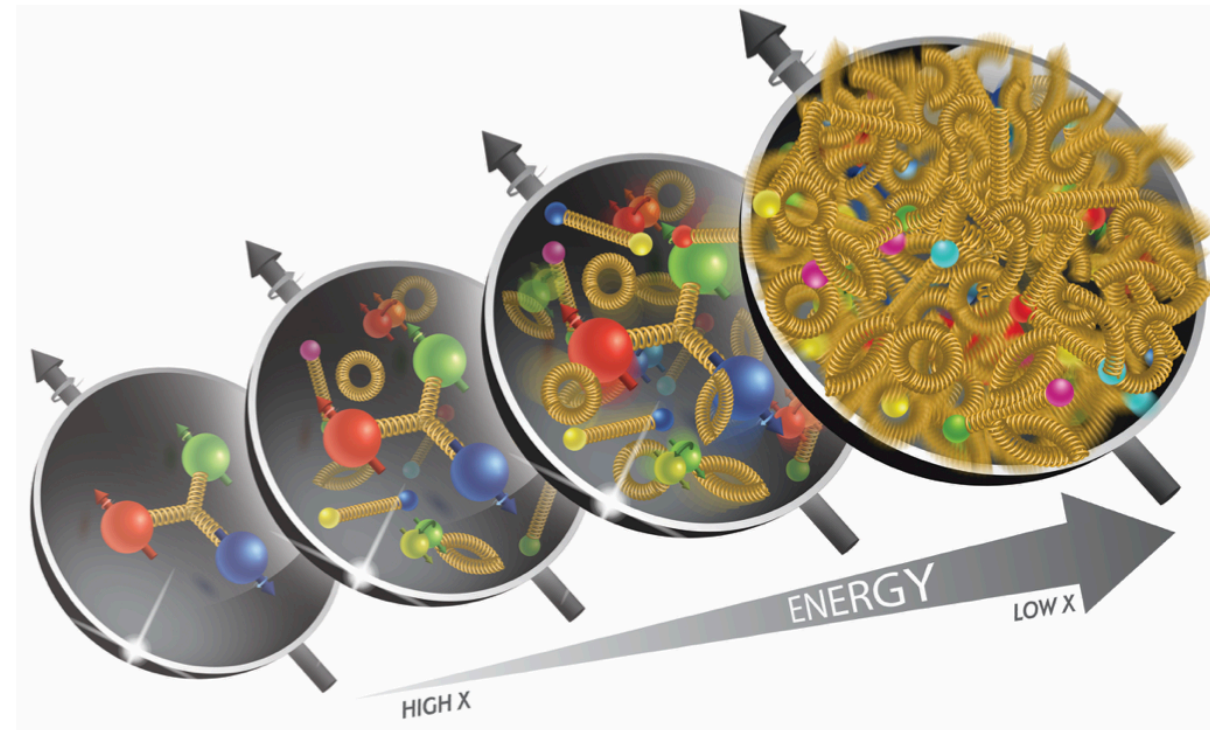


# The LFHCAL forward hadronic calorimeter for the EPIC detector at the EIC

