

# The ATLAS Electromagnetic Calorimeter

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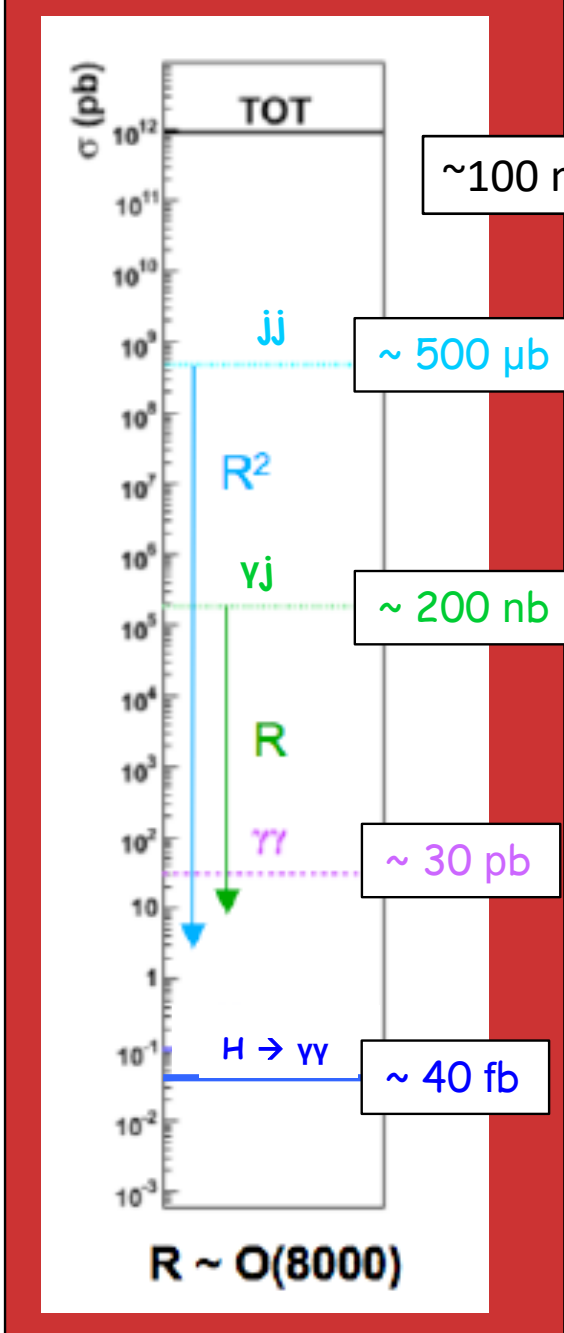
# Experiment at LHC

1fb=10<sup>-39</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>

LHC Design parameters:  
 E=14 TeV ∫Ldt (1 year)= 100 fb<sup>-1</sup>= 10<sup>41</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>  
 Running time/1 year=10<sup>7</sup> sec → L\_inst=10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>  
 σ\_inel~100 mb=10<sup>-25</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>→10<sup>9</sup> int/s  
 Collisions each 25 ns→ ~25 collisions/bc  
 →pile-up noise  
 →radiation damage /detector  
 →radiation damage/electronics

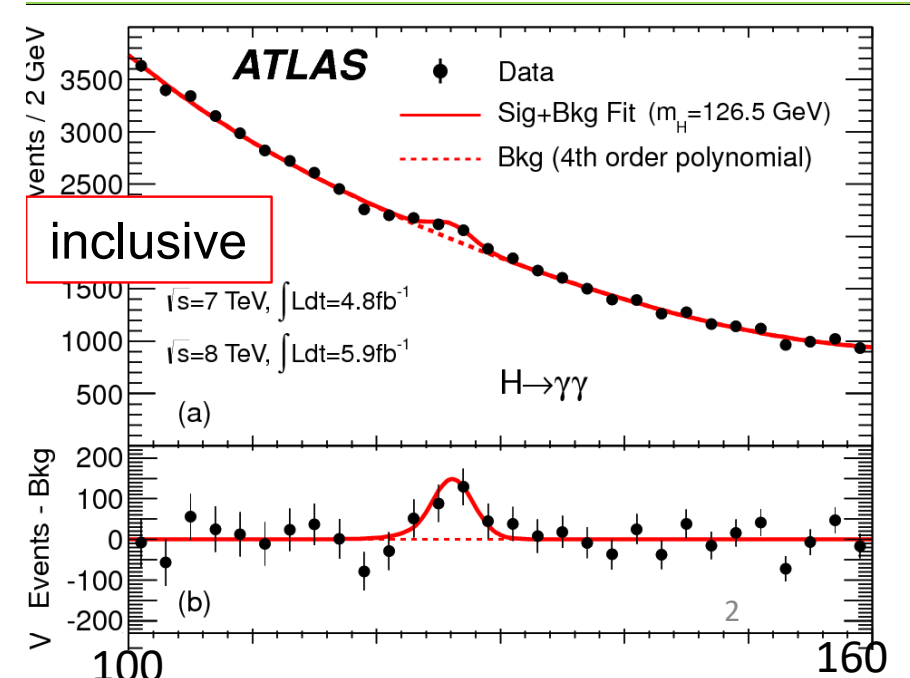
Discovery paper:

- At 8 TeV ,M=125 GeV Sigma (H)~ 20pb  
 → 40 fb for the γγ decay mode.
- acceptance of ~25% →~10 fb
- 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 7 TeV
- 23 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 8 TeV
- ~250 signal evts in peak  
 (ZZ->4 leptons and WW->ll also used)



8 TeV

$$M_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2 E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos(\theta_{12}))}$$



# Electromagnetic calorimeter for LHC

**Main task: measure electrons and photons**

## Choice of Basic Technique for LHC

- Gas based calorimeters (Aleph) ruled out/ rad resistance, non-linearity,...
- Plastic scintillators (CDF, Spacal) ruled out/ granularity, rad resistance, precision
- Inorganic scintillators (BGO, PbWO<sub>4</sub>): development needed (CMS)
- Noble liquids
  - homogeneous: LXe too expensive; LKr too bulky
  - sampling: Pb-LAr or Pb-LKr : development needed

