

Calorimetry for FCC-ee

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Detector Research and Development

European Committee for Future Accelerators (ECFA) released [2021 Detector R&D Roadmap](#): nine (technology) focus domains

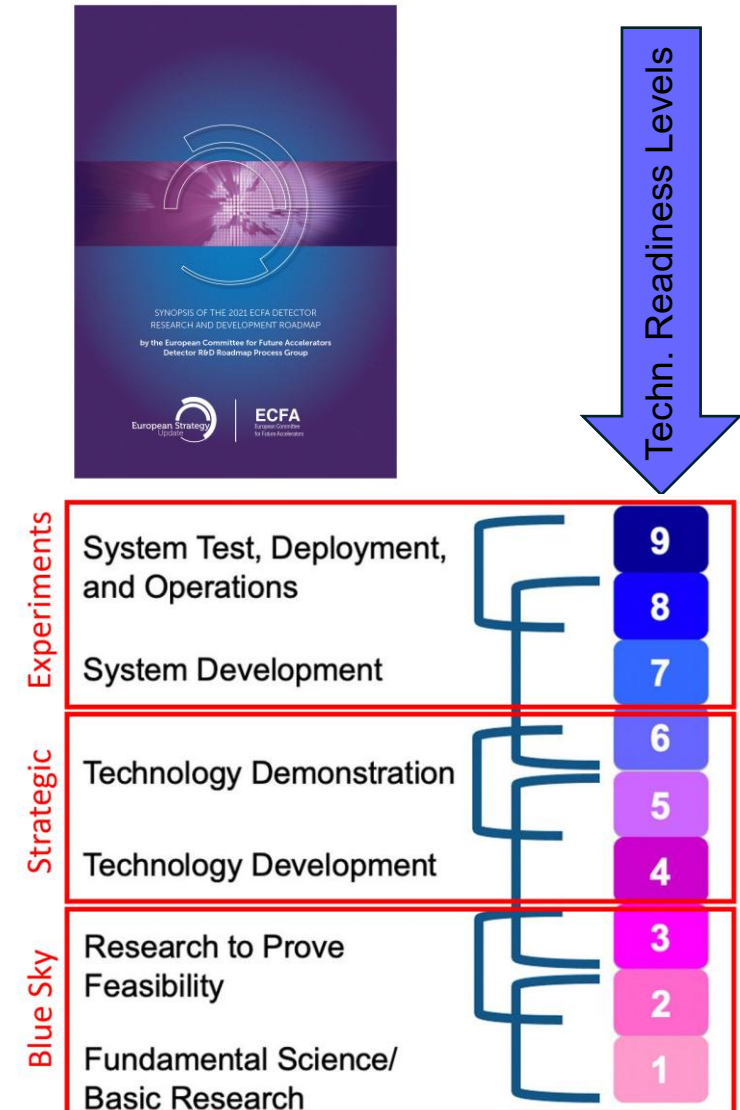
=> Task forces developed into Detector R&D (DRD) collaborations:

- Gaseous Detectors (DRD1) [ex RD51]
- Liquid Detectors (DRD2)
- Semiconductor Detectors (DRD3) [ex RD50, RD42,..]
- Photodetectors & Particle ID (DRD4)
- Quantum Sensors (DRD5)
- Calorimetry (DRD6)
- Electronics (DRD7)
- Integration (DRD8)

DRDs are **international (global)** collaborations, hosted by CERN

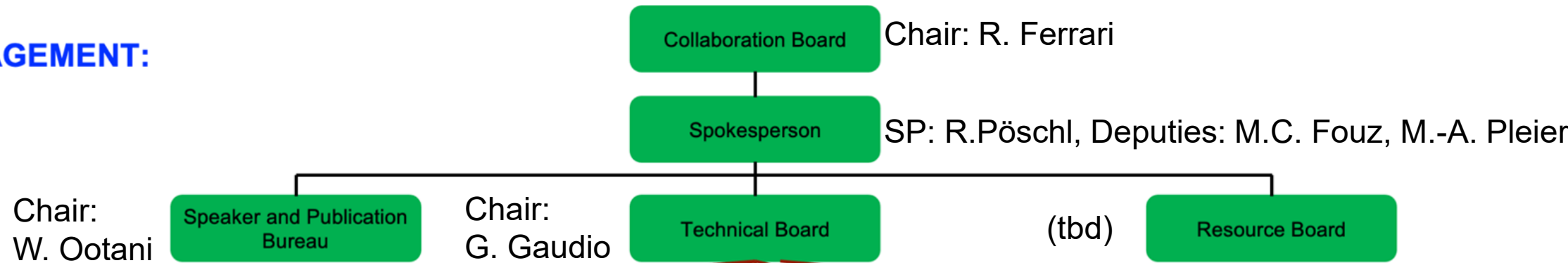
Proposals describing the scope are on [CDS](#) – new ideas welcome!

