

Picosecond scintillating sampling electromagnetic calorimeters



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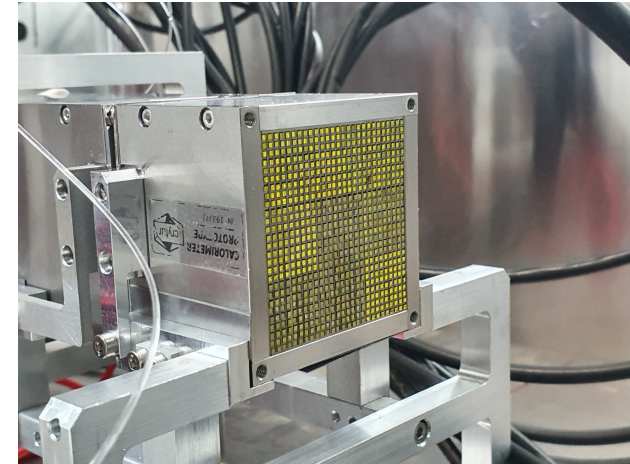
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Introduction: picosecond scintillating sampling ECALs

Most common approaches:

- **Shashlik**
- **SpaCal**
- Molière radius tunable in both cases
- Lower cost than homogenous crystal



Key R&D challenges for future experiments:

- Radiation hardness:
 - **Crystal** scintillators suitable for future experiments at hadron colliders
 - No radiation-hard WLS fibres available (yet)
- Small cell sizes: dense absorber, e.g. **tungsten**
- Picosecond time resolutions:
 - **Fast photon detectors** (e.g. MCD PMTs, SiPM, ...) needed for O(10-20) ps time resolutions

Typical ECAL physics requirements

LHCb Upgrade II:

- Sustain radiation doses up to **1 MGy** and $\leq 6 \times 10^{15}$ 1 MeV neq / cm² in the centre
- Keep current energy resolution of $\sigma(E)/E \approx 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$
- Pile-up mitigation crucial
 - Timing capabilities with **O(10-20) ps precision for electromagnetic particles**, preferably directly in the calorimeter modules
 - Increased granularity in the central region with denser absorber

Future e⁺e⁻ Higgs/top/EW factory:

- Stochastic term of 15-20% good enough for $\approx 3\%$ jet energy resolution at 50 GeV using particle flow analysis
 - However, **5% / \sqrt{E}** or better desirable for flavour physics
- Timing **for hadronic particles** can help with PID (e.g. cover region where gaseous tracking not sensitive for K/ π separation)
- Small Molière radius with tungsten absorber → preferred for particle flow analysis
- Tight requirements on cell size from high-energy $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, e.g. for τ -lepton polarisation measurement, or low-mass ALPs

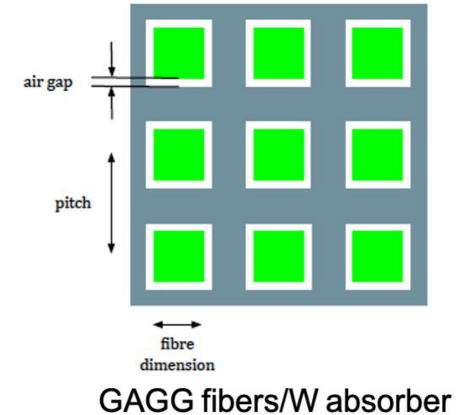
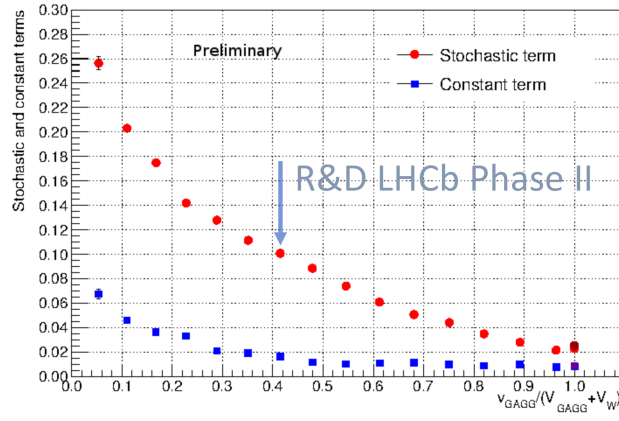
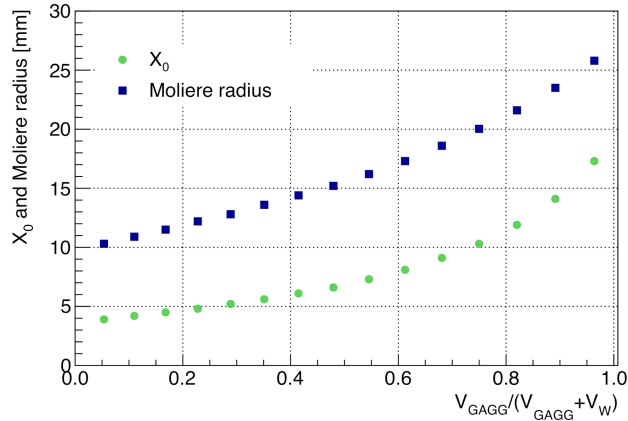
FCC-hh:

- Radiation doses of **O(1) MGy** and 1 MeV neq fluence of O(10¹⁶) cm⁻²
- Energy resolution target of $\sigma(E)/E \approx 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$
- O(30) ps timing for pile-up mitigation

→ Scintillating sampling ECAL technology can be adapted to fulfil these requirements

SpaCal: tuning of X_0 , R_M and energy resolution

Example: Variation of fibre size with constant pitch in SpaCal-W/GAGG



→ Similar variations also possible for polystyrene fibres or Shashlik modules!

Overview of ongoing activities

Future LHCb Upgrades:

- **SpaCal** with polystyrene (LS3) and GAGG crystal (LS4) fibres in W absorber, polystyrene fibres in Pb absorber (LS3 / LS4)
 - **Shashlik** with fast WLS fibres
- [examples on the following few slides](#)

RADiCAL:

- R&D in view of FCC-hh ECAL, based on work for CMS phase 2 upgrade, focus on radiation hardness
- Initially, **Shashlik**-like approach with LYSO:Ce crystal, W absorber and SiPM readout

GRAiNITA:

- Novel approach: small grains of heavy scintillator in heavy liquid, light collected by WLS fibres

NanoCal:

- **Shashlik** using scintillating nanocrystals
- [see presentation by Etienne Auffray](#)



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SpaCal-W: prototype with garnet crystals

SpaCal prototype module with W absorber and garnet crystal fibres:

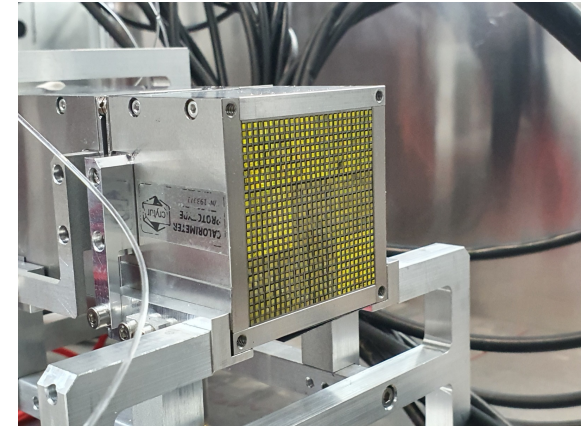
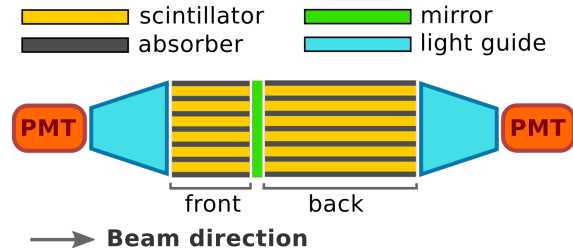
- Pure tungsten absorber with 19 g/cm^3
- **9 cells** of $1.5 \times 1.5 \text{ cm}^2$ ($R_M \approx 1.45 \text{ cm}$)
- 4+10 cm long (**7+18 X_0**)
- Reflective mirror between sections

Crystal garnets from several producers:

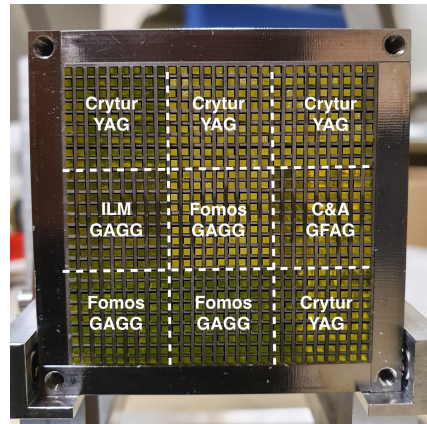
- Crytur - YAG
 - Fomos - GAGG
 - ILM - GAGG
 - C&A - GFAG
- Characterised with laboratory measurements

