

# PHYSICS OPPORTUNITIES AND DETECTOR DESIGN FOR THE FCC-EE

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# European strategy for future collider projects

### The LHC legacy so far

- Standard Model (SM) confirmed to high accuracy up to energies of several TeV (thanks to a firm control of exp. & th. syst. uncertainties, the LHC became a precision machine)
- ▶ **Higgs boson discovered** at the mass predicted\* by LEP precision EW measurements



We need a broad, versatile and ambitious programme that

- 1. sharpens our knowledge of already discovered physics
- 2. pushes the frontiers of the unknown at high and low scales
  - together FCC-ee & FCC-hh combine these 2 aspects —

more PRECISION and more ENERGY, for more SENSITIVITY to New Physics

### Need for Higgs boson precision measurements

"The Higgs isn't everything; it's the only thing!"\*
The scalar discovery in 2012 has been an important milestone for HEP.
Many of us are still excited about it. Others should be too.

Higgs = **new forces** of different nature than the interactions known so far

- No underlying local symmetry.
- No quantised charges.
- Deeply connected to the space-time vacuum structure.
- The discovery of the Higgs opens new deep questions —
- What is the origin of the Higgs boson?
- Is it elementary and isolated, or does it emerge from a deeper underlying dynamics?
- Which role did the Higgs play during the big bang, and how did it influence the evolution of the Universe?
- Does the Higgs boson play a role in explaining other fundamental open questions in particle physics which the SM cannot address (flavour, DM, baryogenesis, inflation...)

### European strategy for particle physics

**Original strategy from 2006** LHC mooting of luminosity upgrade of the LHC, R&D in accelerator technologies, coordination with a potential ILC project.

**1**<sup>st</sup> **update in 2013** High-Luminoisty LHC, need for a post-LHC programme.

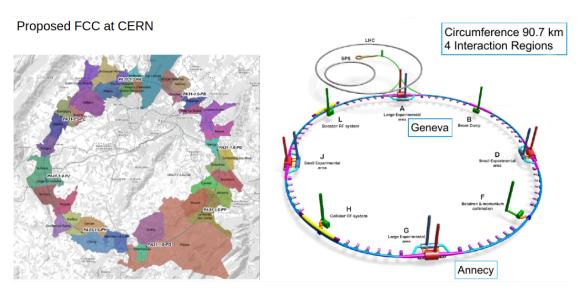
#### **2**<sup>nd</sup> **update in 2020**

- Higgs factory highest priority after the HL-LHC.
- ► Future Circular Collider (FCC) feasibility study.

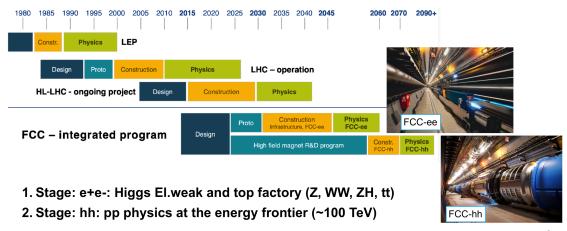
#### 3<sup>rd</sup> update in 2026

Open symposion on the European strategy for partilce physics in Venice in June: Overwhelming support for the integrated FCC-ee/hh programme by the HEP communities in the CERN Member and Associate Member states and beyond.

#### The Future Circular Collider



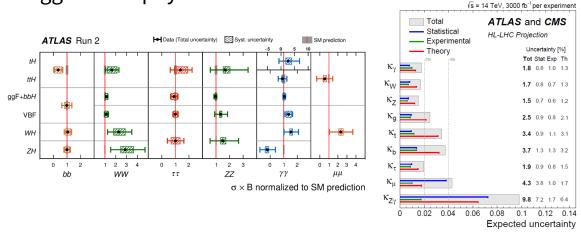
### High-energy physics timeline



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# FCC-ee physics opportunities

Higgs boson physics at the LHC and HL-LHC

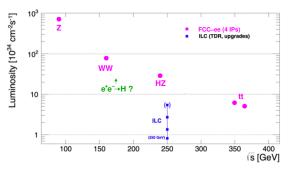


- ► LHC measurements revealed the existence of a scalar particle which closely resembles the prediction Higgs boson of the Standard Model (SM).
- ► The HL-LHC will increase the experimental sensitivity to deviations from the SM significantly by providing Higgs couplings with percent precision.

