

The ALLEGRO detector concept and its full simulation

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The origin of ALLEGRO

- **2015**: start to think of noble-liquid EM calorimeter for future experiments
 - became part of FCC-hh reference detector (CDR in 2019, input for ESPPU2020)
- **2021**: after ESPPU, focus shifted to FCC-ee: noble-liquid ECAL concept adapted to lepton collider experiment, performance studies showed that it is very competitive compared to other proposals (Si/W, dual read-out)
 - Noble-liquid calorimetry became work-package inside CERN EP R&D and later part of DRD6 as WP2
- **2022**: proposed a detector concept based on noble-liquid ECAL and some “reasonable” choices for other sub-detectors
- **2023**: more teams joined, survey to find a name → **ALLEGRO** (**A** Lepton Lepton collider **E**xperiment with **G**ranular **R**ead-**O**ut) was born
 - ALLEGRO website launched soon after: <https://allegro.web.cern.ch/>
 - ALLEGRO logo contest



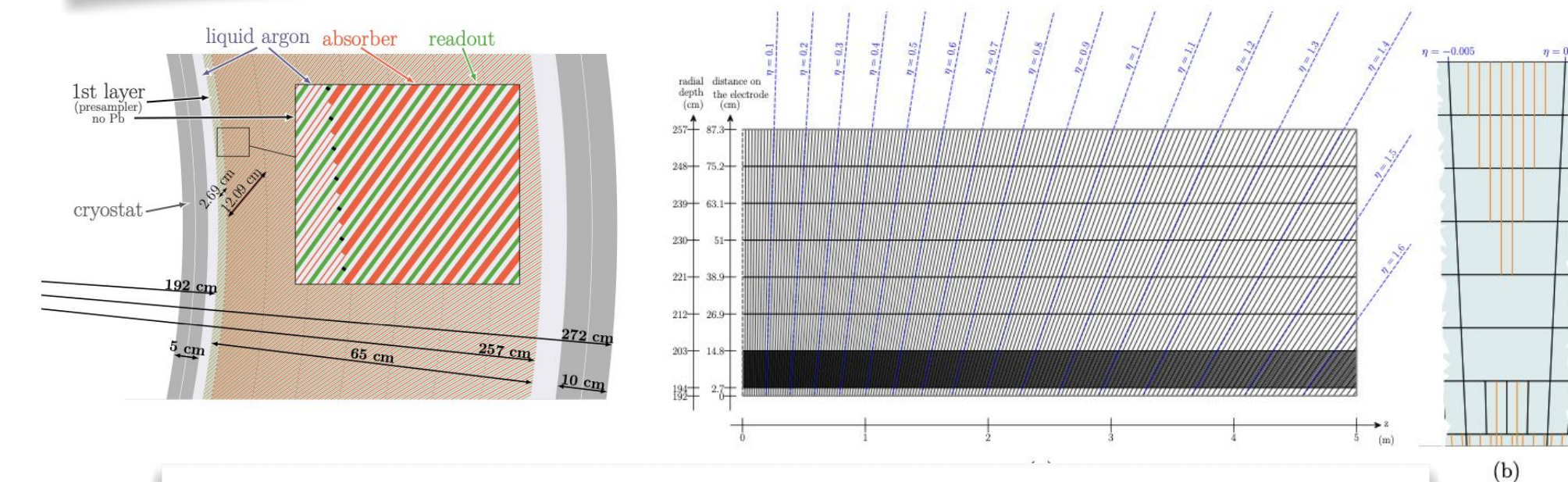
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Calorimeters for the FCC-hh

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allegro

noun [C] • MUSIC • specialized

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plural **allegros**

a piece of music that is played in a fast and energetic way

The ALLEGRO detector concept(s)

- From the beginning many different ideas/options → **very open for new ideas**
 - Envelopes need to be optimised/adapted to chosen technologies
 - But had to start with **one version which was implemented into FCC SW**



The ALLEGRO detector concept: common features and reference design

- **Vertex** detector
- **Tracking** system
- **Si wrapper**
- Highly granular **noble-liquid ECAL** inside solenoid
 - Excellent resolution, linearity, stability
 - Optimised for particle flow
- **Solenoid** ($B=2T$) sharing cryostat with ECAL
 - Light coil ($0.76 X_0$) + low-material cryostat $< 0.1X_0$
- High granularity HCAL
- **Muon** Tagger / Instrumented Iron Yoke
- **Detector choices and design optimisation not complete yet**



ALLEGRO today

- **Current situation**

- Strong **noble-liquid ECAL team** collaborating within **DRD6 WP2**
- **Other sub-detectors** not yet defined
 - very open for contributions, **many EoIs** received
 - leaning towards gaseous main tracker; various options for muon tagger
- There is a “reasonable” choice for the other sub-detectors implemented in FCC SW (sketch in previous slide, details in next one), but different choices can be tried due to modularity of FCC SW

- **Next steps**

- Now: **EoI for ESPPU2025**: ALLEGRO as high-perf. general-purpose detector concept for FCC-ee. While concept is centered around noble-liquid ECAL, technology choices for other sub-detectors are fully open
- Coming years:
 - **R&D** on subdetectors (optimisation studies, prototypes, testbeams..)
 - **down-selection** to baseline options and formation of a proto-collaboration once a **decision on FCC-ee** has been taken and once we enter the **TDR phase** (possibly in the coming 5 years)

4 Work Package 2: Liquefied Noble Gas Calorimeters

4.1 Description

Future experiments at e^+e^- , hadron or muon colliders have an ambitious physics program. The role of calorimetry will be to precisely measure particle energies, complement the tracking system in an optimal particle-flow event reconstruction, contribute to particle identification and - where necessary - provide efficient pile-up rejection. Such functionalities will only be achievable with excellent electromagnetic energy resolution, high lateral and longitudinal granularity and - in some cases (e.g. pile-up rejection) - excellent time resolution. Calorimetry based on liquefied noble gases

The screenshot displays a meeting agenda for 'Expressions of Interest' from 16:20 to 18:00. It lists several detector concepts with their respective speakers and durations. The concepts include:

- Interest of Swiss Groups in Several Detector Areas** (1.0m): Speaker: Ben Kilminster (University of Zurich (CH)).
- Interest of MPP Munich Group** (5m): Speaker: Oliver Kortner (Max Planck Society (DE)).
- Detector Simulations - B.K.C. College Kolkata** (5m): Speaker: Avinanda Chaudhuri (CERN).
- Straw Tracker - Michigan** (5m): Speaker: Junjie Zhu (University of Michigan (US)).
- Gaseous Tracking - BNL** (5m): Speaker: George Iakovidis (Brookhaven National Laboratory (US)).
- Wire Chamber - IJCLab** (5m): Speaker: Gabriel Charles (Université Paris-Saclay (FR)).
- Silicon Detectors for Allegro - BNL** (5m): Speaker: Alessandro Tricoli (Brookhaven National Laboratory (US)).
- Gaseous and Silicon Detectors - Weizmann Institute** (5m): Speaker: Shikma Bressler (Weizmann Institute of Science (IL)).
- Vertex Detector - Strasbourg** (5m): Speaker: Jeremy Andrea (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (FR)).
- ECAL - UT-Austin** (5m): Speakers: Peter Onyisi (University of Texas at Austin (US)), Timothy Robert Andeen (University of Texas at Austin (US)).
- TileCal HCAL - CERN** (5m): Speakers: Henric Wilkens (CERN), Michaela Mlynarikova (CERN), Rute Pedro (Laboratory of Instrumentation and Experimental Particle Physics (PT)).
- Muon Drift Tube Detector - Michigan** (5m): Speaker: Jianming Qian (University of Michigan (US)).
- MicroMegas Muon Detector - Roma 3** (5m): Speakers: Biagio Di Micco (Universita' degli Studi di Roma Tre e Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN)), Mauro Iodice (INFN - Sezione di Roma Tre).
- MicroMegas Muon Detector - INFN Napoli** (5m): Speakers: Mariagrazia Alviggi (University Federico II and INFN, Naples (IT)), Massimo Della Pietra (University Federico II and INFN, Naples (IT)), Paolo Iengo (INFN).
- Muon Detector based on Scintillators - Roma 1** (5m): Speakers: Claudio Luci (Sapienza Universita e INFN, Roma I (IT)), Fabio Anulli (Sapienza Universita e INFN, Roma I (IT)), Massimo Corradi (Sapienza Universita e INFN, Roma I (IT)), Riccardo Vari (Sapienza Universita e INFN, Roma I (IT)), Stefano Rosati (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare Sezione di Roma 1), Stefano Veneziano (INFN e Università Roma Sapienza).
- TDAQ - CERN** (5m): Speakers: Aimilianos Koulouris (CERN), Rosa Simoniello (CERN).

ALLEGRO full simulation in FCC SW

- ALLEGRO full simulation based on DD4hep & Geant4, fully integrated within FCCSW/Key4hep/EDM4hep ecosystem
- **Full implementation** of “reference” detector **model** in DD4hep/key4hep recently **completed**

- **Tracking** system taken from IDEA 'as is'

- vertex detector with curved sensors
- drift chamber z-extent un-changed (to be optimized)
- silicon wrapper similar to VTX but with planar sensors

- **Noble-Liquid ECAL** with inclined absorbers

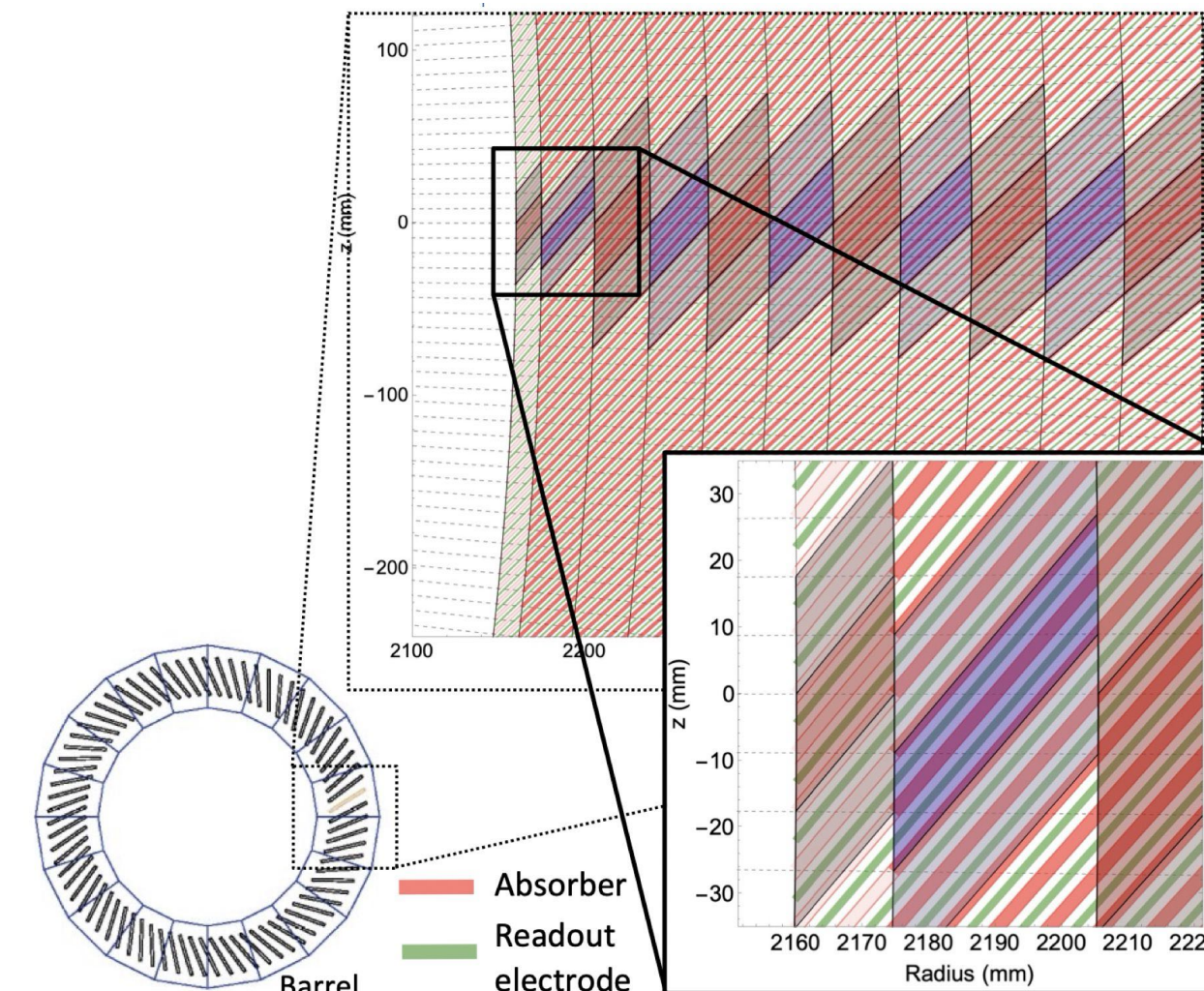
- Baseline: straight Pb+Steel absorber, growing sensitive gap
- Turbine geometry in endcaps
- Many parameters (geometry, readout, materials) can be customised

