An overview of the CMS High Granularity Calorimeter, and the engineering challenges in its construction

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An overview of HGCAL





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Physics Case

- High luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) physics programme:
 - Detailed studies of the Higgs boson and SM processes.
 - Trigger cleanly on and reconstruct the narrow vector boson fusion (VBF) jets, as well as merged jets for physics beyond the SM.
- Integrating 10x more luminosity (3000 fb⁻¹) than the LHC.
 - Challenges for radiation tolerance and event pileup, especially for calorimetry in the forward region.
- Performance degradation of the existing PbWO₄-based electromagnetic calorimeter (EE) and the plastic scintillator-based hadron calorimeter (HE), which were designed for an integrated luminosity of 500 fb⁻¹.
- Two high granularity calorimeters (HGCAL) will replace the existing endcap calorimeters, for installation in Long Shutdown 3 (LS3, nominally 2026-2028).









Proposed Detector – HGCAL

- HGCAL needs to <u>fit in the envelope of the previous calorimeters (EE and HE)</u> and provide high granularity, radiation-tolerance (2 MGy), and efficient readout.
- 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.
- Challenges:

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- 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 performance.



CMS Phase2 pp 7TeV FLUKA v6.3.0.1:

		Both Endcaps	Silicon	Scintillator
		Area	~620 m ²	~370 m ²
		Channel Size	0.5 – 1.2 cm ²	4 – 30 cm ²
		# Channels	~6M	~280k
ator	-	# Modules	~26k	~4k
	Ī	Op. Temp.	-35 °C	-35 °C
		Per Endcap	CE-E	CE-H Si Si+Scint.
		Per Endcap Absorber	CE-E Pb, CuW, Cu	Si CE-H Si+Scint.
		Per Endcap Absorber Depth	CE-E Pb, CuW, Cu 27.7 X ₀	CE-H Si+Scint. SS, Cu 10 λ
		Per Endcap Absorber Depth Layers	CE-E Pb, CuW, Cu 27.7 X ₀ 26	Si CE-H Si+Scint. SS, Cu 10 λ 7 14
		Per Endcap Absorber Depth Layers Weight	CE-E Pb, CuW, Cu 27.7 X ₀ 26 23 t	Si CE-H Si+Scint. SS, Cu 10 λ 7 14 205 t 14

Beamline

HGCAL cross-section (~axisymmetric)

Silicon

CE-E

Scintill

CE-H



Modules, Tileboards

- 26,000 hexagonal silicon modules: ٠
 - Glued stack of baseplate, silicon sensor and readout hexaboard. Electrical connections to sensors • are made via wire-bonding. A zoo of partial modules is created to fill gaps.
 - High density modules (HD, with 444 x 0.5 cm² hexagonal cells) are used in high fluence regions, . low density modules (LD, 198 x 1.2 cm² cells) elsewhere.
 - Baseplates are CuW in CE-E, contributing to the absorber material, and carbon fibre in CE-H. .
- 280,000 scintillator tiles: ۰
 - Cast (70%) and injection-moulded (30%) plastic tiles (4-30 cm²), wrapped in reflective foil. •
 - Read-out by silicon photomultipliers (SiPM) which form a tileboard. •



Injection moulded tile



top of SiPMs



Scintillator tileboard under test (DESY)







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See SiPM-on-tile poster by A. Laudrain

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Cassettes

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- Modules and tileboards are mounted onto copper cooling plates = "cassettes".
- Cassettes are instrumented with electronics including motherboards, concentrators, and DCDC converters, in addition to services and connectors. These all must fit in a 5.1 mm gap above the modules.
- 60° CE-E cassettes have modules on both sides of the cooling plate, and the 30° CE-H cassettes are single-sided and exist in both all-silicon and mixed (scintillator and silicon sensor) types.



Deported DCDC-Mezzanine gap: 5.1mm Sensor Kapton Base Plate Colored Concentrator Mezzanine DCDC-Mezzanine Pb HexBoard Cooling HGCROC Cassette cross-section

HGCAL Engineering Challenges





Detector Support Structure

- To hold the 230 tonne, 5.4 m diameter detector onto ٠ the CMS endcap:
 - **18 supports**, bridging gap where muon chambers • (ME0) are installed, and leaving access to them.
 - Most of weight taken on 3 and 9 o'clock positions. •
 - Wedges above and below these are **articulated** to • avoid shear load.
 - Remaining wedges support the moment load, while • allowing 2.5 mm radial thermal contraction.
- Supporting detector self-weight (absorbers, cassettes • and CE-E) through stainless-steel inner cylindrical supports, and tie rods + super-bolts.
- The machined Al-alloy CE-E support cylinder holds • the CE-E cassettes and lead absorber plates.





Intermediate Ti support

CE-H support cylinder & split rings prototype

Stainless-Steel Absorbers

- 40 thick absorber plates (42-95 mm), each weighing up to 10 tonnes.
- Key challenges:
 - Tight 0.5 mm tolerance on thickness (for physics).
 - Tight 1.0 mm tolerance on flatness and 0.1-0.2 mm on positions (for alignment).
 - Milling releases stress with each cutting operation, which can result in significant bending. Each plate is flipped multiple times on a large vertical lathe.
 - Full machining (3 steps) takes about 3-4 weeks per disc (2 shifts, 7/7 days).
 - Sourcing SS304L material with **low magnetic permeability** which required an alloy with tight tolerance on chemical composition.
 - Calculations allowed μ_{max} = 1.05, up to 100 tonnes additional axial force from CMS 4T magnetic field.
 - Actual plates measured with a mean μ of 1.017 \rightarrow 31.5 tonnes.
 - Shipping of the bulky objects via road and sea transport is quite a feat!
 - Raw material from France to Pakistan, and finished products returning.
 - 6-8 weeks shipping in each direction.





