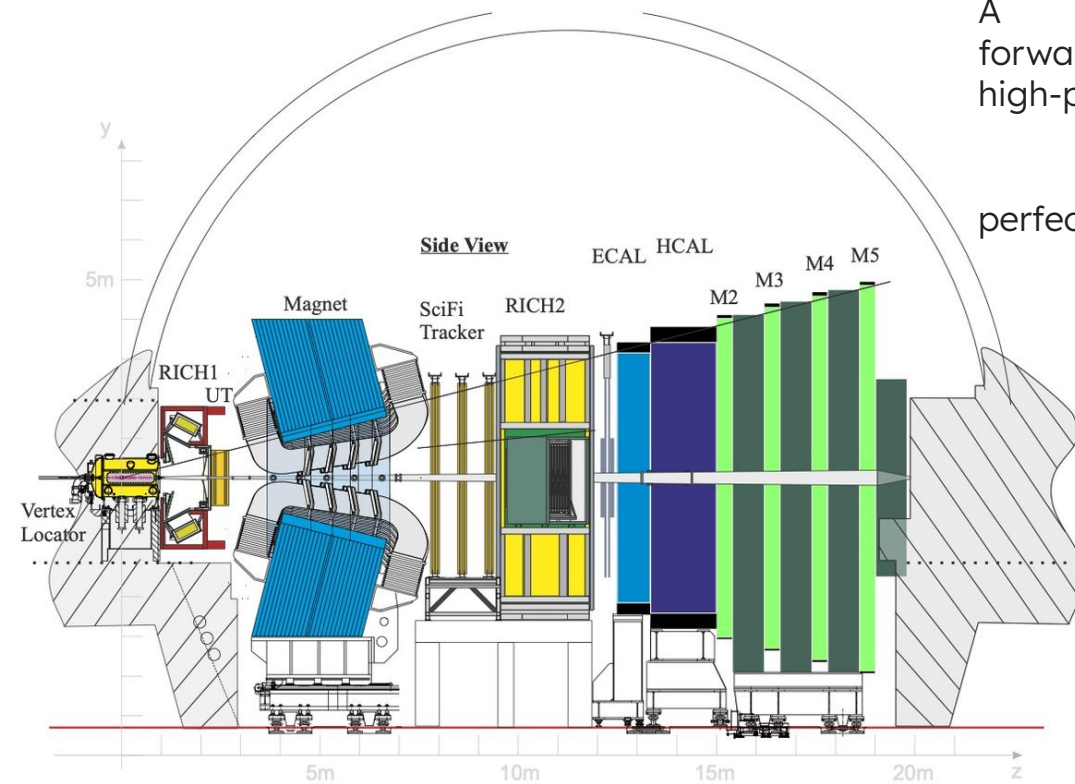
on behalf of the LHCb ECAL Upgrade II R&D group



# LHCb experiment

A general purpose spectrometer in the forward direction. ( $2 < \eta < 5$ ), optimized for high-precision heavy-flavor physics.

perfectly suited to discover new quark bound states.

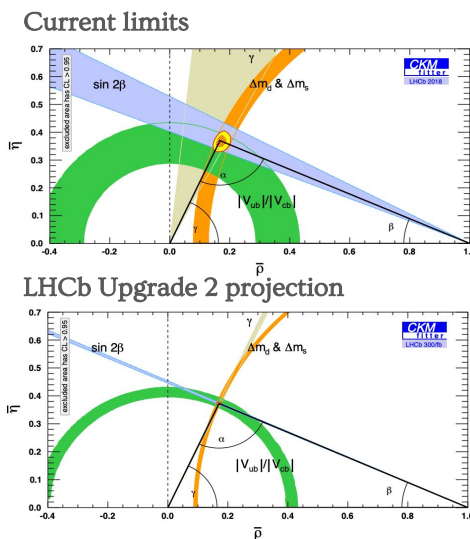
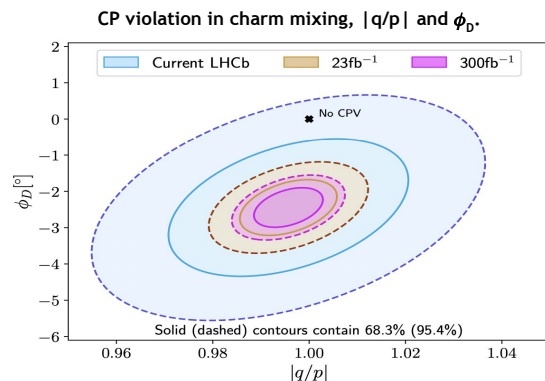
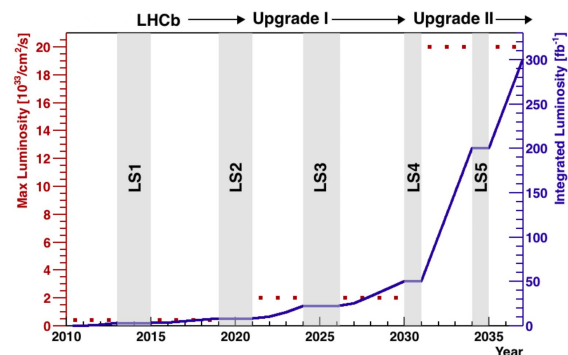


LHCb Detector performance: arXiv:1412.6352;

# LHCb Upgrade 2 motivation

- A wide range of  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$  and  $b \rightarrow d l^+ l^-$  transitions (many not accessible in the current configuration);
- Measurements of the CP-violating phases  $\gamma$  and  $\phi_s$  with a precision of  $0.4^\circ$  and 3 mrad, respectively;
- Precise Measurement of  $R \equiv B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)/B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ ;
- LFU (lepton flavour universality tests), exploiting the full range of b-hadrons;
- CP-violation studies in charm with  $10^{-5}$  precision.

For more details please refer to the [Andreas's talk](#)



Physics case for an LHCb Upgrade II,

Framework TDR for the LHCb Upgrade II.

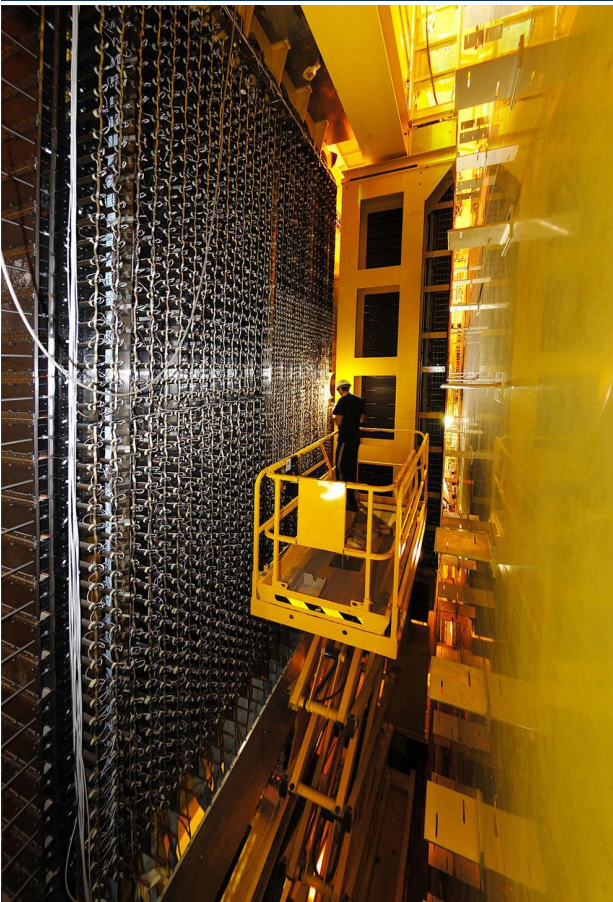
LHCb Particle Identification Enhancement TDR

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2636441>

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# Current ECAL



Shashlik technology:

4 mm scintillator tiles,  
2 mm thick lead plates.

Modules:

XY dimensions: 121.2 x 121.2 mm<sup>2</sup>,  
66 layers of Pb + 67 scintillator tiles.  
Ø1.2 mm Y11 (250) WLS-fibres.

Three zones in granularity

Inner (9 cells/module),  
Middle (4) and Outer (1)

Total:

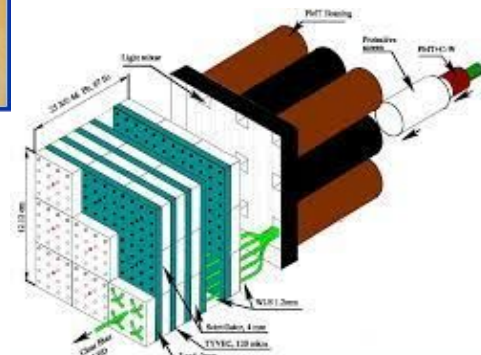
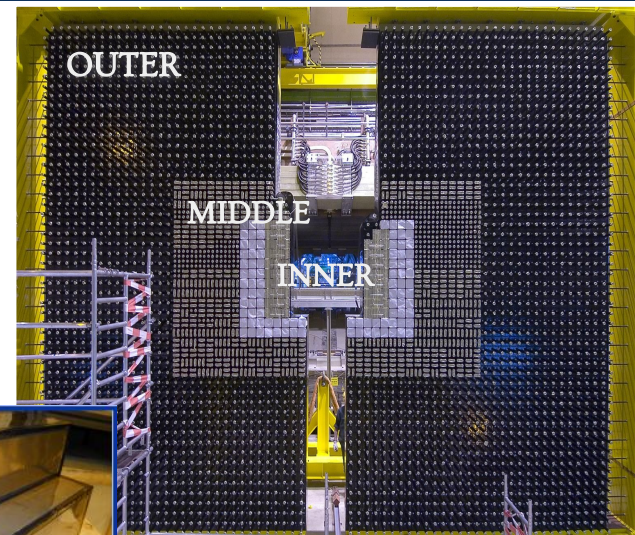
3312 modules,  
6016 cells, 7.7 x 6.3 m<sup>2</sup>.

Readout PMT R7899-20;

HV: individual Cockcroft-Walton circuit

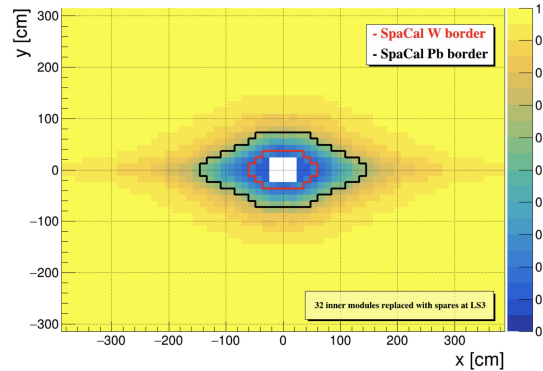
Light yield: ~ 3000 ph.e. / GeV

Energy resolution:  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{(8.2 \div 9.4)\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 0.9\%$



# ECAL performance extrapolated to the end of Run 4

Light output degradation after 4 years of Run4 (60/fb) - 1 = no degradation

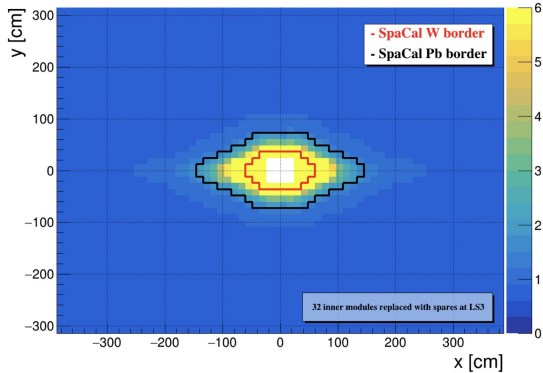


Degradation of the calorimeter performance due to radiation damage in particular in the innermost section of the ECAL.