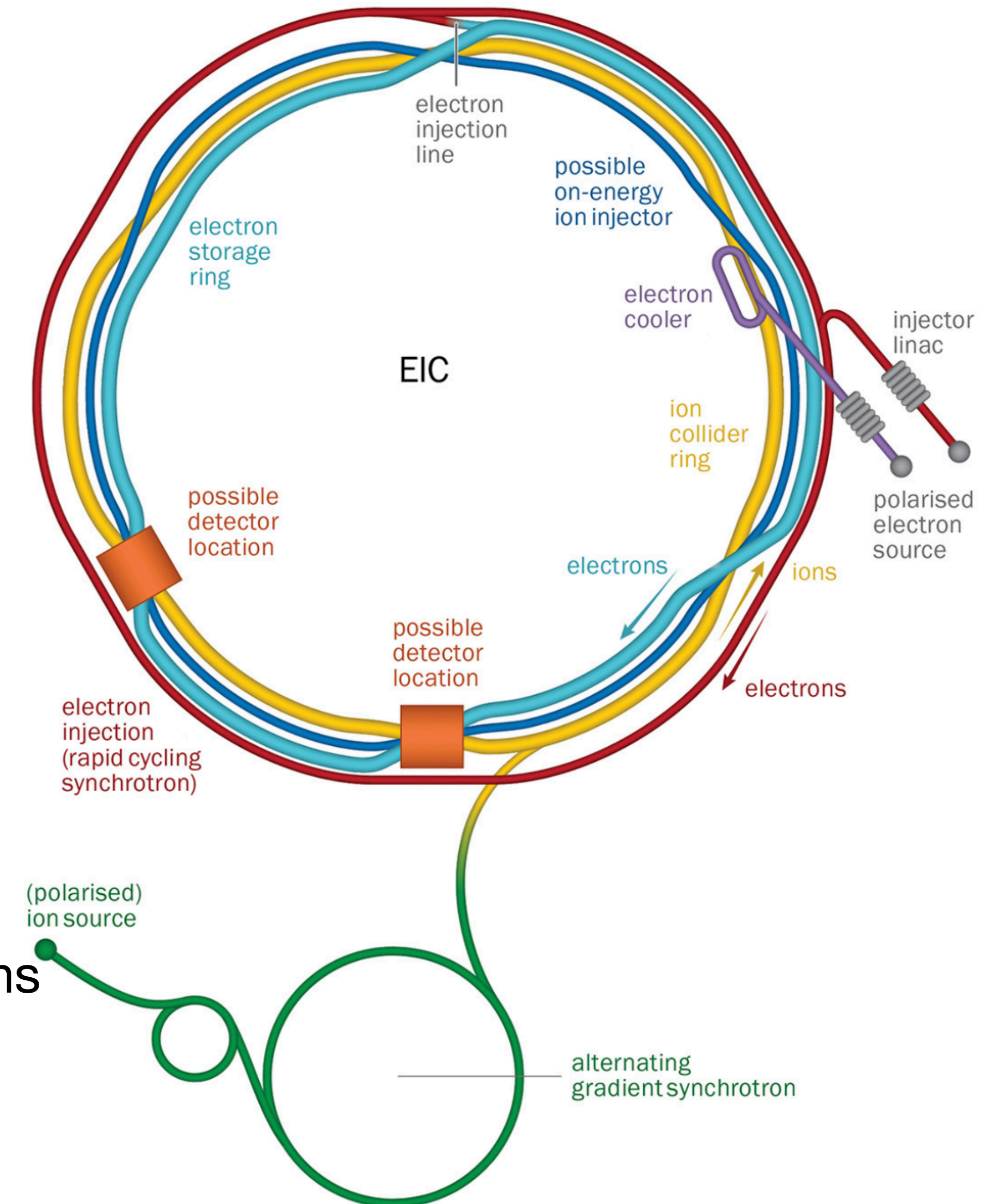
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# Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