Focus on strategic RnD to bridge the gap between “blue sky” research and deployment in a HEP experiment – includes targeted FCC R&D

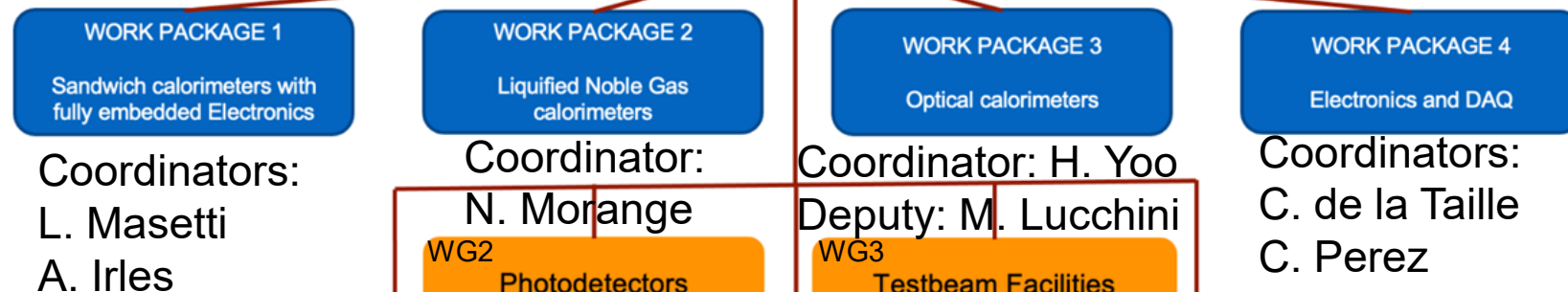


DRD Calo Organization

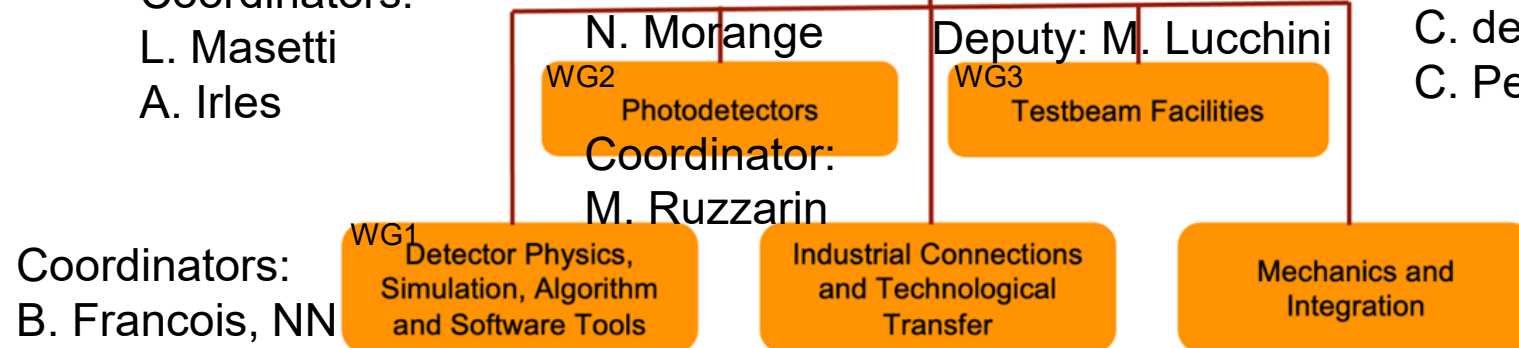
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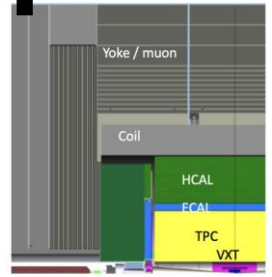
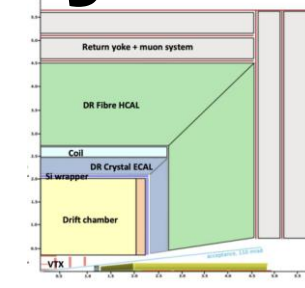
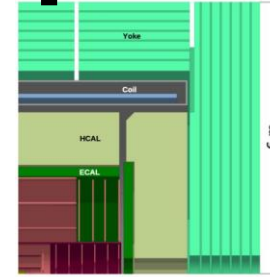
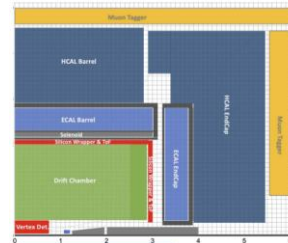
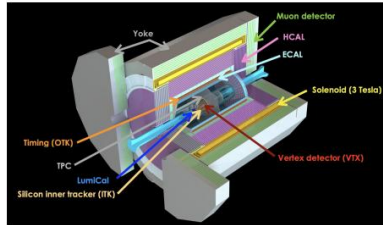
WORK PACKAGES: (Calorimetry Projects)