The degradation of light output at the end of Run 4 for the current ECAL configuration

(assuming 32 innermost modules would be replaced by spares during LS3).

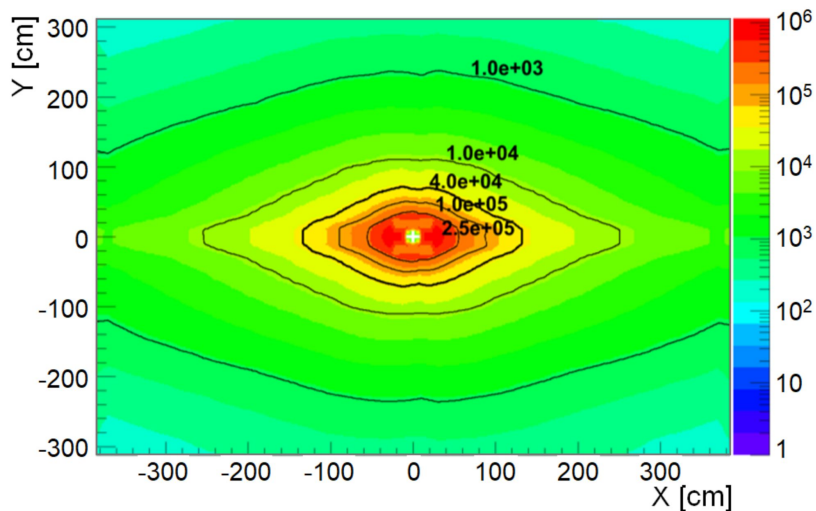
Constant term [%] after 4 years of Run4 (60/fb)



The reduced light output would lead to a significant degradation in the ECAL energy resolution.

# ECAL Upgrade 2 requirements

## Accumulated radiation dose [Gy] after 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>



## Requirements for the Upgrade II (operation at up to $1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ):

- Sustain radiation doses up to **1 MGy** and  $\leq 6 \times 10^{15}$  1 MeV neq / cm<sup>2</sup> in the centre
- Keep **current energy resolution** of  $\sigma(E)/E \approx 10\%/ \sqrt{E}$  1%
- Pile-up mitigation crucial
  - Timing capabilities with **O(10) ps precision**
  - Increased granularity in the central region (denser material)
- Better time resolution, less impact of radiation damage, more information for event reconstruction and PID from **longitudinal segmentation**

# LHCb ECAL upgrade strategy

## Run 3 in 2022-2025:

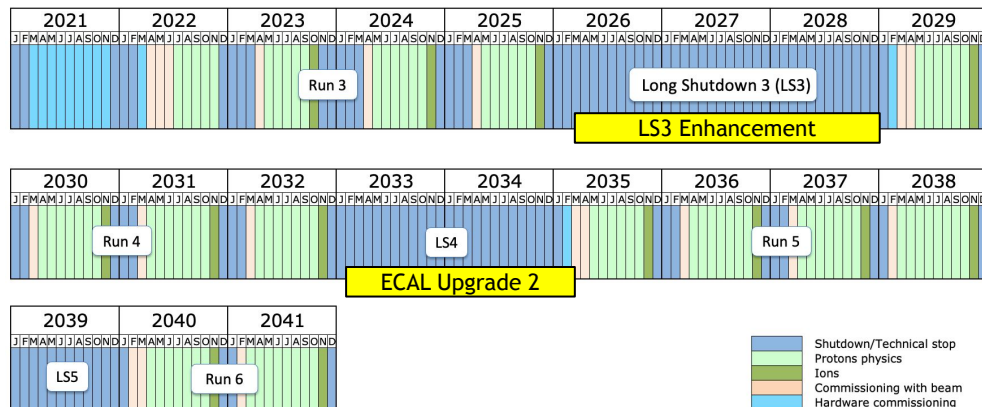
Run with unmodified ECAL Shashlik modules at  $L = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
(new 40 MHz readout)

## LS3 enhancement in 2026-2028 (TDR approved):

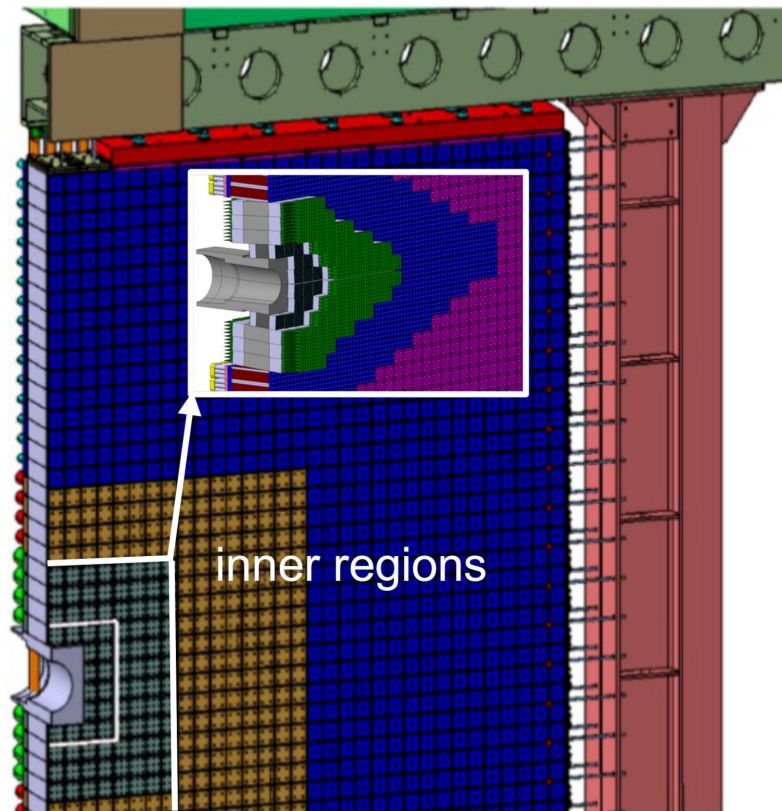
Replacing inner region with **Spaghetti type modules (SpaCal)** ( $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$  cells)  
+ rebuilt ECAL regions to **rhombic shape** to improve performance at  $L = 2(4) \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
→ **32 SpaCal-W** & **144 SpaCal-Pb** modules with plastic fibres **compliant with Upgrade II** conditions

## LS4 Upgrade II in 2033/2034:

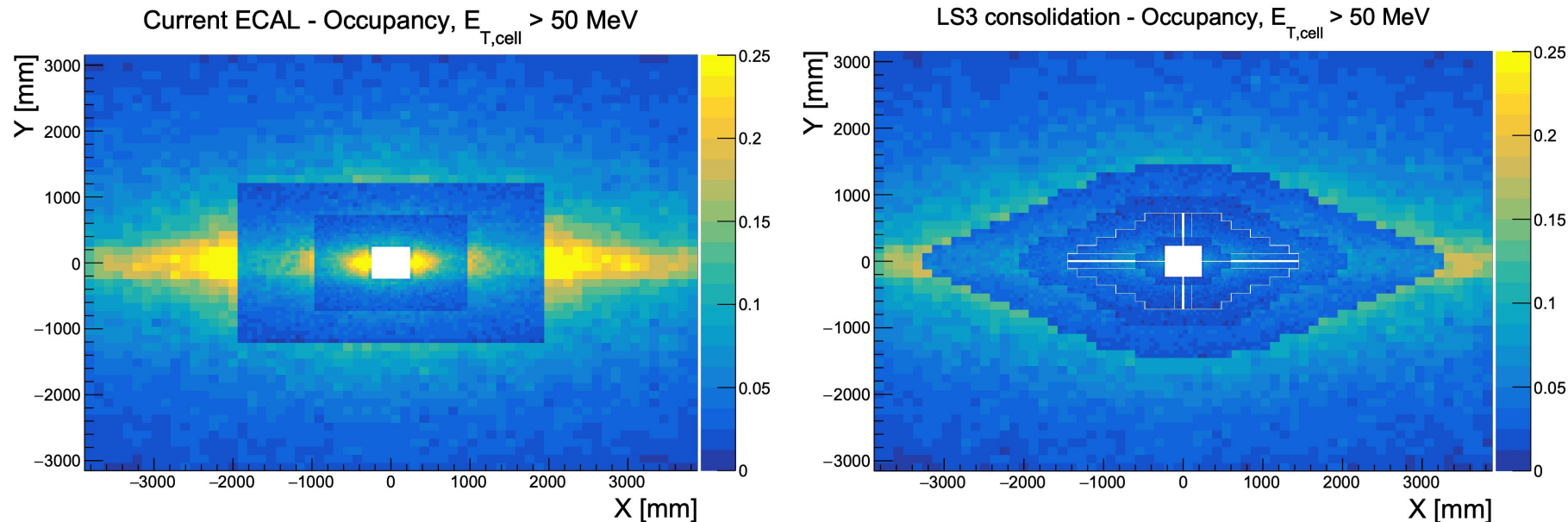
Introduce **double-section radiation hard SpaCal** ( $1.5 \times 1.5$  &  $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$  cells) and improve timing of Shashlik modules for a luminosity of up to  $L = 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
→ Innermost SpaCal-W modules equipped with **crystal fibres**  
→ Include **timing** information and double-sided readout to full ECAL for pile-up mitigation



Last update: April 2023



# Run 4 occupancy



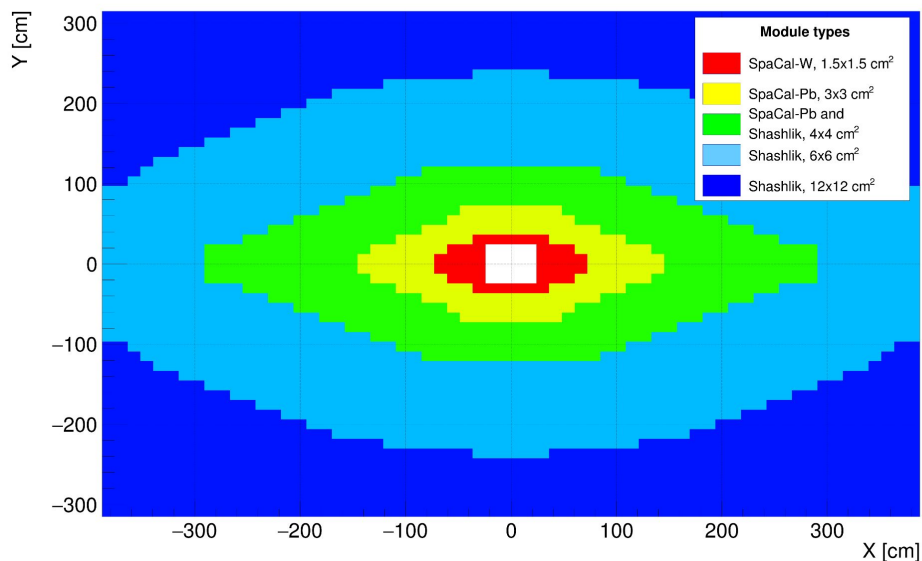
Simulated occupancy per cell assuming a luminosity of  $2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  in the current ECAL (left), and in the proposed configuration to be installed during the LS3 (right).