### FCC-ee as Higgs factory plus EW and top factory

#### Higgs factory programme

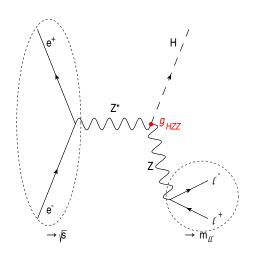
- ightharpoonup 2 · 10<sup>6</sup> HZ events (similar to the HL-LHC, but higher purity and selection efficiency) and 125,000 W<sup>+</sup>W<sup>-</sup> events.
- Precise measurements of Higgs couplings to fermions and bosons.
- $\blacktriangleright$  Sensitivity to Higgs self-coupling at 2-4  $\sigma$  level via loop diagrams.
- ▶ Unique opportunity to measure the electron coupling in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$  at  $\sqrt{s}=125$  GeV.



By changing the centre-of-mass energy of the collider the FCC-ee can also be operated as an electroweak and top quark factory.

- $ightharpoonup \sim 100,000 \, \text{Z/s} \, (1 \, \text{Z/s at LEP}).$
- $ho \sim$  10, 000 Ws/h (20,000 Ws in 5 years at LEP).
- $ightharpoonup \sim 1,500$  top quarks/d.

### Measurements of the Higgs boson couplings at the FCC-ee

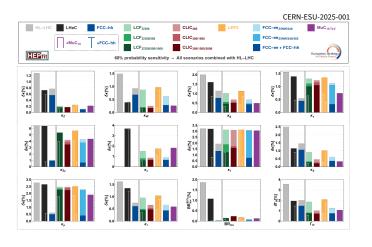


- At the FCC-ee, unlike the (HL-)LHC absolute coupling measurements are possible.
- ► The presence of the Higgs boson can be deduced from a peak in the recoil mass spectrum:

$$m_{recoil}^2 = s + m_{\ell\ell}^2 - 2\sqrt{s}(E_{\ell^+} + E_{\ell^-}).$$

- $\Rightarrow \sigma(ZH)$  obtained independently obtained from the Higgs boson decay.  $\Rightarrow$  Absolute determination of  $g_{HZZ}$ .
- Exclusive decays into  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $c\bar{c}$ , gg,  $\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^+$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $Z\gamma$ , invisible and new BSM states provides absolute couplings to these final states.
- ► Combination of  $\sigma(ZH)$  with  $\sigma(ZH \to ZZ)$  provides the total width of the Higgs boson.

### Projections for coupling measurements



- Substantial improvement in sensitivity for  $\Gamma_{H \to ZZ}$ ,  $\Gamma_{H \to c\bar{c}}$ ,  $\Gamma_{H \to b\bar{b}}$ ,  $\Gamma_{H \to inv}$ .
- Model independent measurement of  $\Gamma_H$  only at an  $e^+e^-$  collider.

### FCC-ee physics programme overview

#### Higgs factory programme

- $ightharpoonup 2 \cdot 10^6$  ZH events at  $\sqrt{s} = 240$  GeV.
- ▶ 75,000  $W^+W^- \rightarrow H$  events at  $\sqrt{s} = 365$  GeV.
- Measurement of Higgs couplings.
- Sensitivity to Higgs selfcoupling at the  $2 4\sigma$  level via loop diagrams.
- ▶ Unique:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 125$  GeV.

#### Heavy flavour programme

- ▶  $10^{12} b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, 1.7 \cdot 10^{11} \tau^+ \tau^-$  in a clean environment (10×Belle).
- → CKM matrix, CP measurements. Rare decays, CLFV searches, lepton universality.

#### Precision EW and QCD programme

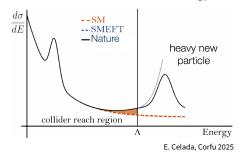
- ►  $6 \cdot 10^{12} Z$  and  $10^8 W^+W^-$  events.  $\rightarrow m_Z$ ,  $\Gamma_Z$ ,  $\Gamma_{inv.}$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta$ ,  $m_W$ ,  $\Gamma_W$ , ...
- ►  $2 \cdot 10^6 t\bar{t}$  events.  $\rightarrow m_t$ ,  $\Gamma_t$ , EW couplings.
- Indirect sensitivity to new physics.

