

The LS3 enhancement of the LHCb electromagnetic calorimeter

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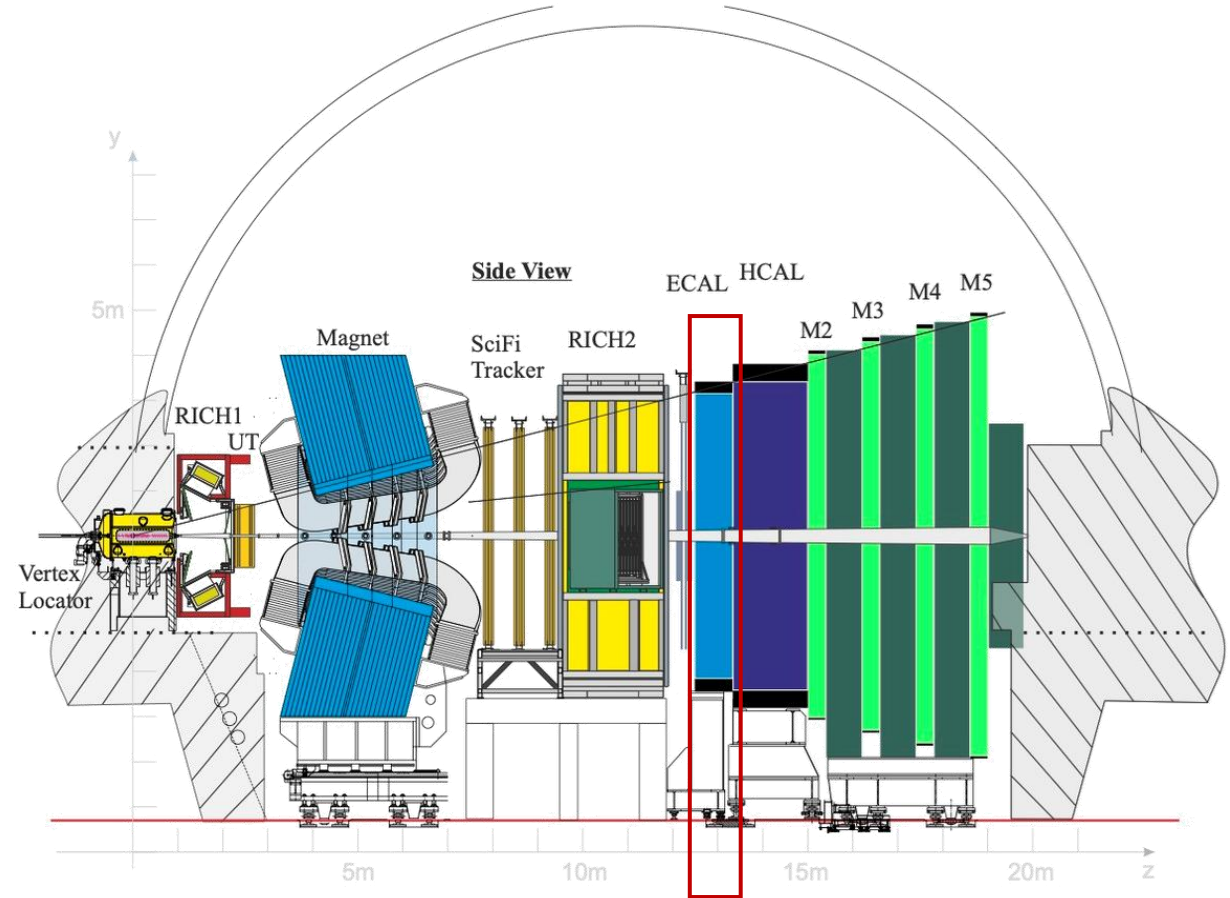
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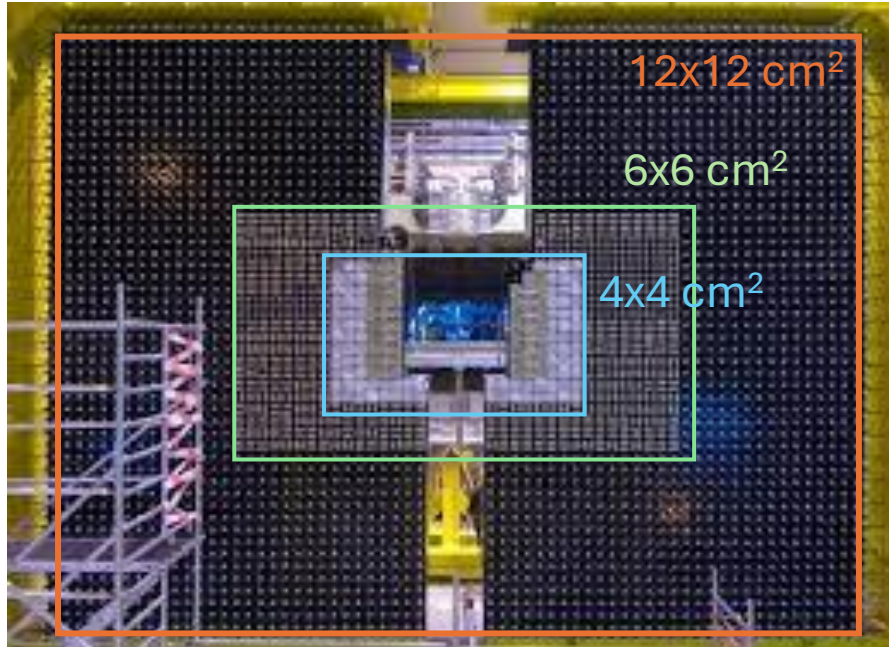
Introduction