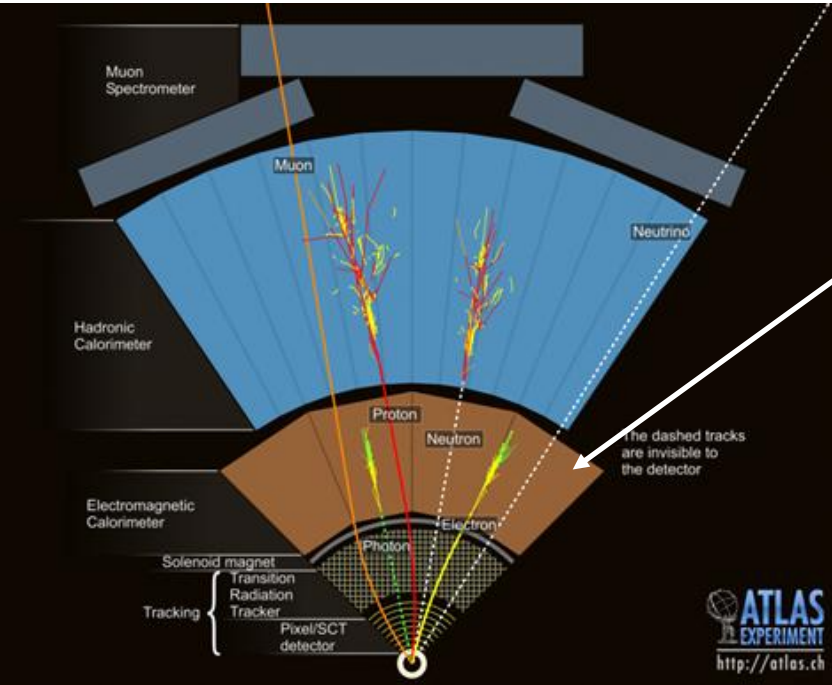
**speed of response** and **granularity** → **geometry** (« accordion »)

and **electronics** (current instead of charge)

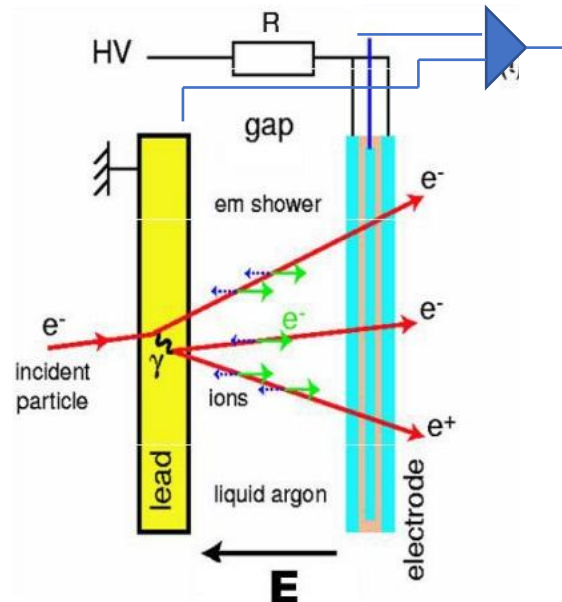
## Trigger Capability Essential

Collision rate=40 MHz → DAQ rate <100 kHz

- Rather easy for pointing geometry « automatic » with accordion geometry

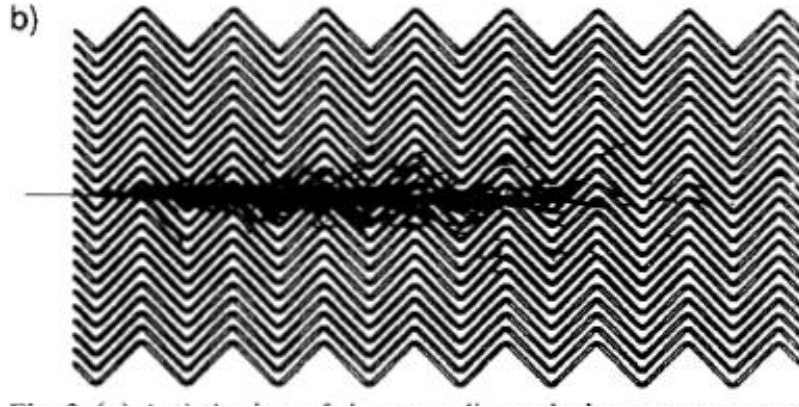
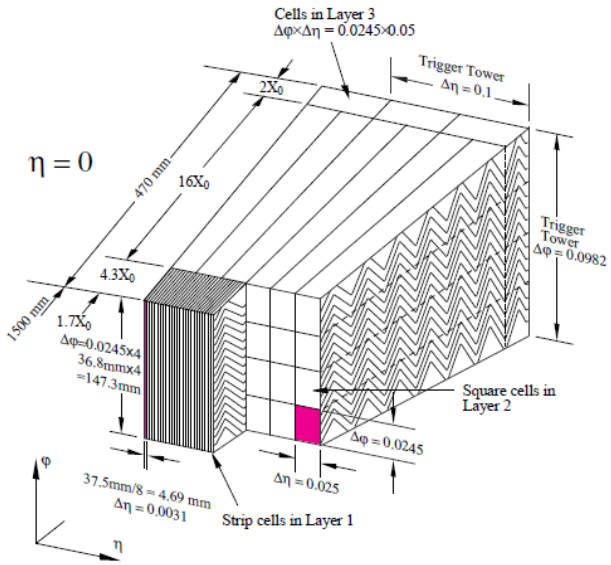