#### Feebly interacting BSM particles

- Opportunity to directly observe new feebly interacting particles with masses < m<sub>Z</sub>.
- Axion-like particles, dark photons, heavy neutral leptons.
- ► Long lifetimes LLPs.

#### The SMEFT framework

- ▶ No statistically significant deviations from SM predictions in collider data.
- ⇒ Consider the SM as low-energy effective field theory of the final/exact theory.

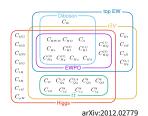


► The Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) reveals high energy physics effects through precise measurements at low energy:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathit{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathit{SM}} + \sum_{k} rac{c_{k}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^{2}} O_{k}^{(6)} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-3})$$

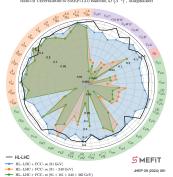
$$\sigma = |\mathcal{M}_{\mathit{SM}}|^2 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left( \Sigma c^{(6)} 2 \mathit{Re}[\mathcal{M}^*_{\mathit{SM}} \mathcal{M}^{(6)}_{\mathit{EFT}}] \right) + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \left( \Sigma c^{(6)} \mathcal{M}^{(6)}_{\mathit{EFT}} \right)^2$$

#### SMEFT at FCC-ee



- Several Wilson coefficients appear in cross section of different processes accessible at the different centre-of-mass energies.
- ► Constrain the coefficients in a global fit to the entire FCC-ee data.

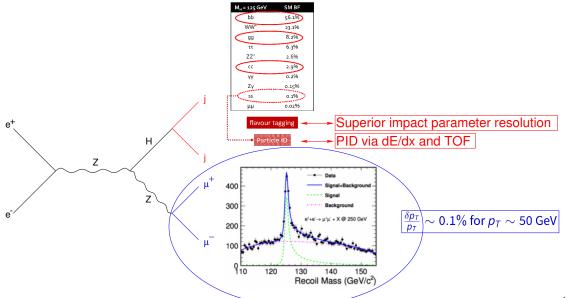




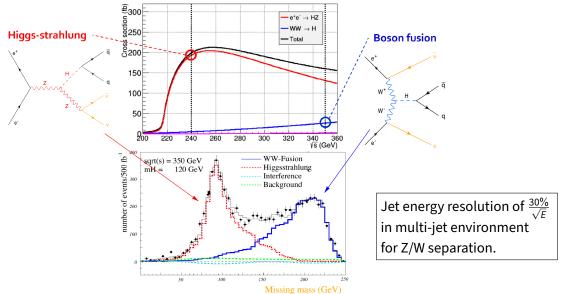
- Small improvement of the limits on Wilson coefficients by the combination of HL-LHC with FCC-ee-Z-peak data.
- ► Large improvement of the limits when the FCC-ee Higgs boson data are added.
- Even better limits with the top data.

# **Detector requirements**

### Inner detector requirements from Higgs boson physics

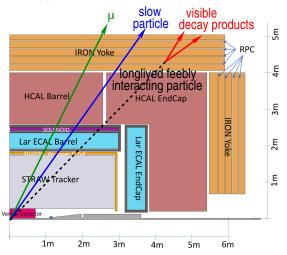


### Calorimeter requirements



### Muon system requirements

#### Topologies to covered/considered



#### **Design goals**

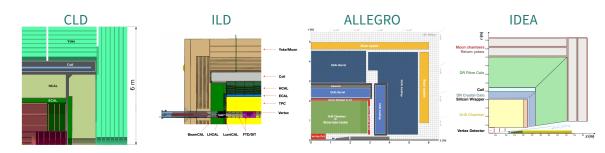
- ▶ 00 ps time resolution  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to  $\beta = 0.995$ .
- ▶ 1 mm spatial resolution  $\rightarrow$  1 mrad angular resolution.

## **Detector concepts**

### FCC-ee detector concepts

- ▶ 4 interaction zones at the FCC-ee allowing for 3 general-purpose detectors and one specialized detector (for instance for flavour physics).
- Detector concepts are evolving.
  - ▶ 2 detector concepts in the conceptual design review from 2019.
  - 4 detector concepts (ALLEGRO, CLD, IDEA, ILD) today.