WORKING GROUPS: (Transversal Activities)



FCC-ee Detector Concept Study Groups



AGORA

ALFA

ALLEGRO

CLD

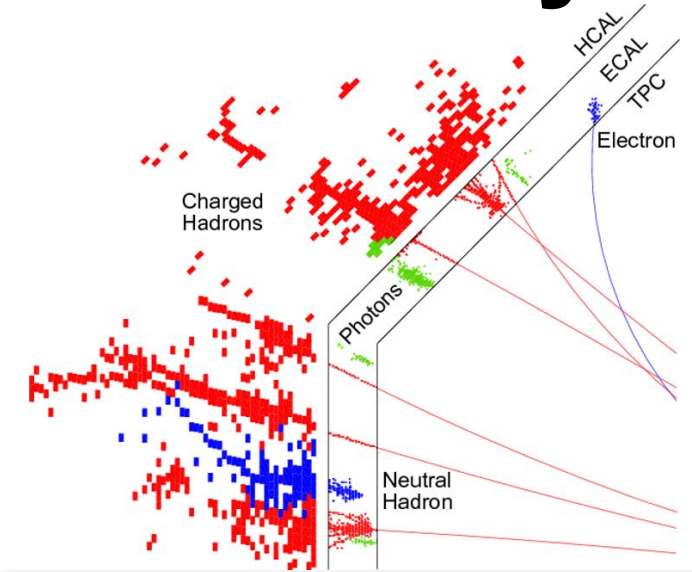
IDEA

ILD

	AGORA	ALFA	ALLEGRO	CLD	IDEA	ILD
Vertex	MAPS	MAPS (ITS-3 like)	MAPS (ITS-3 like)	Si	MAPS (ITS-3 like)	Si
Tracker	TPC + Si strips	All MAPS	DCH / Straw / SciFi + Si	Full Si	Drift Chamber + Si strip	TPC + Si strips
ECAL	Crystals	GRAiNITA (crystal grains)	Liquefied Noble Gas	Si-W highly granular	Crystals w. DR	Si-W highly granular
HCAL	Glass scint. + steel	Tile DR + steel yoke	TileCal (steel/scint.)	Scint. sampling	Fibre DR	Scint. or RPC
Muon	Scint. in yoke	TBD	TBD	RPC in iron yoke	uRWELL	Scint. in iron yoke
PID	tracker dN/dx (+ TOF)	Cerenkov ARC	tracker dN/dx (+ TOF)	RICH (option)	tracker dN/dx (+ TOF)	tracker dN/dx (+ TOF)
Coil/B-field	Outside HCAL 3T	Inside HCAL 3T	Inside HCAL 2T	Outside HCAL 2T	Inside HCAL 2T (3T HTS R&D)	Outside HCAL 3.5 T -> 2-3 T

WP 1: Sandwich calorimeters with fully embedded Electronics

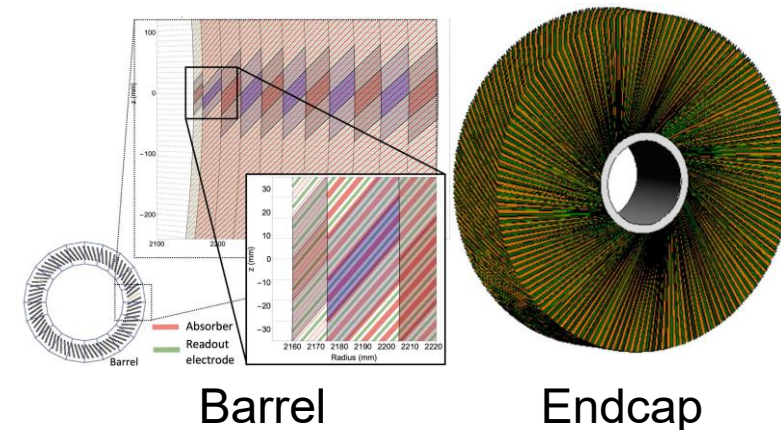
- Imaging calorimeters optimized for particle flow: high-resolution in 3D plus time and energy
 - Proof of concept within the CALICE and FCAL collaborations
 - Focus originally on linear colliders
- High pixelization & 4π hermeticity challenge room for services
- Three groups of tasks:
 - highly pixelized electromagnetic section,
 - hadronic section with optical tiles,
 - hadronic section with gaseous readout
- Some technologies already adopted for HL-LHC upgrades
 - CMS HGCAL with silicon pads and scintillator tiles
 - ALICE FoCAL with MAPS
- Adaptation to FCC-ee: examples of common tasks across concepts
 - Readout to cope with continuous data taking
 - Addition of active cooling
 - Addition of timing capabilities for better particle separation
 - Layout optimization within specific detector concept (e.g. CLD and ILD@FCC-ee)