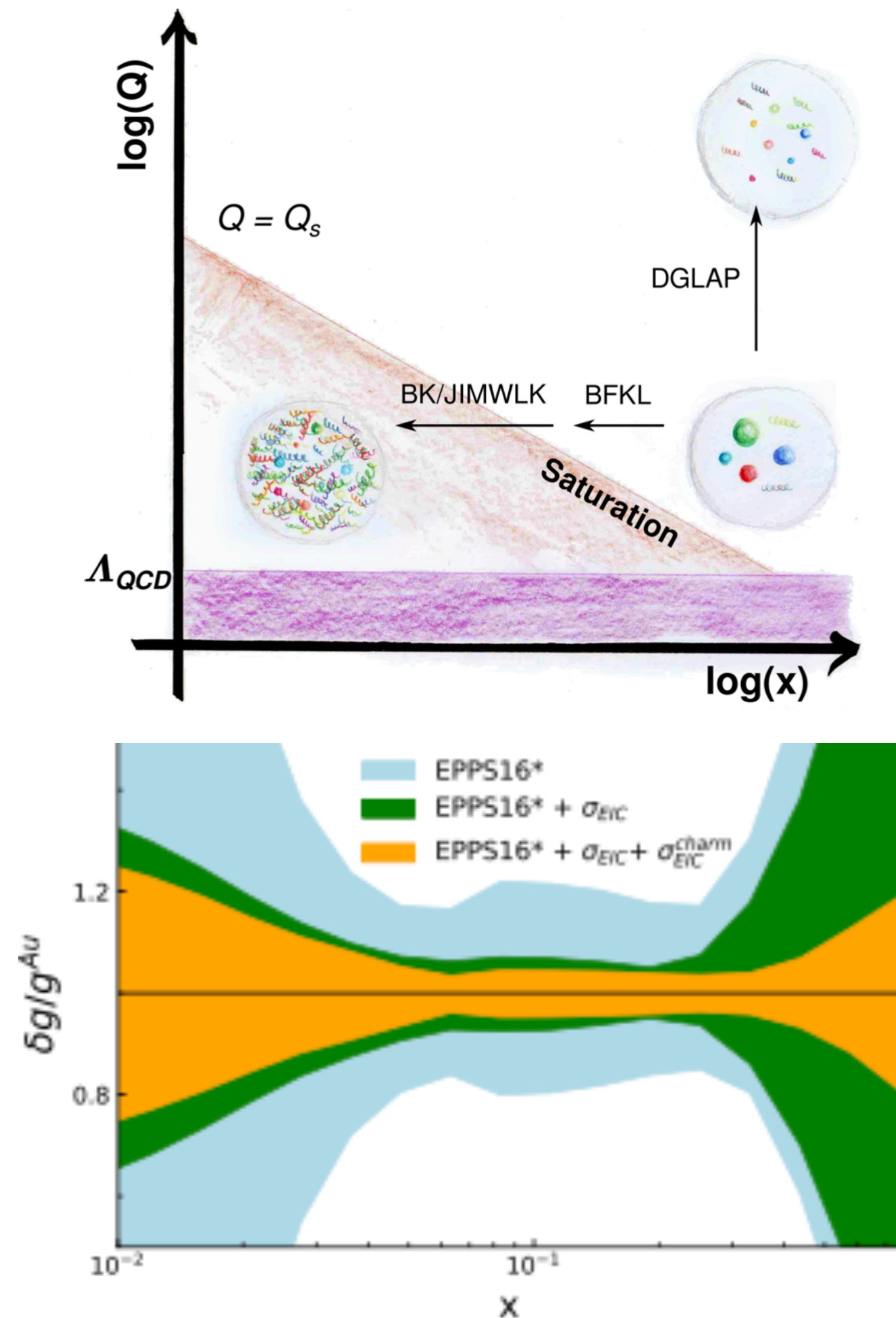


- **New electron accelerator and storage ring at RHIC**
- More than 1300 physicists from over 250 institutions worldwide
- Center-of-mass energies of  $\sqrt{s} = 20 - 140$  GeV
- Very high luminosity  $10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  for e+p and e+A collisions
- High polarization (70%) of both electron and proton beams
- Two interaction points for instrumentation





# Selected physics motivations



## Gluon saturation:

Possible signatures in the back-to-back hadron-jet correlations or nuclear modification factor

## Multi-dimensional imaging of the nucleon:

Transverse momentum dependent parton distribution (TMD)  
Scale dependence predicted by QCD