Note: SpaCal modules are inclined by 3+3 degree



# Run5/6 baseline configuration

PicoCal 2024 - baseline



## Cell size:

1.5 x 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>

3 x 3 cm<sup>2</sup>

4 x 4 cm<sup>2</sup>

6 x 6 cm<sup>2</sup>

12 x 12 cm<sup>2</sup>

## Modules:

40 SpaCal-W modules

136 SpaCal-Pb modules

272 SpaCal-Pb modules

+ 176 refurbished Shashlik modules

448 refurbished Shashlik modules

+ 896 rebuilt Shashlik modules

1344 refurbished Shashlik modules

Double-sided readout: 30'976 electronics channels

Refurbished Shashlik modules:

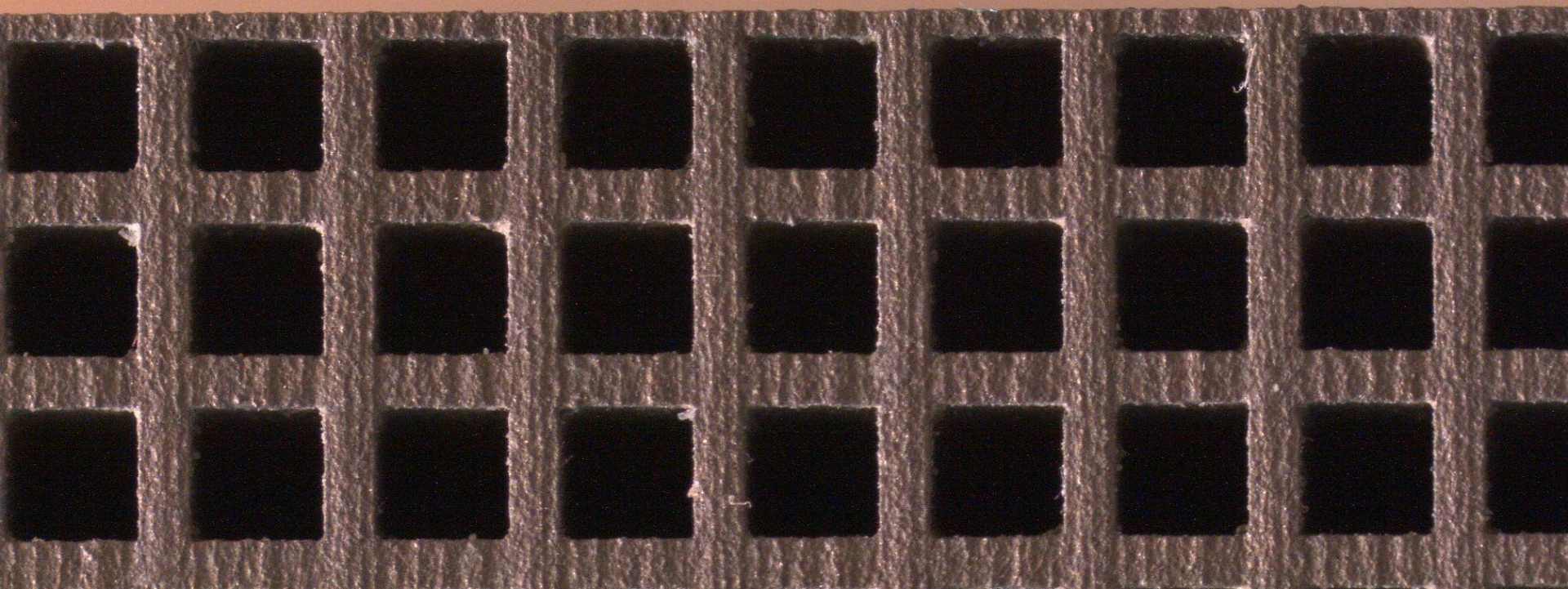
new fast WLS fibres for better timing

Rebuilt Shashlik modules:

new scintillator tiles for smaller cell size

new fast WLS fibres for better timing

# Module description



# SpaCal modules

Installation	LS3	LS4	LS3/LS4
Absorber	3d-printed W		Lead (Pb)
Fibre type	Polystyrene	GAGG	Polystyrene
Cell size [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	20 x 20	15 x 15	30 x 30
Molière radius [mm]	18	14.6	~30
Radiation length [mm]	7.2	6.2	~10
Segmentation [mm]	190	45 + 105	290 / 80+210

Three module types:

Polystyrene fibres replaced by GAGG in W absorber during LS4

Long.segmentation during LS4

Absorbers produced for LS3 fully reusable during LS4

# SpaCal-W + crystal fibres

## SpaCal prototype module with W absorber and garnet crystal fibres:

- Pure tungsten absorber
- 9 cells of 1.5x1.5 cm<sup>2</sup> (RM ≈ 1.45 cm)
- 7+18 X0 long segm.
- Reflective mirror between sections

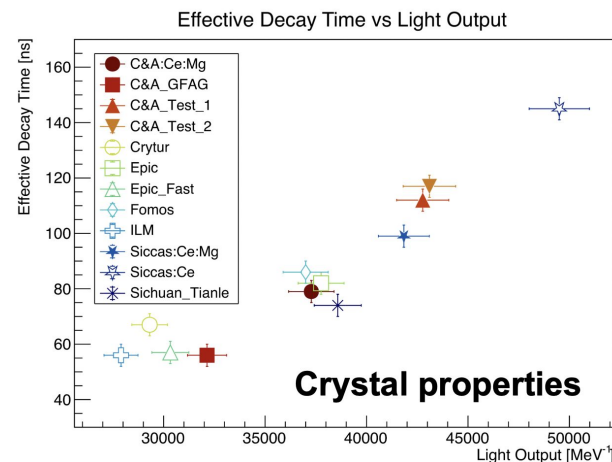
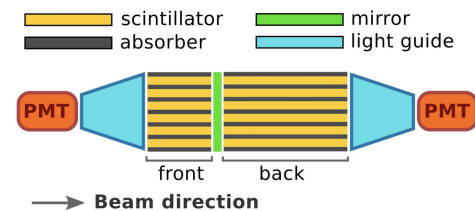
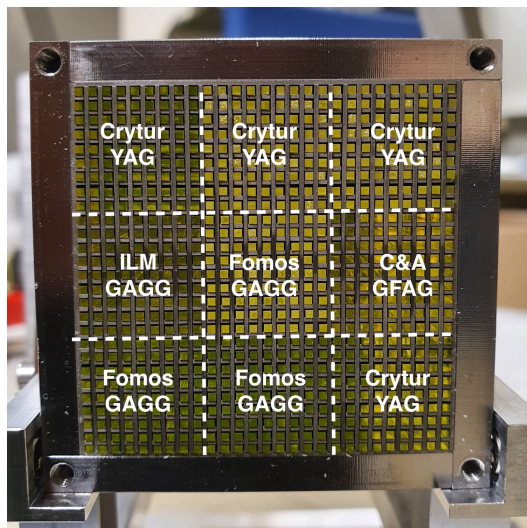
## Crystal garnets from several producers:

- Crytur - YAG
- Fomos - GAGG
- ILM - GAGG
- C&A - GFAG

→ Characterised with laboratory measurements

## Photon detectors used:

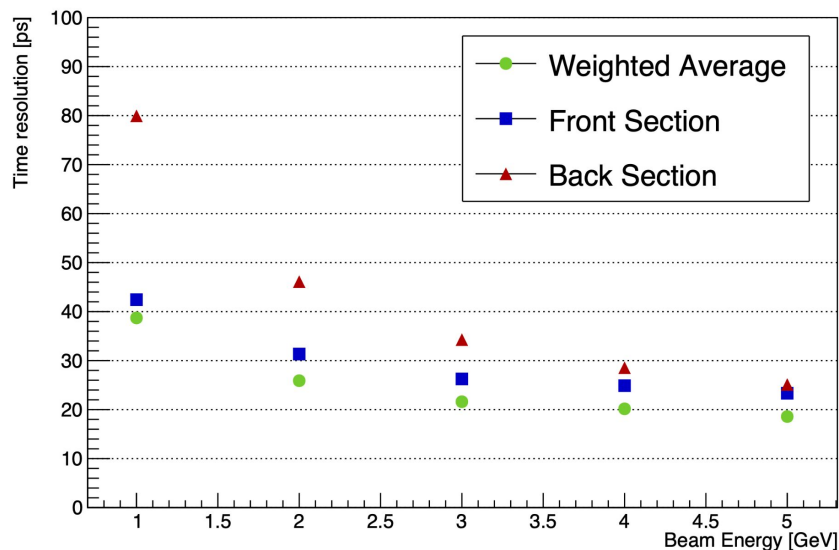
- Hamamatsu R12421 for energy resolution
- Hamamatsu R7600U-20 for time resolution



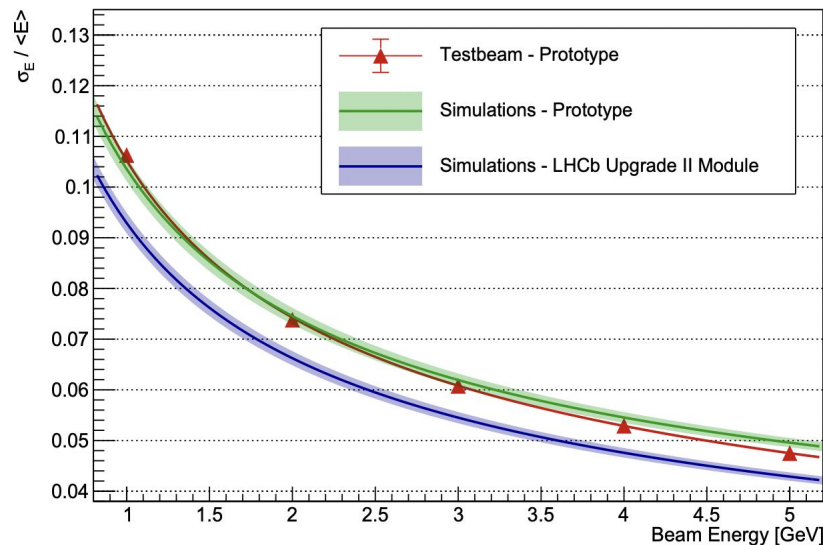
NIM A 1000, 165231 (2021)