Upgrade I of LHCb has already brought improvements in:

- Trackers: VELO, Tracking chambers
- Fully software trigger

The second part of Upgrade I (U1b) will require modifications of the **Electromagnetic Calorimeter** (ECAL) in order to keep its performances





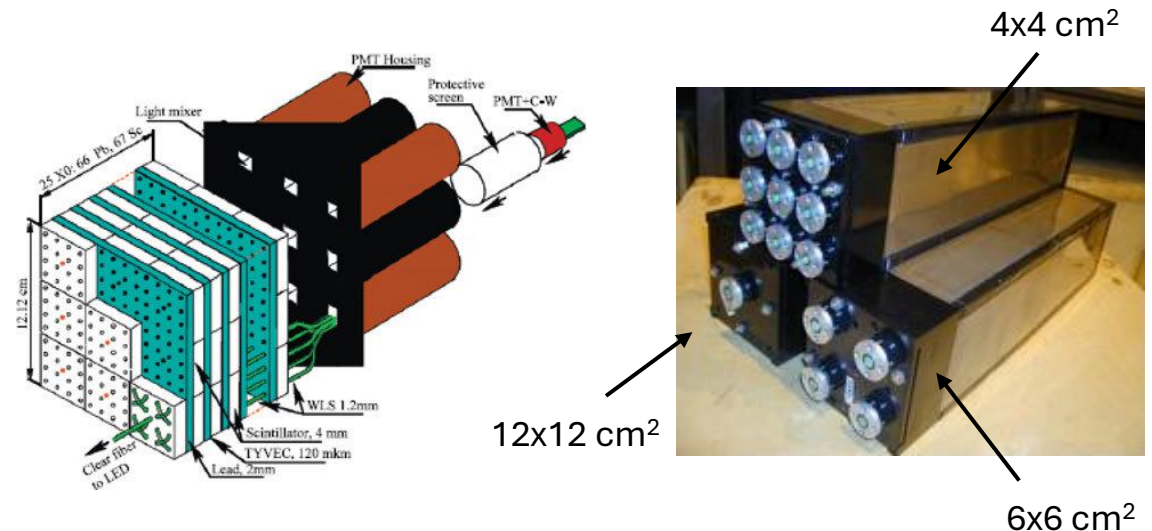
The current LHCb ECAL

Optimised for π^0 and γ identification in the few GeV to 100 GeV region

- Large array of $\sim 50 \text{ m}^2$ with 3312 modules and 6016 channels
- $12 \times 12 \text{ cm}^2$ modules divided in 3 regions with different cell dimension

- **Shashlik** technology $\rightarrow$ sampling calorimeter with lead and polystyrene layers
- Radiation hard up to 40 kGy
- Energy resolution:

$$\sigma(E)/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})} \oplus 1\%$$



Motivation for LS3 enhancement

Challenges in Run3:

1. Accumulated radiation dose
2. Event occupancy

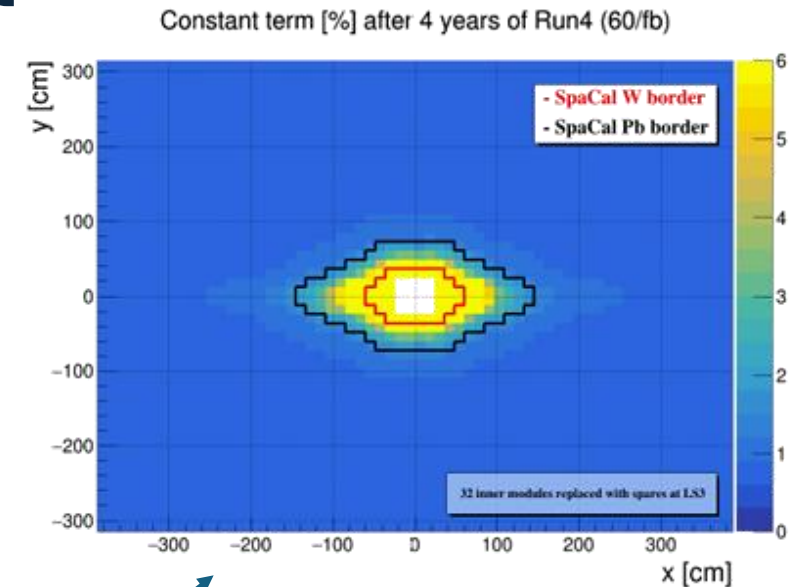
First enhancement in preparation for Upgrade II:

- New module arrangement → now possible because of fully software trigger
- New technology in inner region: Spaghetti Calorimeter (SpaCal)

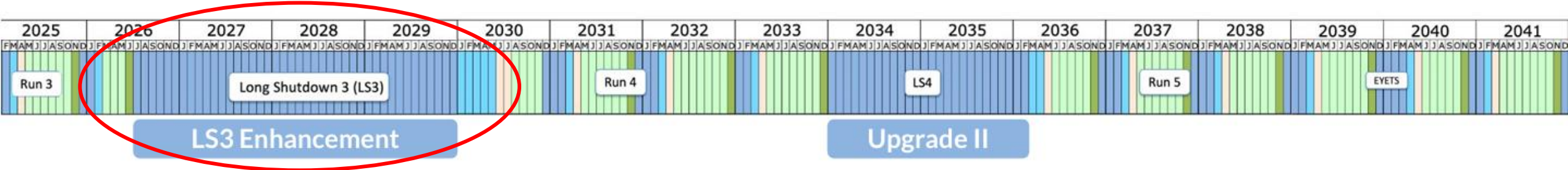
Maintain current energy resolution of $\sigma(E)/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$

Without LS3 enhancement → no more contribution to physics!

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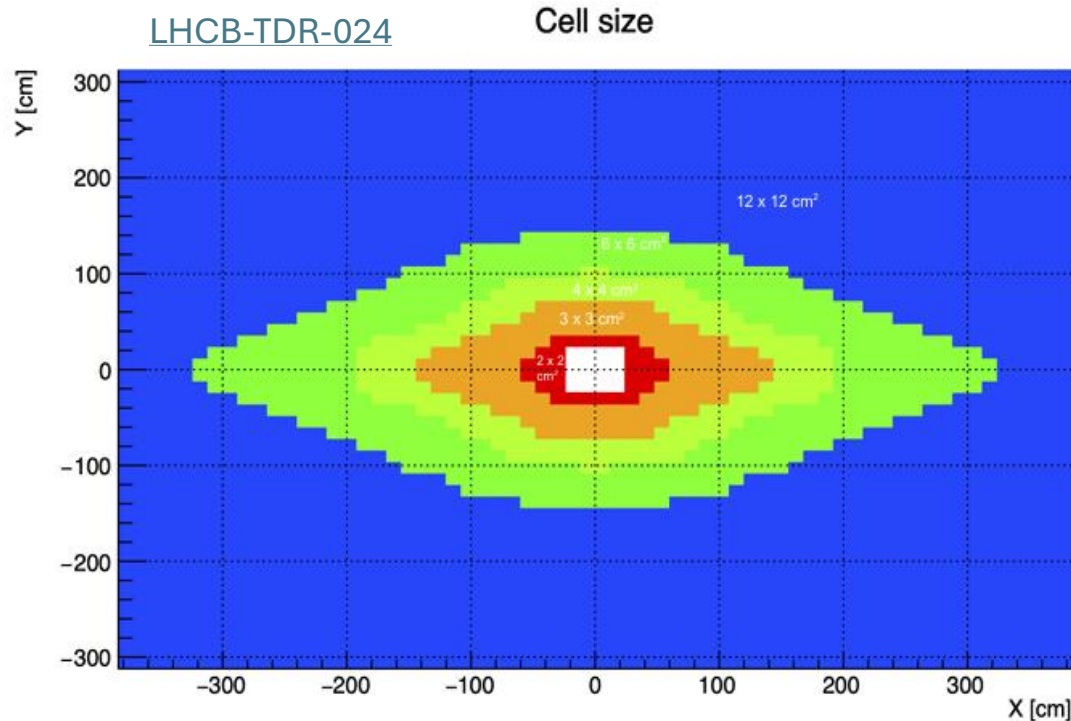