- **Coil** in ECAL outer barrel cryostat

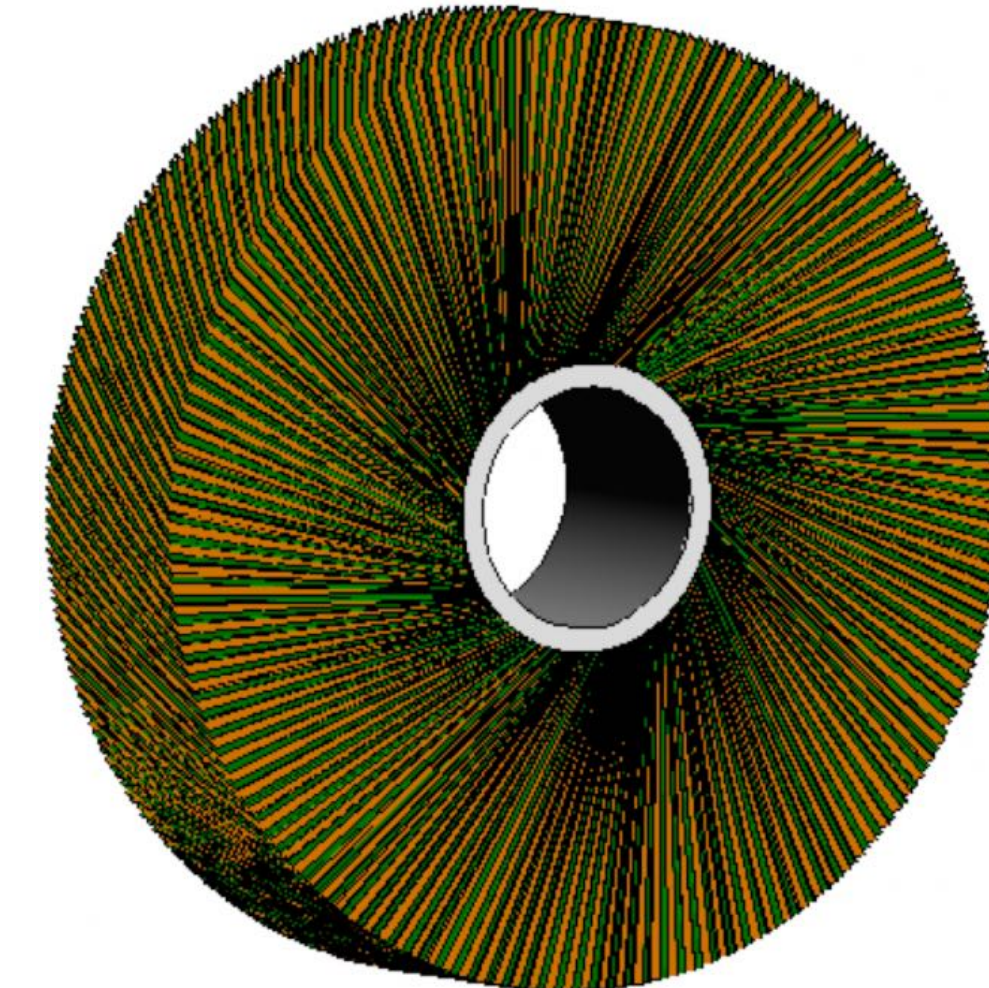
- **TileCal HCAL** tuned to FCC-ee (barrel and endcaps)

- **Muon Tagger** as sensitive cylinder/disks (scintillators) - mainly a place holder

- **Next:** reconstruction, physics performance studies, detector design optimisation

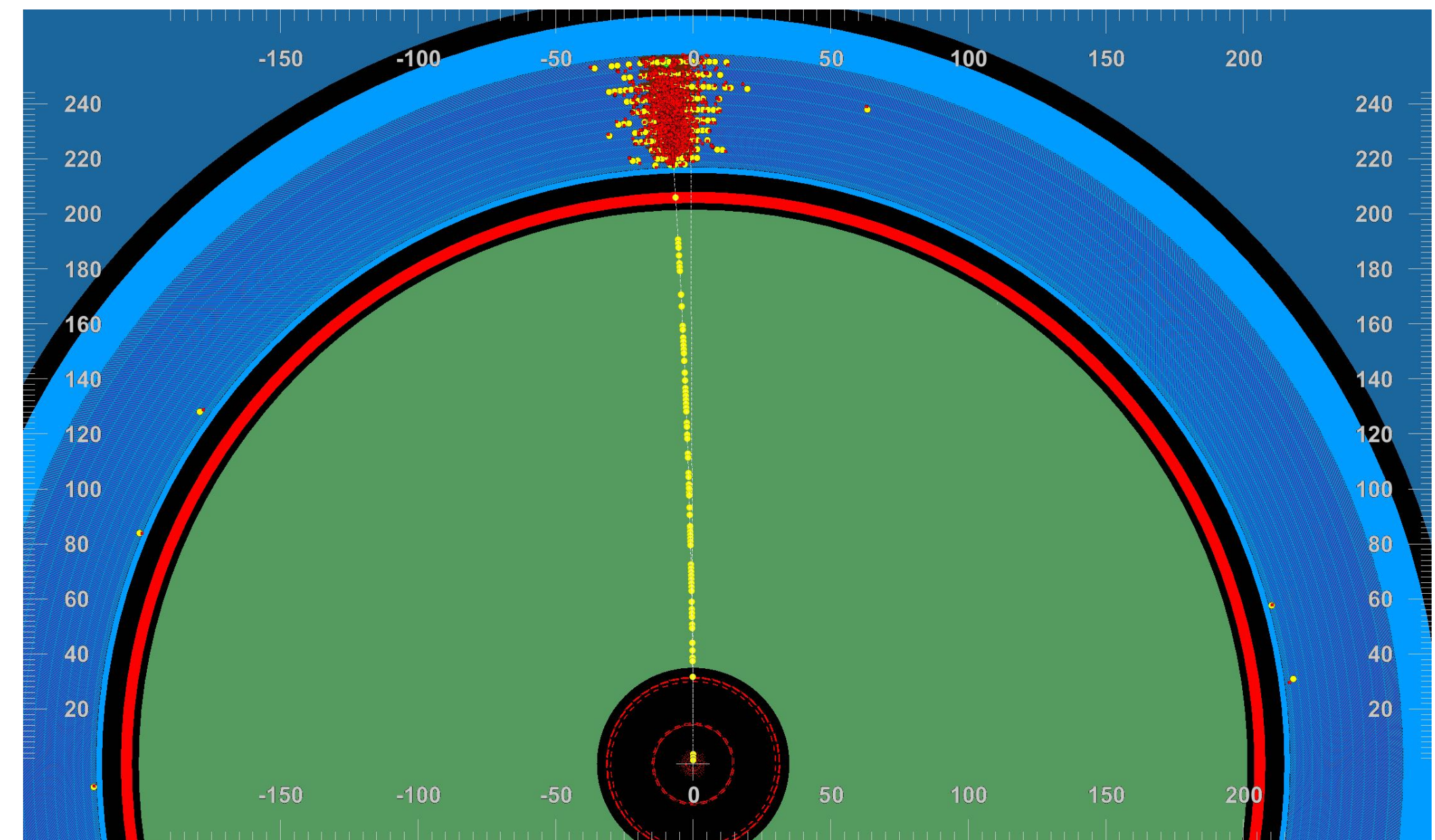
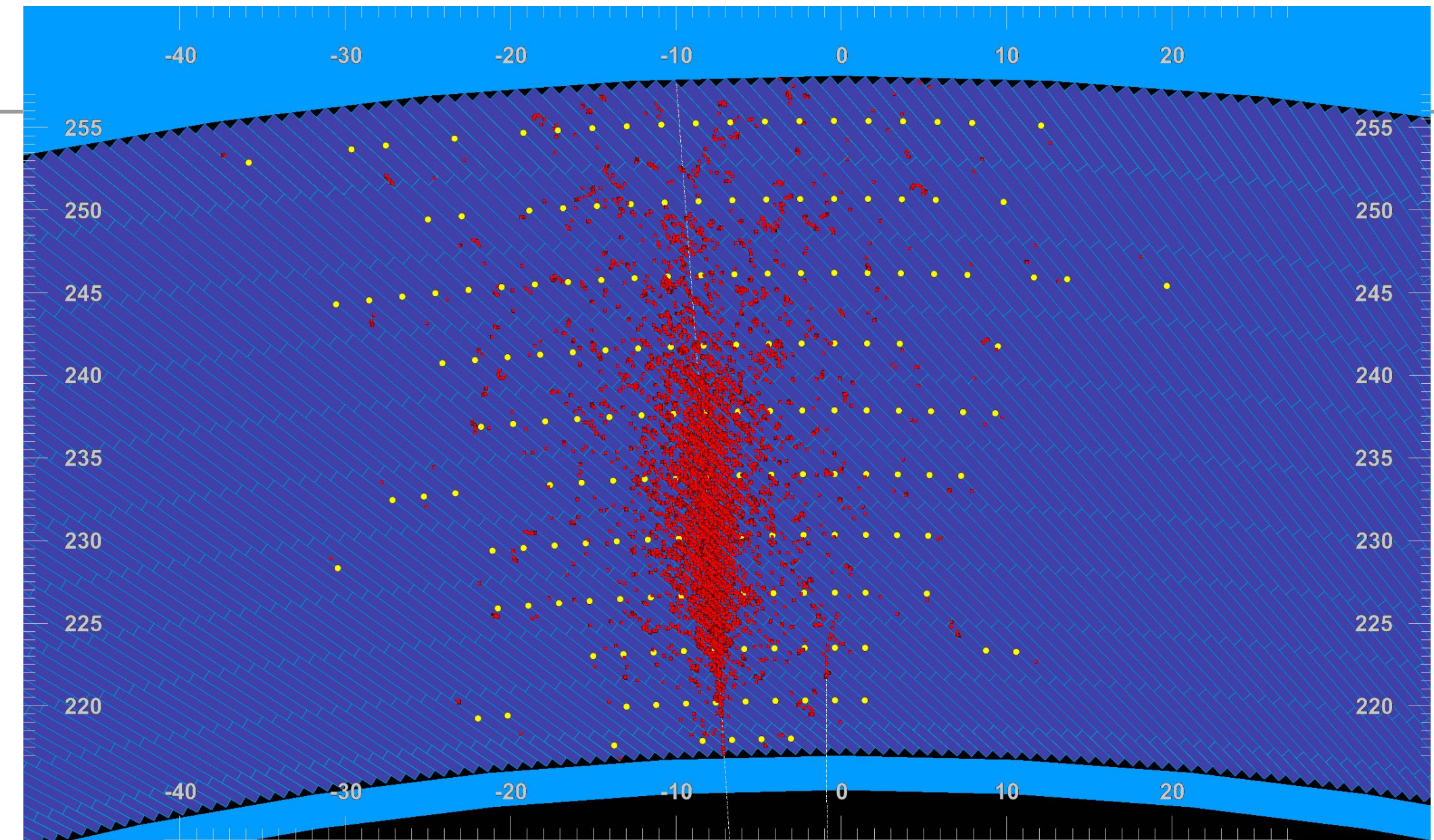
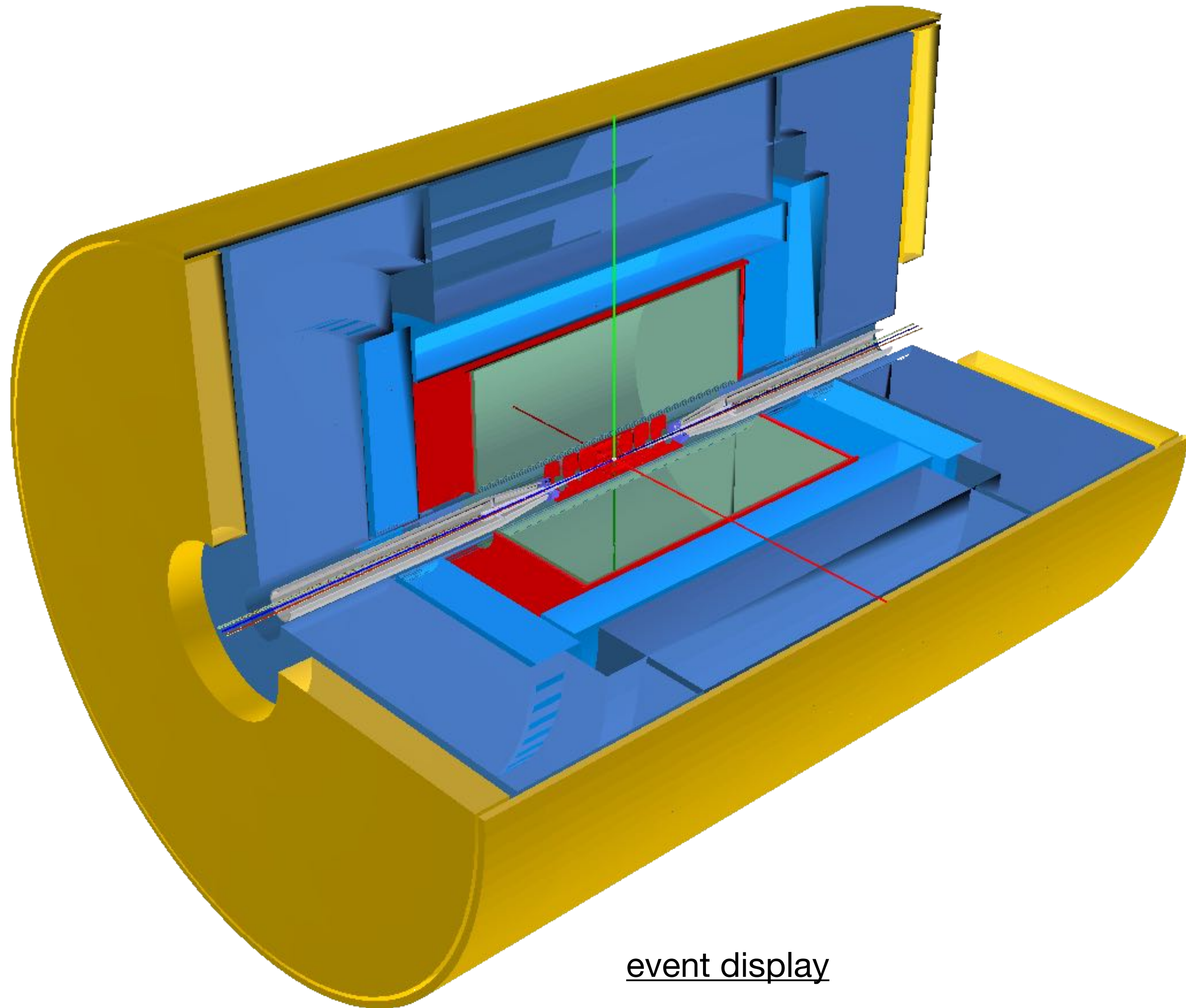