Photon detectors used:

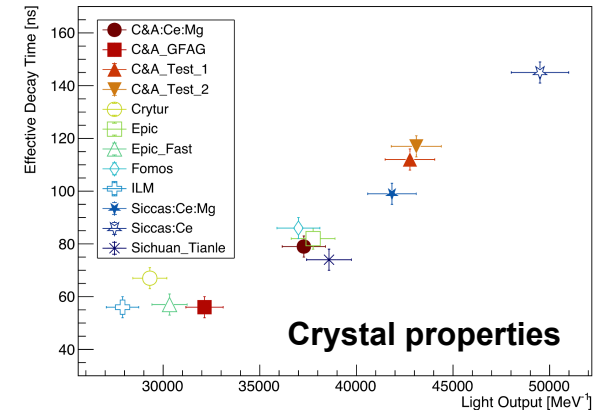
- Hamamatsu **R12421** for energy resolution
- Hamamatsu **R7600U-20** metal channel dynode (MCD) PMT for timing due to better time resolution



Configuration used at DESY in 2020 and 2021



Effective Decay Time vs Light Output



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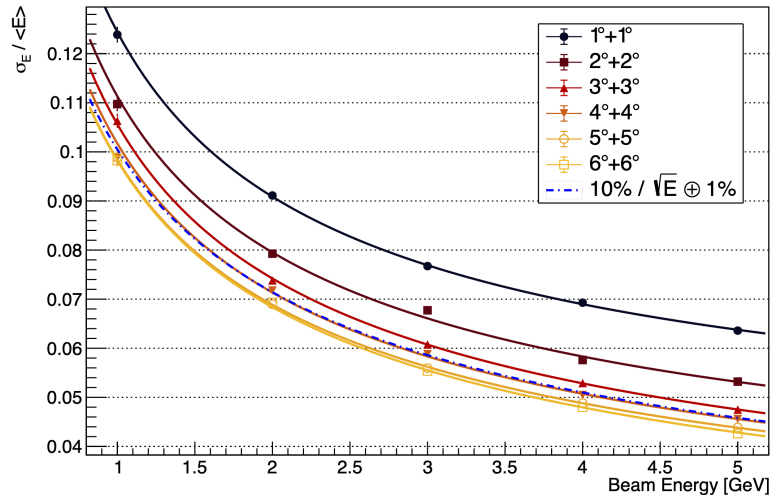


SpaCal-W with crystal fibres: test beam results

Energy resolution (DESY 2020, R12421)



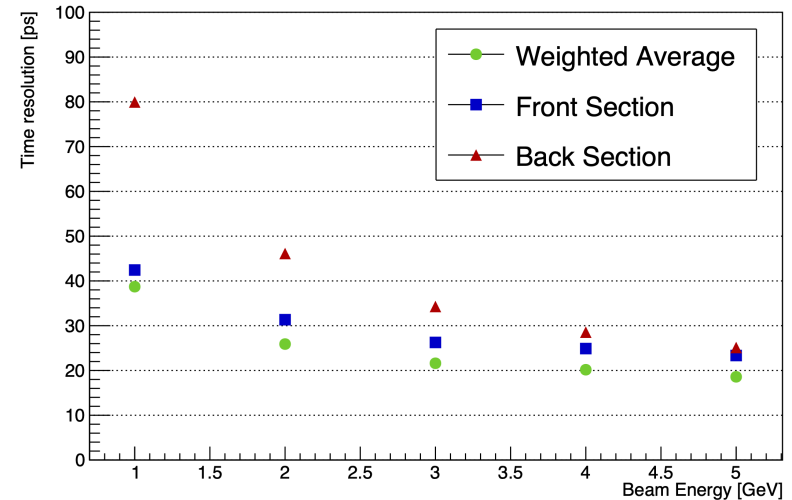
Energy Resolution



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

Time resolution (DESY 2021, R7600U-20)