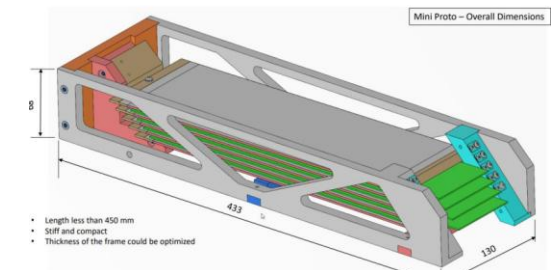
Task/Subtask	Sensitive Material/ Absorber
Task 1.1: Highly pixelised electromagnetic section	
Subtask 1.1.1: SiW-ECAL	Silicon/ Tungsten
Subtask 1.1.2: Highly compact calo	Solid state (Si or GaAs)/Tungsten
Subtask 1.1.3: DECAL	CMOS MAPS/Tungsten
Subtask 1.1.4: Sc-Ecal	Scintillating plastic strips/Tungsten
Task 1.2: Hadronic section with optical tiles	
Subtask 1.2.1: AHCAL	Scintillating plastic tiles/Steel
Subtask 1.2.2: ScintGlassHCAL	Heavy glass tiles/Steel
Task 1.3: Hadronic section with gaseous readout	
Subtask 1.3.1: T-SDHCAL	Resistive Plate Chambers/Steel
Subtask 1.3.2: MPGD-HCAL	Multipattern Gas Detectors/Steel
Subtask 1.3.3: ADRIANO3	Resistive Plate Chambers+Scintillating plastic tiles/ Heavy Glass

WP 2: Liquefied Noble Gas Calorimetry

- Noble-liquid calorimetry: long history of successful deployment in HEP (DZero, ATLAS, ...) due to its excellent energy resolution, linearity, stability and uniformity
- WP 2 focus: sampling EM calorimeter for ALLEGRO detector concept – LAr goes PFlow!
 - Highly granular (ATLAS x 10) calo with absorbers planes inclined in r-phi (barrel) / arranged in turbine-like structure (endcap)
 - Readout by segmented PCB planes alternated to Pb (or W) absorbers, gaps in between filled with LAr (or LKr)
- Work towards large (full em shower containment) prototype
 - optimization of the detector material, geometry and segmentation
 - overall detector mechanical structure and integration
 - readout electronics (using cold elx to reduce noise & #cables - 150 kW power dissipation in barrel cryostat)
 - prototyping and testing of various detector elements
- Next intermediate step: “mini-prototype”
 - demonstrate mechanical feasibility: tolerances, ease of construction, tolerance for warm → cold transitions
 - Can also be used to connect prototypes of readout electronics and test with sources, cosmics, test-beam



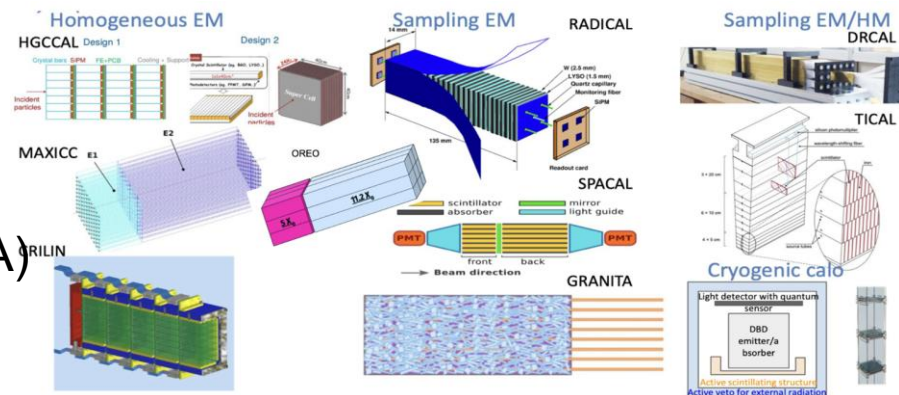
Absorber cold test



WP 3: Optical Calorimeters

- Very diverse work package: 12 active projects, ~70 institutes
- Goal: explore, optimize and demonstrate with full shower containment prototypes, new concepts of sampling and homogeneous calorimeters based on scintillating materials
- Some effort pivoting from radiation-hardness focus to FCC-ee (e.g. CRILIN)
- R&D on scintillators (SCINTCAL) will turn into a working group in DRD Calo, connecting WP1 and WP3
- Examples as parts of FCC-ee detector concepts include:

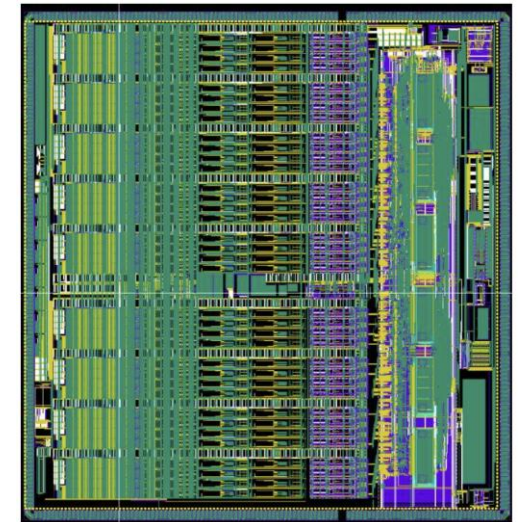
- Dual-readout Crystal ECAL and Fiber HCAL (IDEA)
- Grainita ECAL and Dual-readout HCAL in iron (ALFA)
- TileCal HCAL (ALLEGRO)



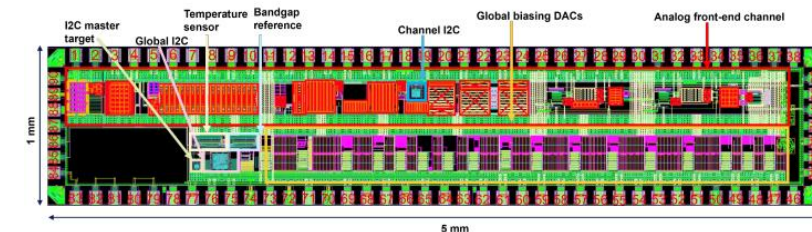
(Sub)tasks	Calorimeter type
HGCCAL	Homogeneous and quasi-homogeneous EM calorimeters
MAXICC	
CRILIN	
OREO	
GRAINITA	Sampling EM calorimeters
SPACAL	
RADICAL	
3DCaloNu	
DRCAL	Sampling HAD calorimeters
TILECAL	
SCINTCAL	R&D on scintillators
CRYODBD-CAL	Calorimeter at low energy

WP 4: Electronics and DAQ

- Calorimeter electronics commonalities: large dynamic range (10-16 bits), very low noise, high accuracy ($< 1\%$), usually large capacitance (100's of pF)
- R&D challenges for highly granular 5D calorimetry include
 - reducing power dissipation down to $\sim 1\text{mW/ch}$ to enable increased granularity (WP1), cryogenic operation inside noble liquid (WP2)
 - Improve the timing performance to sub-ns (WP3)
 - Develop a family of ASICs, optimized for different subdetectors, sharing as much as possible common back-end and readout systems
 - Process accessibility / stability can be an issue these days (TSMC 130 nm)
- Organization of DAQ in DRD Calo
 - Aim to share HW/FW/SW + experience as much as possible
 - Allow common test-beams and maximize commonalities
- Electronics and DAQ are transversal activity across WPs - will be transformed (back) from WP to WG



CALOROC: 36 channels
@ 15 mW/ch



CHARMS250: 1 channel
@ $< 10\text{ mW/ch}$

Working Groups – Tying it all together

- WG1 – Software

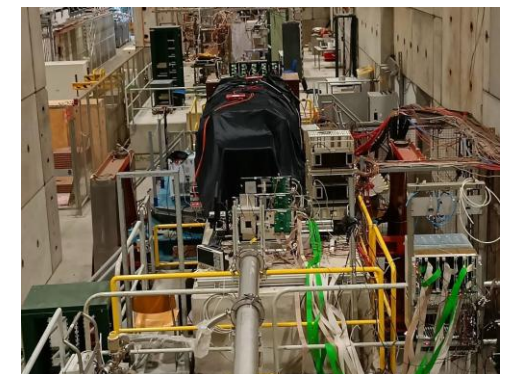
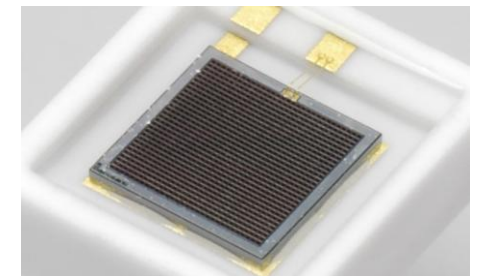
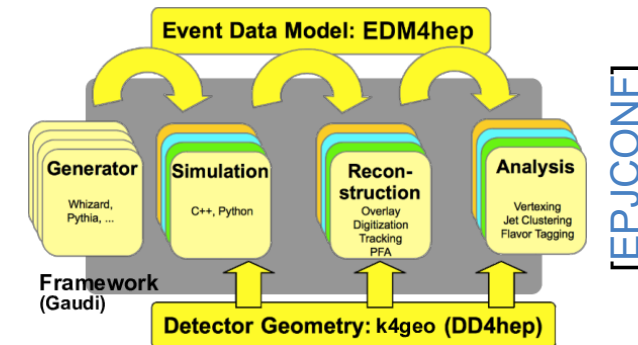
- Detector R&D activities heavily rely on software tools: Simulation, Reconstruction, Analysis, ...
- Use common Key4hep software ecosystem to utilize synergies
- WG 1 coordinates activities, provides training and resources (DRD Calo storage, VO, Grid submissions)
- WG 1 will ensure efficient data analysis, data preservation, simulation improvement/validation with test beam data