LS3 upgrade strategy



LS3 Enhancement from **July 2026 to end of 2029**:

- Introduce radiation-tolerant SpaCal with single-sided readout in the inner regions
 - 32 SpaCal-W (2×2 cm² cells) & 144 SpaCal-Pb (3×3 cm² cells) modules
 - plastic scintillating fibers compliant with Upgrade II conditions
- Rebuild ECAL in rhombic shape to improve performance at $L = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - 2416 modules will be dismantled and stored in dedicated areas in the cavern



New ECAL layout

176 SpaCal modules with scintillating plastic fibres:

- W absorber for innermost modules
- Pb absorber for intermediate region
- single-sided readout
- all modules tilted by 3°+3°

Outer Shashlik modules retained

Cell size:

2 x 2 cm²

3 x 3 cm²

4 x 4 cm²

6 x 6 cm²

12 x 12 cm²

Modules:

32 new SpaCal-W modules

144 new SpaCal-Pb modules

176 existing modules in rhombic configuration

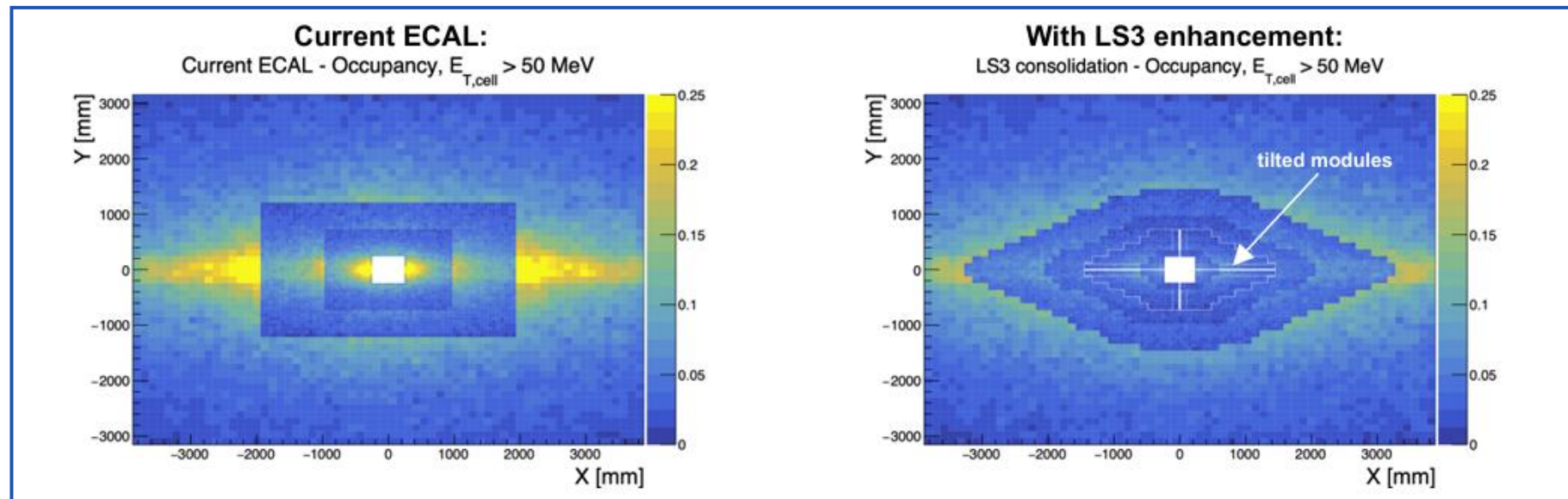
448 existing modules in rhombic configuration

2'512 existing modules in rhombic configuration

Occupancy performance

- Occupancies from detailed simulation, including the hadronic component
- Assumed luminosity: $L = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

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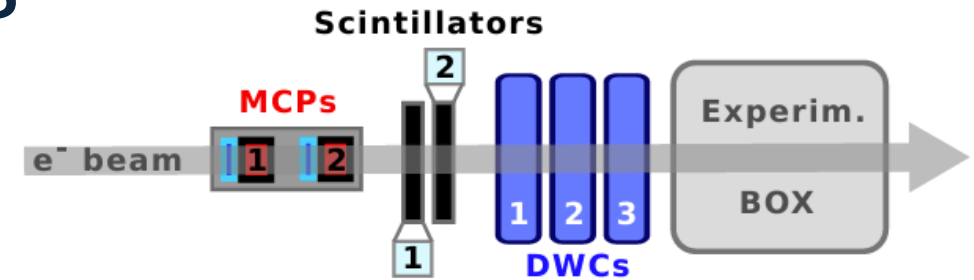