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barrel*



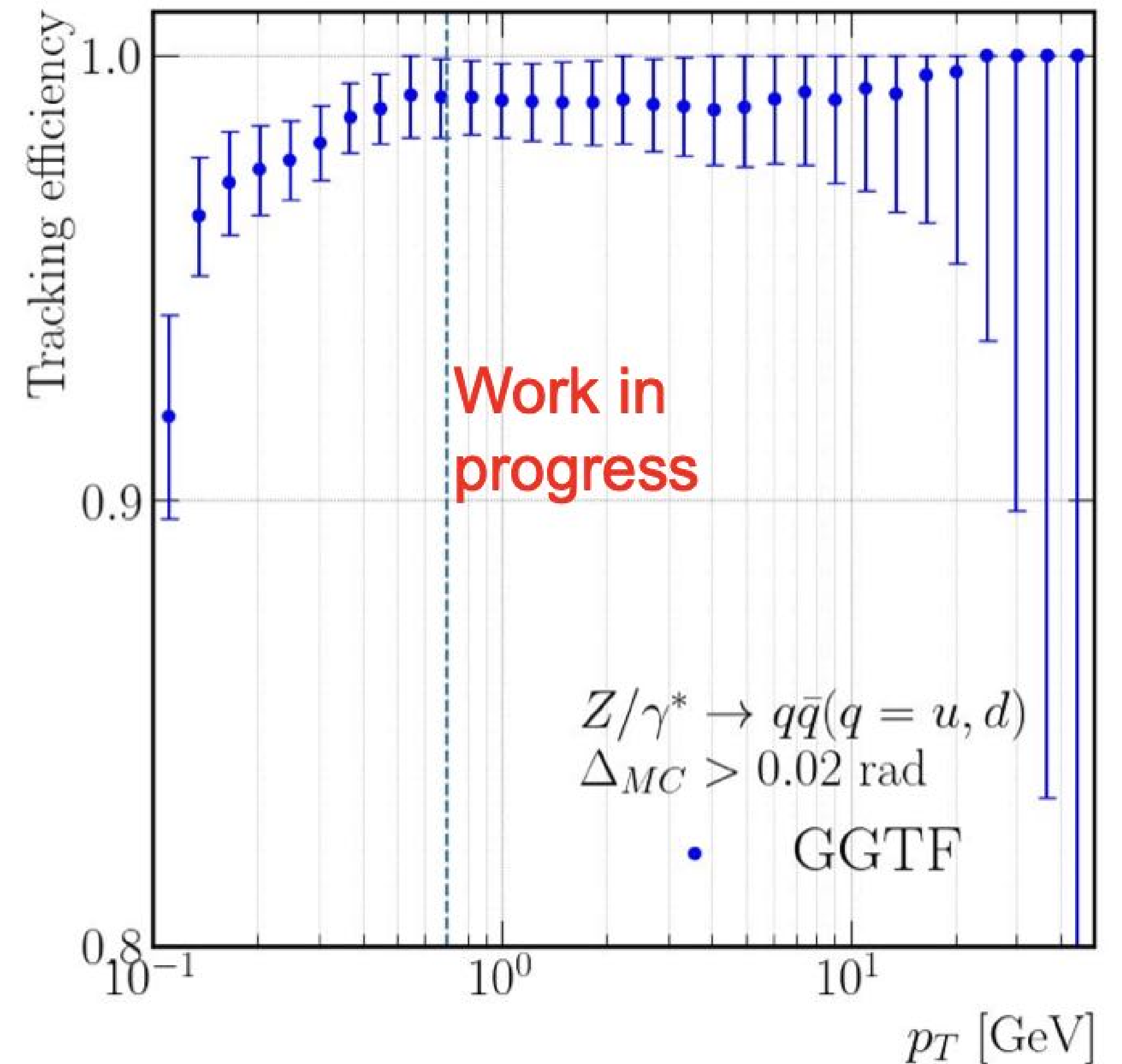
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ALLEGRO full simulation in FCC SW



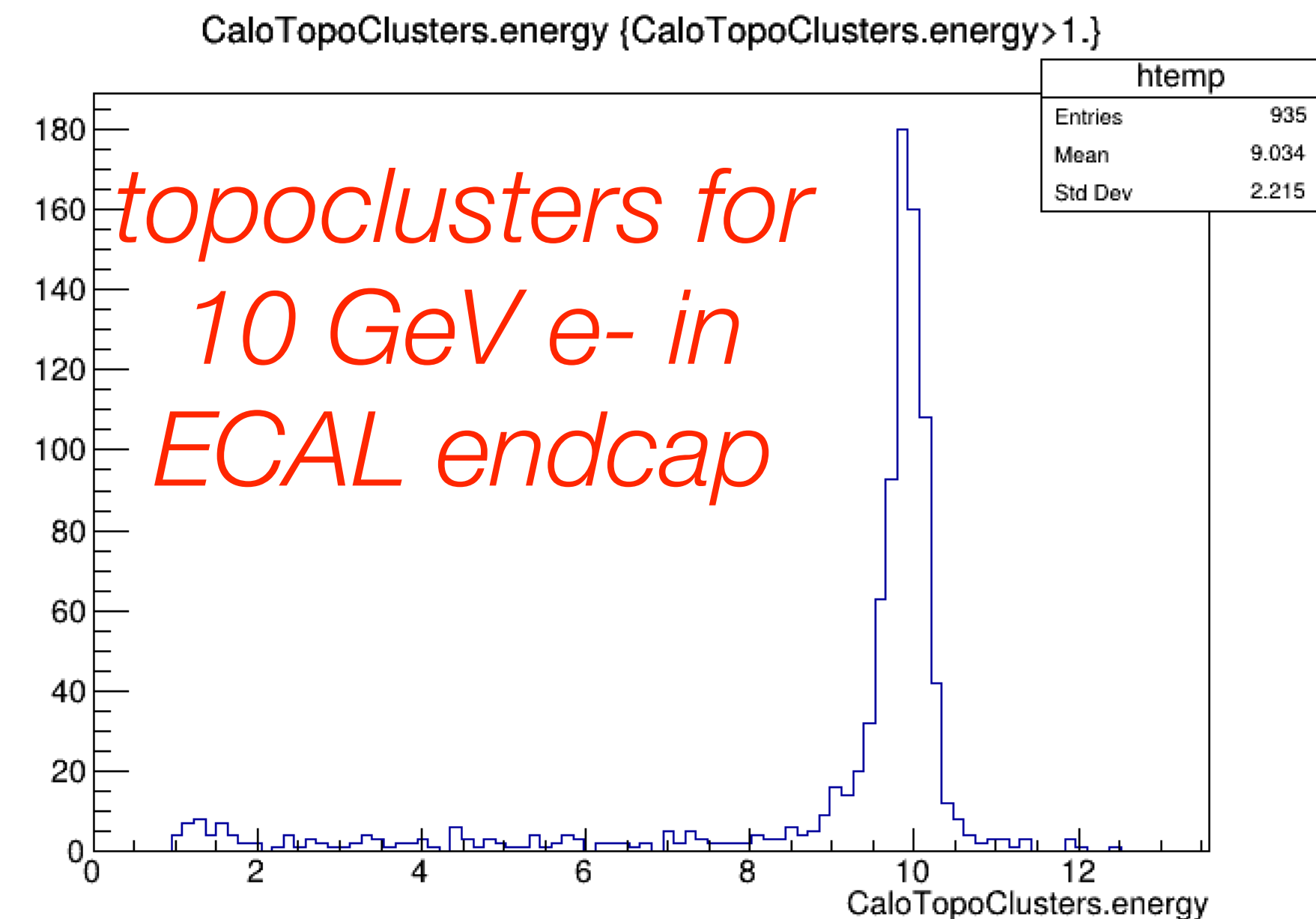
ALLEGRO reconstruction: tracking

- Tracking in current ALLEGRO simulations is still in the works
 - **Hits** are available, produced by applying Gaussian smearing to truth-level hits in trackers
 - **Track** reconstruction from hits not yet implemented
 - Significant work ongoing on **ML-based tracking** for IDEA, could be ported with little effort to ALLEGRO once finalised
- **As a proxy**, for the time being, to enable starting p-flow reconstruction studies, reconstruction-level tracks are produced by cloning the generator-level tracks

