Calorimetry R&D for the next generation of HEP collider experiments

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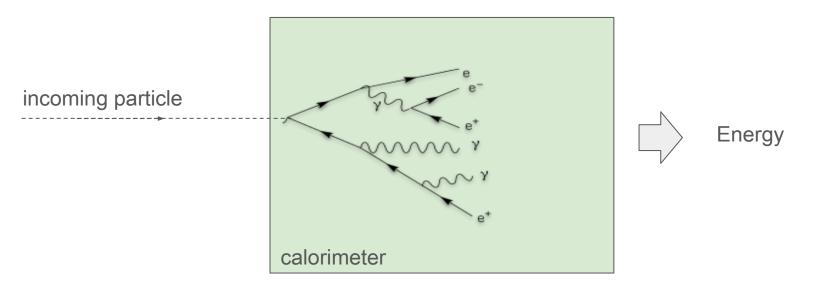


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The landscape is broad: this is a biased and non comprehensive overview

I pick a few examples to illustrate general needs and R&D trends

A calorimeter for a theoretical physicists audience



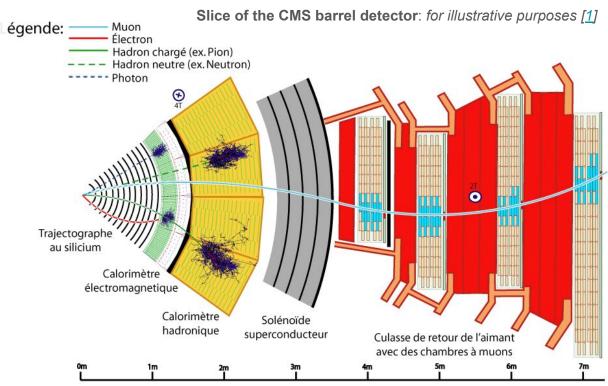


Calorimetry at colliders

from state-of-the-art to R&D drivers

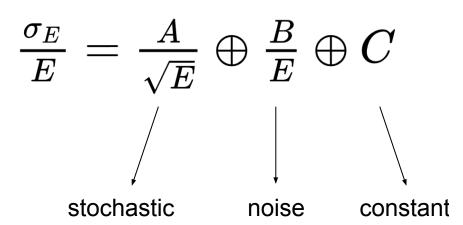
Calorimeters at collider experiments

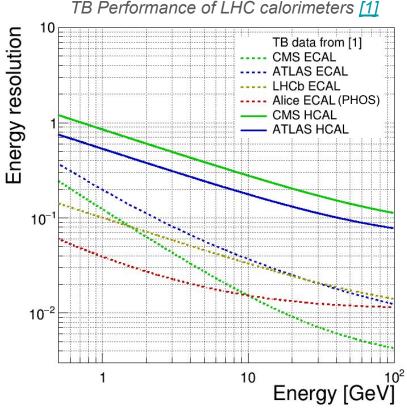
- A central subsystem to measure the energy of e[±], charged hadrons and mostly neutral particles (photons and neutral hadrons)!
- Often (but not necessarily)
 split into a EM and HAD
 section for practical reasons
 (size, cost, integration,
 performance requirements)



Energy resolution - a usual benchmark

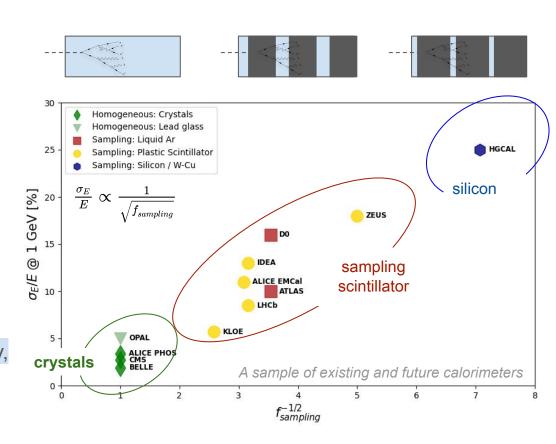
- Improves with particle energy
- Parameters depend on calorimeter design
- Large difference between EM and HAD calo





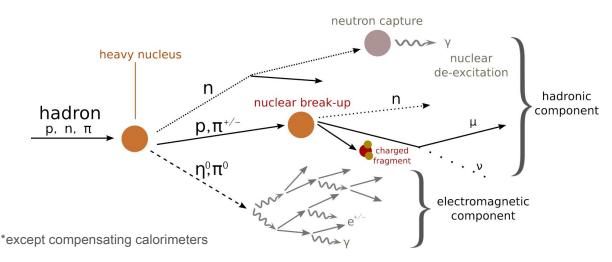
Performance drivers in EM calorimeters

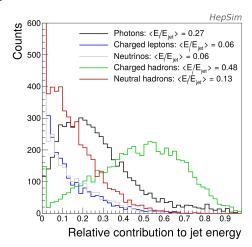
- Homogeneous calorimeters can provide the ultimate energy resolution (stochastic term)
 - Need high density active medium (e.g. crystals)
- Sampling calorimeters exploit a passive absorber to 'stop' particles
 - Intrinsically limited performance
 - More options for light and cheaper active media
- Electronic noise, calibration, stability, linearity are crucial aspects and can easily become limiting factors

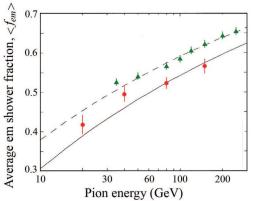


Limiting factors to hadron/jet energy resolution

- Hadron showers and jets are complex objects
- Calorimeters typically* respond differently to the EM and HAD components of a shower
- The electromagnetic shower fraction (mostly π^0 's) increases with energy and sizably fluctuates event-by-event
 - → Negative impact on linearity and resolution!



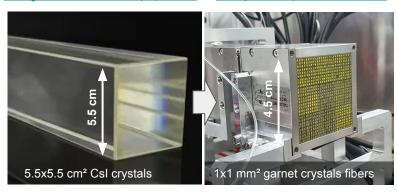




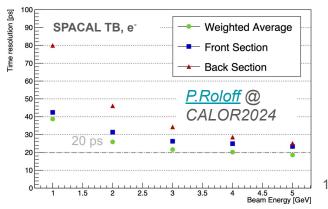
Toward **6D calorimetry**

- **General trend** is to add more features into the calorimeter design, beyond the energy (**E**) measurement, toward a **6D** calorimetry concept:
 - Position (x,y,z)
 - \rightarrow down to O(1) mm w/ scintillators and O(50) μ m w/ silicon
 - Time (t) \bigcirc
 - \rightarrow down to O(10) ps resolution
 - Nature of the shower (S,C,...)
 - → multi signal calorimetry: dual/triple readout
- Particle reconstruction combines information from all sub-detectors in a "particle flow approach" (PFA) and exploit new machine learning techniques
- New technologies offer many opportunities for novel calorimeter concepts → **need to define experiment** requirements for collider-tailored optimization