### 4 FCC-ee detector concepts



Subsystem	CLD ILD		ALLEGRO	IDEA	
ID	All-silicon tracker	Silicon vertex detector	Silicon vertex detector	Silicon vertex detector	
		TPC	Low X₀ drift chamber	Low X₀ drift chamber or straw tracker	
			Silicon wrapper	Silicon wrapper	
ECAL	High-granularity silicon-tungsten		Dual read-out calorimeter	High-granularity lead/noble liquid	
HCAL	High-granularity scintillator-steel		Lead-scintillating/Cherenkov fibres	Several options, no baseline yet	
Muon	Steel-yoke instrumented with RPCs		Return yokes with µRwell chambers	Several options, no baseline yet	

### Introductory comments regarding the $p_T$ resolution

### Textbook formulae for the contributions to $\frac{\sigma(p)}{p}$

Position resolution contribution

Multiple scattering contribution

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \frac{2p}{q} \frac{1}{BL^2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{N}} \cdot \sigma.$$

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \frac{13.6 \,\text{MeV}}{qcBL} \sqrt{\frac{N \cdot d}{X_0}}.$$

#### Required number of measurement layers at the FCC

$$B=$$
 2 T,  $L=$  2 m, goal:  $rac{\sigma_p}{p}=$  0.1% for  $p=$  50 GeV/c.

$\sigma[\mu m]$	5	7	10	80	100	120
N	3.5	8	14	890	1391	2003
	Silicon sensors			Gase	ous det	ectors

At least three layers of silicon sensors required.

Silicon sensors needed to achieve the required  $\frac{\sigma_p}{\rho}$ .

#### Maximum allowed material

$$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p}$$
 = 0.1% corresponds to 0.8% $X_0$  = 0.7 mm silicon.  $\Rightarrow$  Very thin silicon sensors needed.

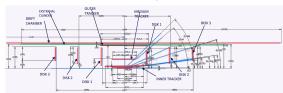
 $\Rightarrow$  ALLEGRO, IDEA, ILD combine silicon sensors with a light gaseous ionization detector to allow for continuous tracking for  $\frac{dE}{dx}$  measurement and detection of decays of long lived particles.

#### Vertex detectors



- $ightharpoonup r_{min} = 13 \text{ mm}.$
- ➤ 3 double-layer barrel layers and disk, 0.6-0.7%X<sub>0</sub> per double layer.
- ightharpoonup 3  $\mu$ m spatial resolution.

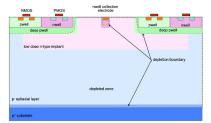
#### ALLEGRO/IDEA



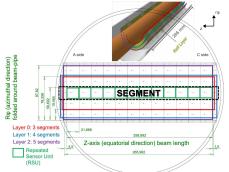
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- $r_{min} = 13.7 \text{ mm}.$
- ➤ 3 inner barrel singlet-layers, 0.25%X<sub>0</sub>, 2 outer barrel layers and 3 disks.
- ightharpoonup 3  $\mu$ m spatial resolution.
- ⇒ Large similarity between vertex detector designs/concepts.

#### Basline for thin sensors: Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors



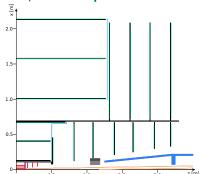
- ► MAPS: sensor and amplifier combined in one device.
- ⇒ Reduction of material compared to the hybrid design with bump-bonded read-out chips of the LHC experiments.
- ► All detector concepts assume ALICE ITS-3 like MAPS for the vertex detectors.



- ► ITS-3 MAPS can be stitched, bent and mounted on a cylinder.
- ⇒ Minimization of material for support structures. No need for overlapping modules.

### All-silicon vs gas-detector combination

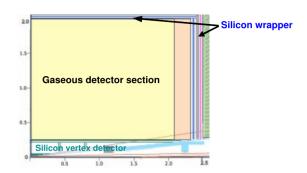
#### CLD/ILD concept



A. Sailer, The CLD Detector Concept, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FCC US Workshop

- All-silicon inner detector with 9 detector layers at  $\eta = 0$ .
- Layers 1 to 3: 0.6% $X_0$  per layer, 3  $\mu$ m spatial resolution.
- Layers 4 to 9: 1.1% $X_0$  per layer, 7  $\mu$ m spatial resolution.
- ► Total material budget: 8.4%  $\rightarrow \frac{\sigma_p}{p}\Big|_{MS} \approx 0.33\%$ .