# SpaCal-W + crystal fibres (2)

Time Resolution C&A GFAG



Energy Resolution -  $3^\circ+3^\circ$

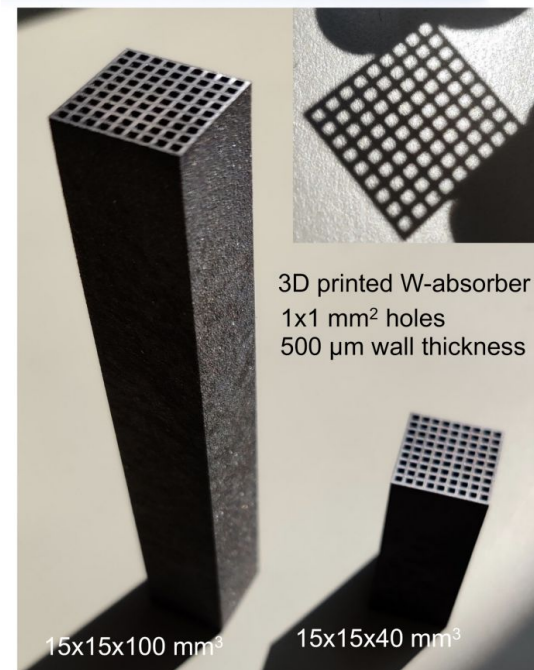
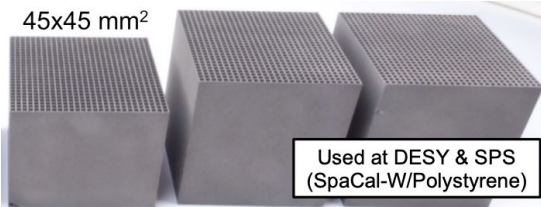


- Incidence angles:  $\theta_X = \theta_Y = 3^\circ$ , double-sided readout
- ~20 ps time resolution at 5 GeV for GFAG

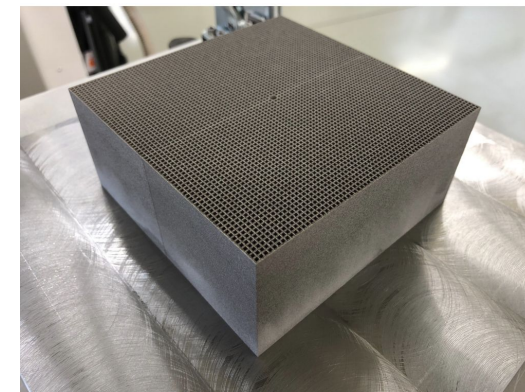
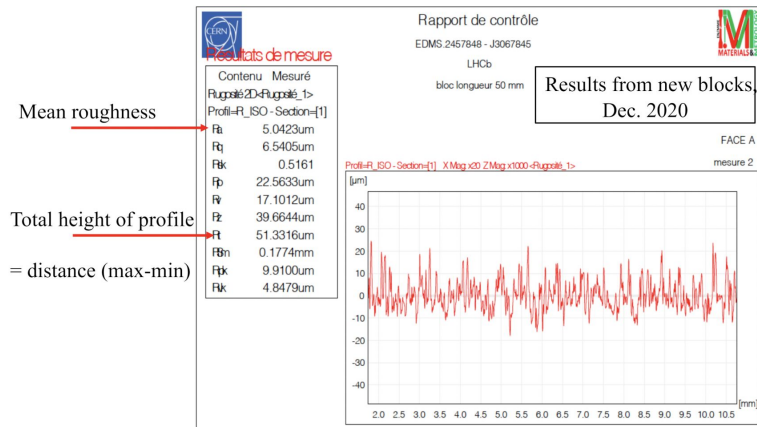
- Better energy resolution with larger incidence angles
- Data up to 5 GeV give  $(10.2 \pm 0.1)\%$  sampling term and 1-2% constant term for  $\theta_X = \theta_Y = 3^\circ$

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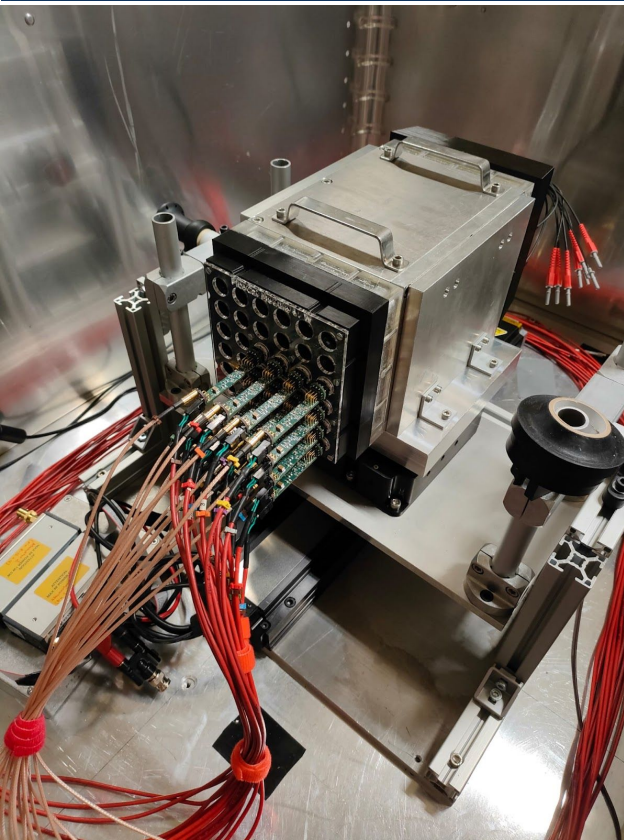
# 3d printed W



- 3D printing using pure tungsten powder found to be a scalable technology for absorber production
- Smooth surface mandatory to avoid damaging the fibres during module assembly  
→ average roughness  $R_a = 5 \mu\text{m}$  achieved
- R&D campaign with EOS (Germany):  
→ First 15x15 mm<sup>2</sup> cells with up to 10 cm length  
→ 45x45 mm<sup>2</sup> pieces  
→ Recently 121x121 mm<sup>2</sup> pieces produced
- Module-size pieces recently produced by LaserAdd (China):  
→ Two 121x121 mm<sup>2</sup> pieces in 2023  
→ Absorber pieces for module-size prototype with crystal fibres expected very soon

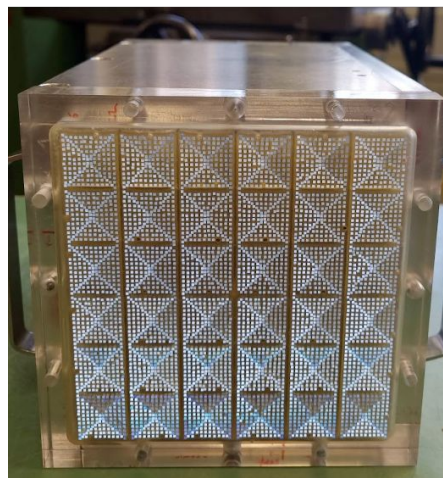


# SpaCal-W + Polystyrene fibres (LS3 Enhancement)

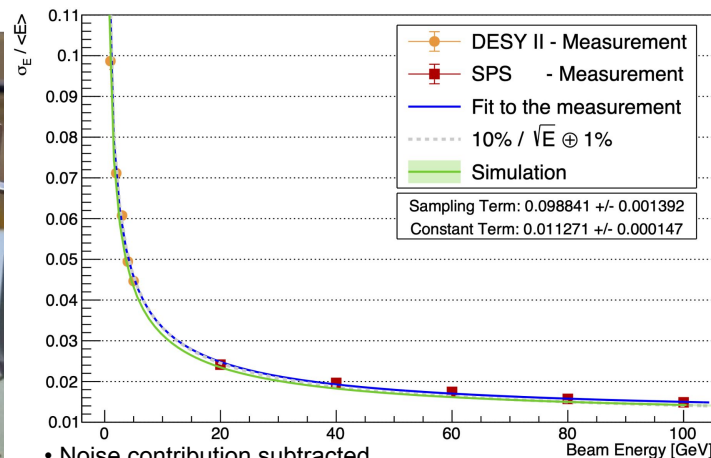


SpaCal with polystyrene fibres and lead absorber:

- 120x120x190 mm<sup>3</sup> 3D-printed tungsten absorber from EOS (Germany) filled with single-cladded organic scintillating fibres (1x1 mm<sup>2</sup>, Kuraray SCSF-78)
- Single-sided readout on the back side
- Test beams at DESY and CERN SPS in 2023



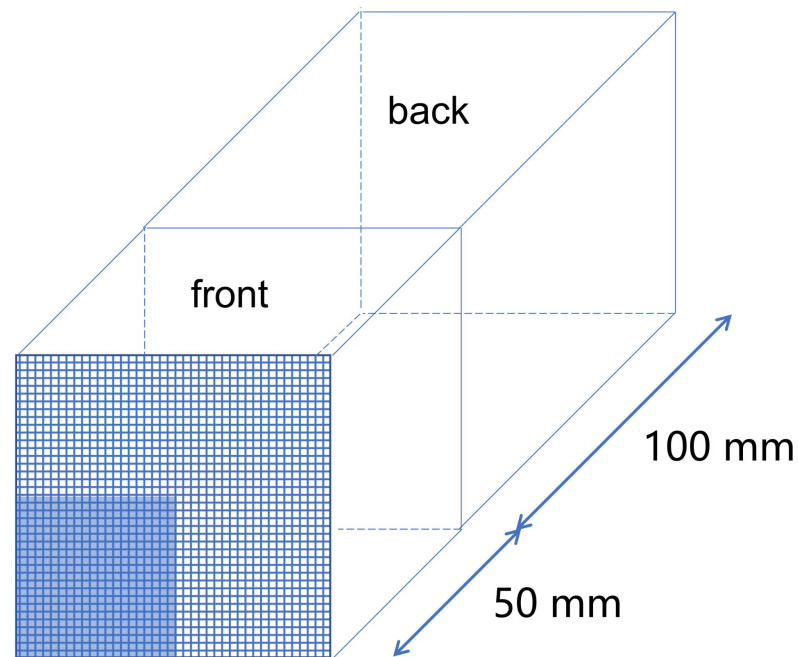
Energy resolution (DESY & SPS, R14755U-100)



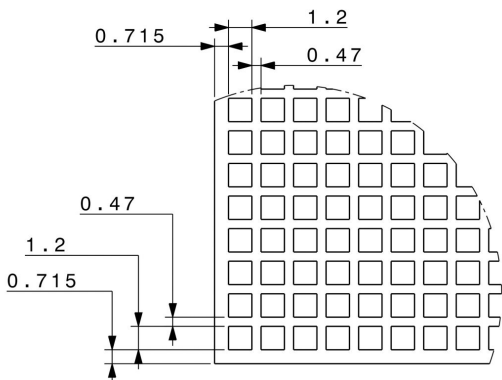
- Noise contribution subtracted
- Sampling term: 9.9%, constant term: 1.1%
- Very good agreement with simulation

# SpaCal-W + crystal fibres: prototype 2024

- 3 pieces of 3D-printed tungsten absorber of  $121 \times 121 \times 50 \text{ mm}^3$  produced by LaserAdd in China
- Double-sided readout in view of Upgrade II
- 4x4 cells: 1296 GAGG crystal fibres from SIPAT
- Further cells will be equipped with fibres from other producers later
- Assembly at CERN expected in summer 2024