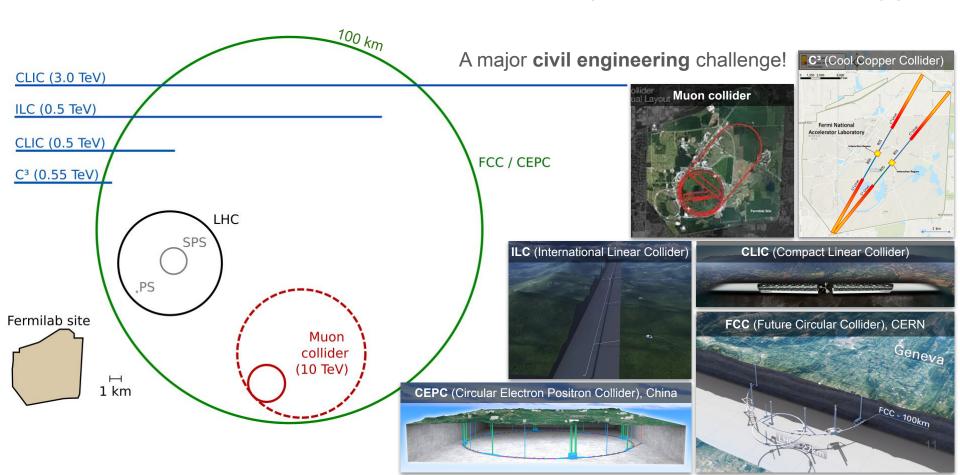
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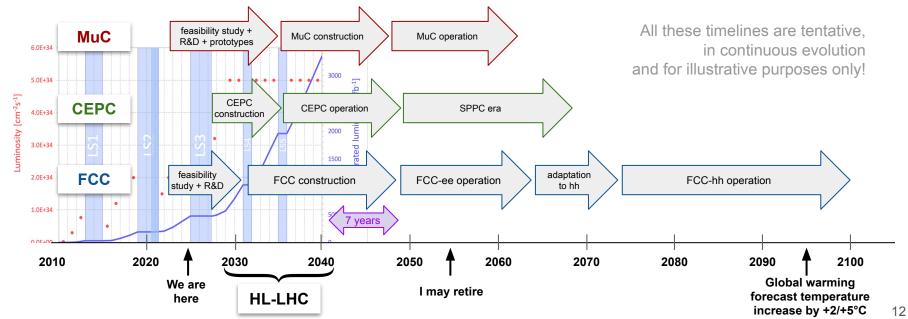


Future collider options on the table (for the XXI century)

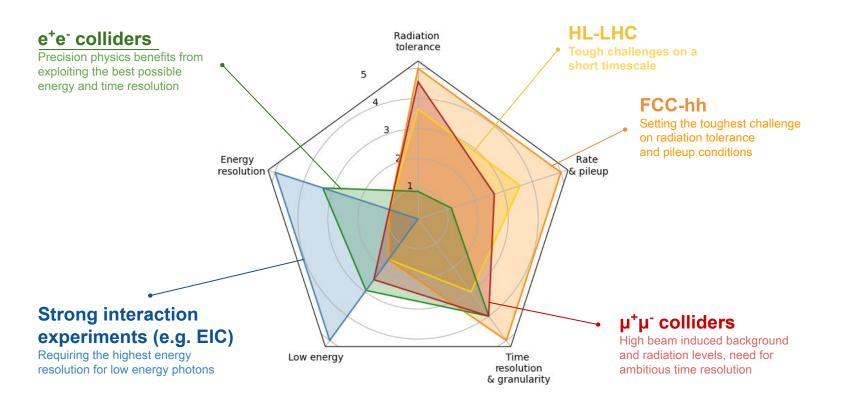


Tentative future collider timelines

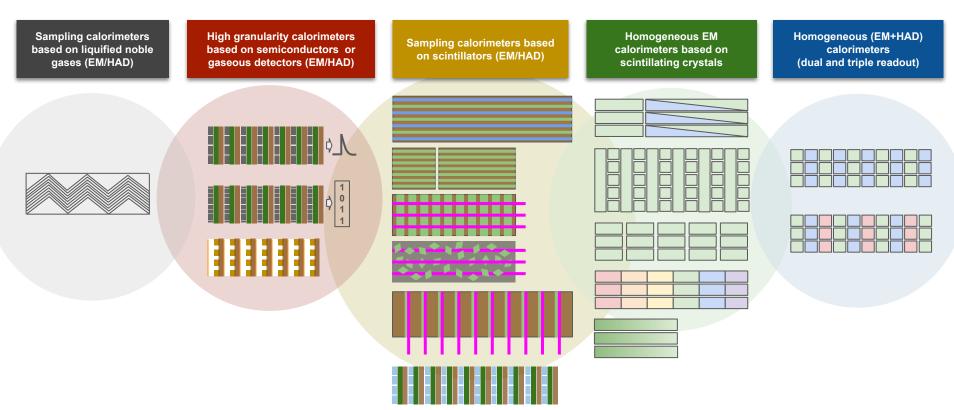
- Project timelines spanning over many decades (a challenge for engagement)
- Intense R&D phase on detectors in the next 5+ years!



Qualitative representation of **requirements** for calorimeters **at future colliders**

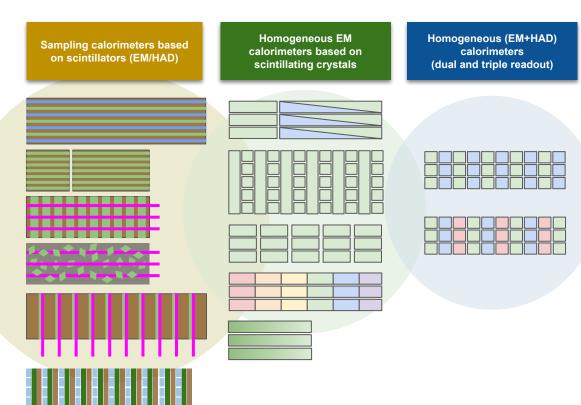


A broad and active R&D community (calorimeter 'zoo')



"Optical" calorimeters

- Exploit organic/inorganic scintillator to produce a light signal (and possibly as wavelength shifter)
- Use of photodetector (mostly SiPMs) for light readout
- Common synergies and R&D on active materials and photodetectors



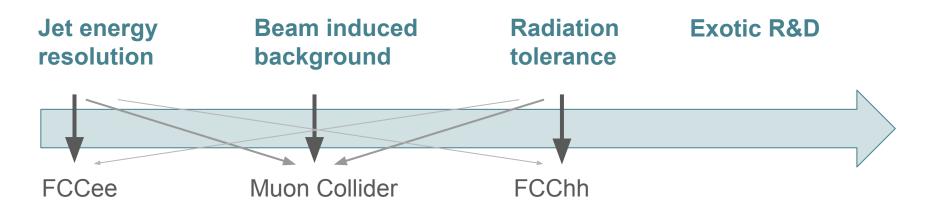
"Sandwich" calorimeters

signal and services routing

High granularity calorimeters Homogeneous EM Homogeneous (EM+HAD) Sampling calorimeters based based on semiconductors or calorimeters based on calorimeters on scintillators (EM/HAD) gaseous detectors (EM/HAD) scintillating crystals (dual and triple readout) Compact electronics embedded between longitudinal layers Similar integration challenges on electronics,