#### **ALLEGRO and IDEA concepts**



- ► 5 silicon pixel vertex layers: 2%X<sub>0</sub>.
- Gaseous ionization detector: 1.3%X<sub>0</sub>.
- Silicon wrapper.
- Total material budget:  $3.3\% \rightarrow \frac{\sigma_p}{p}\Big|_{MS} \approx 0.21\%$ .

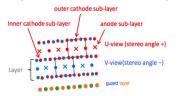
### Comparing a straw-tracker with the IDEA drift chamber

**Number of track points:** 100 for the straw tracker and the drift chamber.

**Gas mixture:** He/i-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>(90/10) for both options.

Gas gain: 150,000 for both options.

Cell size: Comparable cell sizes in both options.



IDEA: 12÷14.5 mm wide square cells

5:1 field to sense wire ratio.

Single hit resolution:  $\sim 100 \, \mu \text{m}$ .

#### Advantages of a straw tracker over a drift chamber:

- Breaking on on an individual wire only affects a single tube, does not compromise the whole tracker.
- ▶ Operation at higher than atmospheric pressure possible, e.g. 2 bar.

#### Comments on the mechanical structure to hold the wires

#### Challenges for the drift chamber

▶ Very large forces to be beared by the endcaps to hold the wires: 30 g tension/wire  $\rightarrow$  10 t of toal load on the end cap.

#### Situation for the straw-tube tracker

- Only anode wires have to be tensed.
- ⇒ Only 1.6 t total load on the end cap for 30 g tension/wire.
  Significantly smaller load of 5 t total load even for 100 g tension/wire.
- ⇒ Much lighter end-cap structure for a straw-tube tracker than a drift chamber, hence less material in front of the calorimeters.

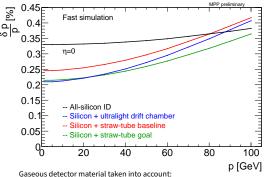
### Comparison of the material budgets

IDEA drift chamber at η=0		Straw tracker baseline at η=0		Straw tracker design goal at η=0	
Component	Χo	Component	X <sub>0</sub>	Component	X <sub>0</sub>
Inner wall	8.4·10 <sup>-4</sup> X <sub>0</sub>				
Gas at atmospheric pressure	1.3·10 <sup>-3</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Gas at atmospheric pressure	1.3·10 <sup>-3</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Gas at 200 bar overpressure	1.5·10 <sup>-3</sup> X <sub>0</sub>
Anode wires (20 μm W)	6.8·10 <sup>-4</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Anode wires (20 μm W)	6.8·10 <sup>-4</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Anode wires (20 μm W)	6.8·10 <sup>-4</sup> X <sub>0</sub>
Field wires (40 µm Al)	4.3·10 <sup>-4</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Tube walls (12 μm Mylar)	1.3·10 <sup>-2</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Tube walls (8 μm Mylar)	8.7·10 <sup>-3</sup> X <sub>0</sub>
Guard wires (50 μm Al)	1.6·10 <sup>-4</sup> X <sub>0</sub>				
Outer wall	1.2·10 <sup>-2</sup> X <sub>0</sub>				
Total	1.5·10 <sup>-2</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Total	1.5·10 <sup>-2</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Total	1.1·10 <sup>-2</sup> X <sub>0</sub>
Material/measurement layer	2.6·10 <sup>-5</sup> X <sub>0</sub>	Material/measurement layer	1.5·10 <sup>-4</sup> X₀	Material/measurement layer	1.1·10 <sup>-4</sup> X <sub>0</sub>

IDEA numbers from p.7 of https://indico.cern.ch/event/1408681/contributions/6122496/attachments/2947432/5181747/DeFilippis\_DriftChamber.pdf

- The same overall material budget for the drift chamber and baseline straw-tracker design.
- 30% less material in the target straw-tracker design.
- Straw tracker: material "uniformly" distributed.
- ► IDEA drift chamber: Most of the material in the outer wall (1.2%X<sub>0</sub>) in front of the silicon wrapper minimizing the impact on the track reconstruction.

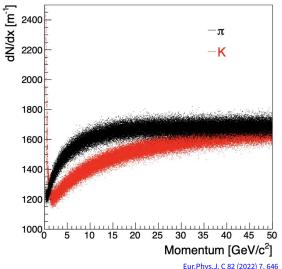
### Comparison of achievable momentum resolutions



Gaseous detector material taken into account: wires, gas, drift chamber cylinder / tube walls, anode wires, gas.