Time Resolution C&A GFAG



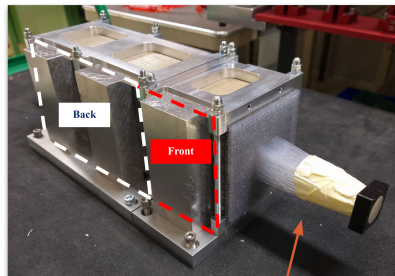
- Incidence angles: $\theta_x = \theta_y = 3^\circ$
- Time stamps in front and back obtained using constant fraction discrimination (CFD)
- Time resolution at 5 GeV for GFAG: better than 20 ps

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SpaCal with organic scintillator fibres

With lead absorber:

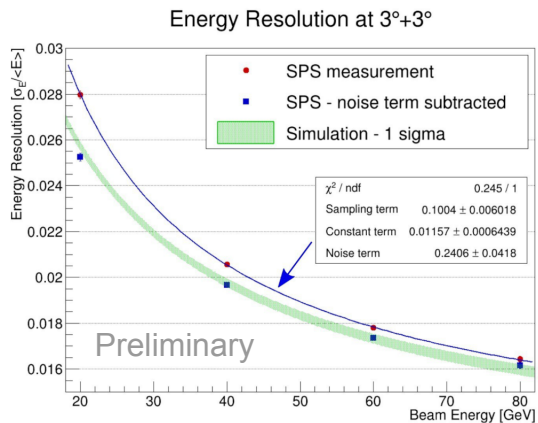
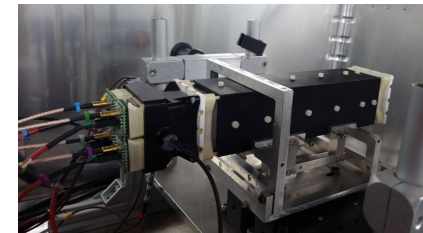
- 9 cells of 3x3 cm² ($R_M \approx 3$ cm)
- 8+21 cm long (7+18 X₀)
- Split fibres (Kuraray SCSF-78, round, 1 mm diameter)
- Reflective mirror between sections



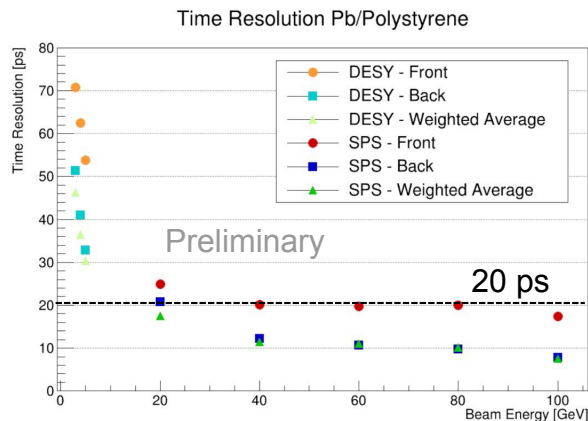
Fibres bundle

With tungsten absorber:

- 4 cells of 2x2 cm²
- 19 cm long
- Continuous fibres (Kuraray SCSF-78, square, 1 mm)