Rationale of the talk

- Many synergies and overlaps among different calorimeter concepts
- The same calorimeter concept can be used/optimized for different colliders
- A few examples on how key challenges are being addressed by R&D

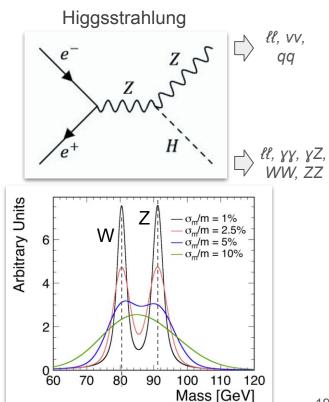


Seeking the highest jet energy resolution

mostly for e⁺e⁻ colliders

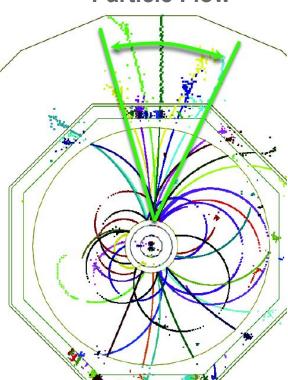
Jet energy resolution is a key benchmark

- Higgs production at e⁺e⁻ colliders (@√s~250 GeV) is mainly through Higgsstrahlung
- 97% of the Standard Model Higgsstrahlung signal has jets in the final state
 - ~32% with 2 jets
 - ~55% with 4 jets
 - ~11% with 6 jets
- A typical jet resolution of ~30%/ \sqrt{E} (~3-4% @90 GeV) is **required** (e.g. to distinguish jets from W or Z bosons)
 - State of the art jet energy resolution at LHC ~2-3x worse (limited by the poor resolution of hadronic calorimeters)



Two historical approaches to tackle this challenge



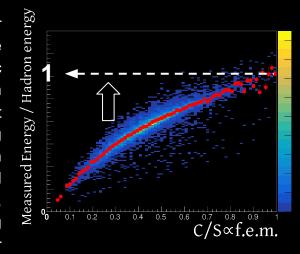


Use tracker to measure charged particles in the jet and the calorimeter for the neutrals

Requires excellent calorimeter granularity for an optimal matching of tracks to calorimeter hits

Dual-Readout

Correct for fluctuations of the electromagnetic shower fraction event-by-event by measuring simultaneously both the Scintillation and the Cherenkov light, the latter being more intense for relativistic particles

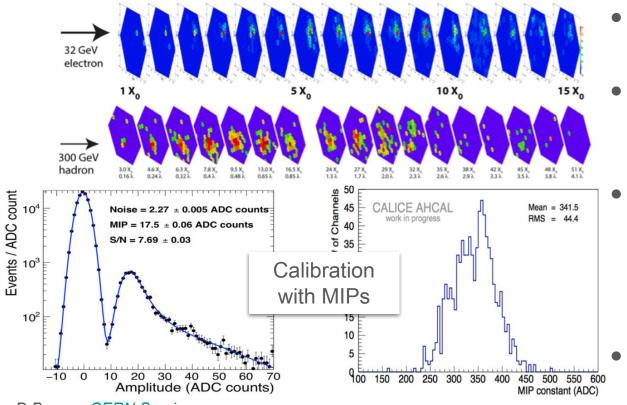




New potential with machine learning, in use also at CMS

Review paper here

Particle flow calorimetry

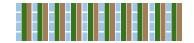


Granularity is more important than energy resolution

- Lateral granularity should be below Molière radius in ECAL and HCAL
 - In particular in the ECAL: small Molière radius to provide good two-shower separation
 - → dense absorbers and thin sensors
- Sophisticated reconstruction software needed [see ref]!

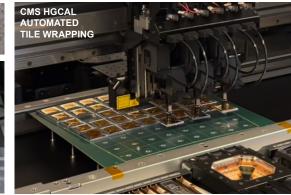
D.Barney, CERN Seminar

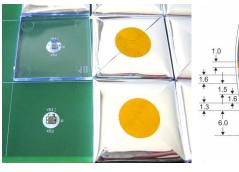
High granularity with plastic scintillators

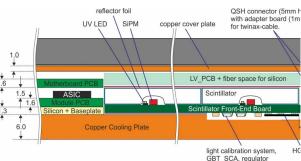


- Plastic scintillator tiles (2-30 cm²) or strips readout with small SiPMs (1x1 - 3x3 mm²)
- Light collection efficiency optimized through dome like shape and wrapping with reflector
- Many developments within the / CALICE collaboration (<u>Sc-ECAL</u>)
- Being used for the <u>CMS HGCAL</u> hadronic calorimeter endcap HL-LHC upgrade









High granularity with semiconductors



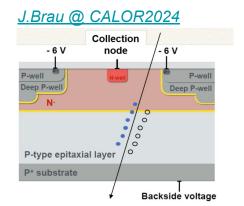
- Capitalizing decades of R&D within the CALICE (<u>SiW-ECAL</u>/AHCAL) collaboration, the CMS <u>HGCAL</u> uses silicon sensors for ECAL and HCAL endcaps, R&D continues
- HGCAL: granularity 0.5-1.2 cm² hexagonal cells, 6M channels, 600 m², 24+21 layers
- High complexity of services in each layer: power, cable routing, cooling

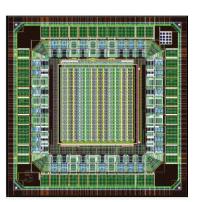


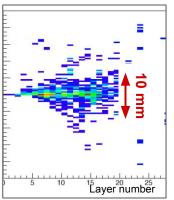
Ultimate granularity with CMOS MAPS

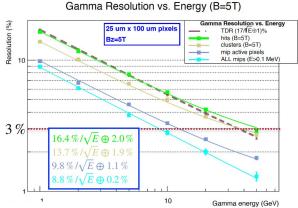


- Further boost the granularity by factor 10⁴ using SiD Digital ECal Based on Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS) with down to 25x50 μm² size
- A fully digital approach: each pixel is read out with 1 bit resolution
 → energy measurement from hit counting
- Main challenges: reconstruction algorithms, reduce CMOS power consumption by ~1 order of magnitude (currently at ~10 mW/cm²)