- WG 2 – Photodetectors

- Photon detection crucial for many calorimeters (crystals and scintillators; Cherenkov vs scintillation light for dual-readout) - consolidate requirements across WPs, work in close connection with DRD4
- Work with vendors for upcoming prototypes: align sensor developments with detector R&D priorities, lower unit cost, foster synergies between photodetector R&D and front-end electronics developments

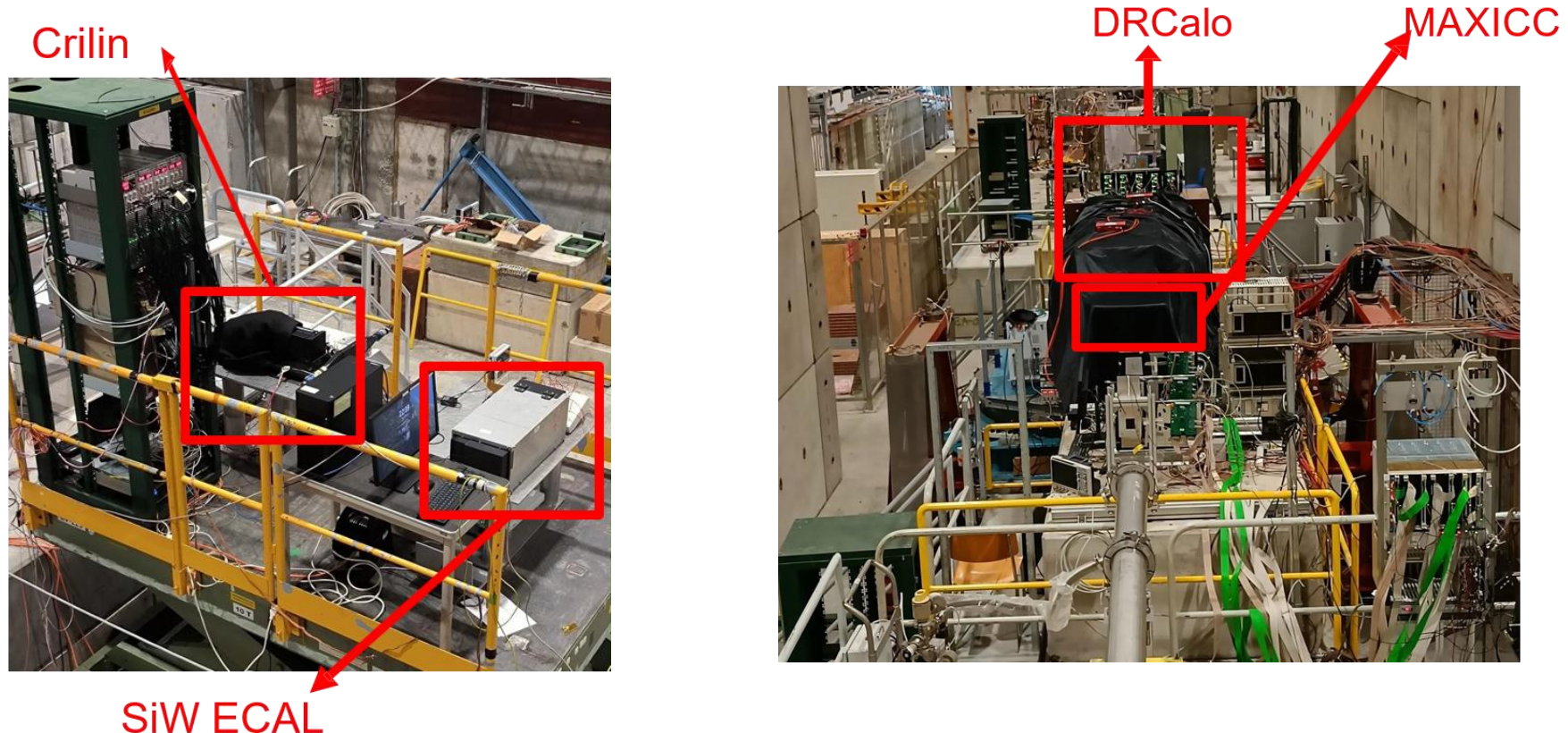
- WG 3 – Test-Beams

- Central hub for DRD Calo projects test-beam (TB) needs at CERN, DESY, KEK, SLAC, FNAL
- Promote smooth interactions with TB facilities coordination, optimal use of beam time (sharing/combining where possible), common tools (EUDAQ)
- Pursuing dedicated test beam area at CERN to optimize resources, streamline hardware and software setup, exploit synergies



DRD Calo in action!