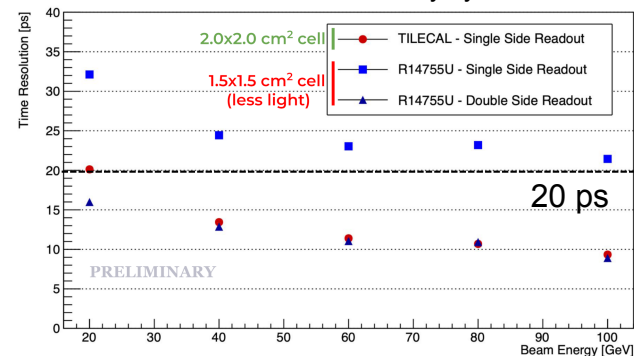


Sampling term: (10.0 ± 0.6)%
 Constant term: (1.2 ± 0.1)%



Time resolution below 30 ps for energies above 10 GeV

Time resolution W/Polystyrene



→ comparison of different photon detectors

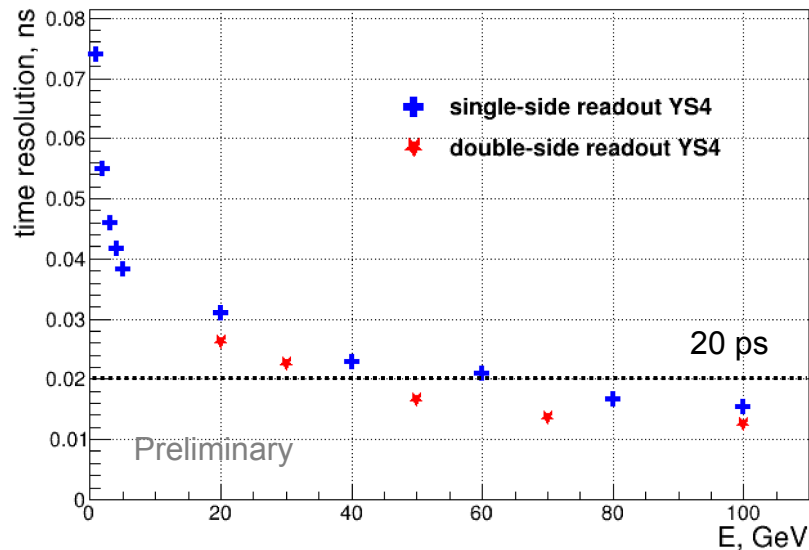
Shashlik: Test beam results and R&D plans

- Current LHCb Shashlik modules have good time properties, further improvement by replacing WLS fibres by faster ones:

- Y11 (7 ns decay time) → current LHCb
- **YS2** (3 ns decay time)
- **YS4** (1.1 ns decay time)

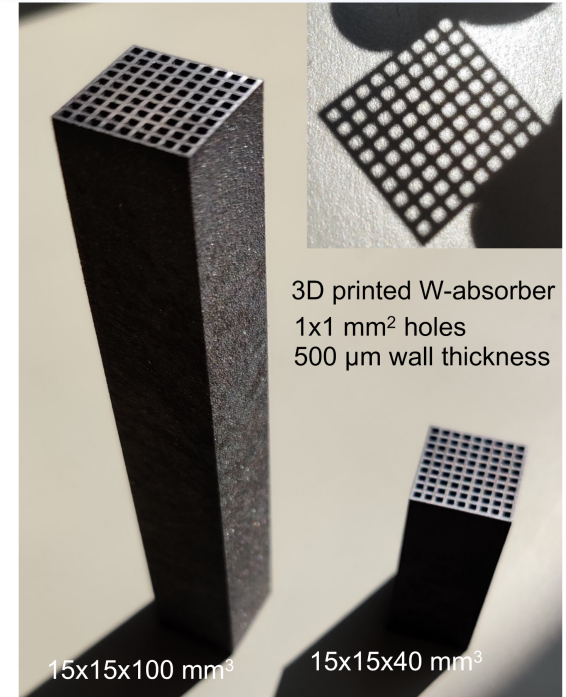
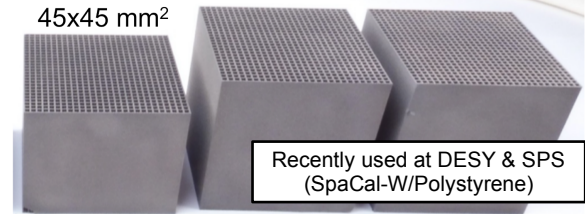
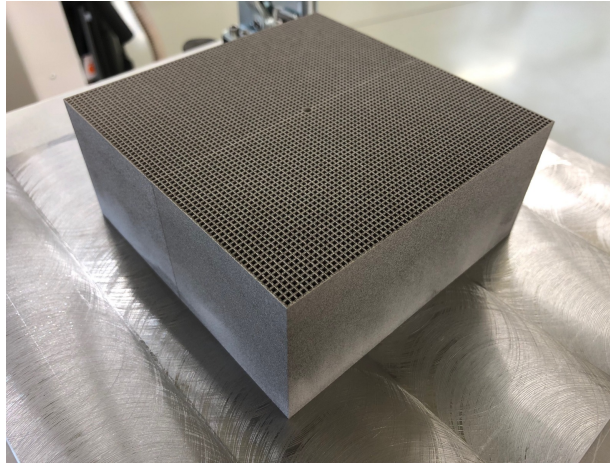
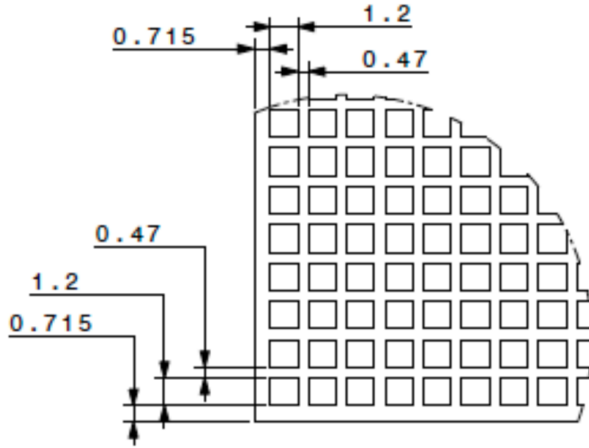
- Measurements at DESY and SPS with R7600-20 PMT, $\theta_x = \theta_y = 3^\circ$
- **Better than 20 ps achieved above 30 GeV** with double-sided readout
- Somewhat worse performance with single-sided readout