71x71 square holes

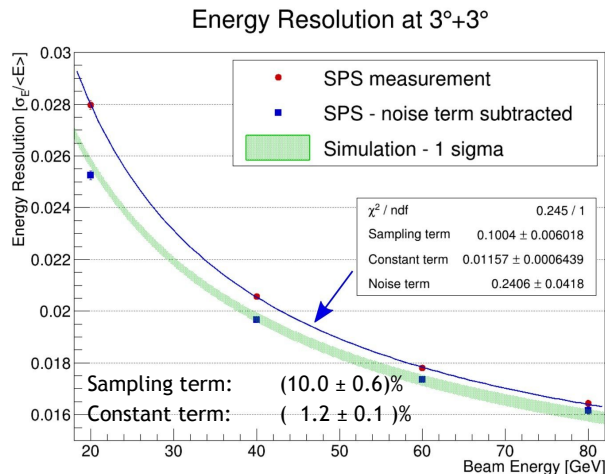
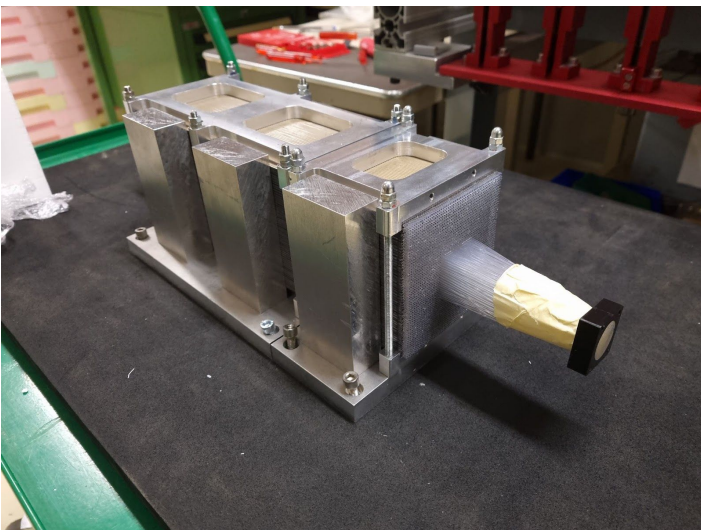




# SpaCal-Pb + Polystyrene. First prototype

## Module details:

- 9 cells of 30x30 mm<sup>2</sup> (RM ~ 3 cm)
- 80+210 mm long (7+18 X0)
- Reflective mirror between sections
- Kuraray SCSF-78 round fibres  $\varnothing = 1.0$  mm
- Light guides 100 mm long
- Grooved lead sheets



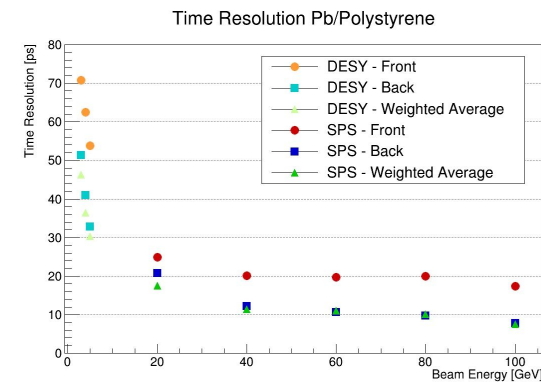
Energy resolution:

PMT = R7899-20 (current ECAL)

Time resolution:

PMT = R11187

Incidence angles:  $\theta_X = \theta_Y = 3^\circ$   
double-sided readout  
PMT in direct contact



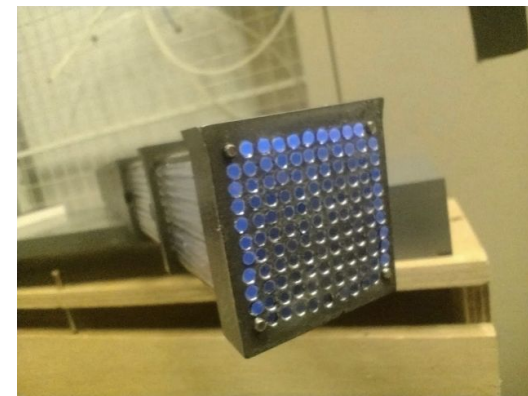
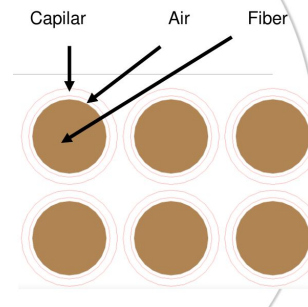
# SpaCal-Pb. Single-cell prototypes with casting technique

Base material: Babbitt BK2

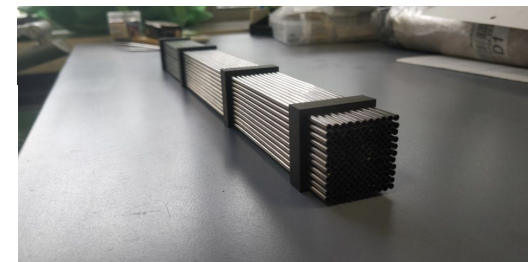
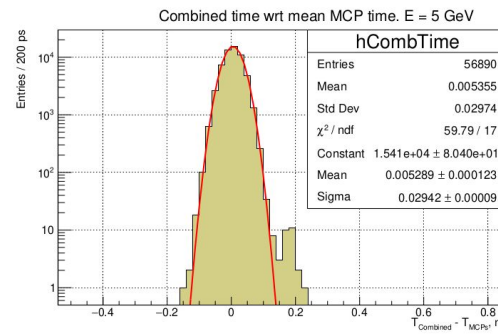
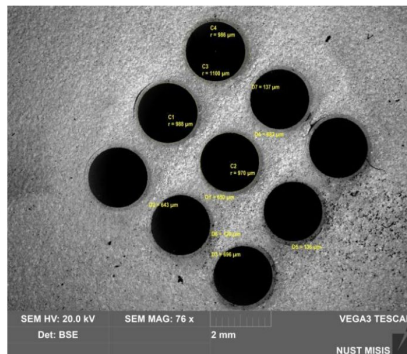
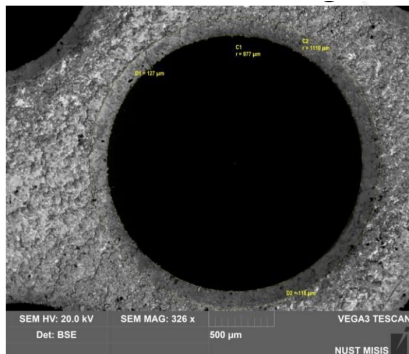
(~97% Pb + 1.5% Sn, 0.3%Ca, 0.2%Na, ... )

∅ 2.1 mm capillary tubes: AISI 321 (12X18H10T)

(Cr 17,0%-19,0%, Ni 9,0% ÷ 11,0%, Fe 70%, Mn ≤ 2,0%, Si ≤ 0,8%, ...)



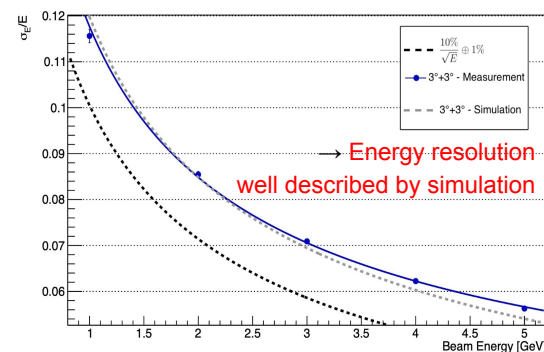
Fibres: ∅ 2 mm Kuraray SCSF-78



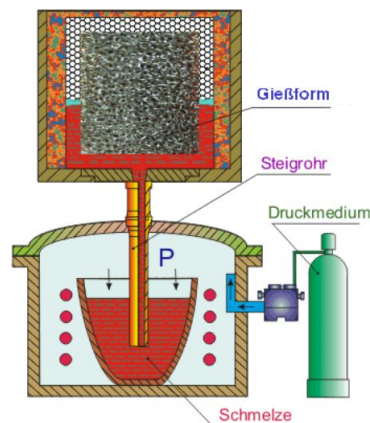
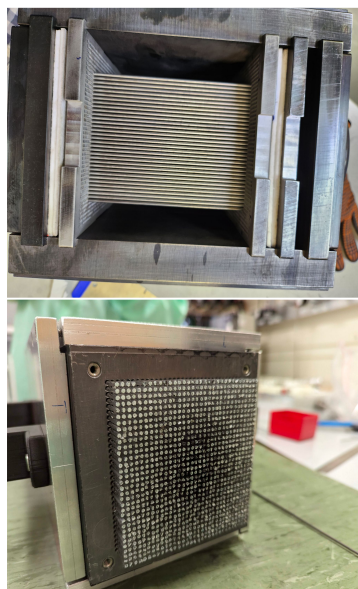
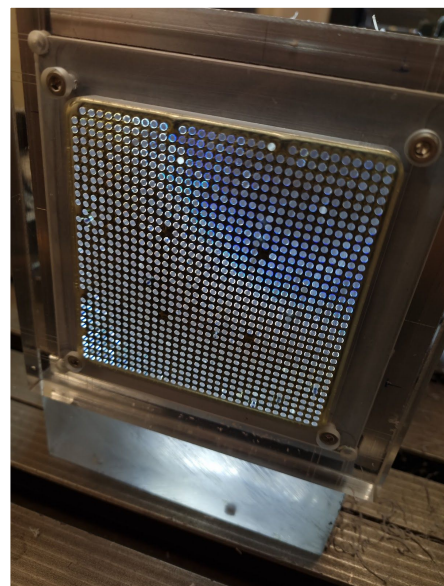
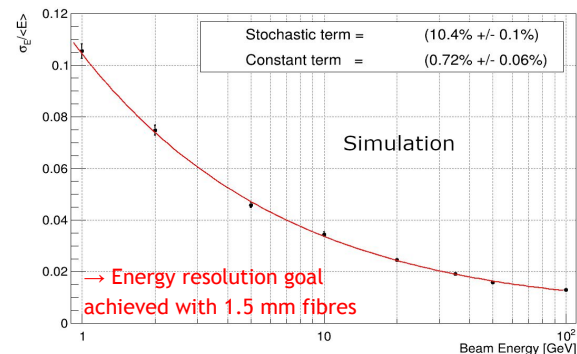
# SpaCal-Pb + Polystyrene fibres

- Lead absorber produced using low-pressure casting by [MTH & ICM in Germany](#)
- Prototype with 90x90 mm<sup>2</sup> active area equipped with round SCSF-78 scintillating fibres of 2 mm diameter tested at DESY in December 2023
- Next prototype with 121x121 mm<sup>2</sup> active area and using SCSF-3HF scintillating fibres of 1.5 mm diameter in preparation, targeting test beam in June 2024 at CERN