**Signal results from the drift of ionisation electrons**



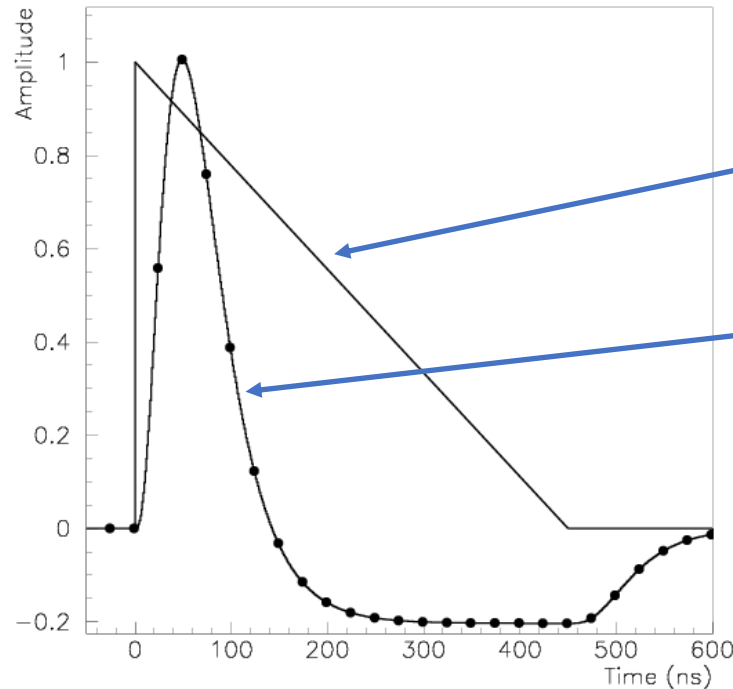
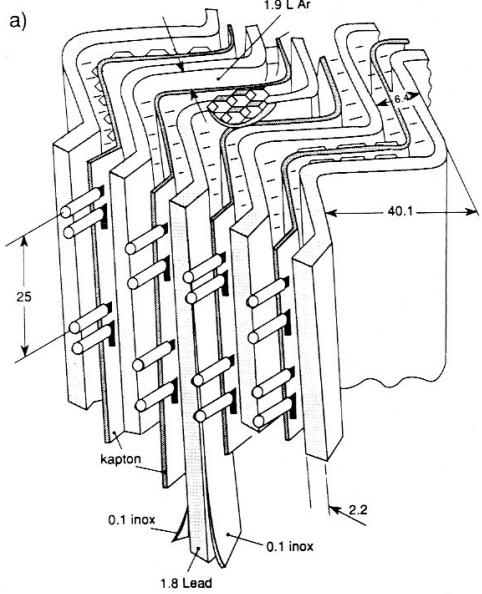
Active Liquid argon gap

# Accordion geometry



## Argon liquide

- insensitive to radiations
- « easy » to calibrate (no internal gain)
- resolution  $< \sim 10\% / \sqrt{E}$   
 ie  $\sim 1\%$  at 100 GeV possible
- « accordion » geometry allows
  - pointing structure in « towers »
  - fast signals (current derivative)
  - segmentation in depth (→ photon pointing → relevant for  $\gamma\gamma$  inv. mass)

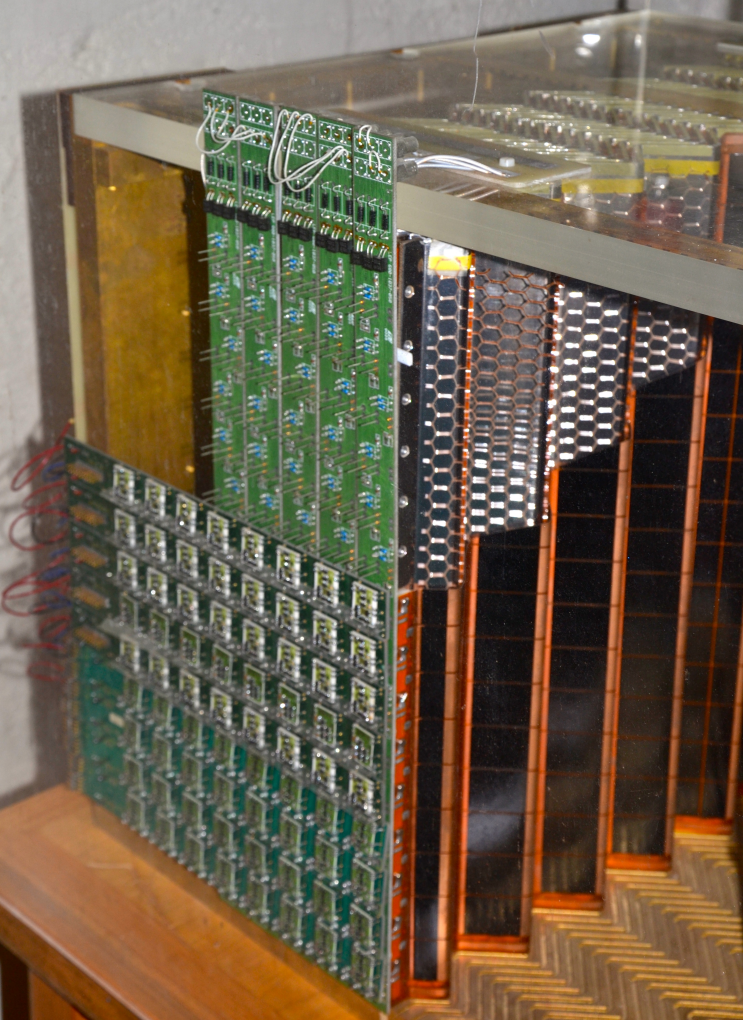
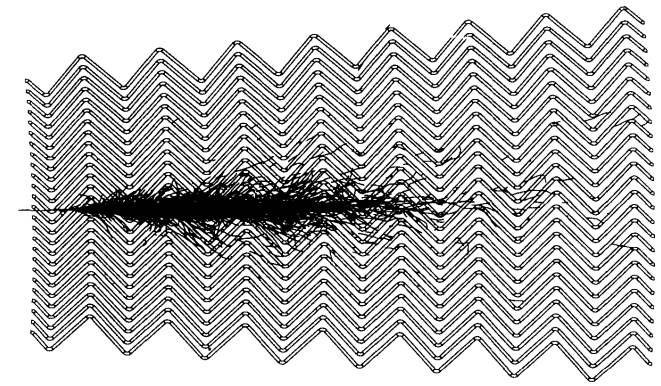