Time resolution: DESY and SPS



Tungsten absorber: R&D on 3D printing

- R&D on **3D printed tungsten prototype**
 - produced $1.5 \times 1.5 \text{ cm}^2$ cells with up to 10 cm length (and $4.5 \times 4.5 \text{ cm}^2$ pieces) used in test beams
- **Smooth surface mandatory** to avoid damaging the fibres during insertion
 - Very good mean roughness of $R_a = 5 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ achieved
- Pieces for full-size prototype (up to $12 \times 12 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$) to arrive at CERN soon



R&D with EOS (Germany)

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Ideas for the next 5 years

Continuation of the technology R&D, e.g.:

- Faster scintillating crystals and WLS fibres
- Photon detectors
- Irradiation tests

Optimisation of ECAL modules:

- Simulations are a key tool
- Optical coupling between between SpaCal fibres and photon detector
- Mechanical integration issues

Performance validation in test beams:

- Move from small prototypes to ECAL modules
- Calibration is a particular topic of importance

Potential synergies within DRD

R&D topics:

- **Photon detectors** with good energy resolution, time resolution and linearity over large dynamic range (+ radiation tolerance where relevant)
→ also relevant for other light-based calorimeters (homogenous crystals , CALICE ScECAL, ...)
- **Absorber production** (e.g. 3D-printed tungsten)
→ also interesting for dual readout calorimetry (IDEA), CALICE SiW-ECAL, ...
- R&D on **scintillating crystals**, **organic scintillating fibres** and **WLS fibres**
- Generic simulation **software**
→ e.g. faster transport of optical photons in Geant4, local reconstruction based on machine learning

Test beams:

- **Test beam infrastructure:**
→ Shared hodoscopes, reference time detectors where requirements are in line
→ For discussion: read-out electronics, DAQ system?
- **Common test beam** requests
→ Seem beneficial in case joint activities like ECAL+HCAL test are relevant

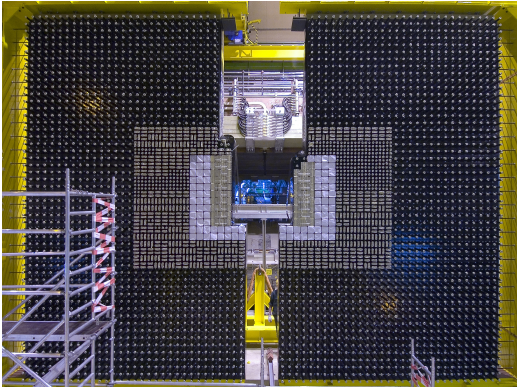
Summary and conclusions

- The **flexibility** of picosecond scintillating sampling ECALs allows to meet the requirements for a variety of future experiments
- Better than 20 ps **time resolution** achieved for SpaCal and Shashlik technology with high-energy electron beams
- Many **potential synergies** with other DRD activities in the next 5 years identified
→ Looking forward to the following discussions and exchange of experience!

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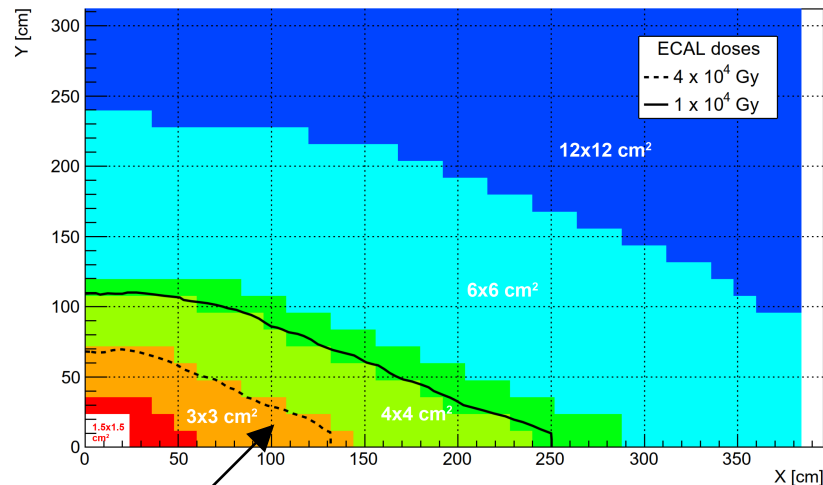
Backup slides