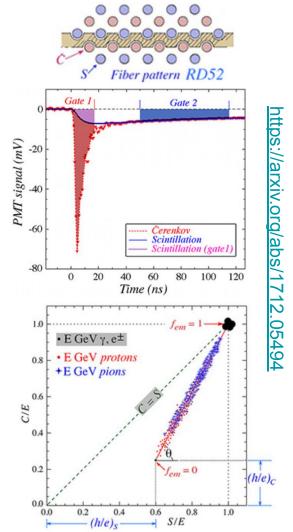






Dual-readout calorimetry

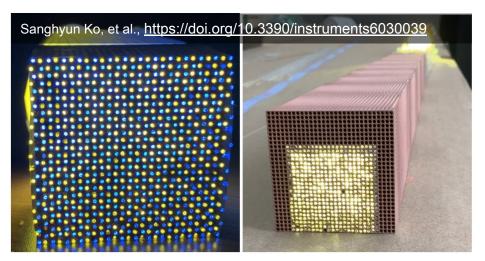
- EM fraction of the shower contains more relativistic particles → on average a larger Cherenkov signal is produced → can be used a proxy of f_{em}
- Cherenkov measured either using a different material (non scintillating) or based on pulse shape
- Event by event correction of the reconstructed energy based on the S/C signal ratio recover the linearity of the calorimeter and improve its resolution

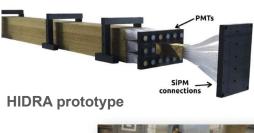


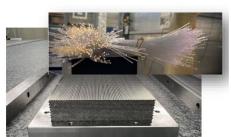
Dual-readout fiber calorimeter prototyping



- Long standing R&D, prototyping and proof-of-principle (from DREAM to HIDRA)
- Fitting clear PMMA (C) and plastic scintillator fibers (S) inside an absorber groove (or inside brass capillaries which are then glued together)
- Potential transverse granularity down to ~1 mm with single fiber readout with SiPMs
- No longitudinal segmentation

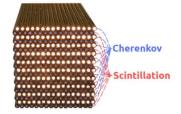






N. Valle at CALOR2024

DREAM prototype



Potential for high EM energy resolution

A calorimeter with **3%**/√**E** EM energy resolution has the potential to improve event reconstruction and expand the landscape of possible physics studies at e⁺e⁻ colliders

- **CP violation studies** with B_s decay to final states with low energy photons
- Clustering of π⁰'s photons to improve performance of jet clustering algorithms

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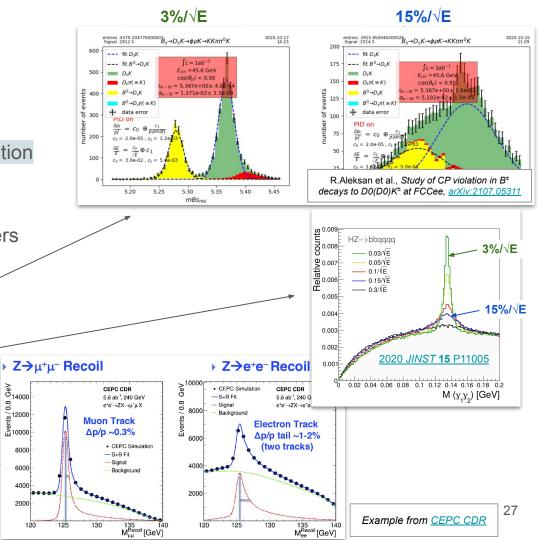
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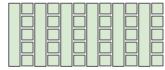
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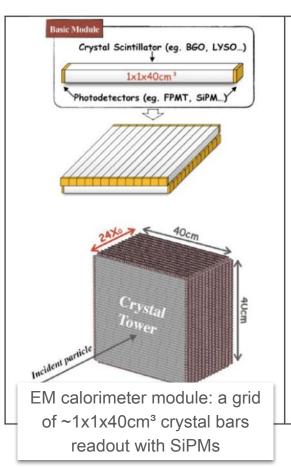
Improve the resolution of the recoil mass signal from Z → ee decays to ~80% of that from $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays (recovering Brem photons)

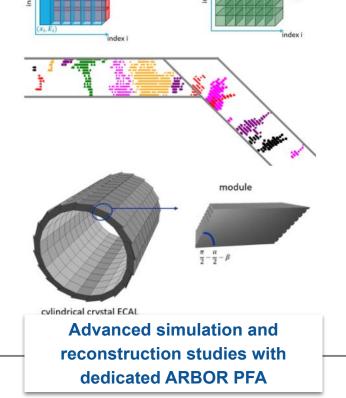


High Granularity Crystal Calorimeter (HGCCAL)

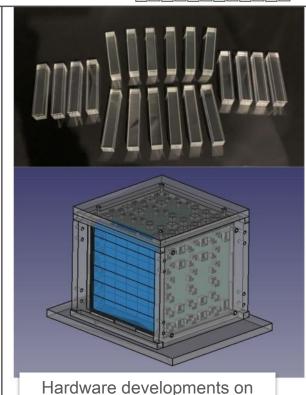
crystal bars







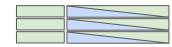
1 layer 40*40 1*1*2 cm3

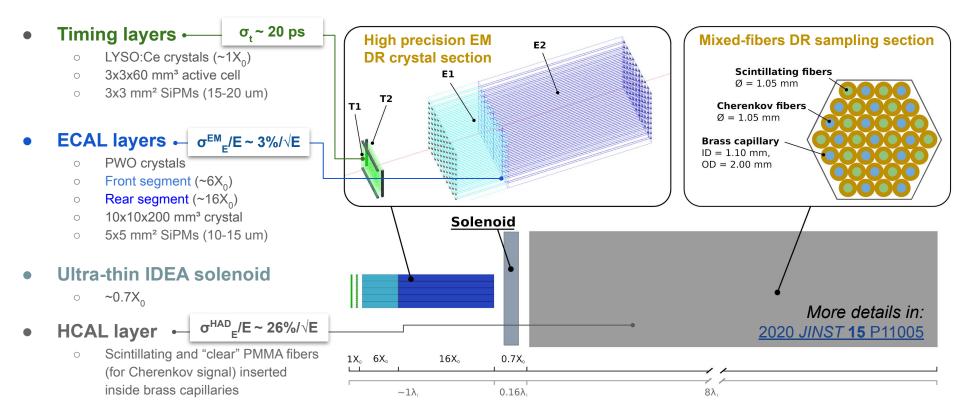


crystals, SiPMs, prototypes

[See <u>CALOR 2024</u>]

Dual-readout segmented crystal calorimeter





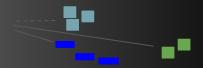
The two approaches can be merged

Particle Flow



	High granularity		Fiber-based	Hybrid crystal
	Si/W ECAL and		dual-readout	and dual-readout
	scintillator based HCAL		calorimeter	calorimeter
N. of longitudinal layers	> 40		1	5 •
ECAL cell cross-section	25-100 r	nm^2	• 2–144 mm ²	100 mm ²
HCAL cell cross-section	100-900	mm^2	2-144111111	400–2500 mm ²
EM energy resolution	15 - 25%	$/\sqrt{E}$	$10 - 15\%/\sqrt{E}$	$\approx 3\%/\sqrt{E}$
HAD energy resolution	45 - 55%	$/\sqrt{E}$	$25 - 30\%/\sqrt{E}$	$\approx 25 - 30\%/\sqrt{E}$