Current from electron drift

after electronic shaping

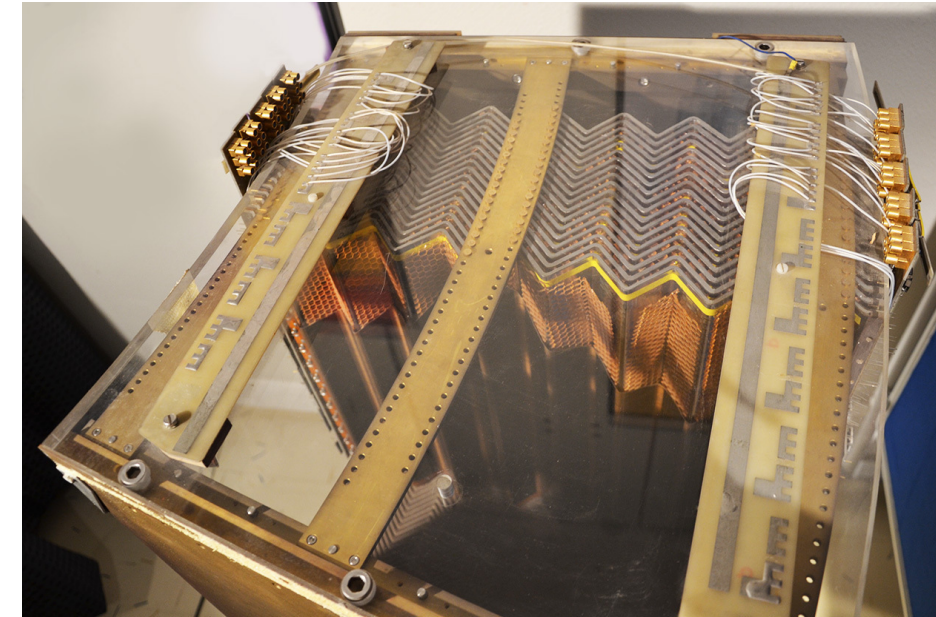


## Early prototypes



Very first (XY)prototype (1990-mostly built/CERN)

- absorber
- honeycomb
- electrode
- cold electronics (BNL, Milano)
- Warm electronics « OT » /Orsay later on

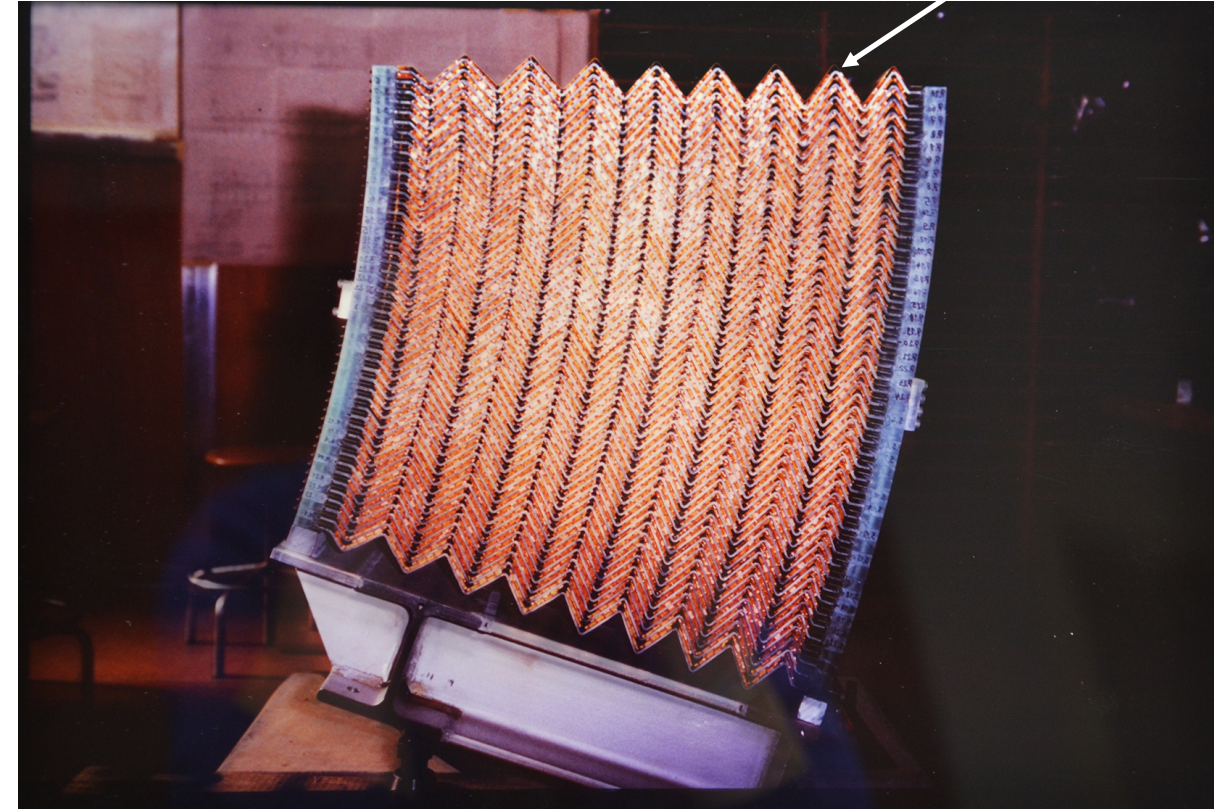
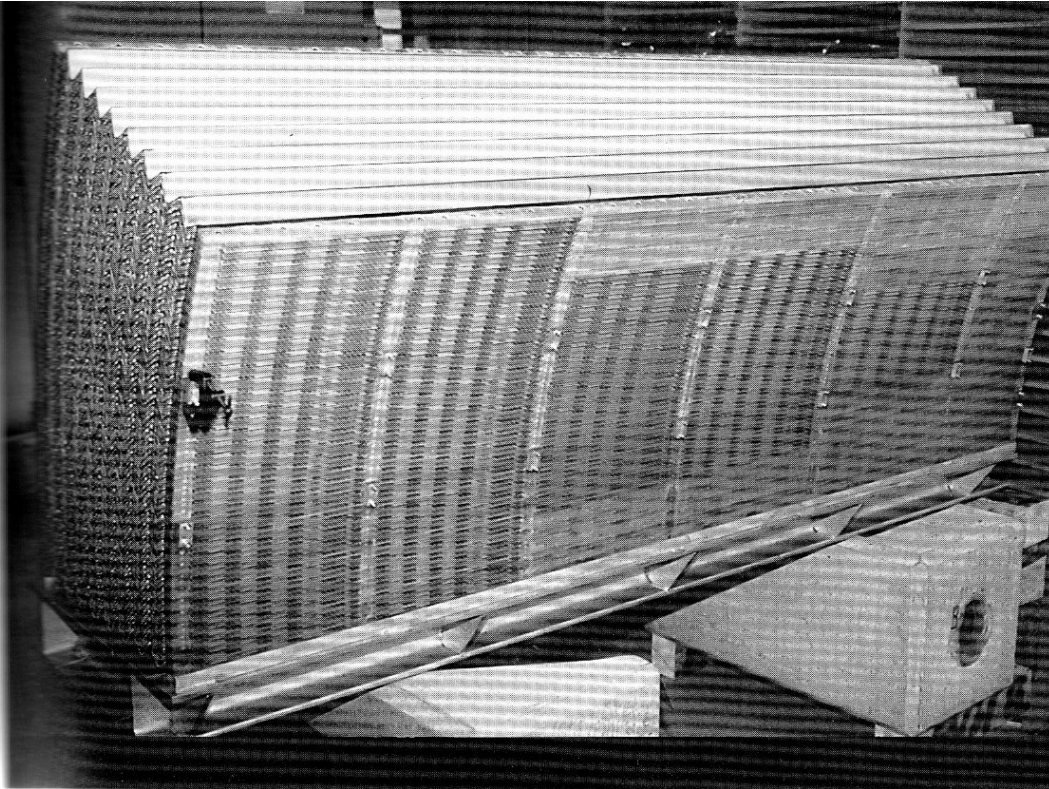