## Gluon TMDs:

Constrained via quarkonium or charm jet production  
Back-to-back jet production

## Measuring of color propagation through the cold nuclear matter

Lepton-jet measurement will allow dialing of nuclear size and energy dependence

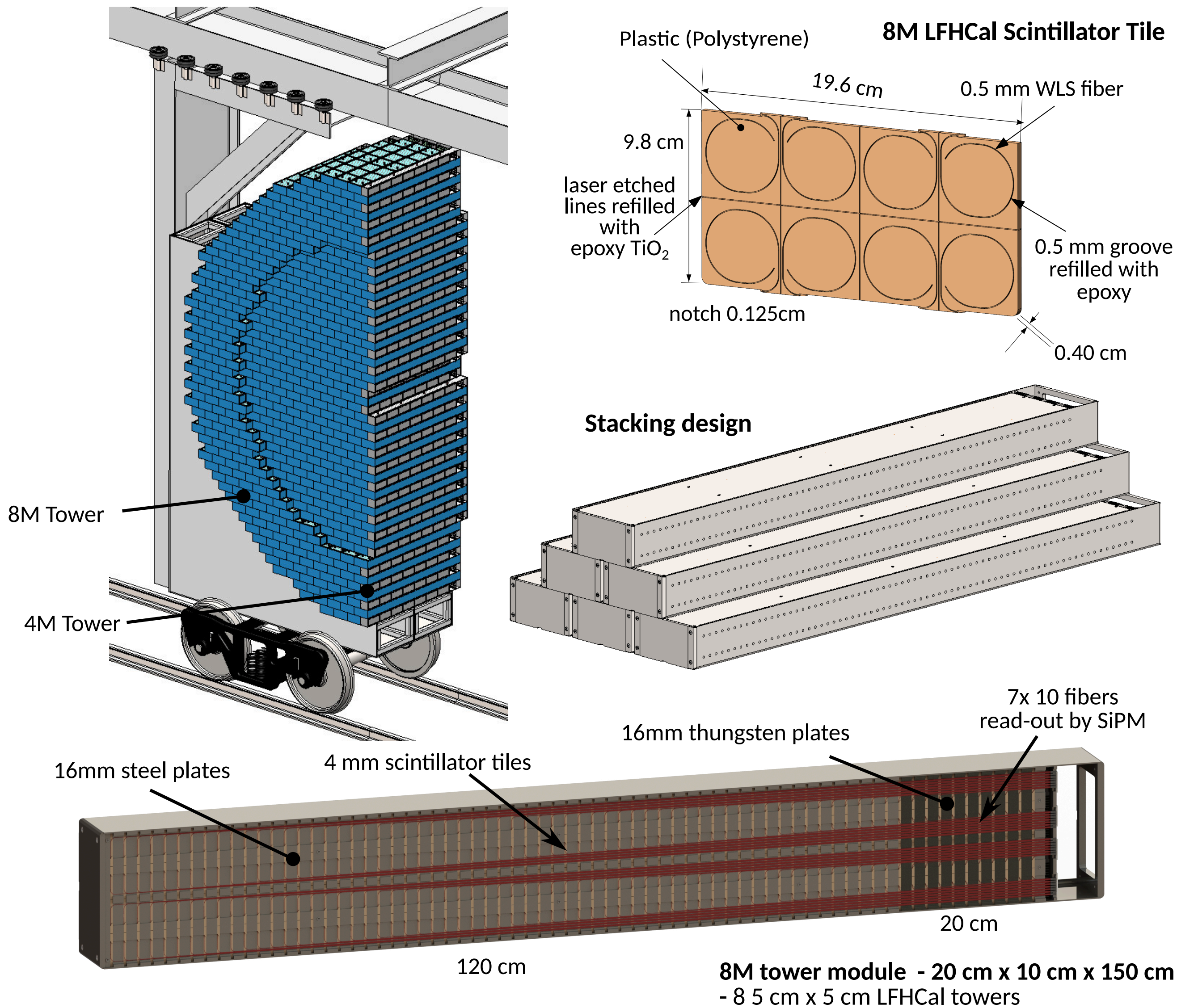


# Longitudinally segmented Forward Hadronic Calorimeter (LFHCal)

## For better performance:

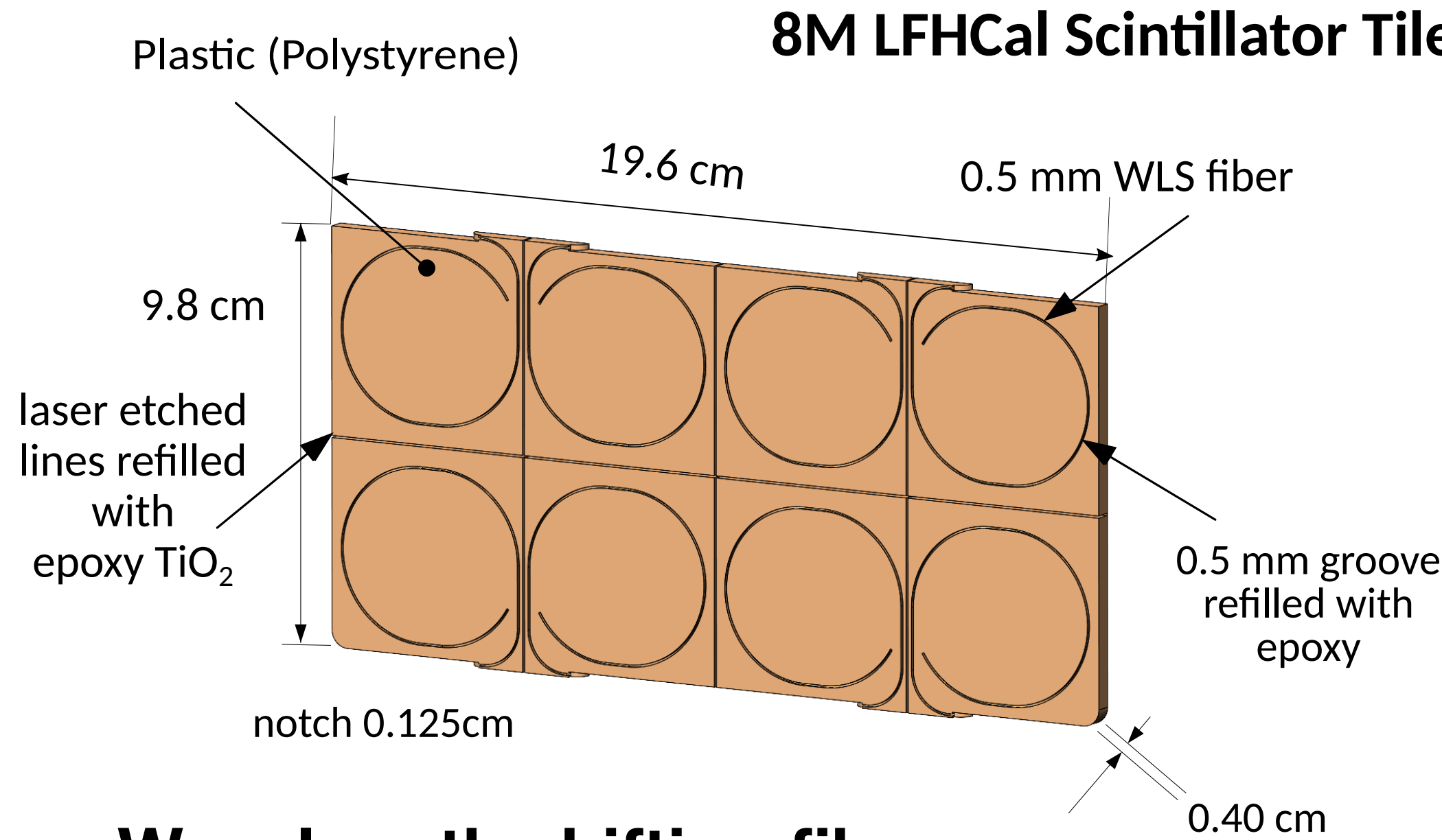
- sub-Moliere radius towers
- Longitudinal separation:
  - 7 longitudinally segmented regions
  - Better resolution for hadrons
  - Identification of muons

parameter	LFHCal
inner radius (envelope)	17 cm
outer radius (envelope)	270 cm
$\eta$ acceptance	$1.2 < \eta < 3.5$
tower information	
x, y ( $R < / > 0.8$ m)	5 cm
z (active depth)	140 cm
z read-out	10 cm
# scintillator plates	70 (0.4 cm each)
# absorber sheets	60 (1.6 cm steel)
	10 (1.6 cm tungsten)
weight	$\sim 30.6$ kg
interaction lengths	$6.9 \lambda / \lambda_0$
Molière radius $R_M$	21.1 cm ( $\pi^\pm$ shower)
Sampling fraction $f$	0.040
# towers (inner/outer)	9040
# modules	
8M	1091
4M	76
2M	2
1M	4
# read-out channels	$7 \times 9,040 = 63,280$