- Sizeable occupancy in large regions before LS3 enhancement (e.g. challenge for π^0 reconstruction)
- Occupancy map after LS3 enhancement is reasonably flat

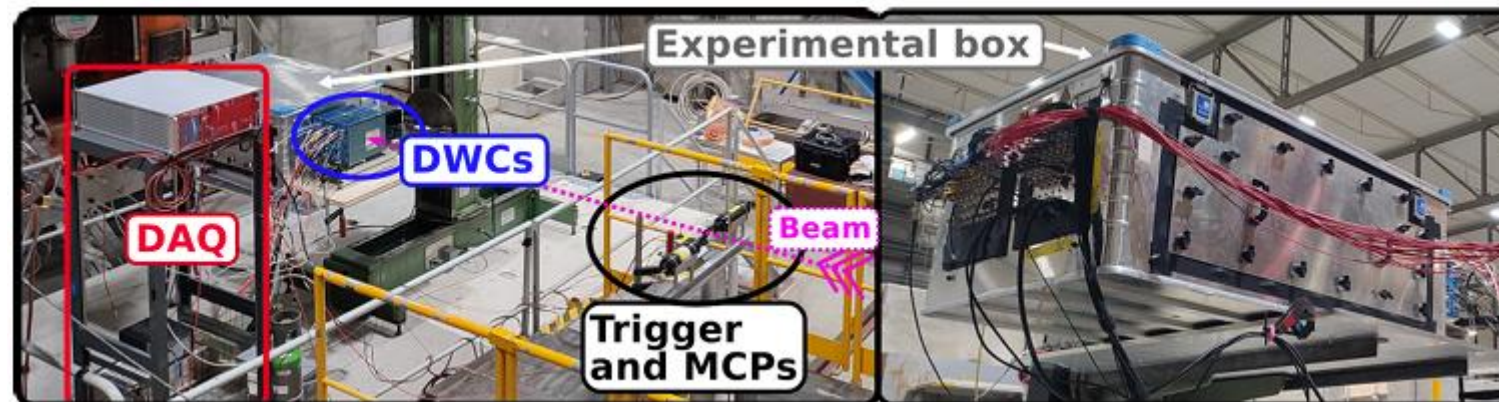
R&D and beamtest results

Beamtest campaigns at DESY and CERN SPS

Energy and time resolution



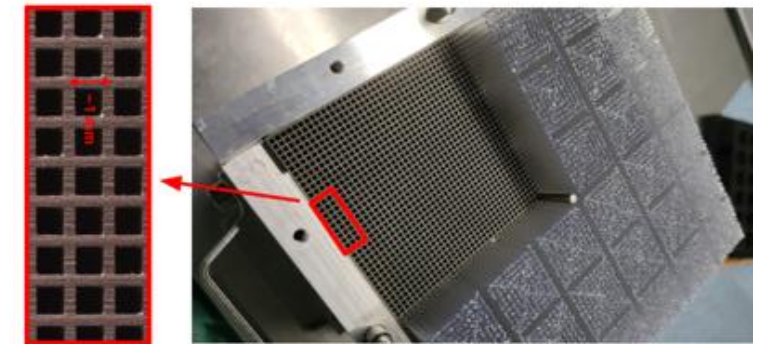
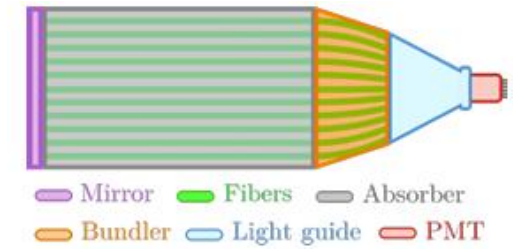
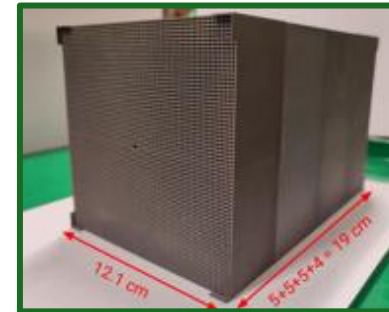
- SpaCal with tungsten absorber:
 - SpaCal-W prototypes with plastic scintillating fibers
- SpaCal with lead absorber:
 - SpaCal-Pb prototypes with single-sided readout