- Momentum resolution in an all-silicon option about 1.5 times worse than in the options with a gaseous ionization detector (as expected from text-book formulae).
- Momentum resolution predictions for the drift chamber and the straw trackers agree within the uncertainties of the details of the design.

### Particle identification with a gaseous ionization detector

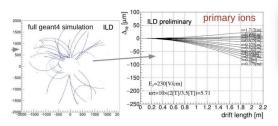


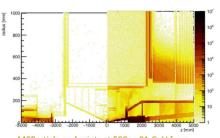
- $\pi/K$  separation at  $> 5\sigma$  level over a wide momentum range.
- Problematic region at p = 1 GeV can be closed by particle identification over time-of-flight measurements with  $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ ps})$ resolution.

### Open question about the TPC: Can it work at the Z pole?

Study w/ full simulation in ddsim (DDG4) and GunieaPig

- simulate events in TPC at FCCee (91 GeV) from
  - e+e- physics events: ~ 10<sup>10</sup> ions -> 100 μm distortions
  - beam induced background: ~ 2x10<sup>12</sup> ions -> 20 mm distortions
- a TPC also at TeraZ might be feasible yet further studies needed:
  - mitigation strategies for drift distortions (corrections, redesign MDI elements?, ...)
  - stability of distortions wrt time, operating conditions, ...





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MCParticle endpoints at FCCee 91 GeV from beam bg in ILClike (left) and CLDlike (right) ILD

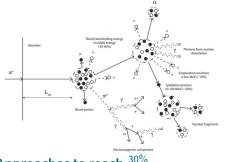
Collider	FCCee-91	FCCee-240	ILC-250
Detector model	ILD_15_v11γ	ILD_15_v11γ	ILD_15_v05
average BX frequency	30 MHz	800 kHz	6.6 kHz
primary ions / BX	270 k	800 k	450 k
primary ions in TPC at any time	$1.8 \times 10^{12}$	$1.4 \times 10^{11}$	$6.5 \times 10^{8}$
average primary ion charge density nC/m3	6.8	0.54	0.0025

- Primary ion density 2500 times higher at FCCee 91GeV than at ILC(250)
- · Dominated by beam background

### Calorimetry at the FCC-ee

**Goal:** Jet energy resolution of  $\frac{30\%}{\sqrt{E}}$ .

**Difficulty:** Complex structure of a hadron shower.



- Two shower components: hadron and electromagnetic.
   Large fluctuation of their fractions.
- Different calorimeter response to the electromagnetic and hadronic component.

### Approaches to reach $\frac{30\%}{\sqrt{F}}$

- ▶ IDEA approach: Improve shower energy measurements by disentangling the electromagnetic and the hadronic components on an event by event basis.
- Particle-flow approach: Reconstruct the momenta of jet constituents as well as possible (ALLEGRO, CLD, IDEA, ILD).

### Dual read-out calorimeter concept

#### Idea

- ▶ 20% of the charged hadrons of a shower are relativistic and can produce Čerenkov light (C).
- ▶ The photons of the electromagnetic shower only produce scintillation light (S).
- Use Čerenkov and scintillation signal from electrons for calibration.
- Determine the electromagnetic fraction event by event to obtain the correct shower energy:

$$S = E[f_{em} + (h/e)_{S}(1 - f_{em})]$$

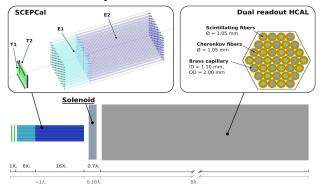
$$C = E[f_{em} + (h/e)_{C}(1 - f_{em})]$$

$$E = \frac{S - \chi C}{1 - \chi} \text{ with } \chi = \frac{1 - (h/e)_{S}}{1 - (h/e)_{C}}$$

### Calorimety at IDEA

#### Two options under study

- ► Longitudinally unsegmented dual read-out fibre calorimeter (combining ECAL and HCAL).
- Dual read-out crystal ECAL + dual read-out fibre HCAL.