Reminder: SpaCal/Shashlik ECAL for Upgrade II



Requirements for the Upgrade II:

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Radiation limit of current Shashlik technology

SpaCal technology for inner region:

- Innermost modules with scintillating crystal fibres and W absorber
 - Development of **radiation-hard scintillating crystals**
 - **1.5x1.5 cm²** cell size
- 40-200 kGy region with scintillating plastic fibres and Pb absorber
 - Need radiation-tolerant organic scintillators
 - **3x3 cm²** cell size

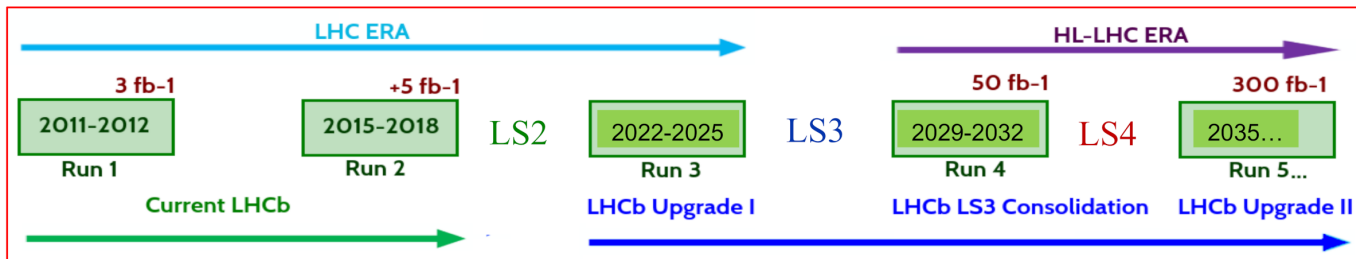
Shashlik technology:

- **Timing** with new WLS fibres, long. segmentation (double-sided readout)
 - Cost optimisation by refurbishing ≈ 2000 existing modules for timing
 - Adapt to the required cell sizes by adding ≈ 1300 new modules

LS3 consolidation: W absorber for innermost modules equipped with scintillating plastic fibre for **2x2 cm²** cell size

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LHCb ECAL upgrade strategy



Run 3 in 2022-2025:

Run with unmodified ECAL Shashlik modules at $L = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

LS3 consolidation in 2026-2028:

Introduce **single-section rad. tolerant SpaCal** (2x2 and 3x3 cm² cells) in inner regions and rebuilt ECAL in **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

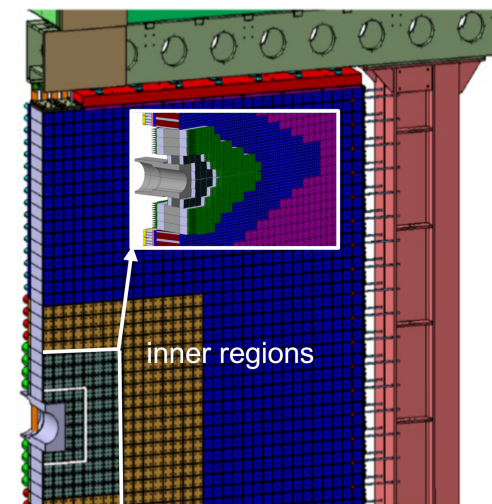
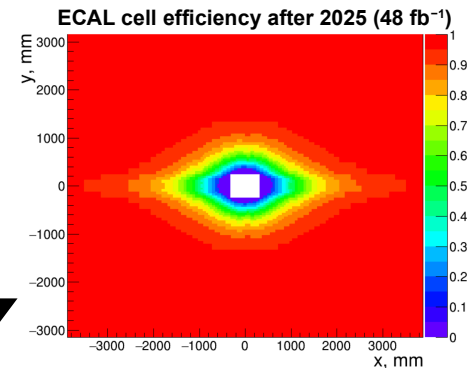
→ Could include timing information with single-sided readout to inner regions