The SpaCal prototypes

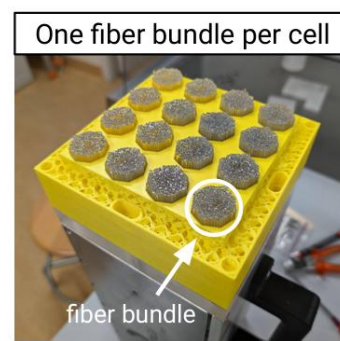
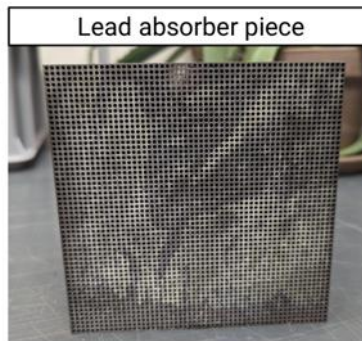
SpaCal-W

- 3D-printed **tungsten absorber**:
- Plastic scintillating *square* fibers (1.0x1.0 mm²)
- 3D printed “hollow” **light guides** to match the cell sizes of the module to the size of the PMT



SpaCal-Pb

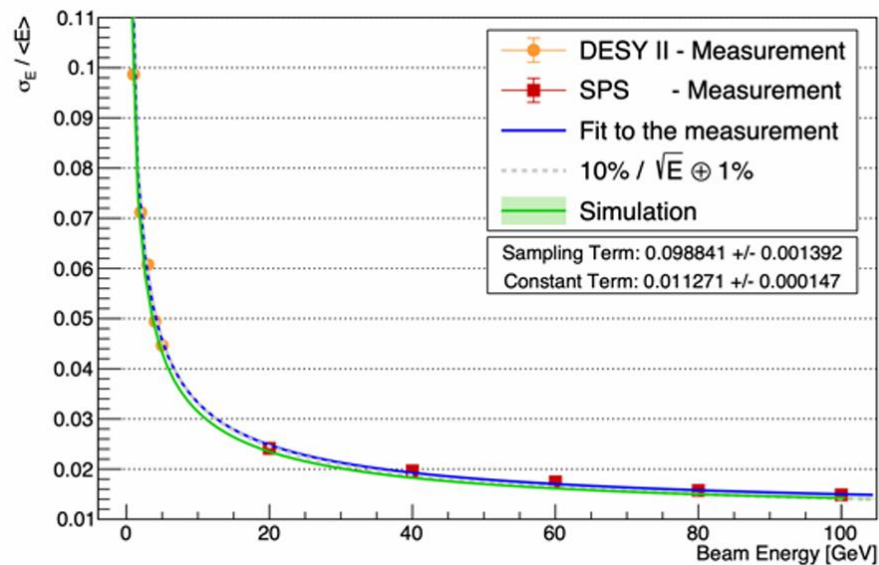
- Cast-lead absorber with stainless steel capillary tubes
- Plastic scintillating *round* fibers (d=1.5mm)



SpaCal-W

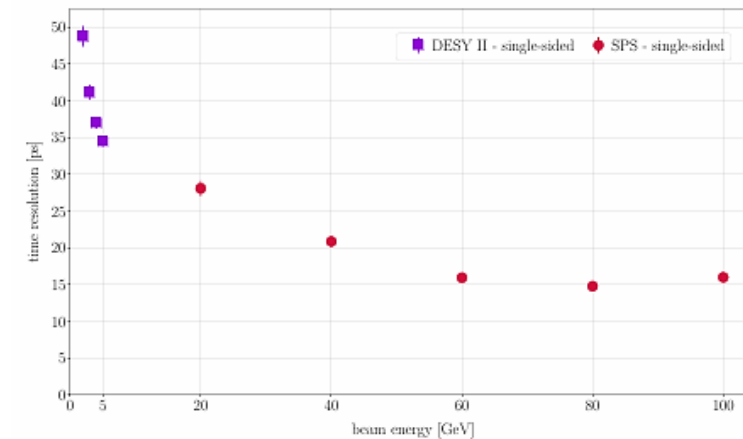
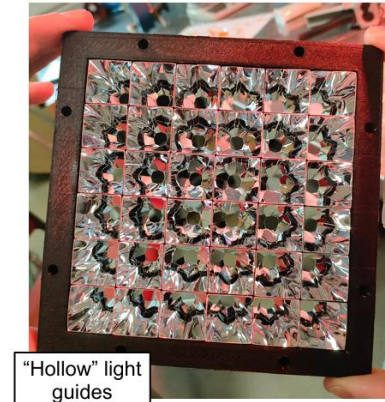
Full size Module 0 assembled at CERN

Electron beam incidence angle: $3^\circ+3^\circ$



Energy resolution

- Single-sided readout & Hamamatsu R14755U-100
- Sampling term: **9.9%**, constant term: **1.1%**
- Good agreement with simulations