First cylindrical prototype  
(1991-mostly built/Orsay)



Proto 1992 : final ideas in place « Atlas like »

Variable folding angle  
→ gaps constant in depth



Approved by the Collaboration → Final design and modules construction (0,series) could start (~1996)  
A few years necessary to

- adapt the calorimeter design to fit in the ATLAS experiment
- place contracts with outside firms.



# Absorber fabrication

2048 pieces  
(SSteel/prepreg/Lead/prepreg/SSteel)  
produced in « Hall Lagarrigue »

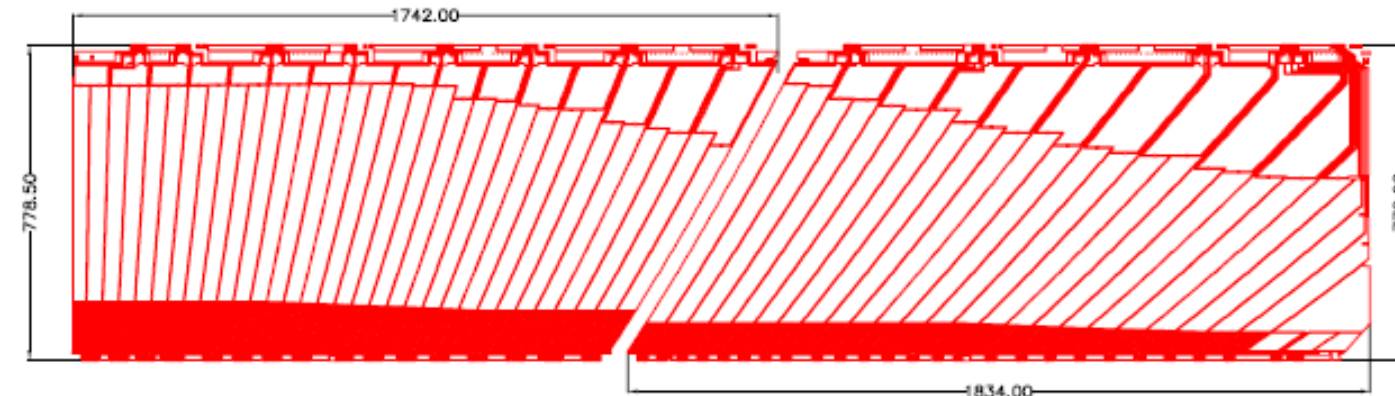
Metrology space not visible

- lead before stacking (LPNHE)
- Finished absorbers