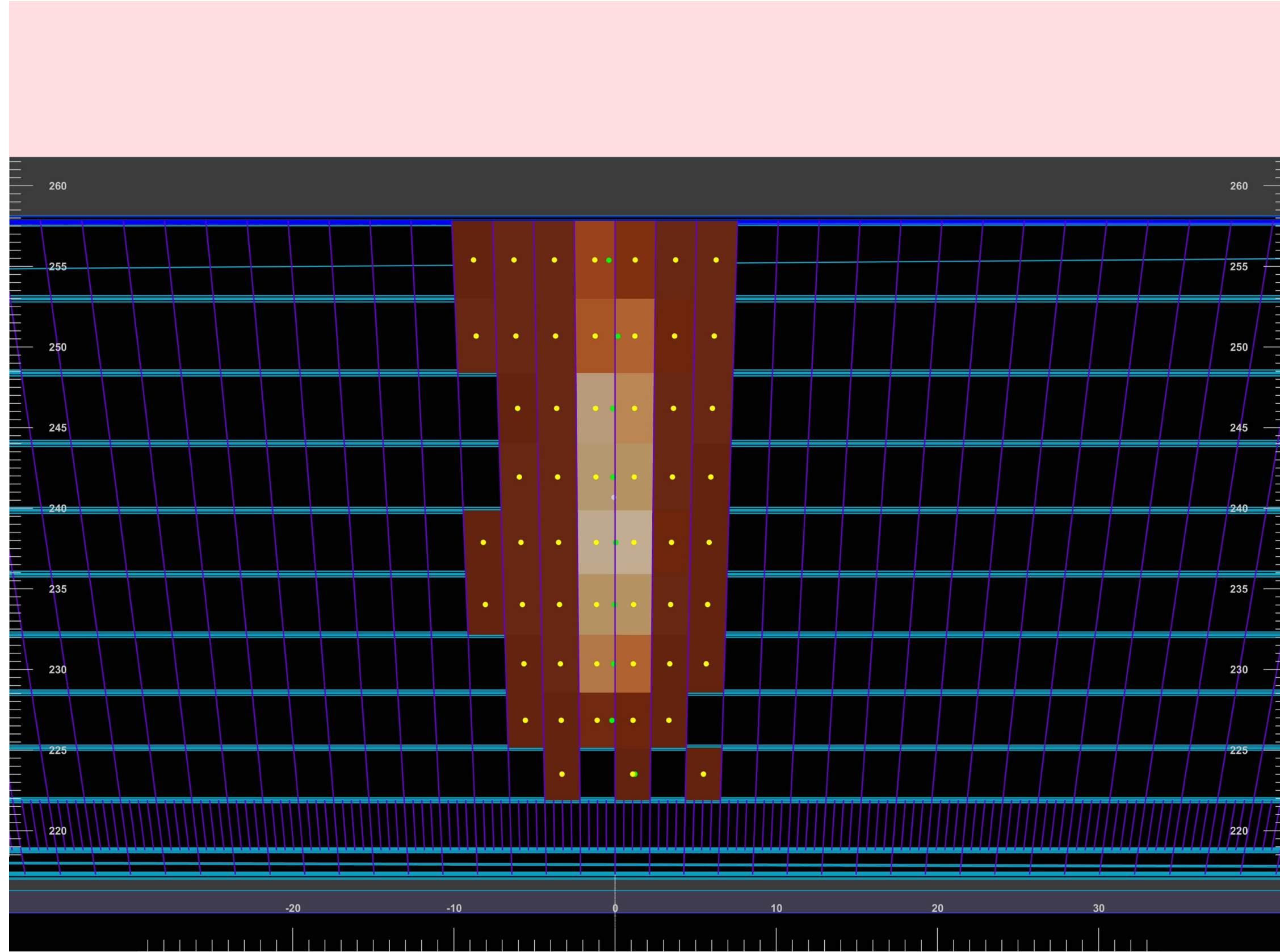


ALLEGRO reconstruction: calorimetry

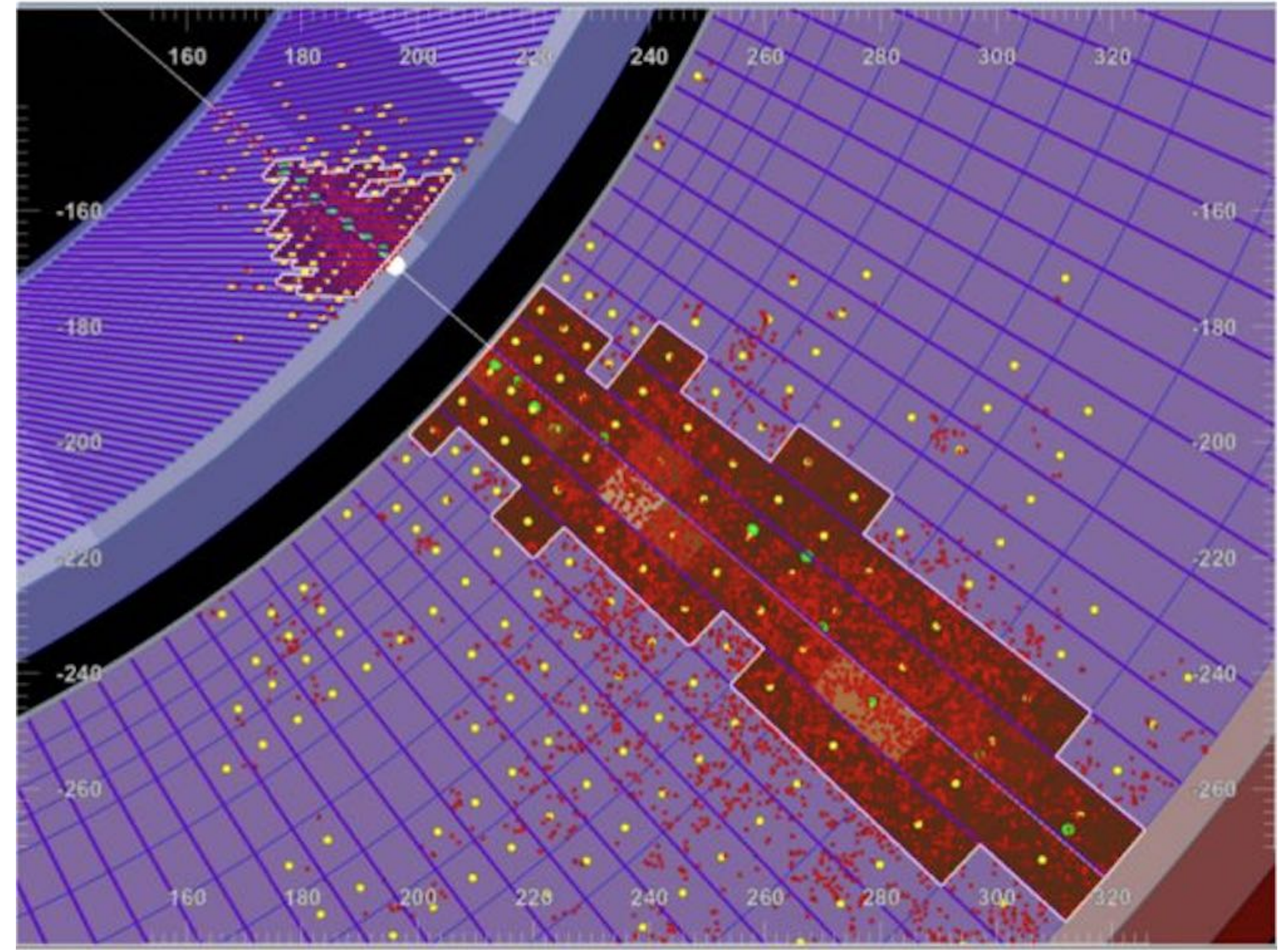
- **Digitisation:** simple sum of G4 hits within given readout cell (defined by the detector readout granularity), rescaled by a sampling fraction correction
 - Same algorithm works for all calorimeter sub detectors (ECAL and HCAL barrel and endcaps)
 - Recent addition of past months: emulation of noise and x-talk in ECAL barrel (to be followed soon by other sub detectors)
 - **Noise:** addition of random Gaussian-distributed noise energy per cell, starting from calculations of expected noise based on detector geometry and detailed electric field simulations of the cells
 - **Crosstalk:** redistribute energy among neighbouring cells based on crosstalk measured in PCB prototypes
- **High-level reconstruction:** two **clustering** algorithms implemented so far, fixed-sized and topological clusters
 - **Fixed-size:** scan $\theta \times \phi$ space with sliding window to identify local maxima in energy deposition => build clusters of fixed size
 - **Topological:** find seed cells ($S/N > T_{seed}$) attach neighbouring ones ($S/N > T_{neighbours}$) => build connected clusters of variable size
 - Both can use cells from only one subsystem (e.g. ECAL-only => "EM" clusters) or both (ECAL+HCAL => seeds for jet reconstruction)
 - SW implemented for all configurations; topoclustering working for ECAL/HCAL barrels since long, implementation for endcaps converging recently
 - CLUE algorithm has also been ported to ALLEGRO but not much tested



ALLEGRO reconstruction: calorimetry



ECAL-only SW cluster (photon)