#### ECAL $\sim$ 20 cm PbWO<sub>4</sub>

- ► 2 layers: (6+16)X<sub>0</sub>
- Dual read-out with filters

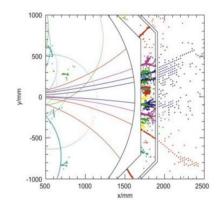
#### Timing layer

- LYSO: Ce crystals
- $ightharpoonup \sigma_t = 20 \text{ ps}$

#### **HCAL**

 $ightharpoons rac{\sigma_{had}}{E} pprox rac{26\%}{\sqrt{E}}$ 

### Particle-flow calorimetry concept



#### Motivation for particle-flow based granular calorimeters

Goal to measure the jet energy with high resolution:

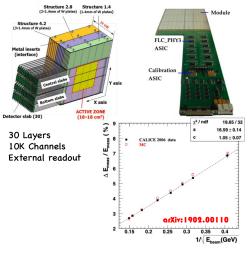
$$E_{jet} = E_{charged} + E_{\gamma} + E_{neutral\ hadrons}$$
  
Fraction 65% 26% 9%

 Particle-flow algorithms construct individual particles and estimate their energy/momentum in the best suited subdetector.

Charged track resolution	$\frac{\delta p}{p} \sim 0.1\%$
$\gamma$ energy resolution	$\frac{\delta E}{E} \sim \frac{12\%}{\sqrt{E}}$
Neutral hadron energy resolution	$\frac{\delta E}{E} \sim \frac{45\%}{\sqrt{E}}$

 Particle-flow algorithms require highly granular subdetectors including the calorimeters.

### CLD/ILD silicon-tungsten ECAL



**Absorber:** Tungsten ( $X_0 = 3.5 \text{ mm}$ ).

Sensor: Silicon.

**Read-out:** Pads of  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$ .

#### **Advantages:**

- Narrow showers allowing for good separation of particles in the transverse direction.
- Compact design.
- Timing information at 10 ps level can be achieved by utilizing LGADs in the first layers.
- Mature technology developed by the CALICE collaboration for years.
- ► Technology used in the CMS HGCAL.

#### CLD/ILD scintillator-stell HCAL

**Absorber:** Stainless steel. **Sensor:** Plastic scintillator.

**Read-out:** Tiles of  $3 \times 3$  cm<sup>2</sup> read out with SiPM.

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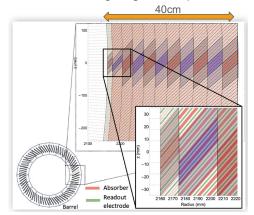
### ALLEGRO noble liquid ECAL

#### Advantages of a noble-liquid calorimeter

- High instrinsic stability in gain and pedestals.
- ▶ Mature technology successfully applied in ATLAS, DO, H1, ...

#### New feature for FCC-ee

▶ 10 times higher granularity than in ATLAS to allow for particle-flow reconstruction.



#### **Barrel design**

- ► 1536 straight absorber plates with 50° inclination.
- Liquid argon as active material.
- ▶ 11 longitudinal layers (22 X<sub>0</sub>).
- Typical cell size:  $\theta \times \phi \times r \sim 2 \times 1.8 \times 3 \text{ cm}^3$ .

### Muon system instrumentation

- ▶ Large area to be instrumented, i.e. cost-effective choice important.
- ⇒ All current proposal used gaseous ionization detectors.
- ightharpoonup Baseline for the CLD/ILD and IDEA muon systems: RPCs,  $\mu-$ RWELL.

RPC as proposed by Cardarelli and Santonico in 1981 (NIM 187 (1981)377-380)

Pick-up strips

HPL plate 1.5 mm

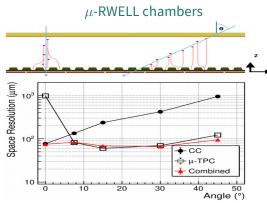
Polycarbonate frame

Unused oil polymer

Pick-up strips

Resistive plate chambers

Replace 1 mm single gap by a bigap of 0.5 mm gaps to increase the time resolution to 200 ps.



High spatial resolution  $\sim$  100  $\mu\mathrm{m}$  achievable.

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- Higgs factory highest priority after the HL-LHC.
- ► The Future Circular e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Collider (FCC-ee) as next step will provides us a deeper insight into BSM physics via precision measurements.
- Detector concepts for FCC-ee exist and are evolving.
- ► A lot of opportunities in detector R&D for FCC-ee.