Dual-Readout



Moderate longitudinal segmentation (helpful to identify and measure the π^0 component of jets)

Highest energy resolution and linearity

full potential (e.g. using neural networks) yet unexplored

Highest longitudinal segmentation

See DR-protoPFA algorithm /doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/17/06/P06008

Beam induced background challenge

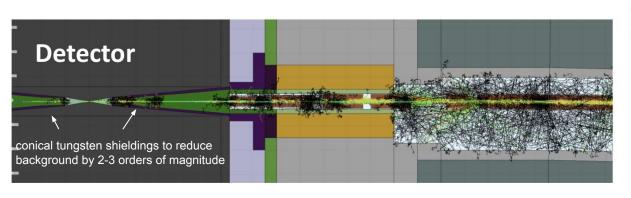
at muon colliders

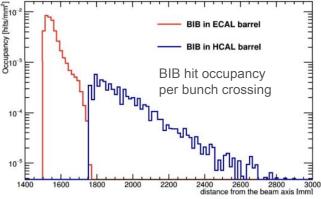
Beam induced background at a muon collider

- Muon decay products generate an intense flux of "beam-induced background (BIB) particles
 - o low momentum, displaced origin and asynchronous time of arrival

Strategy:

- High granularity to reduce the overlap of BIB particles in the same calorimeter cell
- Excellent timing (of the order of 100 ps) to reduce the out-of-time component of the BIB
- Longitudinal segmentation to distinguish the signal showers from 'fake' BIB showers
- Energy resolution better than $10\%/\sqrt{E}$
- Baseline is a Si-W ECAL, but also cost-effective alternatives with less channels under study

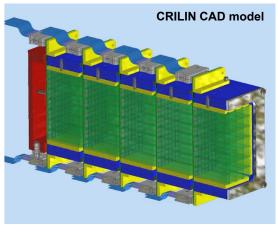




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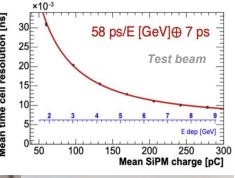


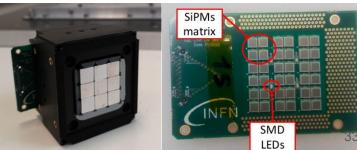
- Longitudinal segmentation to mitigate the beam induced background (BIB)
- **Time resolution** in the sub 100 ps domain
- Advanced prototyping
 - 5 longitudinal layers, UF-PWO / PbF, crystal size: 1x1x4 cm³
 - o 3x3 mm² UV extended 10µm SiPMs readout





Modular architecture based on stackable modules





An MPGD based sampling HCAL

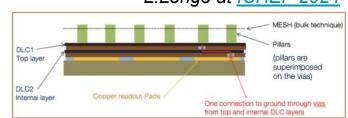
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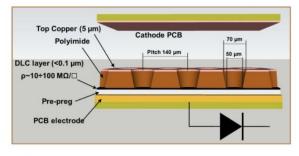
L.Longo at ICHEP 2024

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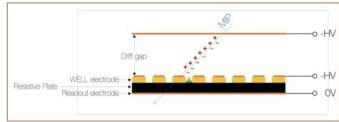
- Micro-pattern gaseous detectors (MPGD)
 as readout layers for a sampling hadronic
 calorimeter at a muon collider
 - 60 layers, ~1cm² cells
 - Energy resolution ~60%/√E
- Key features at a muon collider:
 - High rate capability ~O(MHz/cm²)
 - High granularity ~O(100 um)
 - Radiation hardness
- Various technologies on the table:
 - Resistive MicroMegas
 - μRWELL
 - RPWELL









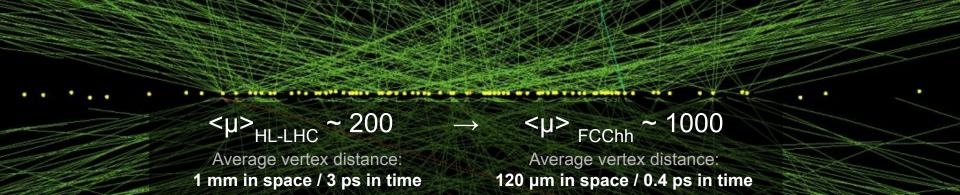


Unimaginable radiation and pile-up levels

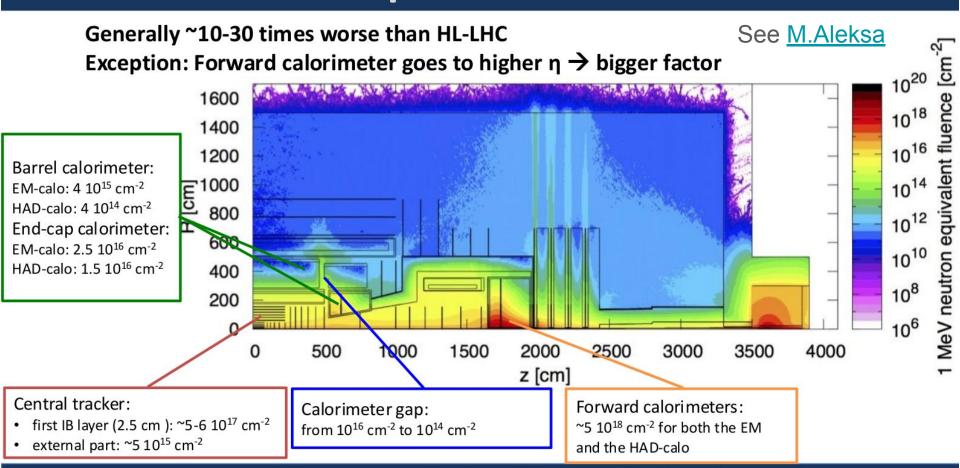
FCChh ~ 10x HL-LHC

Pileup: multiple interactions per bunch crossing

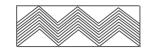
- Vertex identification requires the aid from timing (as for HL-LHC but better)
- State-of-the-art: Crystal+SiPMs and LGADs → O(30 ps) for CMS and ATLAS at HL-LHC
- FCChh requires timing of tracks at the <10 ps level
- Timing needed also in calorimeters for pileup rejection from calorimetric clusters
 - O(25ps) to reduce pile-up by factor 5
 - O(5ps) to reduce pile-up by factor 25
 - It is not too far from state-of-the-art... if it wasn't for the radiation hardness issue!