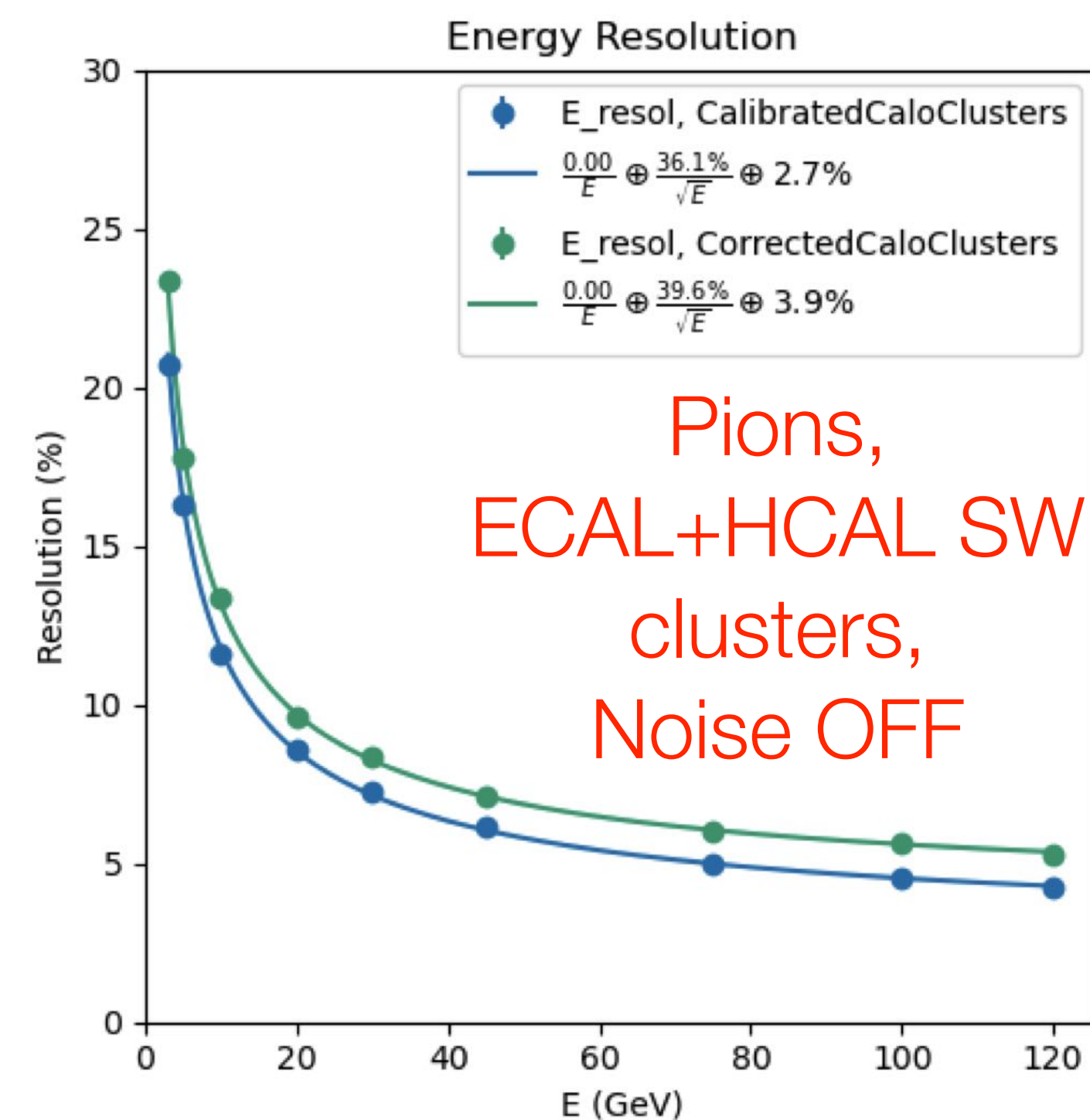
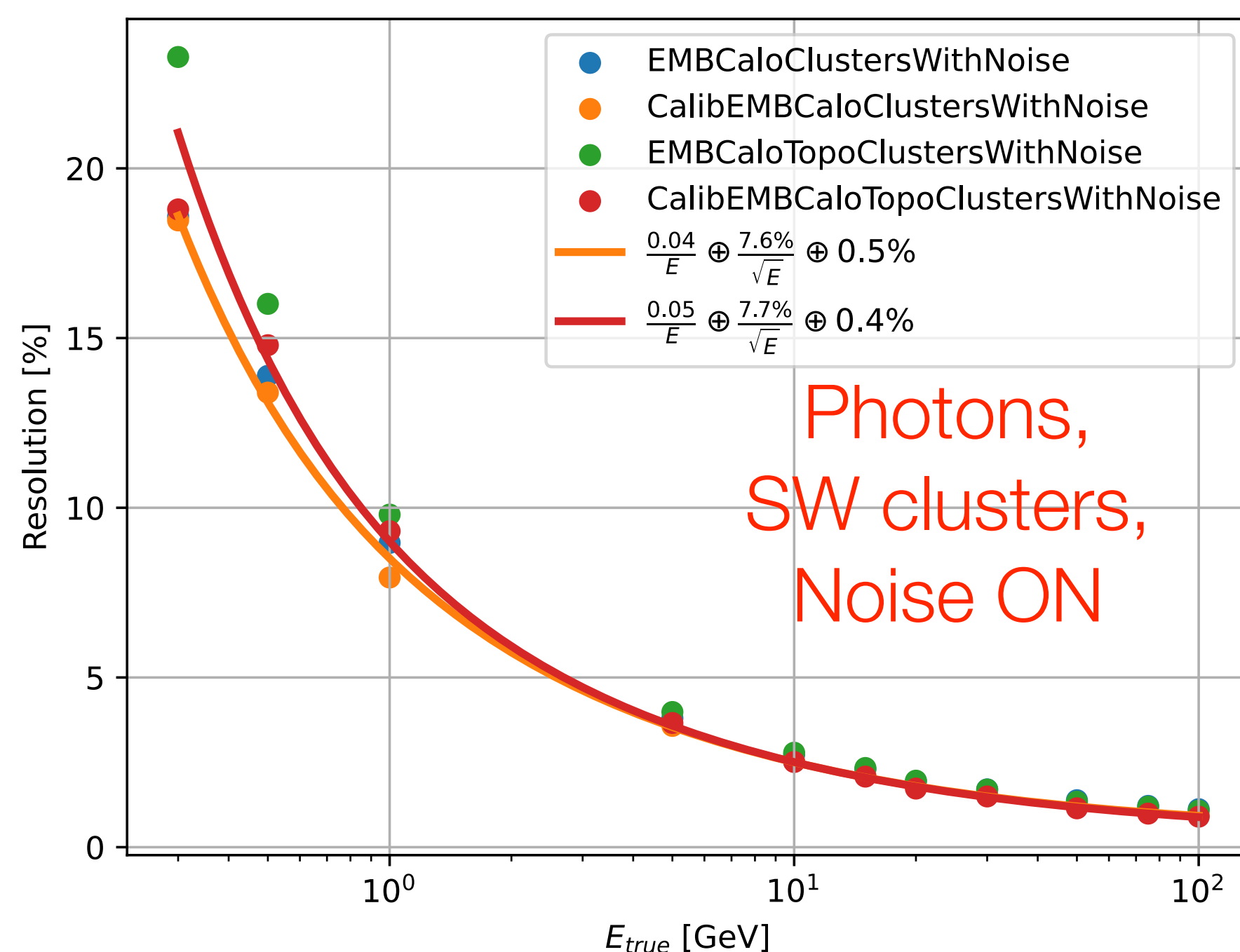


Joint ECAL+HCAL topocluster (pion)

Calorimeter performance: energy calibration

- **BDT-regression-based calibration implemented in Gaudi**

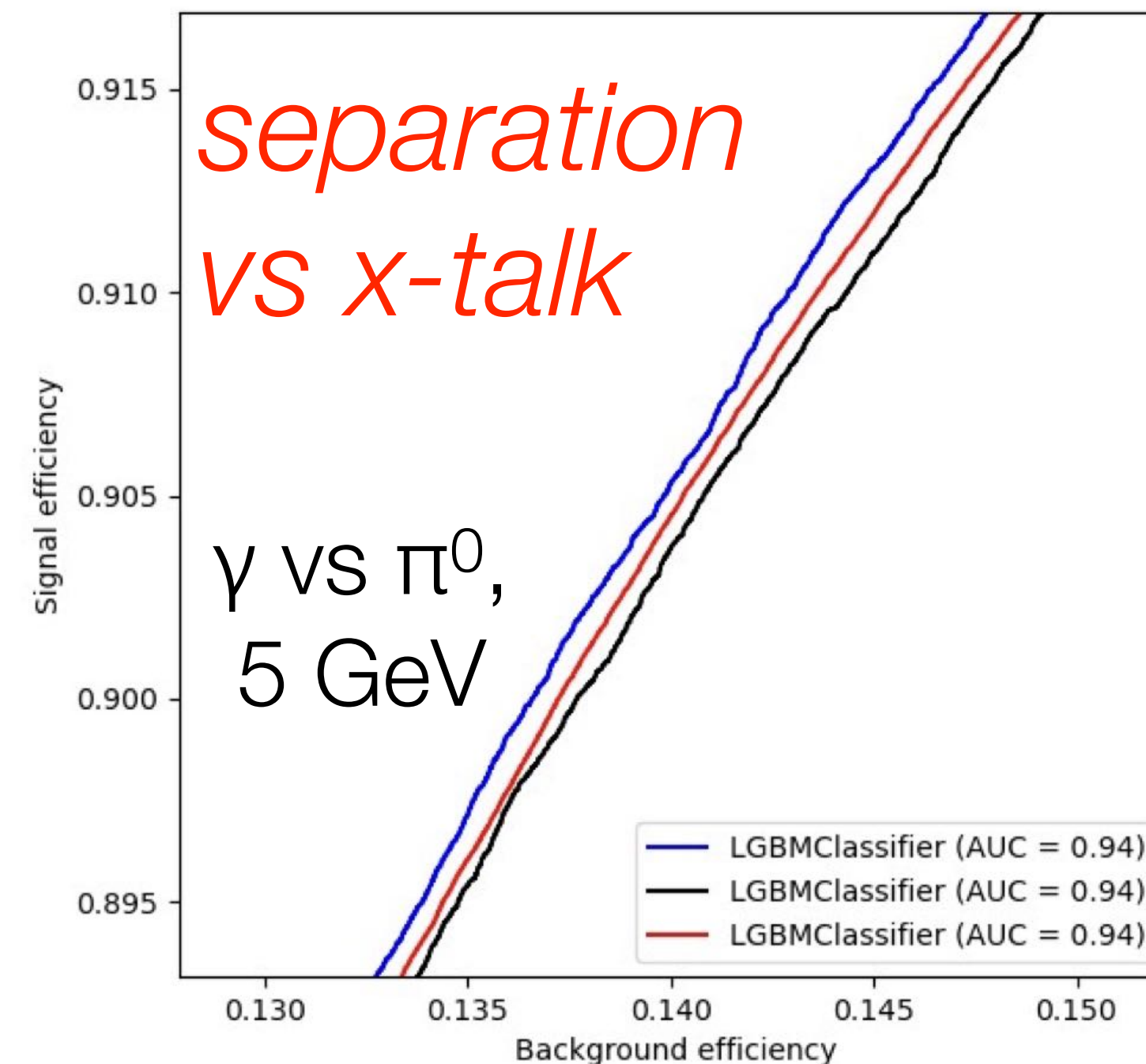
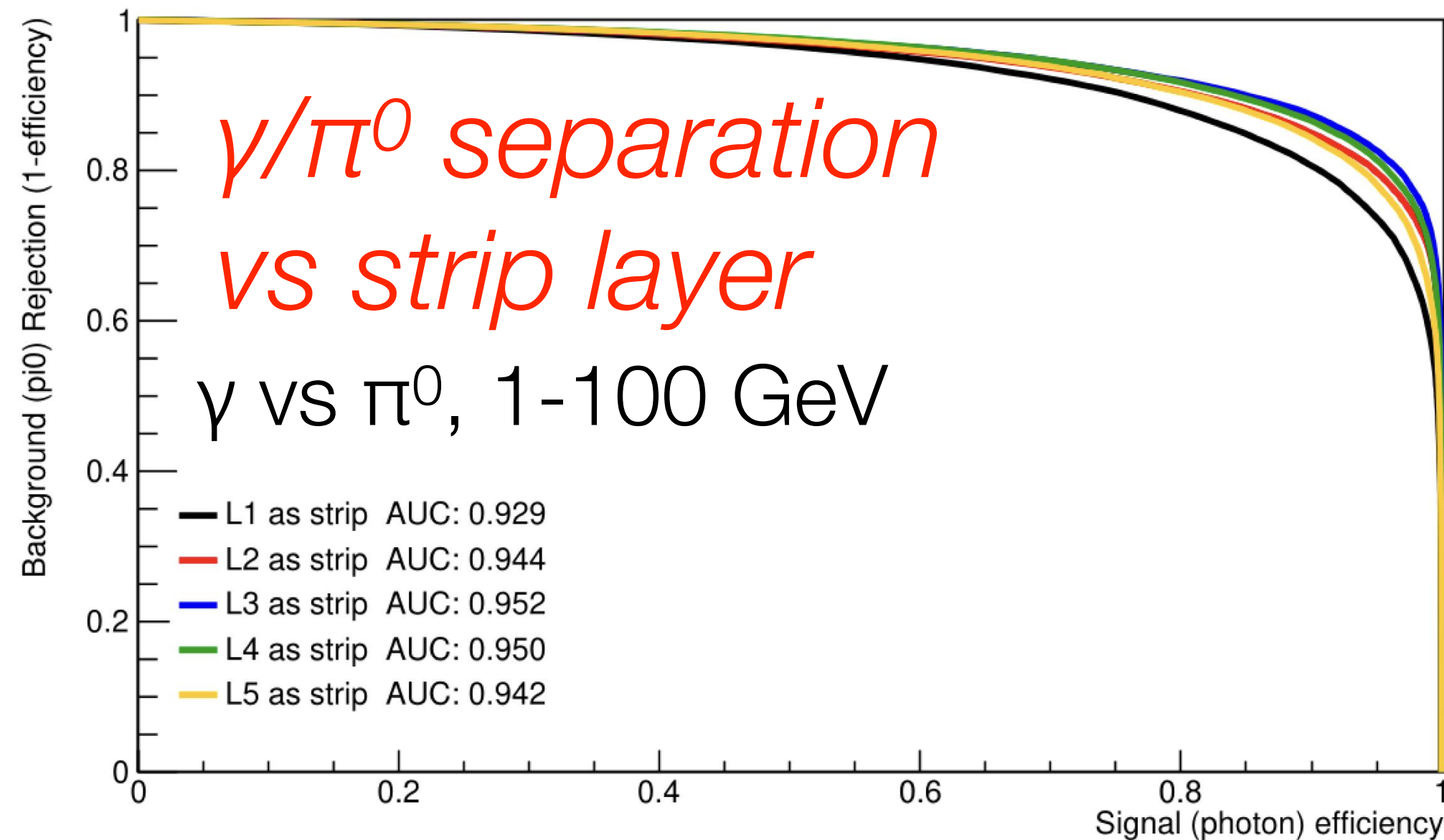
- Inputs: energy fraction in each layer, total energy, cluster barycentre theta-phi; target: $E_{\text{cluster}}/E_{\text{particle}}$
- Inputs calculated directly within Gaudi algorithm, saved as cluster decorations => no need to persist cell-level info
- BDT trained with external tool, output saved to portable ONNX format, that can be read out in Gaudi
- Calibration can be applied by another Gaudi algorithm in all subsequent simulations and saved as cluster decoration



Calorimeter performance: photon identification

- **BDT-based** photon ID algorithm implemented in **Gaudi**
 - Inputs: longitudinal/lateral shower shapes from cell energies, calculated/saved as shape parameters by Gaudi algorithm
 - Target: binary classification with maximum area under curve
 - BDT trained with external tool, output saved to portable ONNX format, that can be read out in Gaudi
 - Inference applied by another Gaudi algorithm in subsequent simulations and BDT score saved in output
 - Work ongoing to assess impact of detector design, crosstalk, noise ..