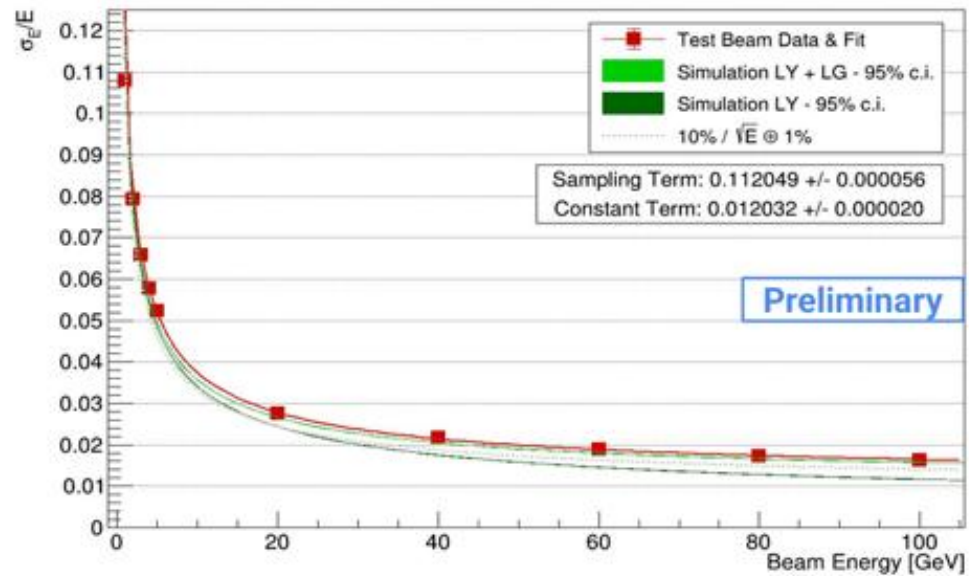


Time resolution

- Single-sided readout & Hamamatsu R7600U-M4
- Time resolution ~ 20 ps above 40 GeV

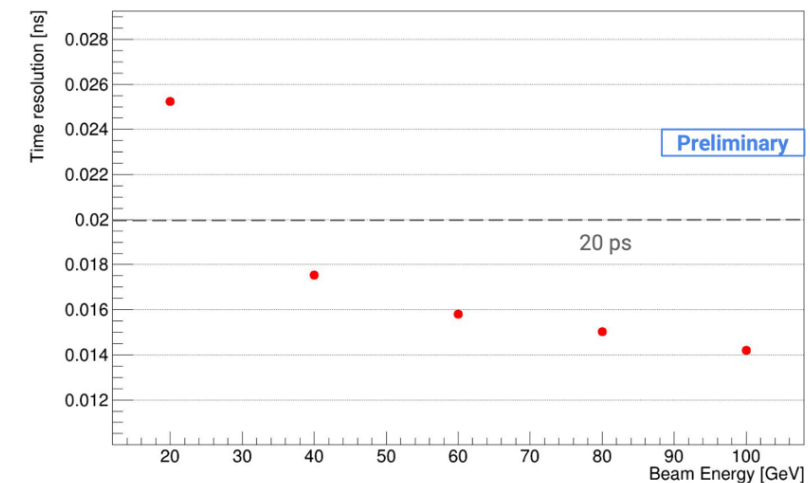
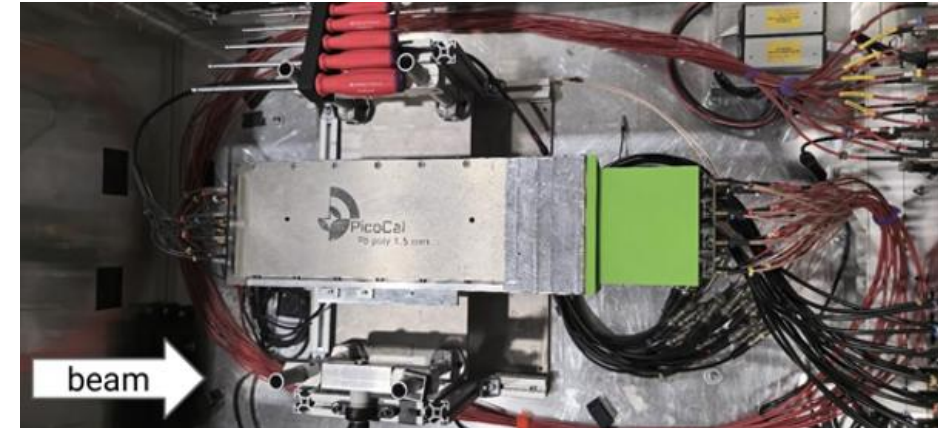
SpaCal-Pb