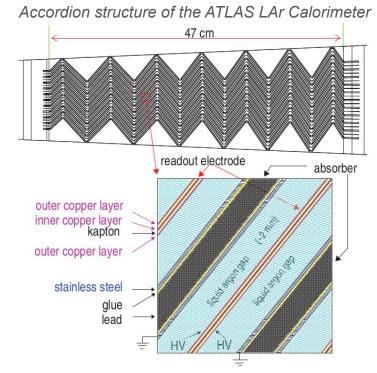
1 MeV Neutron Equivalent Fluence for 30ab⁻¹



High Granularity Liquid Argon Calorimeter



- Current baseline candidate for FCChh calorimetry in the highest fluence regions:
 - Liquid Argon (LAr) with Pb absorbers for ECAL
 - Liquid Kripton with W-Cu for higher density in the endcap HCAL and forward calorimeters
- Active material is intrinsically radiation tolerant
- R&D for FCC ongoing to boost granularity and performance → <u>ALLEGRO</u> detector concept
 - EM Energy resolution at the 7-8%/√E level
 - Longitudinal segmentation: 11 layers
 - Transverse segmentation:
 - $\Delta\theta$ ~ 10 (2.5) mrad for regular (strip) cells
 - $\Delta \phi \sim 8 \text{ mrad}$



https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6728060

"Exotic R&D"

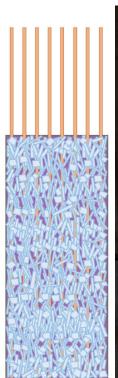
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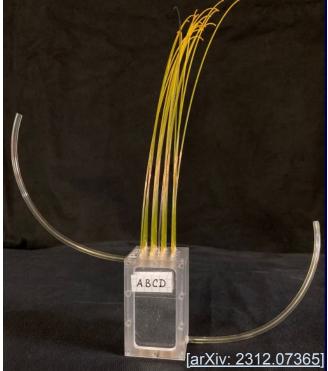
GRAINITA calorimeter

- A high sampling EM calorimeter made of a dishomogeneous medium:
 - Grains of high density crystal readout by wavelength shifting fibers and SiPMs
 - ZnWO4/BGO 1 mm² cubes immersed in liquid
 - Target ~1-2%/√E as homogeneous crystal calorimeters but at a competitive cost!
 - Inspired by LiquidO for neutrino detector
 [A. Cabrera et al. LiquidO Commun Phys 4, 273 (2021)]

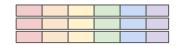
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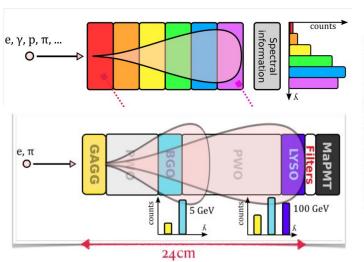


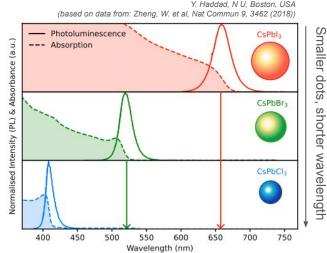


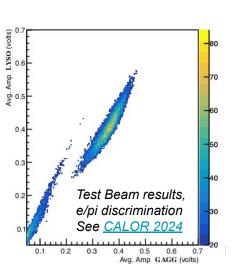
Chromatic calorimeter



- Use different scintillating materials along the scintillator module to follow the shower propagation and a detector capable of discriminating different emission λ
 - Absorption and emission of the "crystal" stack have to be one directional transparent
- 'High sampling' calorimeter with single photodetector layer at the back yielding a virtual longitudinal segmentation





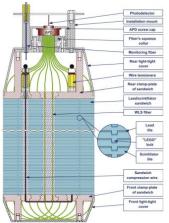


Nanocrystal-based sampling calorimeters

- NanoCal project exploiting semiconductor nanocrystals quantum dots
 (e.g. CsPbBr3) inside a polymeric matrix to build for fine sampling calorimeters
 - Extreme flexibility in wavelength and scintillation time (<1ns) depending on dot size (1-10 nm)
 - Generally cheaper and easier to produce than inorganic scintillators

Challenges:

Achieve sufficient energy transfer from host matrix to quantum dots, avoid self-absorption







Takeaway message

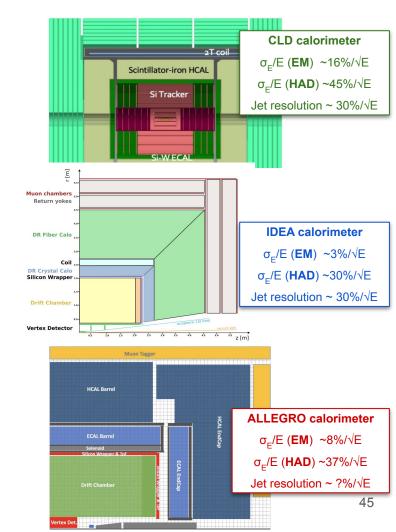
- A broad and active community on calorimetry R&D (e.g. organized in CERN DRD6)
 - Recent technological developments enabled a 'zoo' of novel calorimeter designs
 - Desired performance for FCCee physics goals is within reach.
 - Major challenges for a muon collider or FCChh require targeted R&D
- While this talk was focused on conceptual layouts and R&D, the real challenge for calorimeters is to move from small prototypes to large scale system addressing:
 - Integration aspects, services, cost, power consumption
 - Demonstrate a reliable calibration strategy and system stability

Additional material

Mainstream detector concepts for future **e**⁺**e**⁻ **colliders**

• **CLD**: Exploiting high granularity for particle flow algorithms with Silicon sensor and Tungsten absorber for a compact ECAL and plastic scintillator+absorber in the HCAL.

- **IDEA**: Exploiting a hybrid crystal-fiber dual-readout approach (with homogeneous crystals for ECAL and a mixture of scintillating and "Cherenkov" fibers inside an absorber groove for HCAL).
- ALLEGRO: Including a noble liquid (LAr) sampling calorimeter for the ECAL and a scintillator tile calorimeter for HCAL.
 Reasonable granularity and segmentation for particle flow algorithms.



The dual-readout method in a hybrid calorimeter

- Evaluate the χ-factor for the crystal and fiber section
- Apply the DRO correction on the energy deposits in the crystal and fiber segment independently
- 3. Sum up the corrected energy from both segments

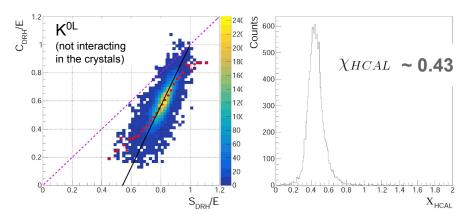
$$\chi_{HCAL} = \frac{1 - (h/e)_s^{HCAL}}{1 - (h/e)_c^{HCAL}}$$