LS4 Upgrade II in ≥2035:

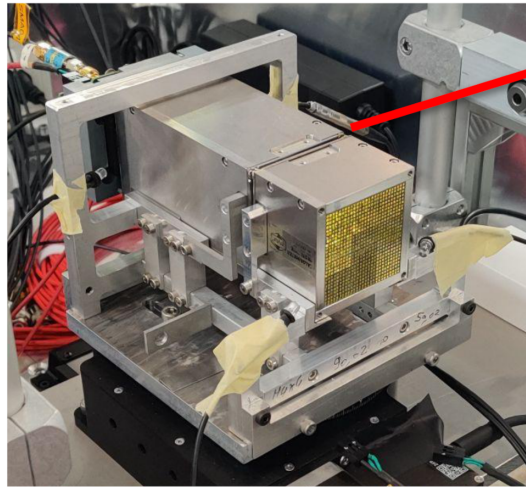
Introduce **double-section rad. hard SpaCal** (1.5x1.5 & 3x3 cm² cells) and improve timing of Shashlik modules for a luminosity of up to $L = 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

→ Innermost SpaCal-W modules equipped with crystal fibres

→ Include timing information and double-sided readout to full ECAL for pile-up mitigation

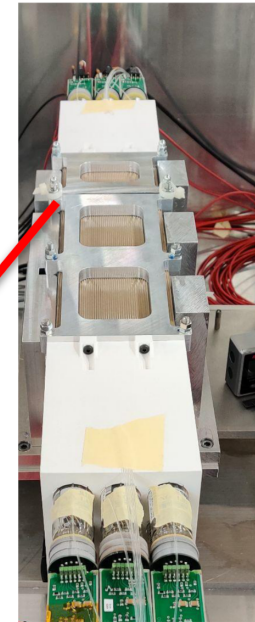


Energy resolution and longitudinal separation



WGAGG

0.065 mm	ESR
0.3 mm	Alu
1.5 mm	Stainless
2.37 mm	Air
1.05 mm	Stainless
0.3 mm	Alu
0.065 mm	ESR



PbPoly

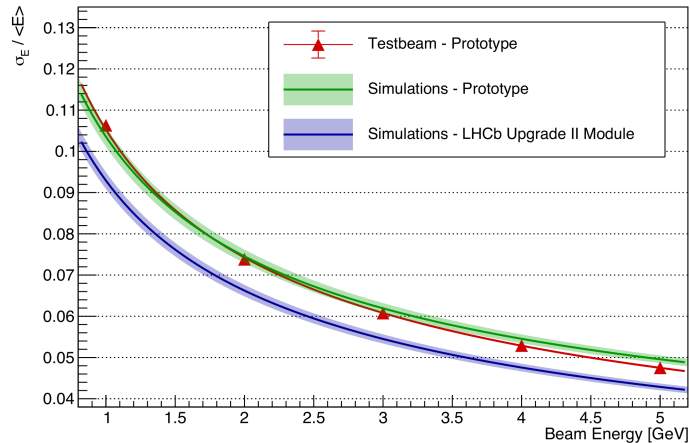
0.065 mm	ESR
2.0 mm	Stainless
1.0 mm	Air
2.0 mm	Stainless
0.065 mm	ESR

- In SpaCal prototypes produced for test beams, the **longitudinal separation** (front/back sections) is not optimised
- This is due to the need for flexibility to perform several tests (calibration, additional timing layer, ...)
- Material budget between SpaCal sections not negligible → **energy resolution is degraded**

SpaCal energy resolution of optimised modules

SpaCal-W

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



SpaCal-Pb

	Measured with TB module [%]	MC simulation of TB module [%]	MC simulation of optimised module [%]
Sampling term	10.0 ± 0.6	10.3 ± 0.1	9.7 ± 0.1
Constant term	1.16 ± 0.06	0.94 ± 0.04	0.62 ± 0.06

- Hybrid-MC framework reproduces well the test beam measurements (if material between front and back is taken into account)
- In SpaCal modules designed for the LHCb ECAL, front/back separation will be optimised (e.g. thin reflector foil)
→ The MC allows to predict the energy resolution of these optimised modules

→ Expected energy resolution in optimised modules well in line with the requirements

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