Measurement, DESY, 2 mm fibres



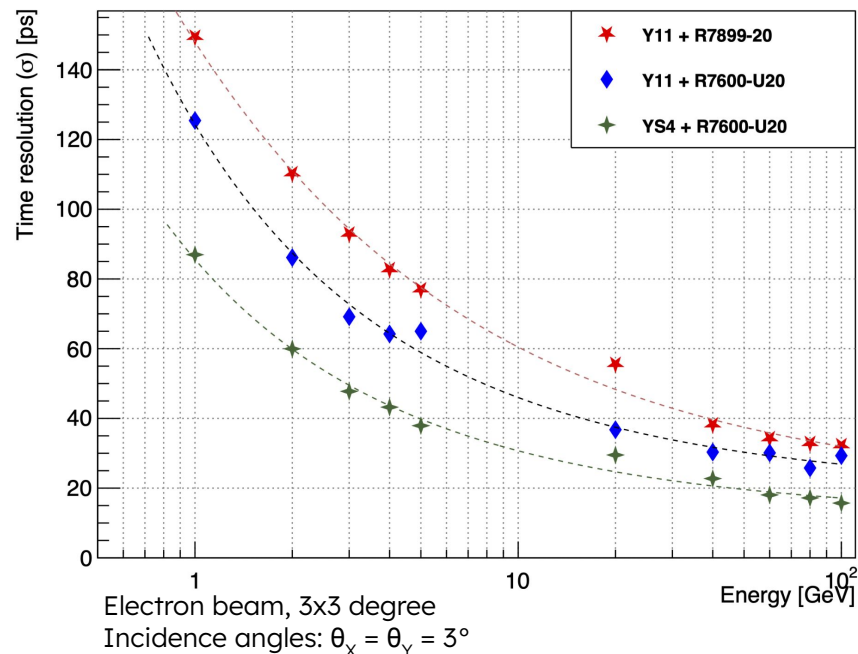
Simulation, 1.5 mm fibres



# Shashlik: R&D towards Upgrade 2

- Current LHCb Shashlik modules have good time properties, further improvement could be by
  - PMTs with smaller transit time spread (e.g. R7600-U20)
  - Replacing WLS fibres:
    - **Y11** (7 ns decay time) → currently used in ECAL
    - **YS2** (3 ns decay time)
    - **YS4** (1.1 ns decay time)
- Measurements at DESY and SPS with current (R7899-20) and faster (R7600-20) PMT, single-sided readout,  $\theta_x = \theta_y = 3^\circ$

ECAL outer module (1-cell shashlik, 121x121 mm<sup>2</sup>)



# Summary

- The innermost 176 modules of the LHCb ECAL need to be replaced during LS3 due to radiation damage
  - SpaCal technology with W and Pb absorbers meets all requirements for this region
  - TDR recently approved!
- The Upgrade II in LS4 introduces picosecond-level timing capabilities and more demanding radiation hardness requirements
  - Better than 20 ps achieved with Shashlik and SpaCal technology at high energy
  - Crystal fibres in the central region
- Comprehensive R&D ongoing:
  - Test beam measurements with prototypes
  - Detailed Monte Carlo simulations
  - Study of novel absorber production techniques
  - Study of suitable PMTs and development of readout electronics
  - Investigation of new radiation-hard and fast scintillators

An aerial photograph of a stunning turquoise bay. The water is crystal clear, showing various shades of blue and green, indicating shallow depths and rocky bottoms. The bay is nestled between steep, forested hills. On the left side, a few white buildings with red roofs are visible, partially obscured by lush green trees. A small white boat with a single mast is anchored in the lower right part of the bay. The overall scene is idyllic and scenic.

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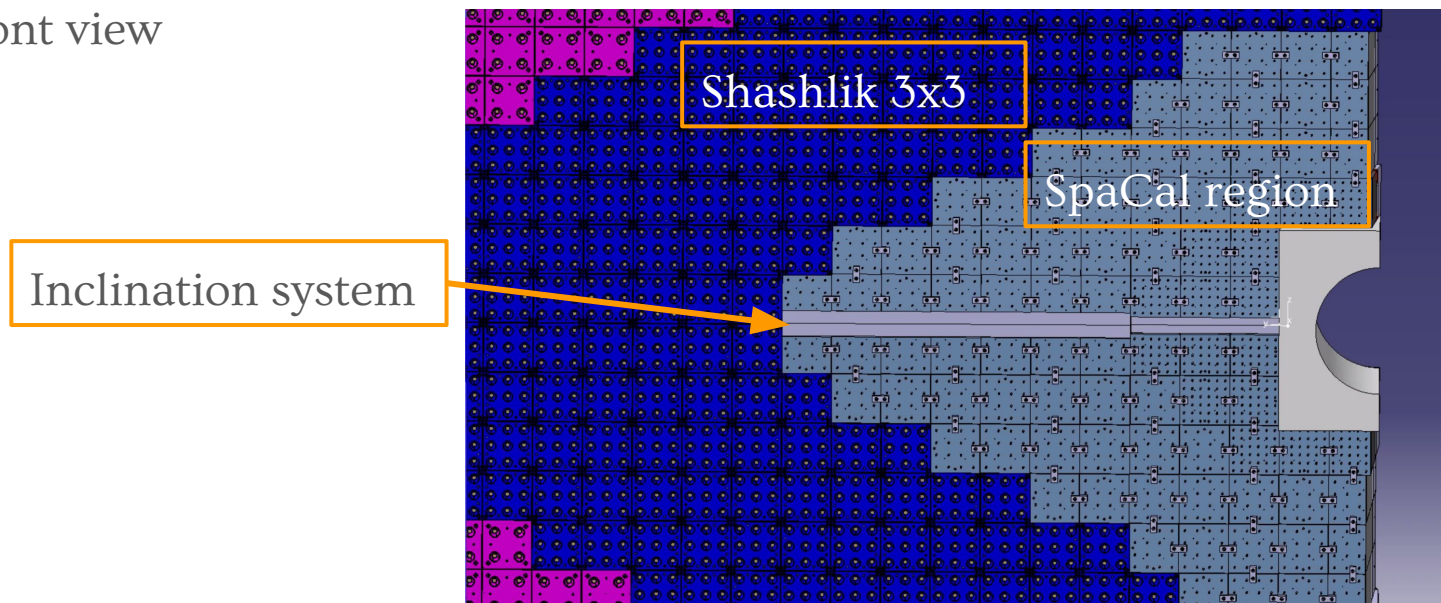
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# Supplementary slides

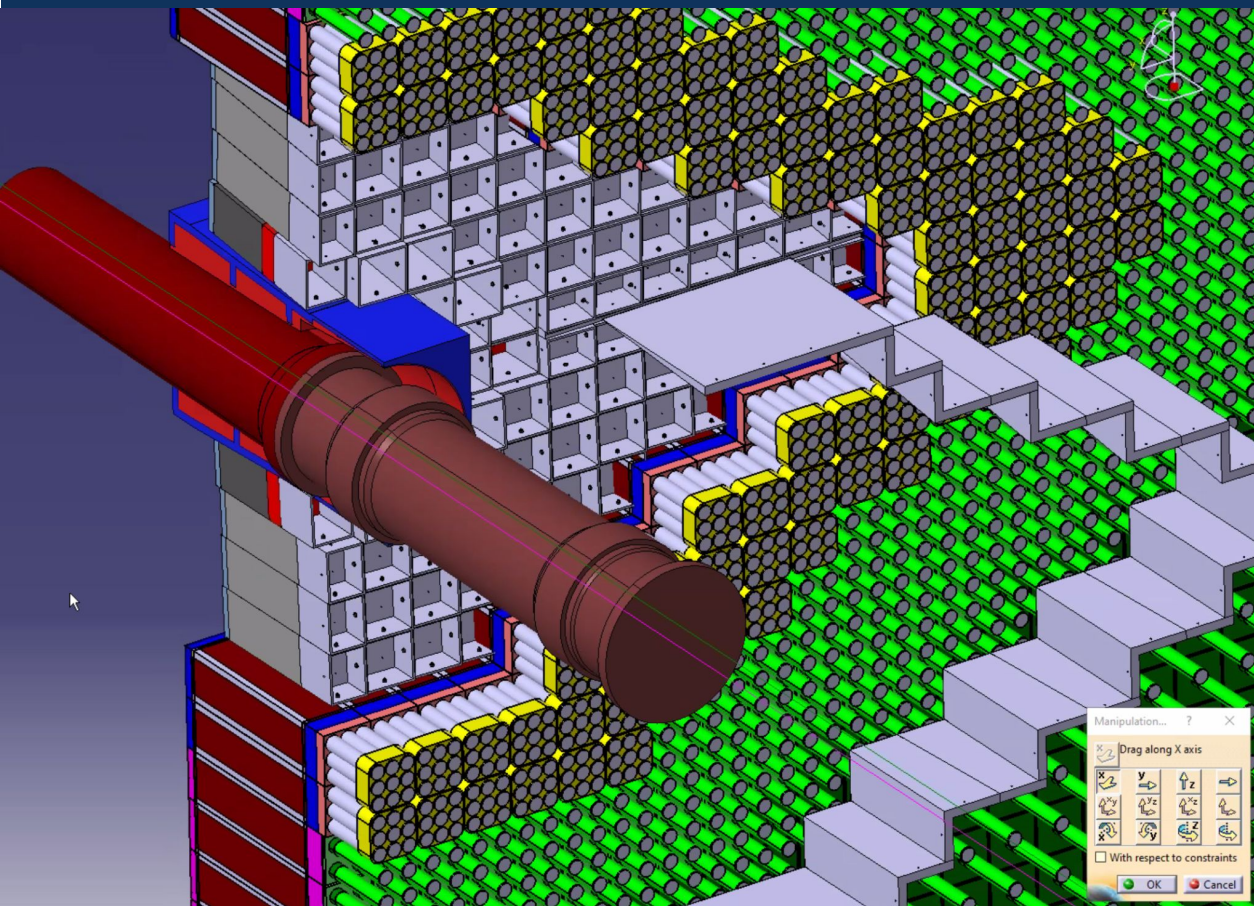
# Inclination of the SpaCal region

LS3 layout. Front view





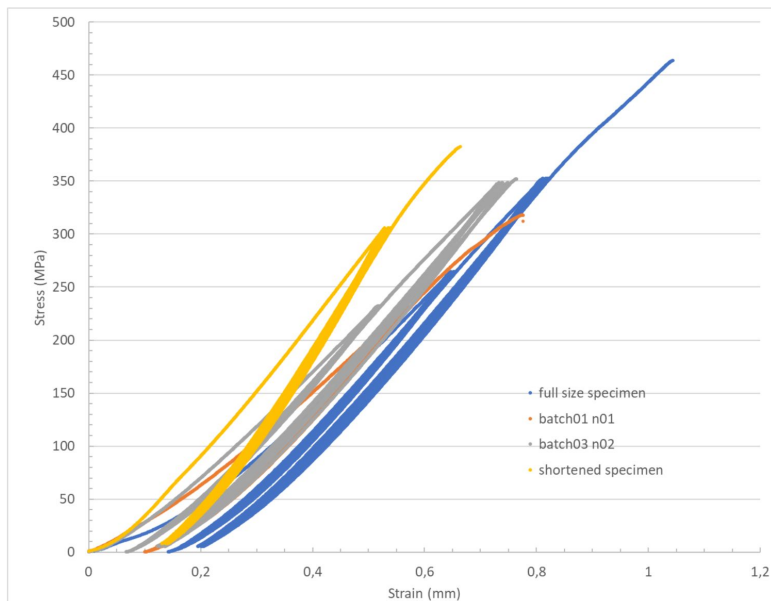
# Inclination of the SpaCal region (back view)



Inclination system

# 3D-printed W load test

Figure 5. Stress versus strain curves.