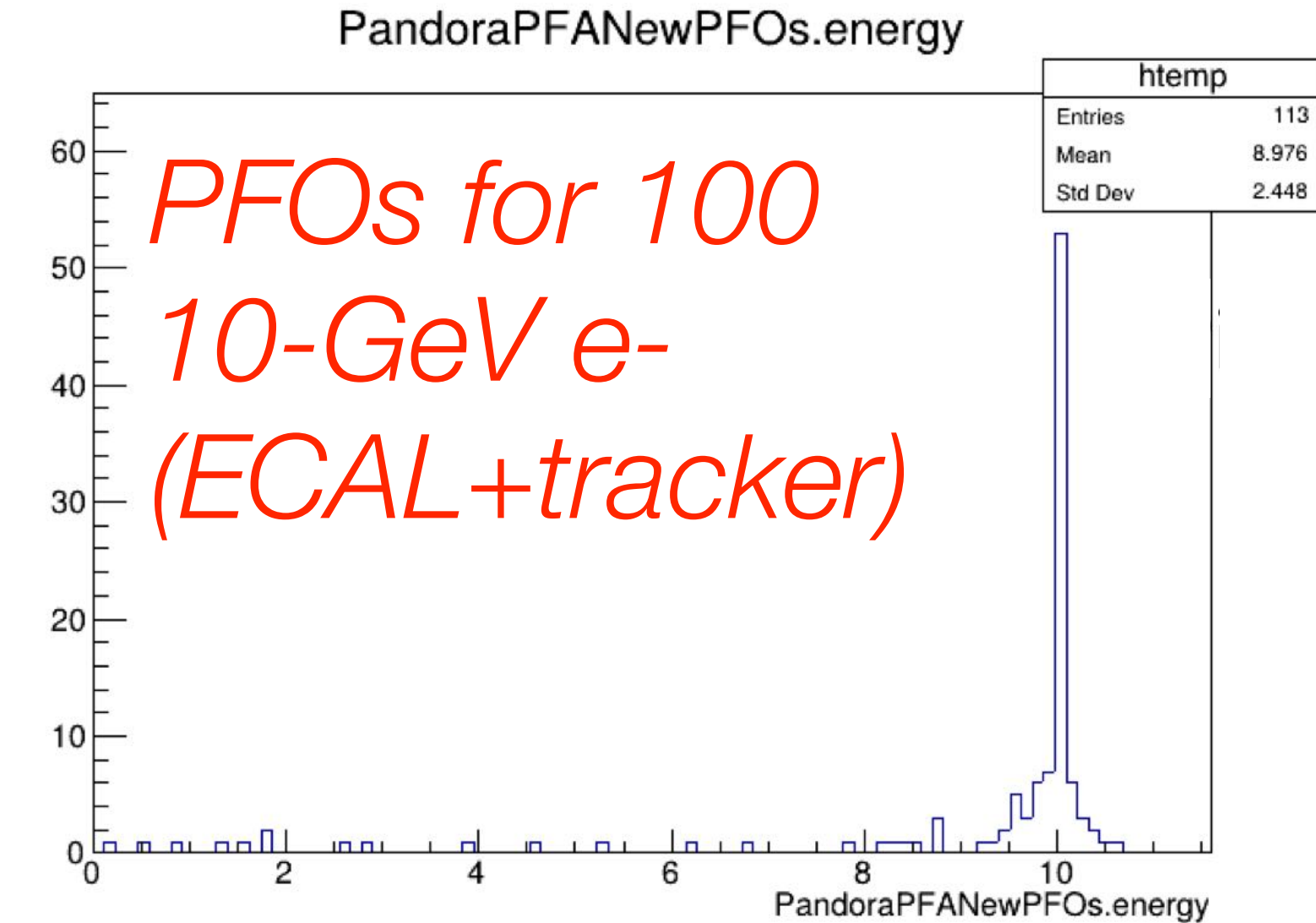
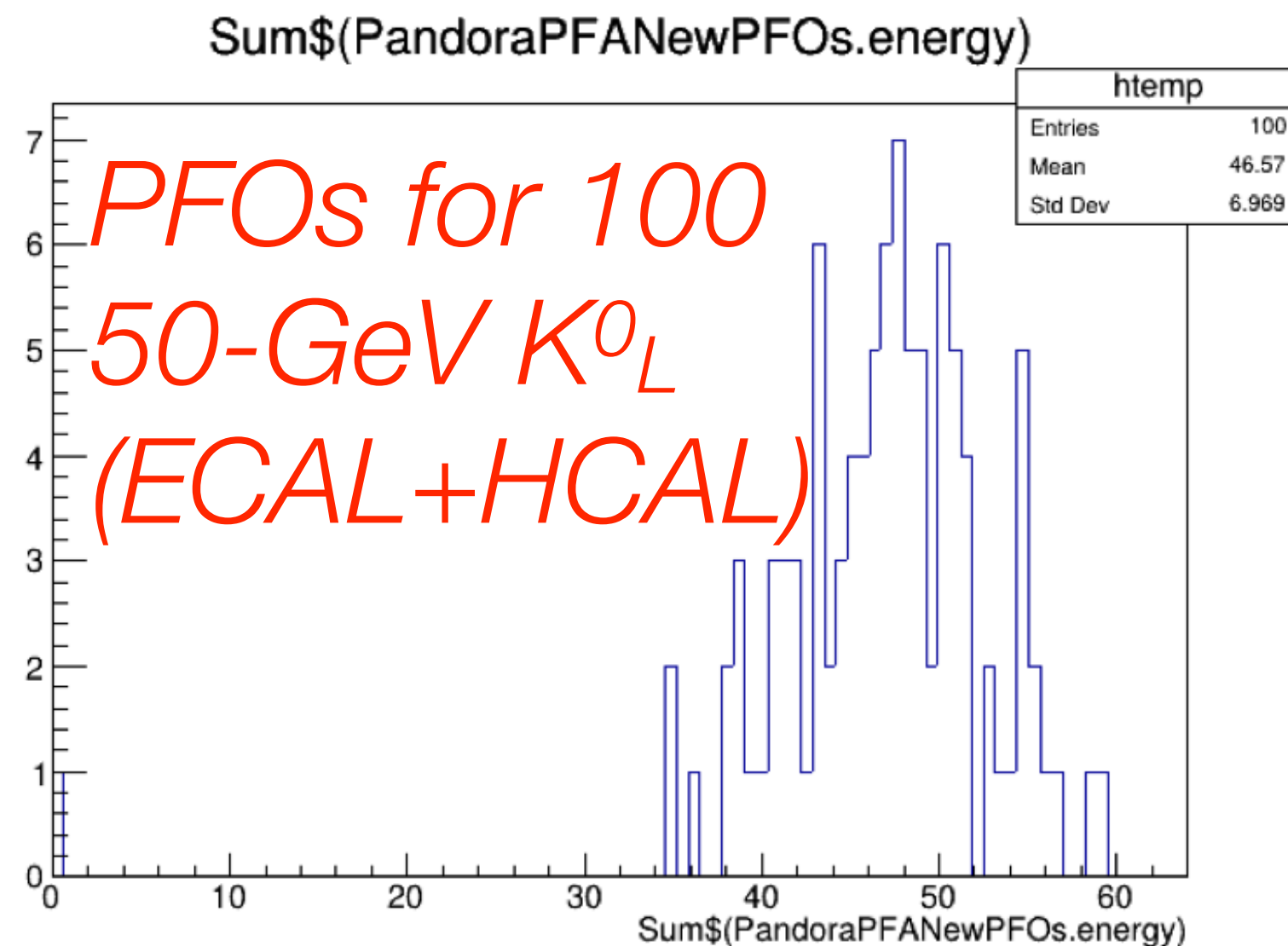
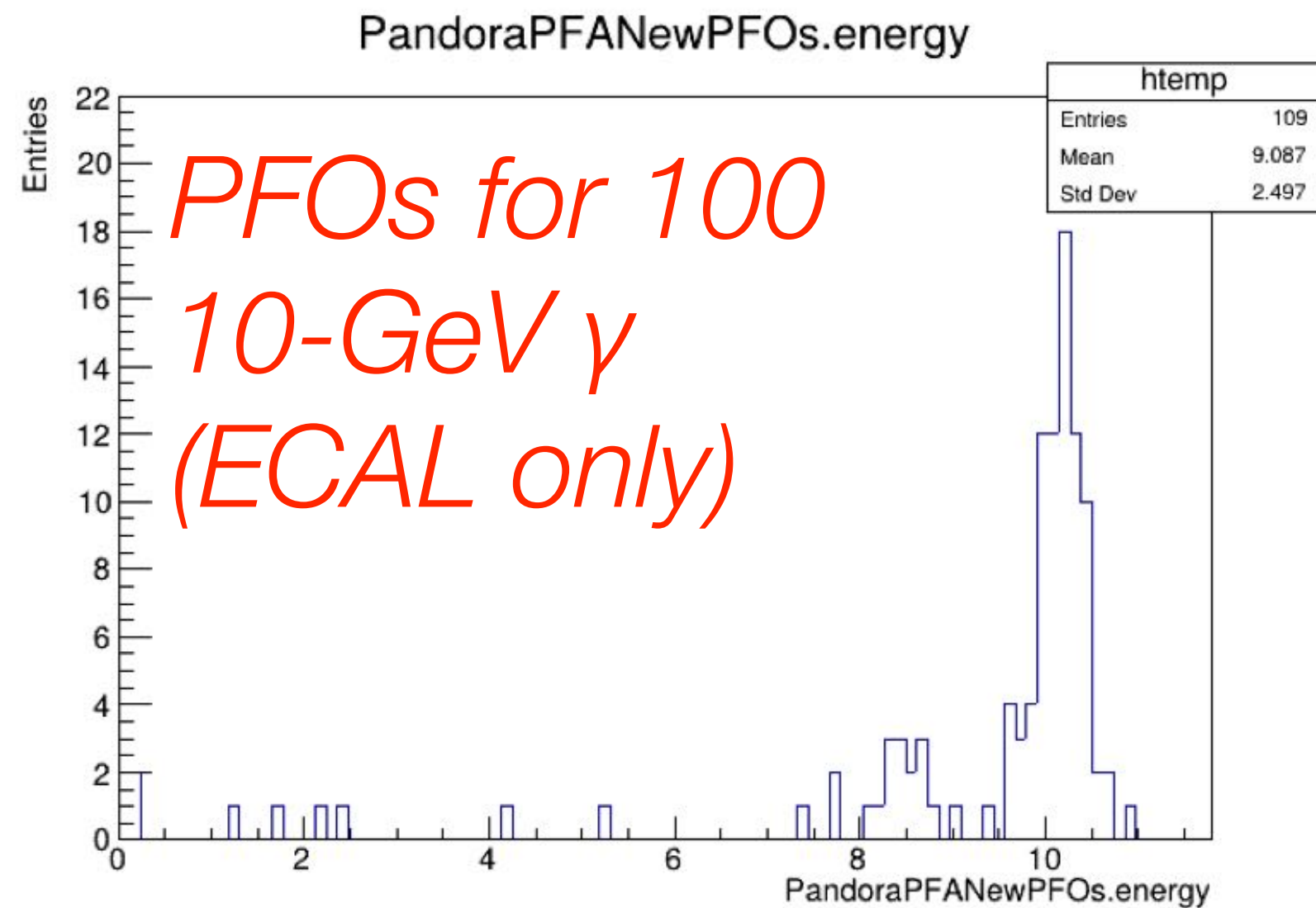
BDT ROC Curve (sliding-window clusters)



- Blue: No cross-talk in training or test.
- Black: Cross-talk in both training and test.
- Red: No cross-talk in training but cross-talk in test.