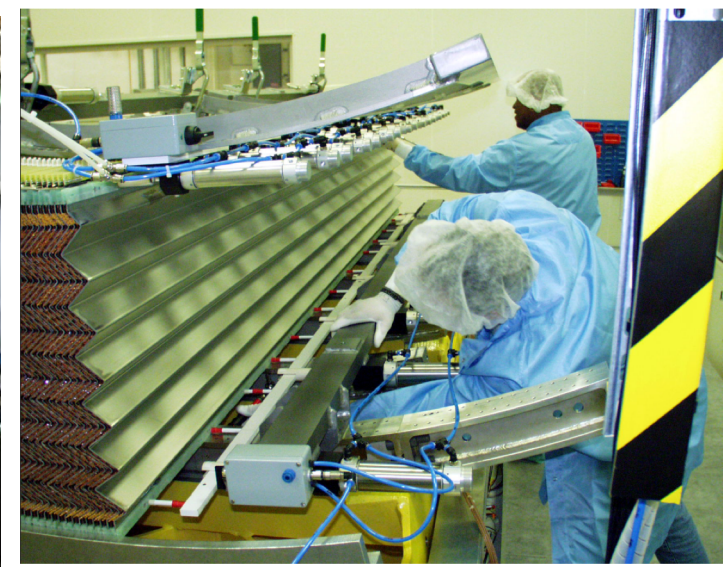




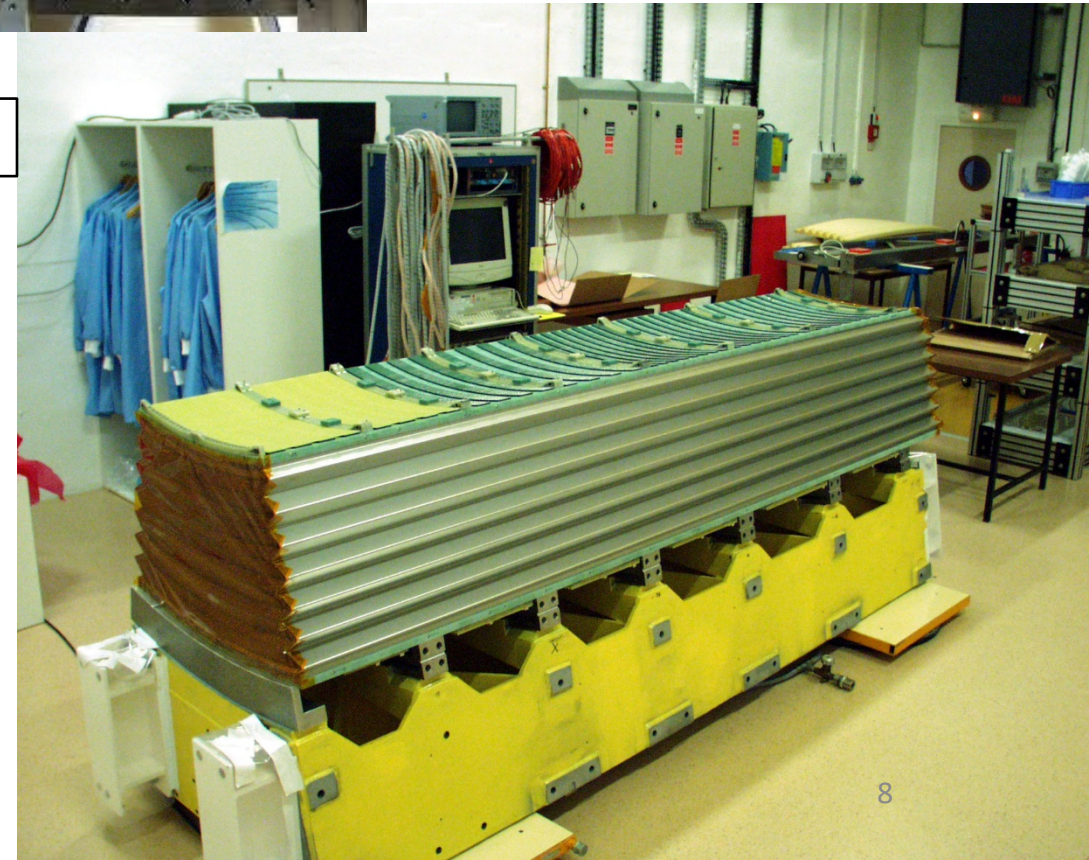
# Module Construction



Two flexible electrodes/ 1 absorber (Industry+CERN, LPNHE, LAPP, Milano)



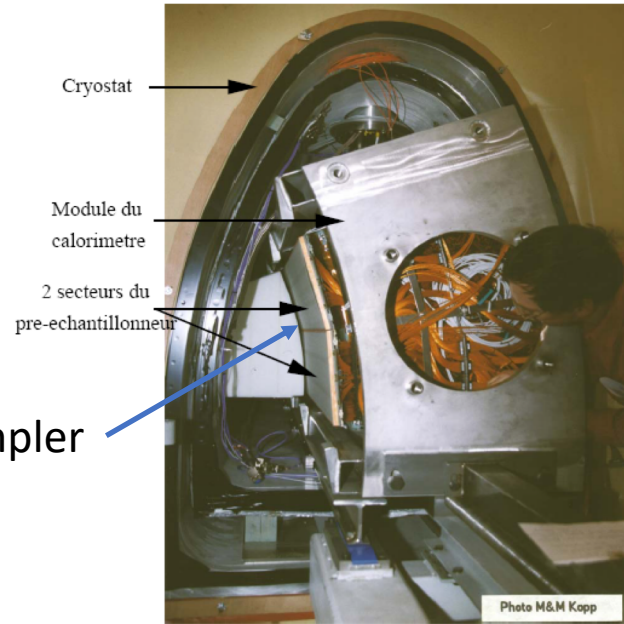
Module (2x16) stacking



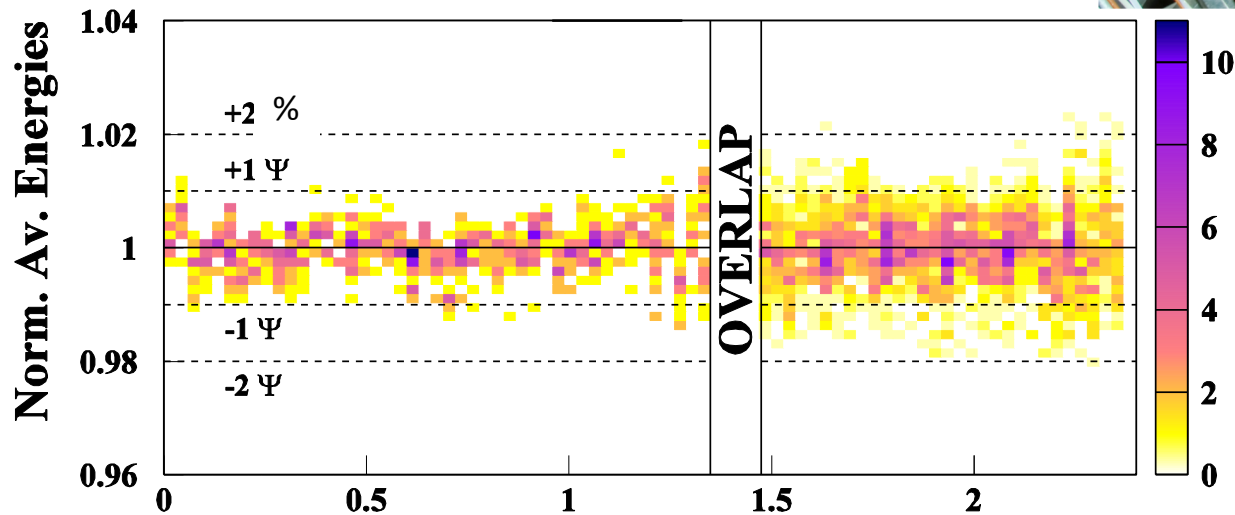
Honeycomb:  
-space industry  
-shaping and HV-tests at Saclay



# Test-beam campaigns



Barrel test stand (1998-2002)

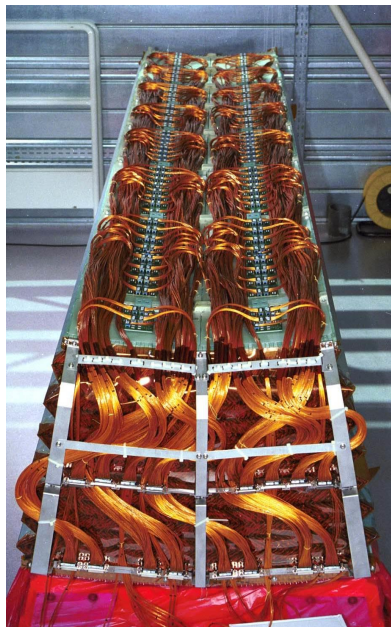


Overall uniformity (series modules) : 0.6%

In situ, from LHC data: constant term associated to non-uniformities: between 0.6 % and 1.4 %

➔ OK for di-photon mass resolution.