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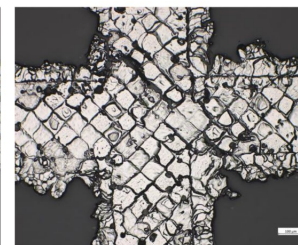
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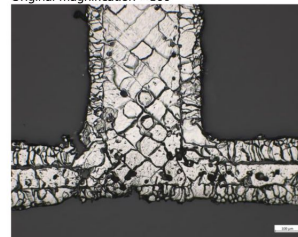
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Pic02 – cross region. Microcrack in contouring layer and pores are noticed  
Original magnification  $\times 100$



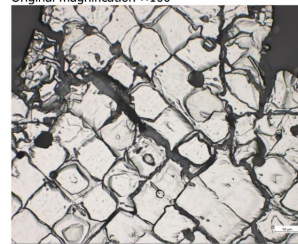
Pic03 – cross region. Through-wall microcrack and pores are noticed  
Original magnification  $\times 100$



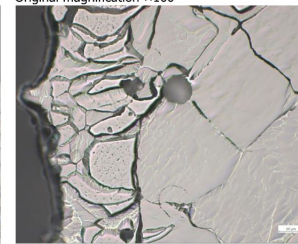
Pic04 – edge region. Through-wall microcrack and pores are noticed  
Original magnification  $\times 100$



Pic05 – edge region. Decohesion of a built layer and pores are noticed  
Original magnification  $\times 100$



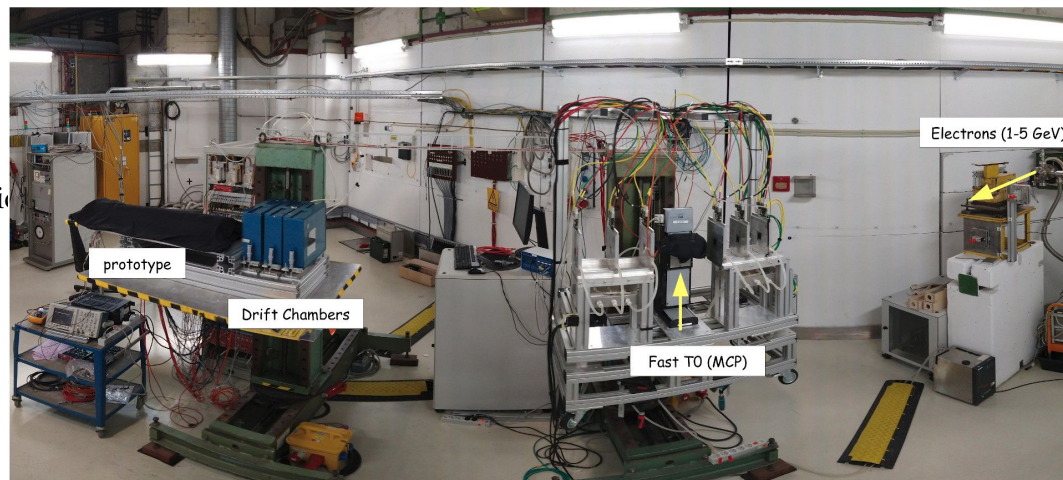
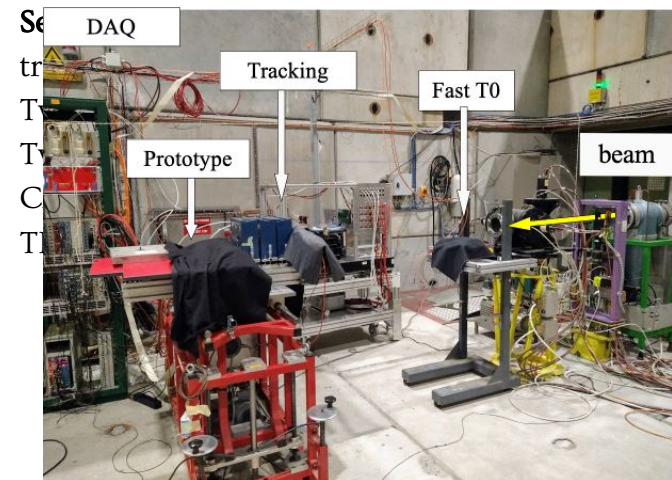
Pic06 – cross region, detailed view of a microcrack. Pores are visible  
Original magnification  $\times 200$



Pic07 – cross region, detailed view of the built microstructure. Pores are visible  
Original magnification  $\times 500$

Figure 3. Micrographs.

# Beamtests: CERN H4 / H8 and DESY T24



**CERN H4:** electrons:  $E = 20 - 300 \text{ GeV}$

**DESY T24:** electrons with  $E = 1 - 5.8 \text{ GeV}$

**CERN H8:** muons and hadrons ( $p = 150 \text{ GeV}/c$ )

# First single-cell prototype

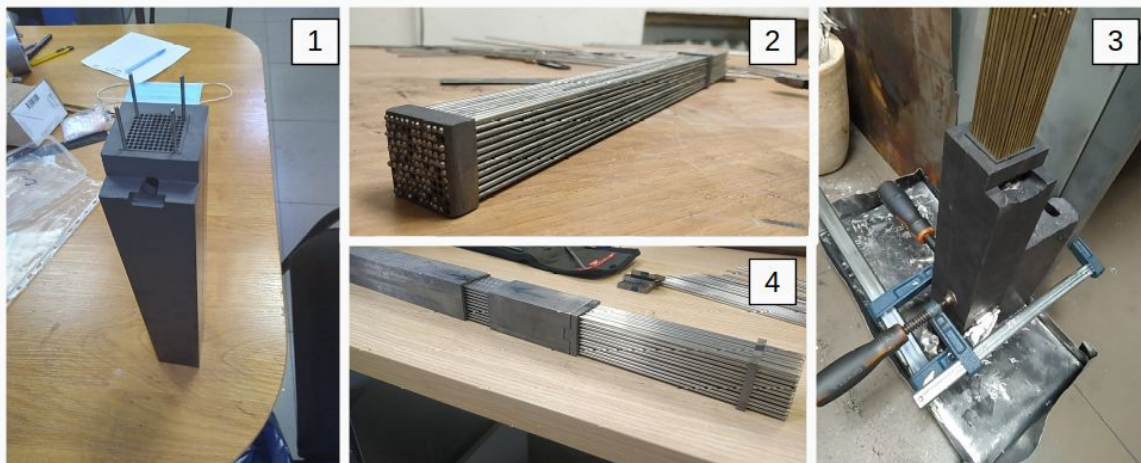
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**Base material Garth's typographic alloy:**

Pb 84% - Sb 12% - 4% Sn

Extractable rods

⇒ holes  $\varnothing 2.2$  mm to host  $\varnothing 2$  mm  
scintillating fibres



Single-cell object was tested for time resolution. Result was quite optimistic

But there was an issue found with the material

⇒ activation of the antimony makes usage of Garth's typographic alloy impossible

+ Holes after extracting steel rods were way too large (air between absorber and fibers)

# Second single-cell prototype

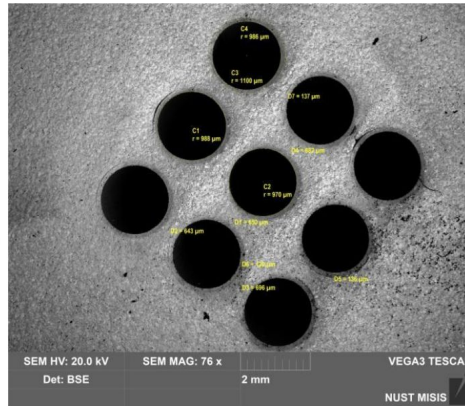
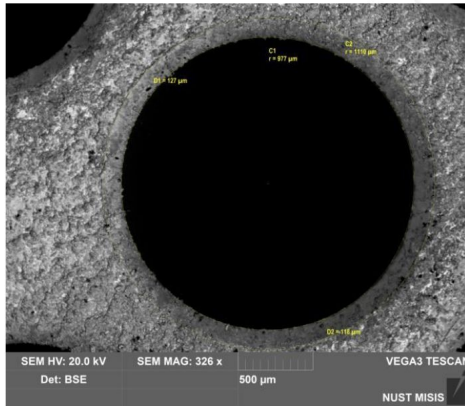
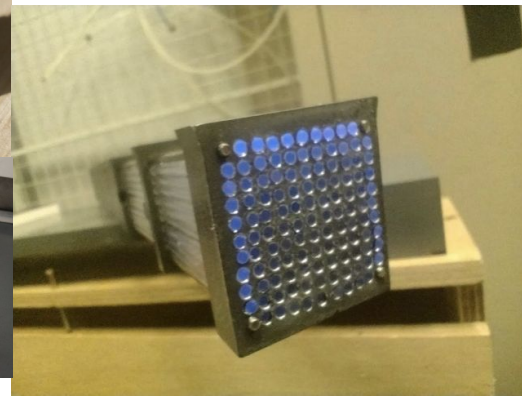
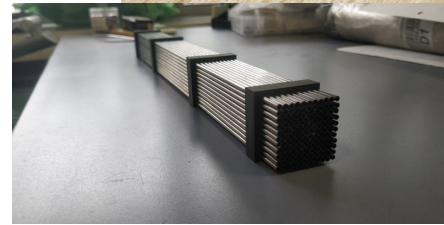
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Base material: Babbitt BK2

(~97% Pb + 1.5% Sn, 0.3%Ca, 0.2%Na, ... )

∅ 2mm capillary tubes: AISI 321 (12X18H10T)

(Cr 17,0%-19,0%, Ni 9,0% ÷ 11,0%, Fe 70%, Mn ≤ 2,0%, Si ≤ 0,8%, ...)