Impressions from test beams at CERN this year:



- Groups shared allocated beam time and/or organized combined ECAL/HCAL test beams
- See also presentations by [Bob](#) and [Jim](#) on Tuesday!

Conclusions

- DRD Calo pursues strategic R&D for calorimeters for future colliders, in particular FCC-ee and in close connection with the other DRDs
 - Partially new efforts, partially capitalizing on pre-existing activities
 - Large diversity of calorimeter technologies
 - No lack of challenges or areas to contribute!
- The scientific program is bearing fruit
 - 59 talks/seminars, 10 conference proceedings, 10 papers so far
 - Lots of test-beam data to analyze!
 - Tangible benefits of the synergies for all: test-beam access, computing resources, shared software and hardware, ...
- Next [collaboration meeting @ DESY](#), October 6-9
- Visit our webpage: <https://drdcalo.web.cern.ch/>
- We are open for new members, ideas, contributions!



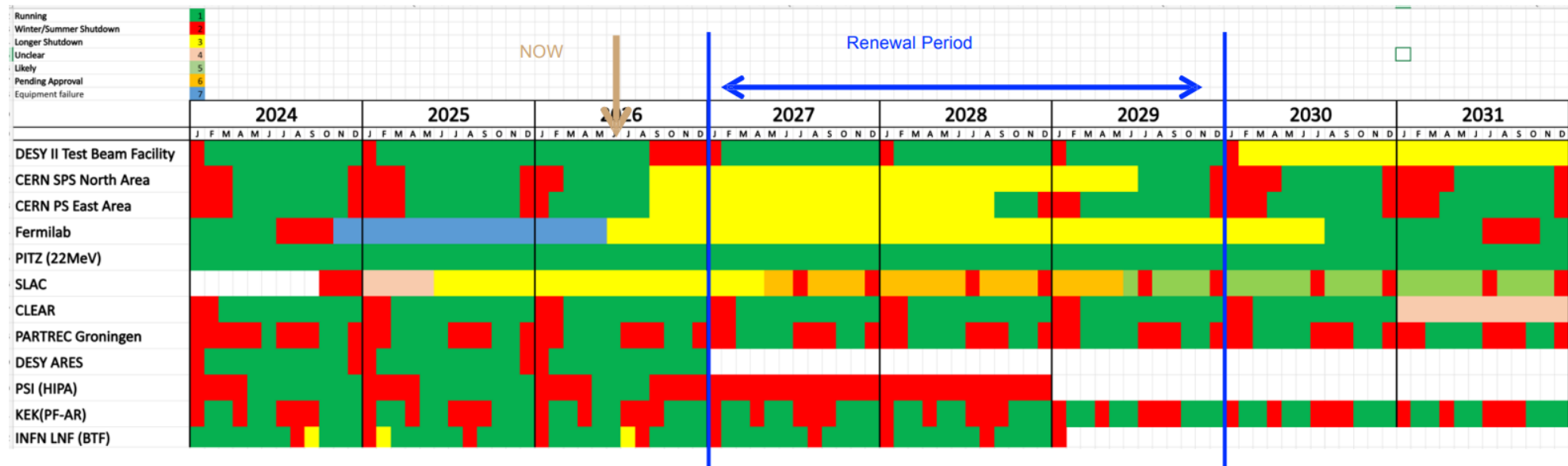
134 institutes from 27 countries



[2026 collaboration meeting at CERN](#)