A barrel module fully cabled-up

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(Annecy, CERN-Orsay, Saclay)

Cold test in Saclay stand

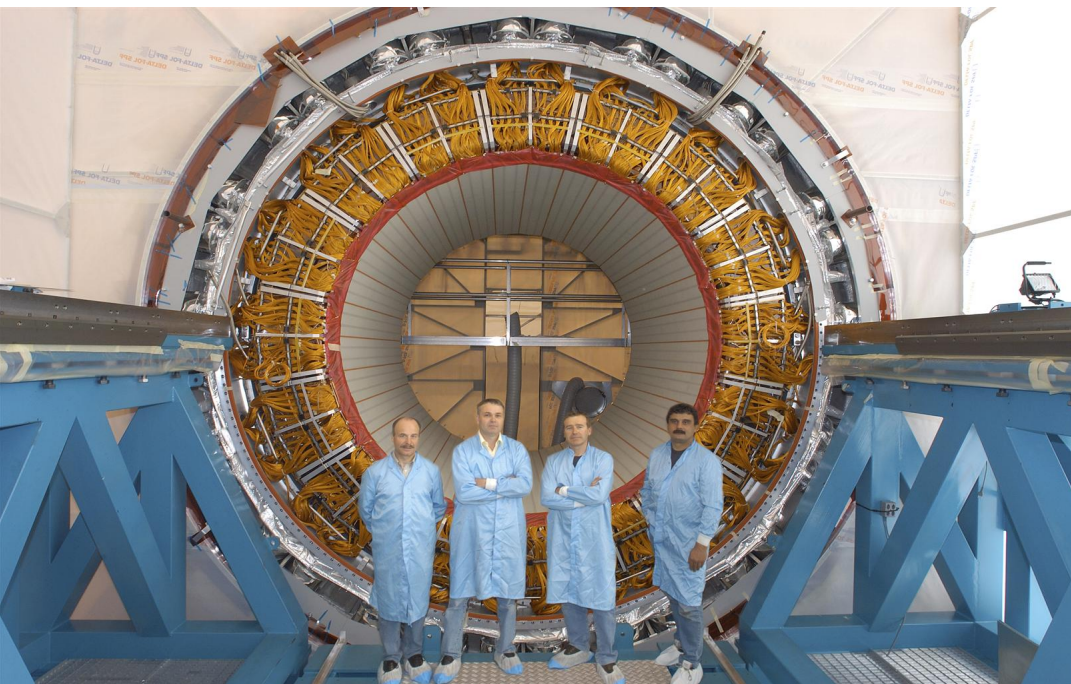


Half-wheel  
← assembly  
and  
rotation  
at CERN ↓





# Barrel Assembly and Integration at CERN



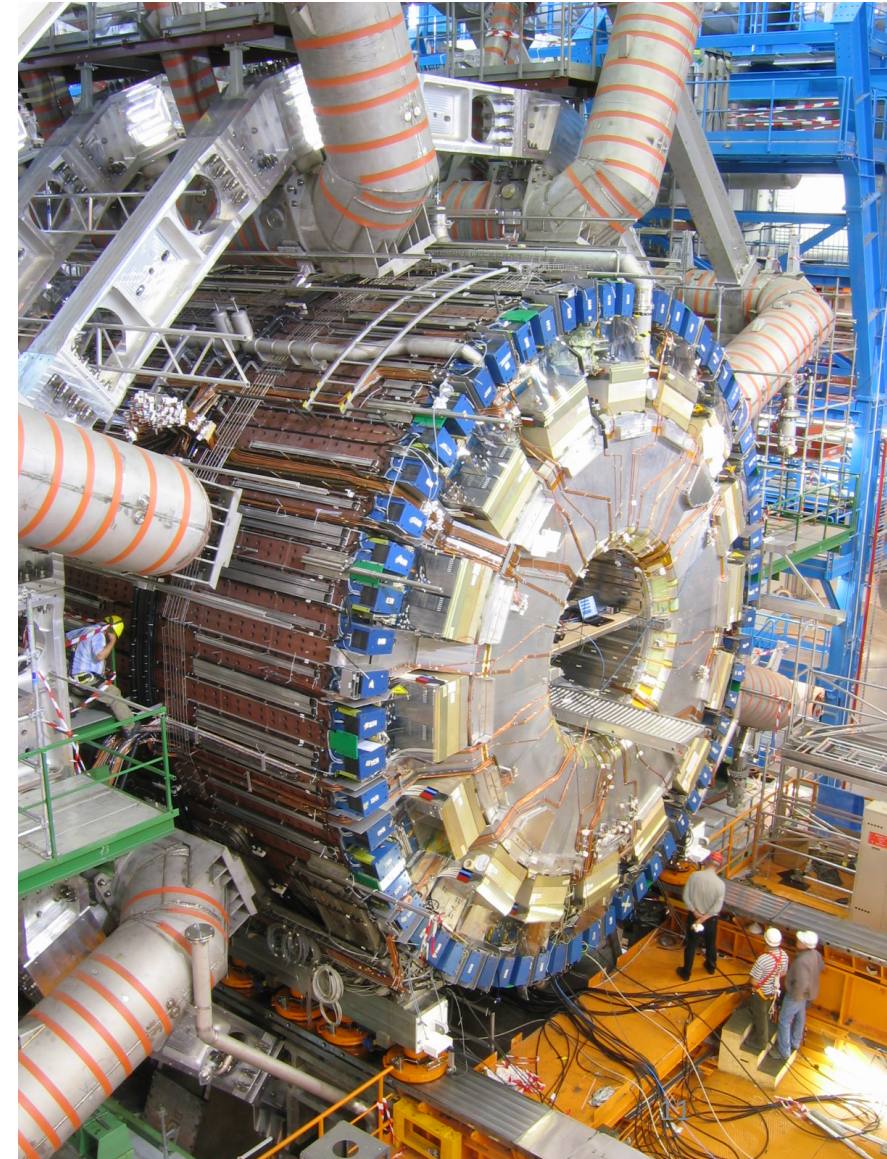
← First half-wheel inserted



← Solenoid insertion

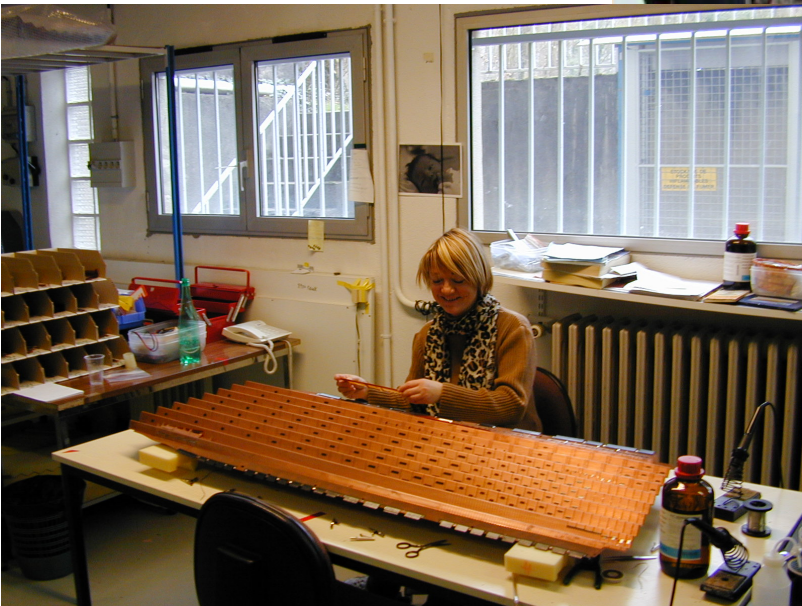
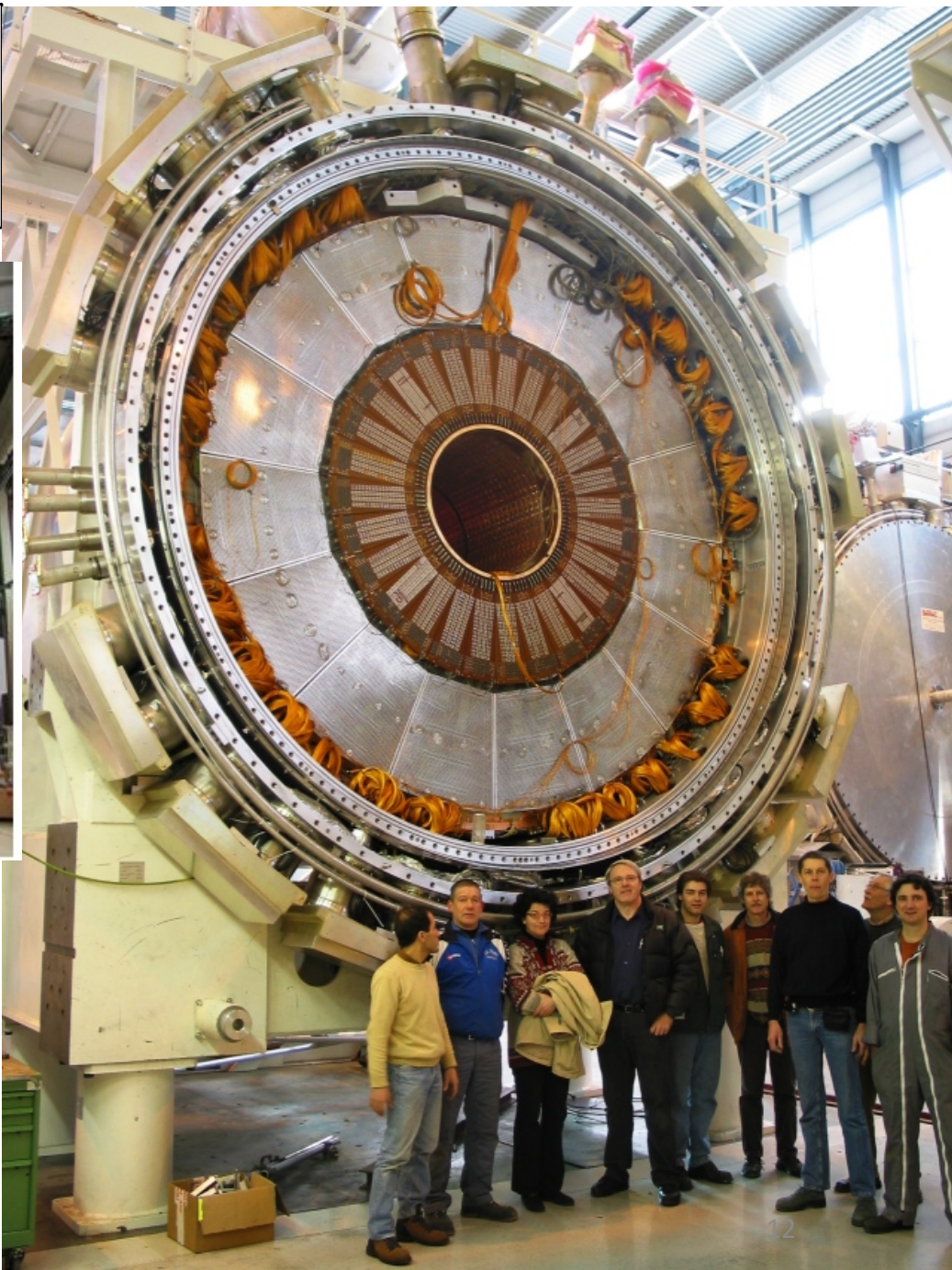
Calorimeter in place →

Filled with L Ar in 2007;  
In principle will remain  
« cold and full »  
until ~2040





IJCLab contribution to EndCaps:  
cryostat design, electrode testing, integration



# Summary

- **22 years** between the first prototype and the **Higgs boson discovery**
- Targeted **performances met**, thanks to rigorous design and **highly qualified staff**.
- Large teams involved (~ 50 persons at Orsay at the peak level)  
tightly coordinated (~25 groups in total for the calorimeter)  
(Collaboration tools like CAO, EDMS,..very important)
- Wide range of **competences** involved: mechanics, cryogenics, electronics,..beyond HEP
- sizeable **cost** (Calorimeter ~ 25 % of ATLAS ie ~130 MEuros)
- Operation planned, with electronics upgrades, until ~2040 (HL-LHC),...**further discoveries?**