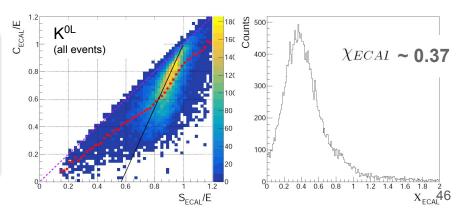
$$\chi_{ECAL} = \frac{1 - (h/e)_s^{ECAL}}{1 - (h/e)_c^{ECAL}}$$

$$E_{HCAL} = \frac{S_{HCAL} - \chi_{HCAL}C_{HCAL}}{1 - \chi_{HCAL}}$$

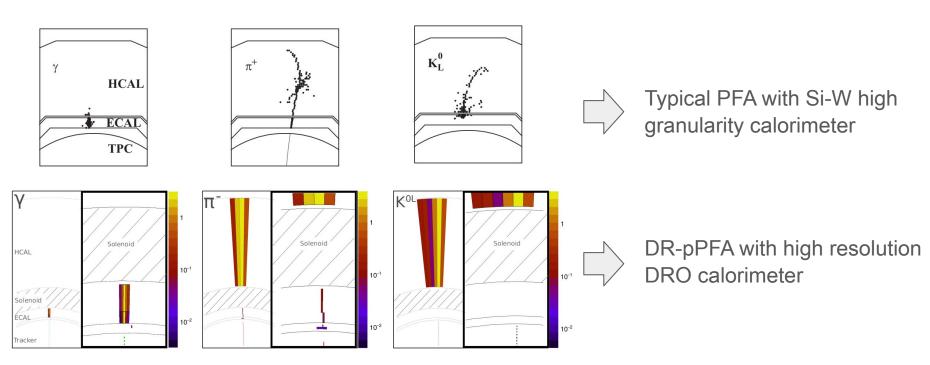
$$E_{ECAL} = \frac{S_{ECAL} - \chi_{ECAL}C_{ECAL}}{1 - \chi_{ECAL}}$$

$$E_{total} = E_{HCAL} + E_{ECAL}$$

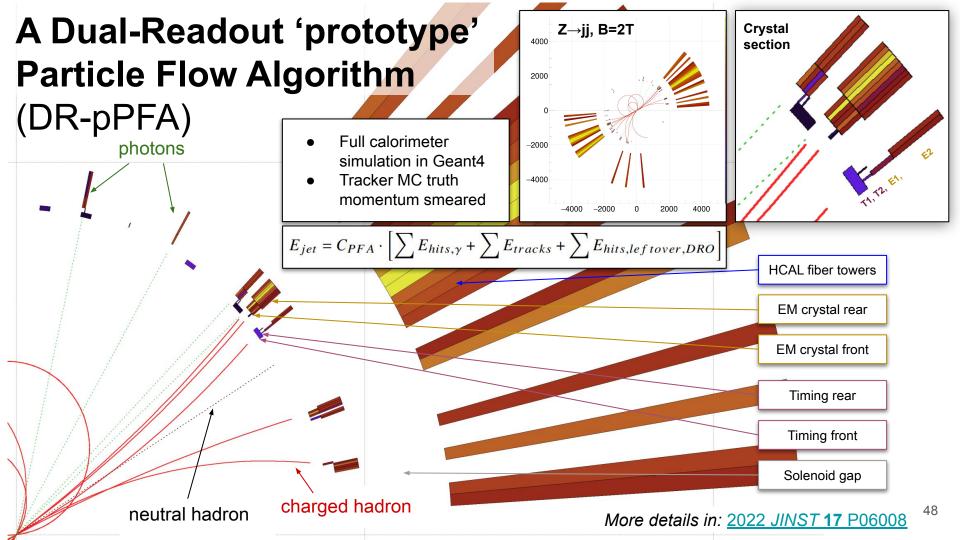




Single particle identification through 'hits-topology'



A moderate longitudinal segmentation, fine transverse granularity and the highest energy resolution for single particle identification

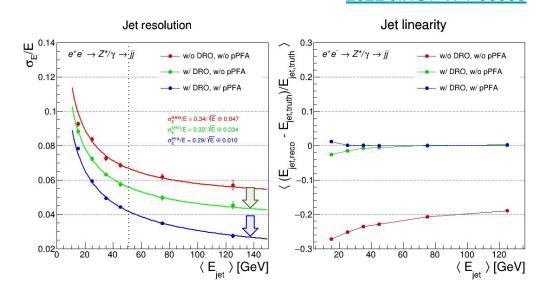


Jet resolution: with and without DR-pPFA

More details in: 2022 JINST 17 P06008

Jet energy resolution and linearity as a function of jet energy in off-shell e⁺e⁻→Z*→jj events (at different center-of-mass energies):

- crystals + IDEA w/o DRO
- crystals + IDEA w/ DRO
- crystals + IDEA w/ DRO + pPFA



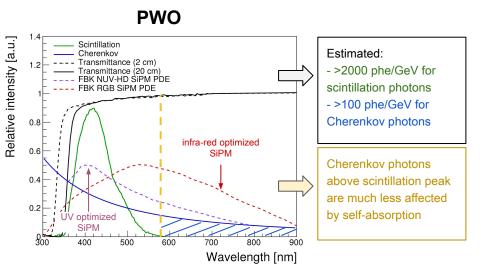
Sensible improvement in jet resolution using dual-readout information combined with a particle flow approach \rightarrow 3-4% for jet energies above 50 GeV

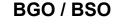
Implementation of dual-readout in the crystal section

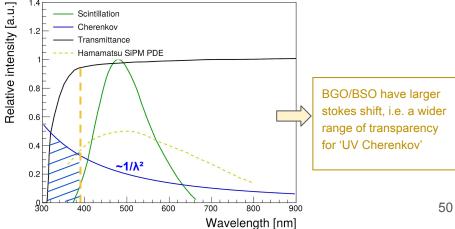
 Simultaneous readout of scintillation and Cherenkov light from the rear segment with dedicated SiPMs+wavelength filters Rear crystal ECAL segment: Two 4x4 mm² SiPMs with optical filters optimized for scintillation and cherenkov detection resp.



Front crystal ECAL segment: Single 5x5 mm² SiPM per crystal optimized for scintillation light detection







Some crystal options

- **PWO**: the most compact, the fastest
- BGO/BSO: parameters tunable by adjusting the Si-fraction
- Csl: the less compact, the slowest, the brightest

better for PFA





better stochastic term

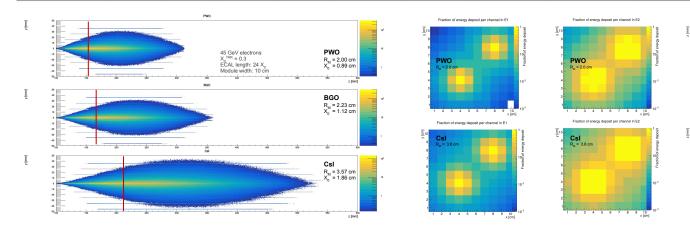
Fraction of energy deposit per channel

Fraction of energy deposit per channel

PWO

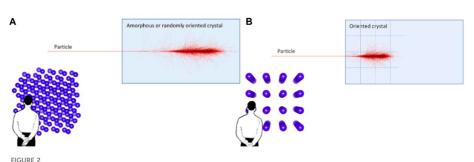
Csl R_M = 3.6 cm

Crystal	Density g/cm³	λ _ι cm	X ₀ cm	R _M cm	Refractive index, n	Relative LY @ RT	Decay time ns	Photon density (LY / τ _D) ph/ns	dLY/dT (% / °C)	Cost (10 m³) Est. \$/cm³	Cost*X ₀ Est. \$/cm ²
PWO	8.3	20.9	0.89	2.00	2.2	1	10	0.10	-2.5	8	7.1
BGO	7.1	22.7	1.12	2.23	2.15	70	300	0.23	-0.9	7	7.8
BSO	6.8	23.4	1.15	2.33	2.15	14	100	0.14		6.8	7.8
Csl	4.5	39.3	1.86	3.57	1.96	550	1220	0.45	+0.4	4.3	8.0