ALLEGRO reconstruction: towards particle-flow

- **Next major milestone:** exploit all sub detectors at once within **particle-flow** approach
 - Work ongoing in this direction adapting PandoraPFA-based tools in Key4hep/FCCSW to ALLEGRO
 - Currently, use charged gen-level particles instead of (not available yet) reco particle
 - Started with ECAL and HCAL barrels
 - Used CLD working implementation as a starting point and reference for comparing to
 - Many details (settings, calibrations, identification criteria ...) to be fully understood/properly set/adapted to
 - Encouraging initial results on e/ γ /KL PFO objects, calibration/identification to be improved

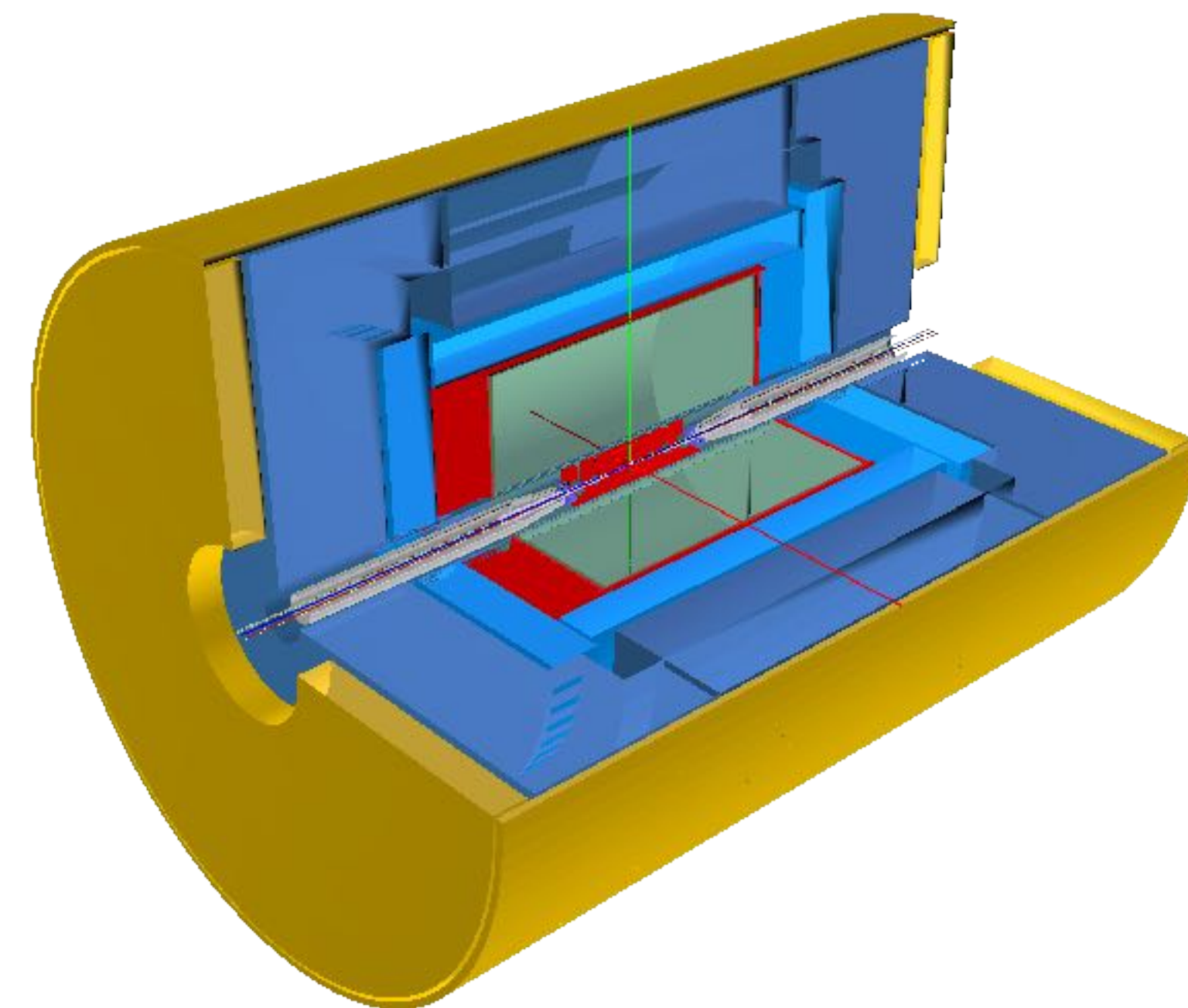


Conclusion

- ALLEGRO proposed as high-performance general-purpose detector concept for FCC-ee
 - we will submit an EoI for the ESU
 - a strong noble-liquid ECAL team (20 institutes) + lots of interest on other subdetectors
 - in coming years we should further develop ideas keeping physics requirements in mind, build prototypes & implement them into FCC SW with realistic performance
- “Paper” version of reference design is now implemented in full-sim within FCCSW
 - Can emulate detector response and (overlay effects such as noise / x-talk
 - Alternative subdetector ideas can be easily implemented
- Reconstruction is actively being developed with very good recent progress
 - Tracking in drift chamber (IDEA), ML-based tracking
 - Basic reconstruction algorithms for calorimeters in place, effort on p-flow ramping up
- **With realistic full-sim and reconstruction in place, we can spend less time on software and more on physics, and have more stable results, in coming years**

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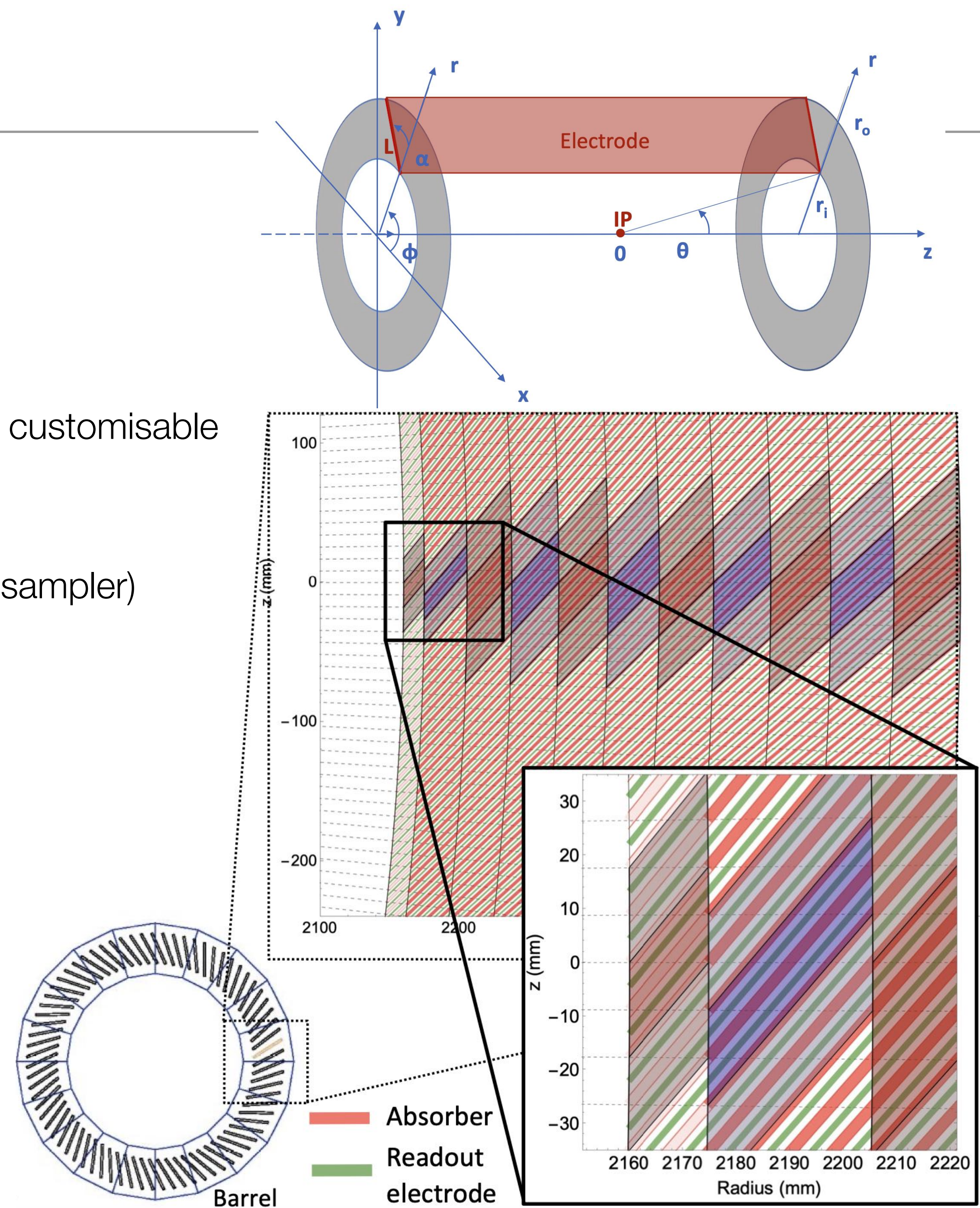
→ Working on ALLEGRO is building our future!
Many interesting challenges ahead of us!
Come and join us!