Electron beam incidence angle: $3^\circ+3^\circ$



Energy resolution

- Single-sided readout & Hamamatsu R11187
- Sampling term: **11.2%**, constant term: **1.2%**
- Good agreement with simulations



Time resolution

- Single-sided readout & Hamamatsu R11187
- Time resolution < 20 ps above 20 GeV

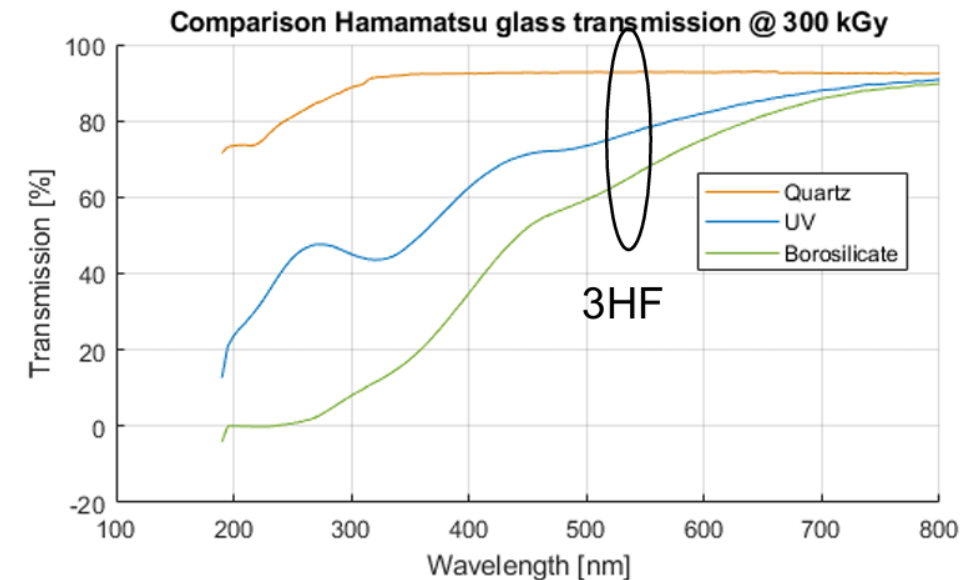
Photon sensors

For SpaCal-W modules:

- candidate under study: **Hamamatsu R9880U MCD PMT**
- sufficient linearity (2%) at low gain achieved with dedicated voltage divider

For SpaCal-Pb modules:

- candidates under study: **Hamamatsu R9800, NNVN N2014**
- larger model needed to maximise light collection

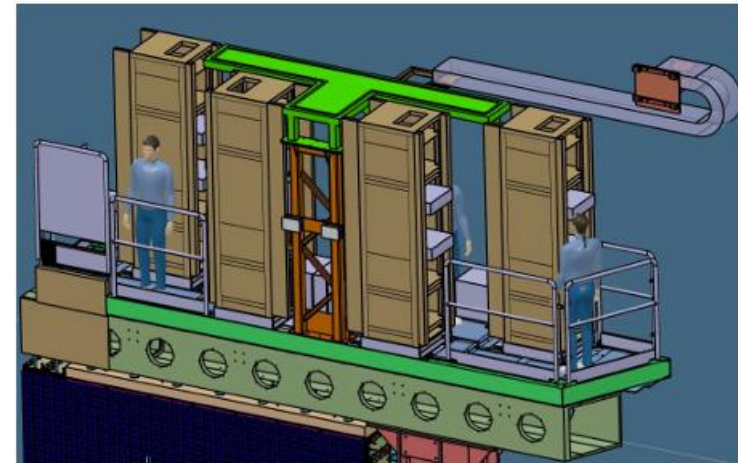


- 300 kGy is the expected dose for the innermost PMTs at the end of Run 5
- Moderate difference between different window materials at 530 nm (scintillation photons from 3HF)

Integration and installation plan

- Production and Quality Assessment before LS3
 - SpaCal modules are produced in phases to ensure timely delivery
- Mechanical compatibility and Installation logistics
 - precise design and testing to ensure smooth installation in the existing ECAL structure
- Installation during LS3
 - dismantling of ECAL wall
 - reinstallation of modules
- Commissioning before Run 4

Modified infrastructure on top of the calorimeter



Conclusions

- LS3 enhancement extends ECAL performance into Run4 operations:
 - 176 modules will be replaced with new SpaCal technology
 - new arrangement of modules improves occupancy
- New SpaCal technology validated in beam tests at DESY and SPS
 - both SpaCal-W and SpaCal-Pb meet the requirements on energy resolution and radiation hardness
 - good results also in time resolution
- Strategic step towards Upgrade II (PicoCal)

Thank you !