Backup

Test Beam access in the next years



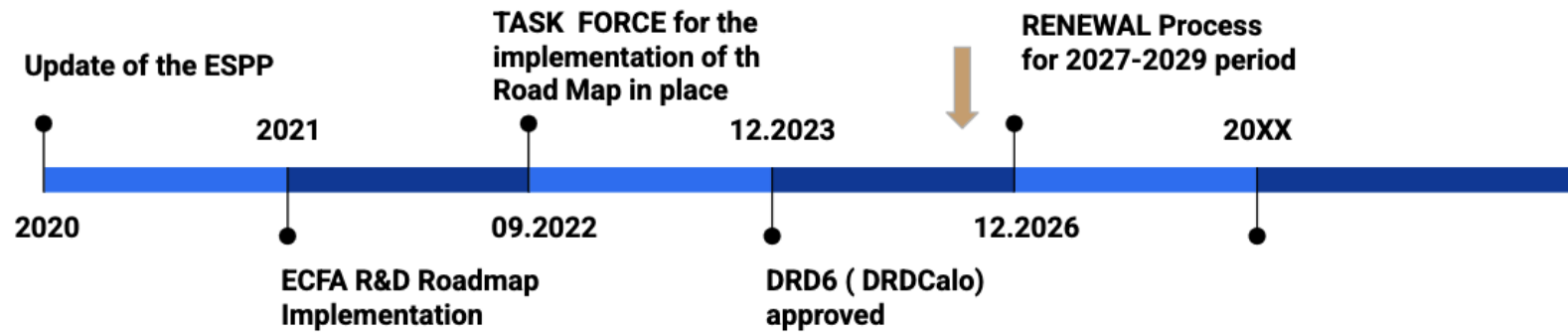
Electron beam (> GeV):

- KEK up to 5 GeV
- DESY up to 6 GeV
- SLAC up to 8 GeV
- FNAL up to 32 GeV

Hadron beam (> GeV):

- CERN PS up to 15 GeV
- CERN SPS up to 450 GeV
- FNAL up to 120 GeV

DRD Calo Renewal



- ❑ DRD Calo was approved for 3 years at the end of 2023, with the option to extend
 - ❑ We are now undergoing the “**extension**” **procedure** (for another 3 years)
 - ❑ Two documents will be provided (Sep. 20th 2026)
 - ❑ **Status Report**
 - ❑ When were milestones and deliverable reached/fulfilled
 - ❑ How were they reached
 - ❑ **Proposal Update:** plans for the next approval period
 - ❑ High-level technological goals, updated work plan, realistic funding estimates
 - ❑ **Prioritisation of developments** aligned with the European Strategy outcome i.e. **relevant for FCC-ee** (more throughout the talk)

Reference Design Phase (2026-2028)

FCC has entered its Reference Design Phase to provide the CERN Council all the technical elements for an informed decision in 2028.

Reference Design Phase (RDP) objectives

- Increase maturity of technical design (incl. recommendations from feasibility study reviews)
- Overall project integration and requirements on civil engineering sufficiently detailed to enable subsequent launch of civil engineering tender design in case of project approval
- Overall project design sufficiently detailed to allow advancing with environmental impact and evaluation as core parts of project authorisation processes in Host States
- Reducing project risks via:
 - **Integrated planning across all domains and interface management**
 - **Prototyping of critical systems**
 - **Build up cost / performance contingency by design optimization**
 - **Civil engineering refinement**
 - **Close coordination with Host States on territorial implementation aspects**
 - **Reinforcing collaboration as basis for global support for the project**

Physics, Experiments, Detectors - objectives

- Continue developing the **international high-energy physics community**
- Consolidation of the **interaction region layout, detector integration, and beam-background** mitigation
- Optimised **procedures for $\sqrt{s}$ calibration & possible monochromatic operation at $\sqrt{s} = 125 \text{ GeV}$**
- Finalising common **software/analysis framework** and developing **common computing architecture**
- Realistic studies of **experimental systematic uncertainties** for some **EW precision** measurements and consolidation of the **pertaining requirements** on collider, detectors, and theory
- **Engagement of theory community** to address theory challenge and nurture the young generation
- Proposal for staging implementation and improvements of the **staged/descoped FCC-ee**
- **Prepare to answer call for (at least 4) documented EoI's for FCC-ee experiments end 2028**



Get involved in Detector Concepts!

Concept Studies

Group name	Email	Signup	Indico
Calorimetry	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-Calorimetry@cern.ch	click	click
Luminometry	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-Luminometry@cern.ch	click	click
Magnet	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-Magnet@cern.ch	click	click
Muon	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-Muon@cern.ch	click	click
TDAQ	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-TDAQ@cern.ch	click	click
Tracker & PID	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-Tracker@cern.ch	click	click
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ALLEGRO	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-ALLEGRO@cern.ch	click	click
CLD	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-CLD@cern.ch	click	click
IDEA	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-IDEA@cern.ch	click	click
ILD	FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts-ILD@cern.ch	click	click

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ILD

Detector Subsystems

Calorimetry

Luminometry

Magnet

Muon

TDAQ

Tracker & PID

- Signing up to any of the above e-groups adds you to the overall "FCC-PED-DetectorConcepts@cern.ch" e-group as well
- Indico categories are available for [Detector Subsystems](#) and [Concept Studies](#)
- See indico meeting [calendar](#) for upcoming meetings

Timescale towards FCC-ee