16m vertical boring and turn mill (3axis CNC) at PAEC in Pakistan



12m milling machine (4-axis CNC)



Disc facing on vertical lathe



CE-H absorber disc in 3 parts

Cassette cooling plates

- ≈6 mm thick copper plates support, align and cool the modules.
 - Each bare plate weighs about 60 kg in the CE-E.
- Key challenges:
 - Avoiding over-constraining a system which will **shrink thermally and undergo multidirectional loading** during assembly and after rotation.
 - Adding stainless-steel mounting hardware is needed to locally strengthen the copper plates.
 - **Machining** of thousands of plain and threaded holes, outer profiles, cooling pipe groove and overall plate surface with high precision (0.1-0.2 mm).
 - Cooling pipe insertion (coating, bending, soldering).
 - Pipe plated with nickel then copper to improve wettability.
 - Ensuring good thermal contact and avoiding bowing of plates requires a heated table and careful manipulation.
 - Vacuum handling tooling developed to move plates.



CE-E copper plate prototype with embedded cooling pipe



Copper plate vacuum manipulation tool at LLR



Detector Handling

- The CE-H mechanical structure will be machined and assembled first in Pakistan for testing, disassembled, shipped, then reassembled at CERN for the final detector construction.
- Key challenges:
 - Large weight with limited area for supports detector will be fastened by screws and held using hydraulic pistons.
 - Tooling to be used to remove the existing forward calorimeters from the cavern and reused for handling/rotating/installing HGCAL.
 - Lowering the detector down CMS shafts, 100 m deep, will require specialist cranes (hired by the day).



CE-H mechanics assembly in Pakistan – high rotating table



CE-H mechanics assembly at CERN – lower assembly table



Full detector rotation using support cradle prior to lowering via strandjacking



Cooling

- Operation at -35 °C using two-phase CO₂.
 - To reliably operate silicon sensors after irradiation, and to keep low the electronics noise that results from the increased leakage current and decreased charge collection efficiency after irradiation.
 - To keep the radiation-induced SiPM electronics noise sufficiently low.
- Key challenges:
 - Ensuring system functions correctly (temperature, pressure drops and vapour quality) with a **total power estimate of 130 kW** per endcap.
 - Flexible coaxial, vacuum-jacketed transfer lines through moving cable chains (~100 lifetime open/close cycles), optimising pressure drops.
 - Reducing the number of welds via custom manifolds and fittings saving ~2500 welds per endcap compared to the original design (5000+).



50 mm OD, 17 m long coaxial hose





On-detector manifold optimisation: reduced number of welds

(KIT proposal)



On-detector manifolds in CAD



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Thermal Insulation

- The "thermal screen" prevents condensation and ice formation inside the HGCAL detector, and condensation on its own outer surface.
- Key challenges:
 - Complex shape driven by detector geometry and envelope. •
 - **Sealed** (for dry gas flushing) while still allowing services access. •
 - **Robust** people can stand on it, and it protects the detector from • minor impacts.
 - Low mass (to minimise particle interactions). •
 - Radiation and magnetic-field tolerant. .

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- Thickness: 20 to 30 mm in most places means passive insulation • is not enough.
- General design:
 - Strong, insulating layer wrapping around whole detector. •
 - Bonded composite sandwich construction (CFRP, aramid • honeycomb, aluminium alloy).
 - Polyimide heating foils control the external surface temperature • near to ambient.



Outer panel exploded view

Thermal screen overview

icone Foar Seal Strip

Services

- Huge number of services to integrate across 2 detectors:
 - 50,000+ individual wires inside the cassettes, 5,500 optical connectors.
 - 10,800+ cables inside the 2 detectors (excluding cassettes), 20 km in total.
 - 4,600+ cables outside the detector connecting to power supplies and readout racks, totalling 150 km.
 - Dozens of pipes for cooling, dry gas, fire detection, tray water-cooling.
- Key challenges:
 - The services volume inside the envelope fixed the outer limits of the absorber.
 - All outside services need to fit in the space left by removing HE and EE services.
 - Inventive cable routing solutions required, finding space outside of the existing service trays.
- Mockups and prototyping are vital!



External services mockup on CMS endcap



20° mixed cassette mechanical mockup



CE-E cassette 3D model and mechanical mockup with wires



Internal services mockup



Summary

- HGCAL will be the first large scale calorimeter with Si and SiPM-on-tile technologies providing unprecedented granularity and time resolution.
- Designs are now becoming reality production is in full swing on almost all components from modules to mechanics.
- A huge amount of work has enabled us to address numerous engineering challenges.
- Assembly of detector structures (cassettes and mechanics) is starting this year.
- Installation of the first endcap is planned for LS3.





Animation

CMS HGCAL 'High Granularity Calorimeter'





* Note – the video is a schematic illustration of the detector ingredients and their integration, not an accurate depiction of the assembly processes

Animated by Karol Rapacz

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