More details

ECAL barrel

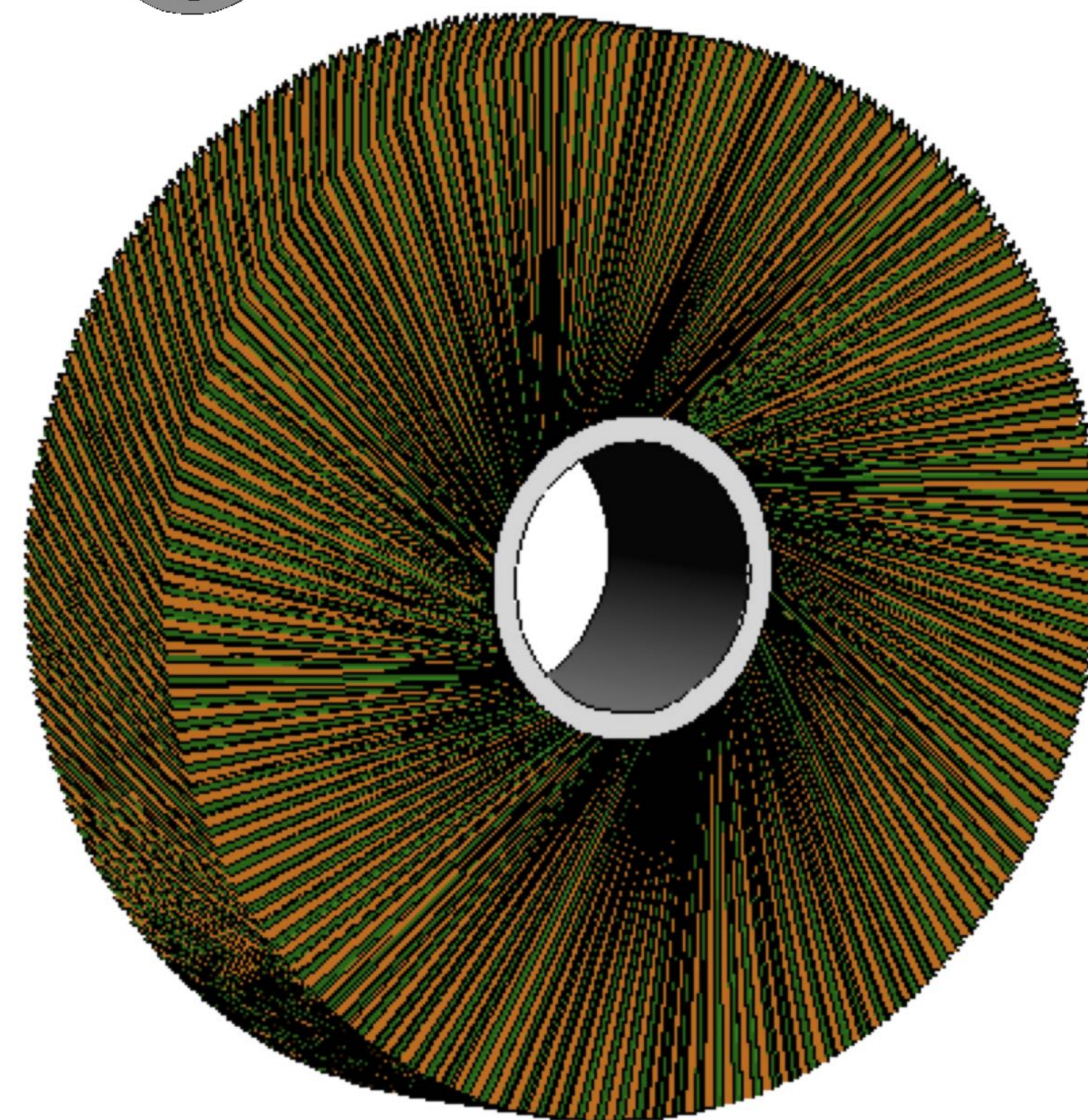
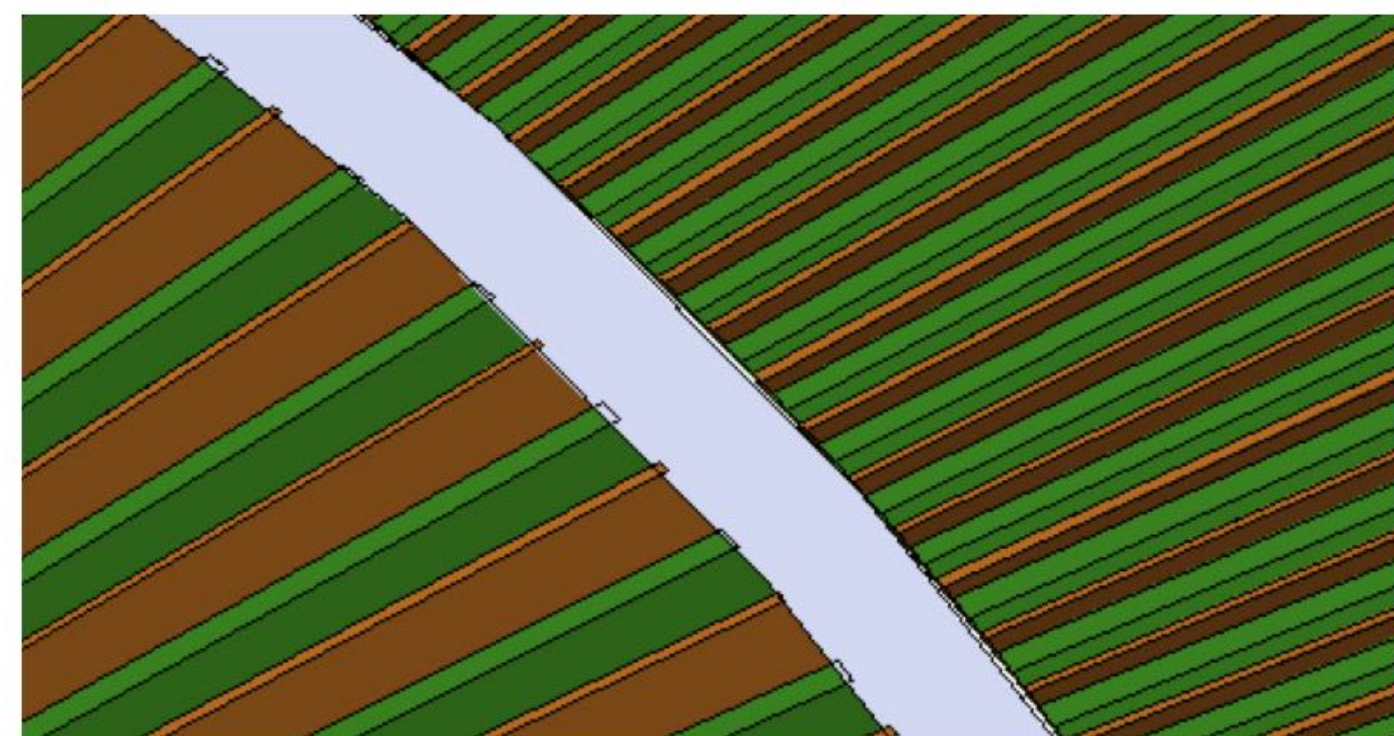
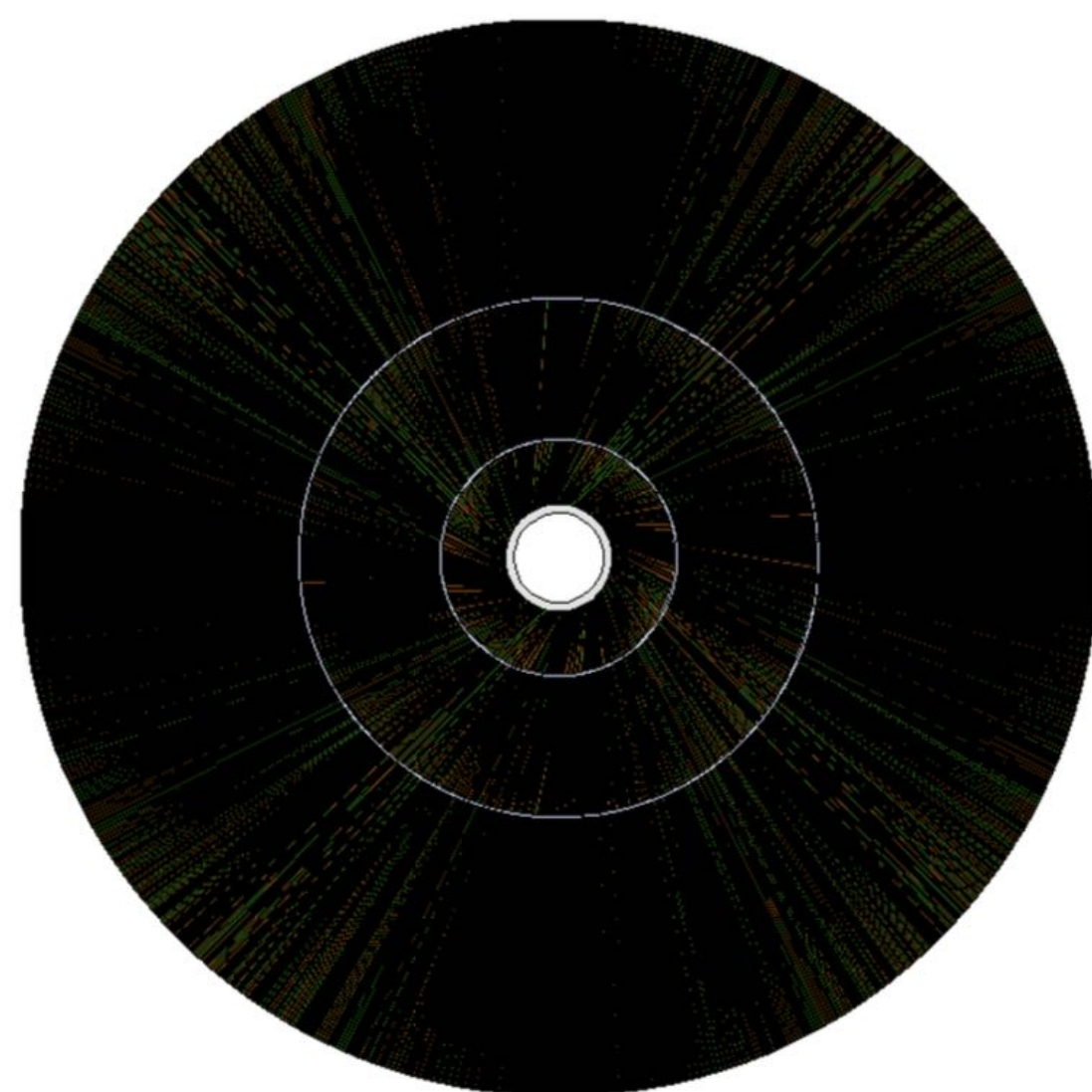
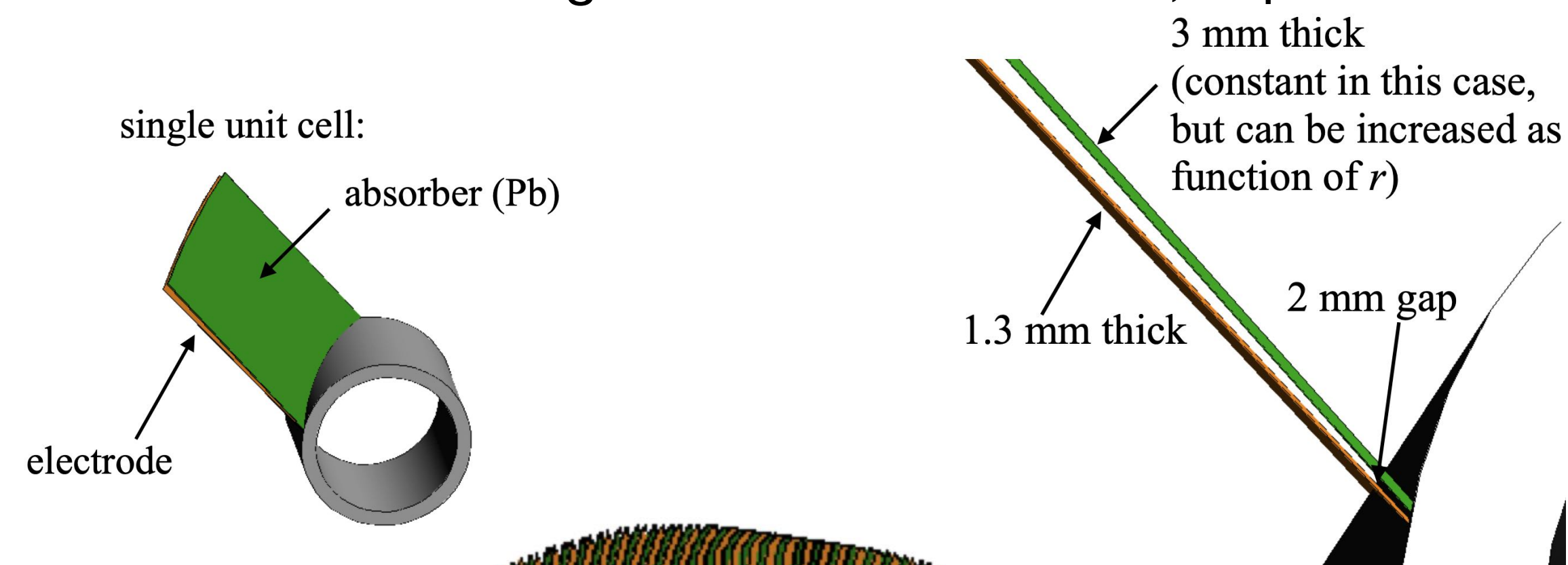
- **Baseline design** (exact parameters subject to further optimisation):
 - 1536 straight inclined (50°) 1.8 mm Pb absorber plates
 - $R_{in} = 216$ cm, $R_{out}=256$ cm \Rightarrow 40 cm deep ($\approx 22 X_0$)
 - Multi-layer PCBs as readout electrodes \Rightarrow # layers and granularity customisable
 - 2 x 1.2 mm LAr gaps
 - 12 = 1 (1.5 cm) + 11 (3.5 cm) longitudinal compartments (L0 = presampler)
 - $\Delta\theta \sim 10$ (2.5) mrad for regular (L1 strip) cells,
 - $\Delta\phi \sim 8$ mrad
- **Possible Options**
 - LKr or LAr active medium, W or Pb absorbers,
 - Al or carbon fibre cryostat
 - Absorbers with growing thickness



ECAL endcap

- Endcap design more complex than barrel. A few preliminary ideas on the table. Showing here the baseline one, implemented in the simulation (“Turbine design”), see [here](#) for alternative ideas

- similar to barrel design, with many thin absorber plates
- symmetric in ϕ
- readout from high- $|z|$ face
- Issue: increase in the size of the LAr gaps
 - mitigated stacking several cylinders



HCAL barrel

- Currently being simulated: TileCal-like design
 - 5mm steel absorber plates alternating with 3mm scintillator plates
 - 128 modules in ϕ , 2 tile/module $\rightarrow \Delta\phi = 0.025$
 - $\Delta\theta \sim 0.022$ (grouping 3-4 tiles),
 - 13 radial layers (4x5 cm, 6x10 cm, 3x20 cm)
 - Removed the Pb plates compared to FCC-hh design (HCAL acts as return yoke for the central solenoid)
 - FCC-ee TileCal geometry and segmentation is available in k4geo
 - Work ongoing on the geometry optimisation (different scintillating materials, different absorbers, and dimensions/segmentations - in progress, won't report about it today) and calibration