Oriented crystal calorimeter (**OREO**)

- Acceleration of the electromagnetic shower longitudinal development if the crystal axis
 is oriented with the incoming particle [see <u>slides</u> and <u>ref</u>]
- One could expect to see an effect for specific angles in CMS ECAL crystals, e.g.:
 - Larger signals for e.m. showers that are not longitudinally contained (>200 GeV)
 - Changes in transverse shower profile (R9/R25)
 - Different non linearity of energy response in crystals with low transparency



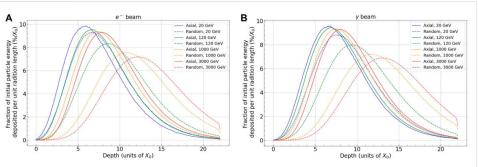


FIGURE 7

Simulated fraction of initial particle energy deposited per radiation length in electromagnetic showers initiated by electrons (A) and photons (B) as a function of the penetration depth in randomly (dashed lines) and axially (<001>) oriented (solid lines) PWO crystals.

(A) Sketch of the electromagnetic shower in an amorphous material or a randomly-oriented crystal. (B) Sketch of a more compact electromagnetic shower in the same material but with the first layers made of crystals oriented with the beam direction along their strong axial field.

Proposed Detector – HGCAL

- HGCAL needs to <u>fit in the envelope of the previous calorimeters</u> (EE and HE) and provide <u>high granularity</u>, <u>radiation-tolerance</u> (2 MGy), and <u>efficient readout</u>.
- Each HGCAL is 5.4 m in diameter and weighs about 230 tonnes.
- The electromagnetic part (CE-E) is designed with fine longitudinal resolution, and thin absorber layers of lead and CuW/copper between the active layers.

• The hadronic part (CE-H) has thick stainless-steel absorbers between sensors.

Active sensors cover ≈1000 m² total over both endcaps.

Silicon sensors as active material in the front sections.

Plastic scintillator tiles, read out by SiPMs, in lower radiation regions.

This presentation

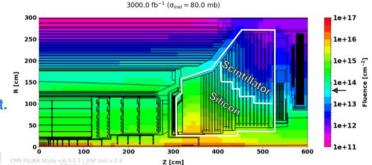
Challenges:

Engineering (electronics, mechanical, and thermal).

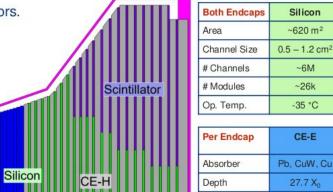
Data transmission, and level-1 (L1) trigger formation.

See presentations by Aidan Grummer (front-end electronics and readout) and Stavros Mallios (back-end electronics).

Andre Stahl will be presenting reconstruction and



1 MeV neq. Si Fluence



	0.00000000	100000000000000000000000000000000000000			
Per Endcap	CE-E	CE-H Si Si+Scint.			
Absorber	Pb, CuW, Cu	SS, Cu			
Depth	27.7 X ₀	10 λ			
Layers	26	7 14			
Weight	23 t	205 t			

Beamline

HGCAL cross-section (~axisymmetric)





performance.

CE-E

Scintillator

~370 m²

4 - 30 cm²

~280k

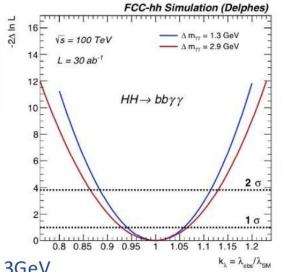
~4k

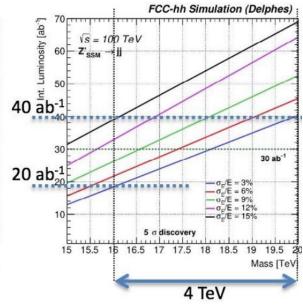
-35 °C

Physics Benchmarks – Detector Requirements

Calorimetry – Improving resolution with higher energy!

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} pprox rac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus rac{b}{E} \oplus c$$





Higgs self-coupling $\delta \lambda/\lambda = 7\%$ for $\Delta m_{\gamma\gamma} < 3$ GeV

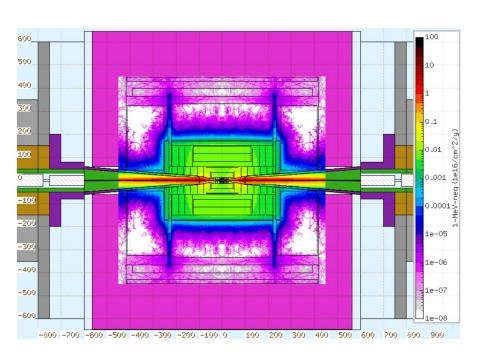
• \rightarrow EM-calorimeter resolution sampl. term $a \approx 10\%$ and noise term b < 1.5 GeV (including pile-up)!

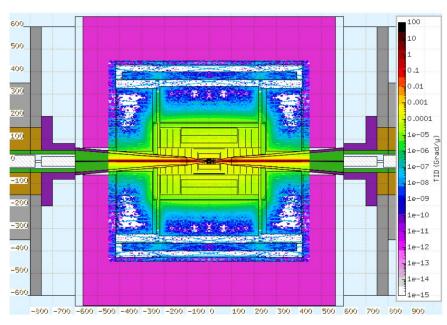
Di-jet resonances: HCAL constant term of c = 3% instead of 15%: extend discovery potential by 4TeV (or same disc. pot. for 50% lumi)

- > full shower containment is mandatory!
- → Large HCAL depth (~ 12 λ_{int})!

Better detector performance could compensate decreased HH statistics at 80 TeV

Muon collider radiation levels (1 year of operation)





Radiation hardness constraints

- No state-of-the-art optical calorimetry technology (scintillators/photodetectors) could survive → much R&D need
 - The CMS Barrel Timing Layers SiPMs will be facing 2x10¹⁴ 1 MeV/neq at HL-LHC
 - → Exploiting thermal annealing and operation at -45°C [see 2023 JINST 18 P08020]
 - → Still need 1-2 orders of magnitude better for FCChh calorimeters
 - R&D on radiation tolerant inorganic scintillators (LYSO, GAGG) and a new generation of rad-hard SiPM exploiting larger band gap GaIn structure
 → RADICAL calorimeter
- Radiation damage in HGCAL silicon sensors also an issue, tested up to fluences of 10¹⁶ 1 MeV neq/cm² for HGCAL https://indico.cern.ch/event/1395691/

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