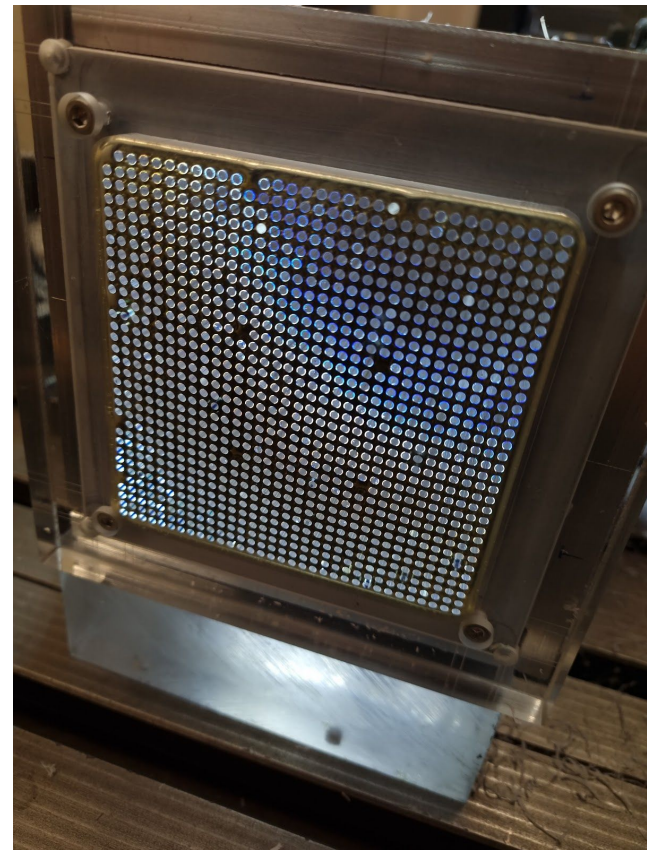
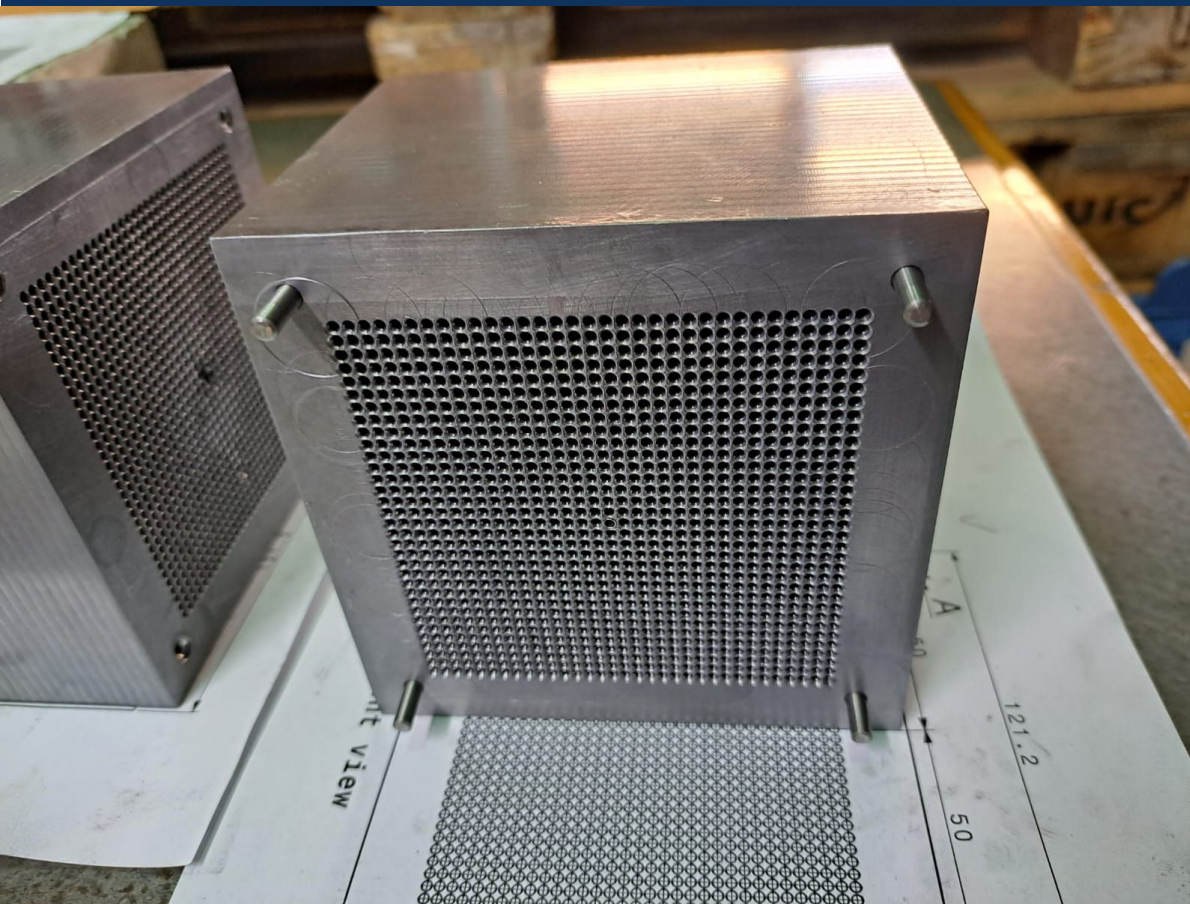
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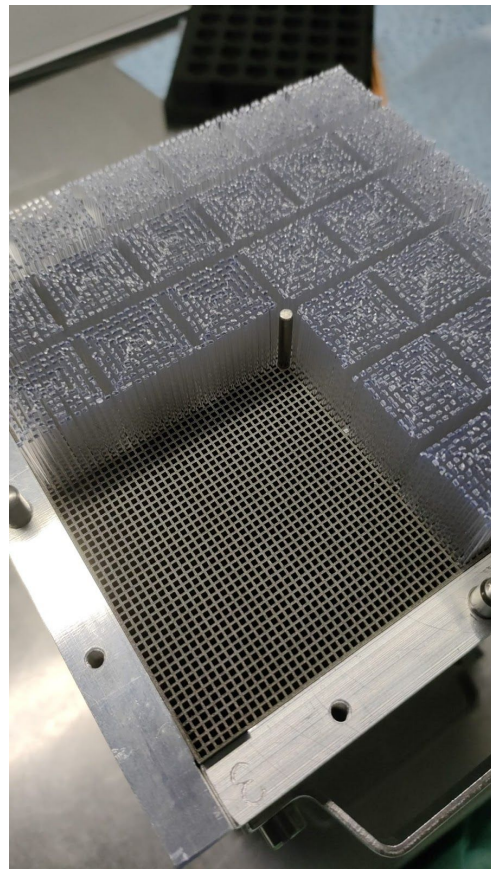
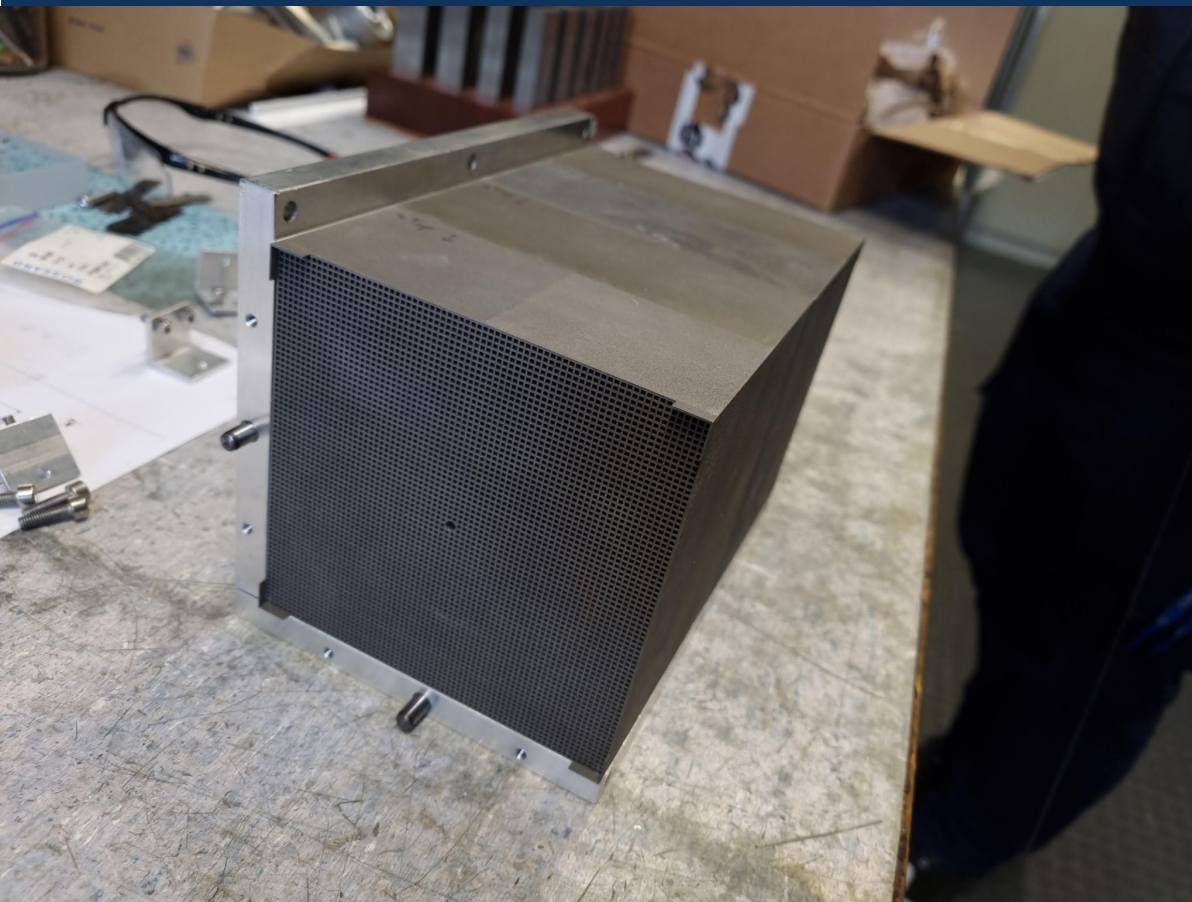
Vertical mold casting



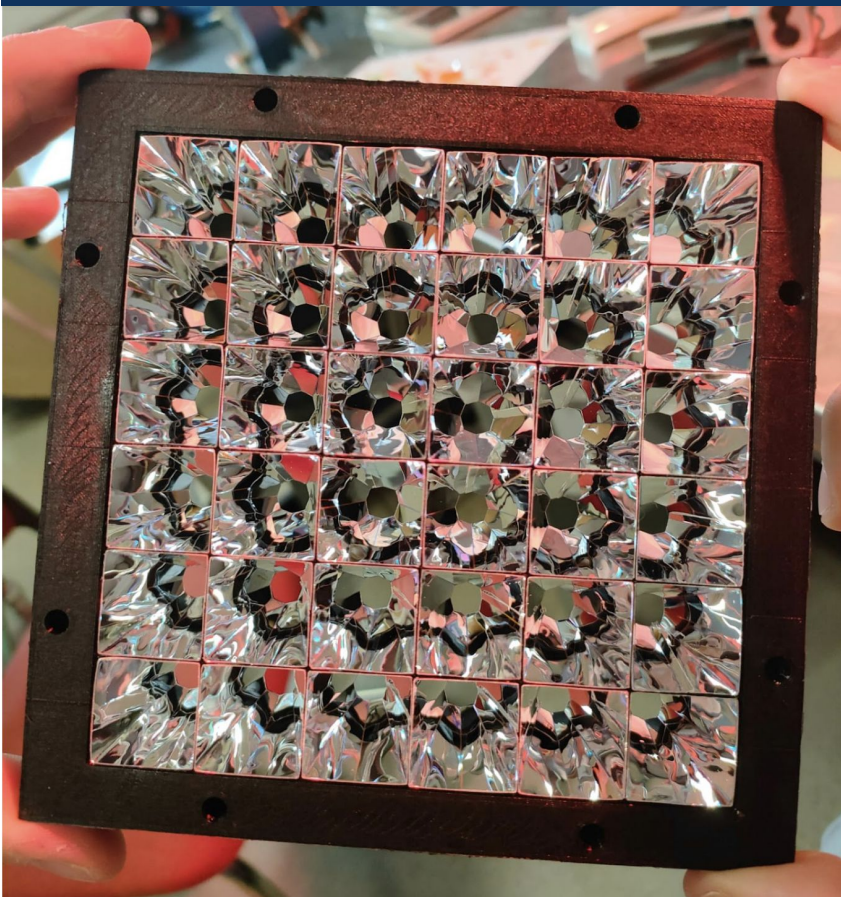
# Assembly: SpaCal-Pb + Polystyrene fibres



# Assembly: SpaCal-W + Polystyrene fibres



# Hollow light-guides



Lightguide geometry determined by the PMT + cell size  
(requirement - uniform response over the surface.  
Non-uniformities contributes to the constant term of energy  
resolution)

Different options under study:

- R11176 (single-cell suitable for SpaCal-Pb)
- R7600-M4 (similar dimensions multi-anode pmt, SpaCal-W)
- R9880 (small round PMT)

