# Future Noble liquid gas calo: progress on electrodes R&D

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# Noble liquid calorimeters

- Decades of success at particle physics experiments: from R806 to ATLAS
  - Mostly LAr, a bit of LKr
- An appealing option for FCC-ee
  - Good energy resolution
  - High(-ish) granularity achievable
  - Linearity, uniformity, long-term stability

Excellent solution for small systematics

- Lots of interesting studies / R&D to do
  - Optimization for PFlow reconstruction
  - Achieving very low noise
  - Lightweight cryostats to minimize X<sub>0</sub>
  - Designing for improved energy resolution





# Granularity of Noble Liquid Calorimeters

- Calo design:
  - granularity of the calorimeter
    ⇔ granularity of the electrodes

### • ATLAS: copper/kapton electrode

- traces to read out middle cells take real estate on back layer
- cannot really increase granularity
- FCC-ee requirements
  - High jet energy resolution needed
  - Particle flow algorithms take advantage of much finer granularity

### • Solution for Noble Liquid calo for FCC

• Multi-layer PCB to route signals inside





# High granularity electrodes

#### Aiming for ~ **\*10** ATLAS granularity

- High granularity required for better PFlow performance (few million cells)
- >6 compartments to compensate LAr gap widening

### Implementation: multi-layer PCBs

- 7-layer PCB
  - Signal collection on **readout planes**
  - Transmission through via
  - Signal extraction on trace
  - **Ground shields** to mitigate cross-talk
- Challenges
  - Trade-off capacitance (noise) / cross-talk
  - Maximum density of signal traces ?
- Studies on simulations and prototypes



# Allegro Barrel Design

#### Design driven by the solution used for electrodes

- 1536 straight inclined (50°) 1.8mm Pb absorber plates
- Multi-layer PCBs as readout electrodes
- 1.2 2.4mm LAr gaps (LKr seriously considered)
- 40cm deep (22 X<sub>0</sub>)
- $\Delta \theta = 10$  (2.5) mrad for regular (strip) cells,  $\Delta \phi = 8$  mrad,

12 longitudinal layers

#### Copper electrodes: lots of flexibility

- Number of layers and granularity of layers fully optimizable
- Projective cells
- Lots of room for optimisation !



# Geometry

Transverse



Longitudinal

# **Simulation studies**

## **Role of simulation studies**

What is needed from the electrodes to fill the physics goals?

### Understand the required granularity

- Study photon/pion ID (tau physics)
- Axion searches
- Jet energy reconstruction
- Using 4D imaging techniques, ML, PFlow

### • Optimize design for EM resolution

- Electron and photon resolutions
- Pions, b-physics
- gap size, sampling fraction, active and passive material...



# Simulation studies in key4hep

#### Lots of ground work in 2023!

- Correct cells geometry was used in simulation but not in digi/reco
  - Now proper  $\theta/\phi$  positions used consistently everywhere
  - Much more flexible fullsim geometry:
    - Can easily change cells and layers sizes
    - Can adapt the granularity per layer
- Improvements in clustering
  - Topo-clustering and fixed-size clusters adapted to new geometry
  - Super nice tool to visualize showers and clusters
  - Topo-clustering using ECal+HCal
- Technical work
  - Follow FCC software evolution (k4geo)





# Simulation studies: towards simu of calo performance

#### Ground work done this year enables performance optimization based on physics

- Finer levels of energy calibration
  - "Rediscovery" of S-shape effects
  - Attempt corrections using log(E) weighting and MVA technique
- Towards cluster pointing reconstruction
  - Accurate position calibration per layer needed
  - Then extrapolate from barycenters



# Simulation studies: Optimization of cell sizes

### • Studies of photon / $\pi^0$ separation

- Computations of shower shapes
- Event displays show that position of "strip" layer is probably not correct
- Preliminary studies (simple BDT) confirm the large room for improvement
- Implementation of cross-talk effects in simu ongoing
  - Necessary for accurate shower shape variables







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# Designs for the endcaps: first ideas

#### Endcaps designs more complex than that of the barrel: very preliminary ideas !

- "Turbine" design
  - More similar to barrel design
  - o Symmetric in φ
  - Issue: increase in the size of the Noble liquid gaps
  - Need to stack several cylinders



### • XY / Pie wedge designs

- Less symmetry in φ
- Increase of LAr gaps under control
- Many types of electrodes to draw and produce



# **R&D on electrodes**

# **Readout electrodes prototypes**

Can we fill the physics goals, and what are the tradeoffs ?

### • Design questions

- Achieving the optimal granularity as given by physics simulations
- Minimise noise (aim for photons down to 300 MeV and S/N>5 for MIP)
- Keep cross-talk at per-mille level
- (noise and cross-talk depend on assumptions on readout electronics)

### Technical questions

- Connectors to readout the signals
- Design of HV layer, including resistors
- Readout everything at the back



## Prototype 2022-2023 @ IJCLab

Small-scale prototype designed for precision tests

- Detailed understanding of signal propagation and cross-talk effects
  - Cross-talk has capacitive but also inductive components
- Building knowledge of Sigrity simulation tool
  - Very good agreement with measurements after tuning !
- Fruitful discussions with PCB manufacturer to understand practical limitations of our design





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## **Electrode measurements @ CERN**

#### Full scale electrode !

- Took quite some time and effort to achieve good measurements
  - Fruitful collaboration with IJCLab
  - Proper grounding, terminations, short cables...

### • Extraction of cross-talks

- Impact of shielding and of shaping time
- Few per-mille easily achievable





## Prototyope 2024 @ IJCLab

Learning from the previous generation

- Next prototype at IJCLab
  - All layers, 3 towers
  - Readout all cells at the back
    - Best for material budget in calo, worst for cross-talk
  - Study options for **additional shielding**
  - **Connectors** for easy readout/injection
  - Possibility to merge several PCBs
  - Received January 2024







# Prototyope 2024 @ IJCLab: first measurements



### Cross-talk

- Additional shields reduce cross-talk capacitance
- Confirm capacitive and inductive components of the cross-talk

# Remember: capacitance means noise !

$$N\sim C_d \sqrt{rac{4kT}{g_m au_p}}$$



## **Towards automated measurements**

#### Getting the full measurement matrix "by hand" is quite tedious

- Setting up automated setup
  - Fanout board to go from connector to SMAs
  - Multiplexer crate to route signals to oscilloscope
  - Can also inject calibration signal through the connector
  - Can connect 2 electrodes together

### Status

- Design of fanout board well advanced
- Old multiplexer crate borrowed from ATLAS LAr







### Conclusions

Even if milestone has been achieved in 2023, work on Noble liquid gas calo electrodes continue

### • Simulations

- Road to as accurate simu as possible to inform the design is long !
- Great progress achieved in 2023
- Expect conclusions from granularity optimisation studies in 2024
- Other aspects of simulation progressing towards physics performance evaluation

### • Electrode prototypes

- Previous generation of prototypes very successful at demonstrating the concept
- New electrode @ IJClab: validate detailed understanding on realistic scale electrode and demonstrate scaling up of measurements system
- Next steps @ CERN: new full-scale prototype