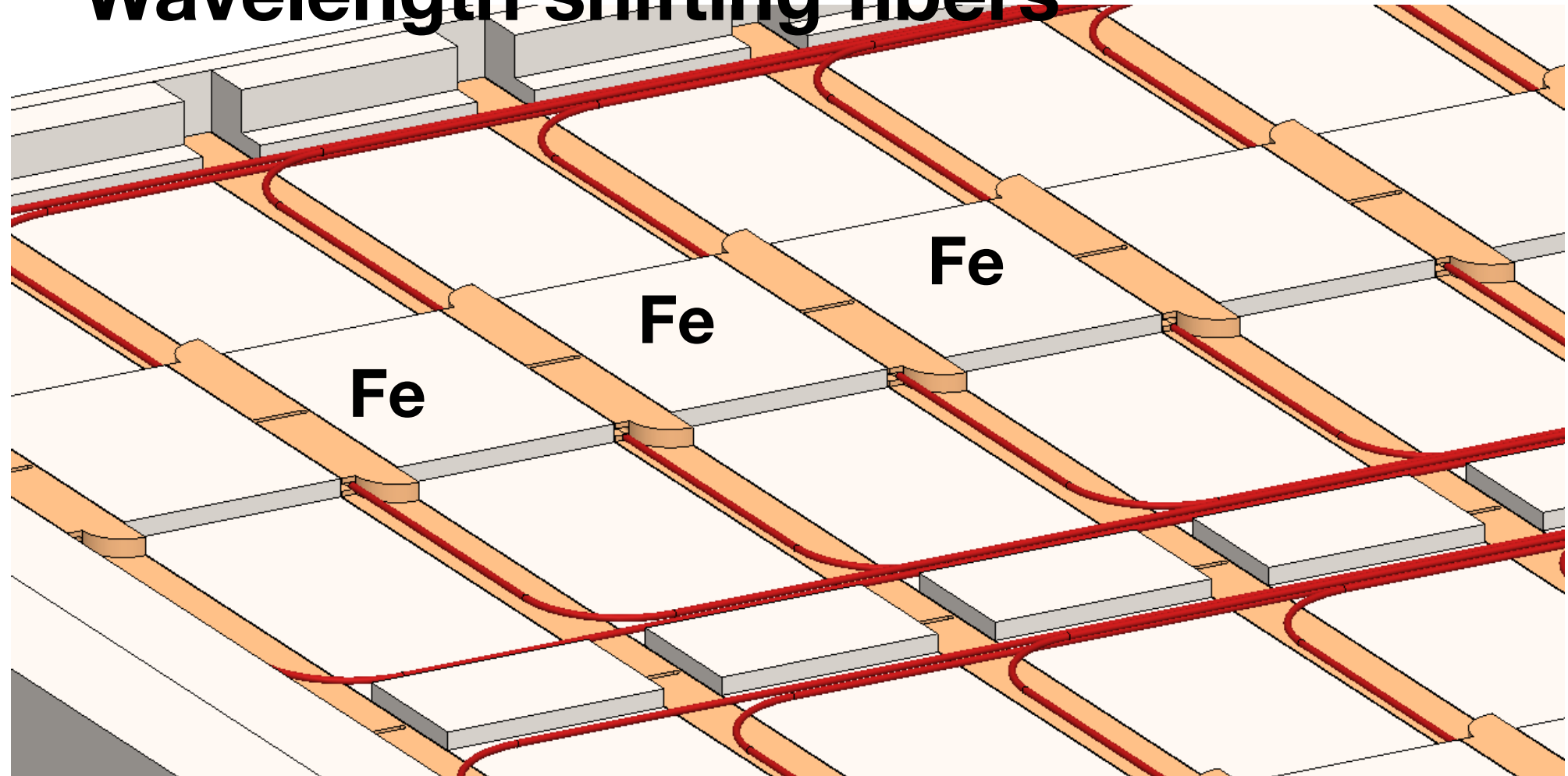




# Assembly of the LFHCal detector

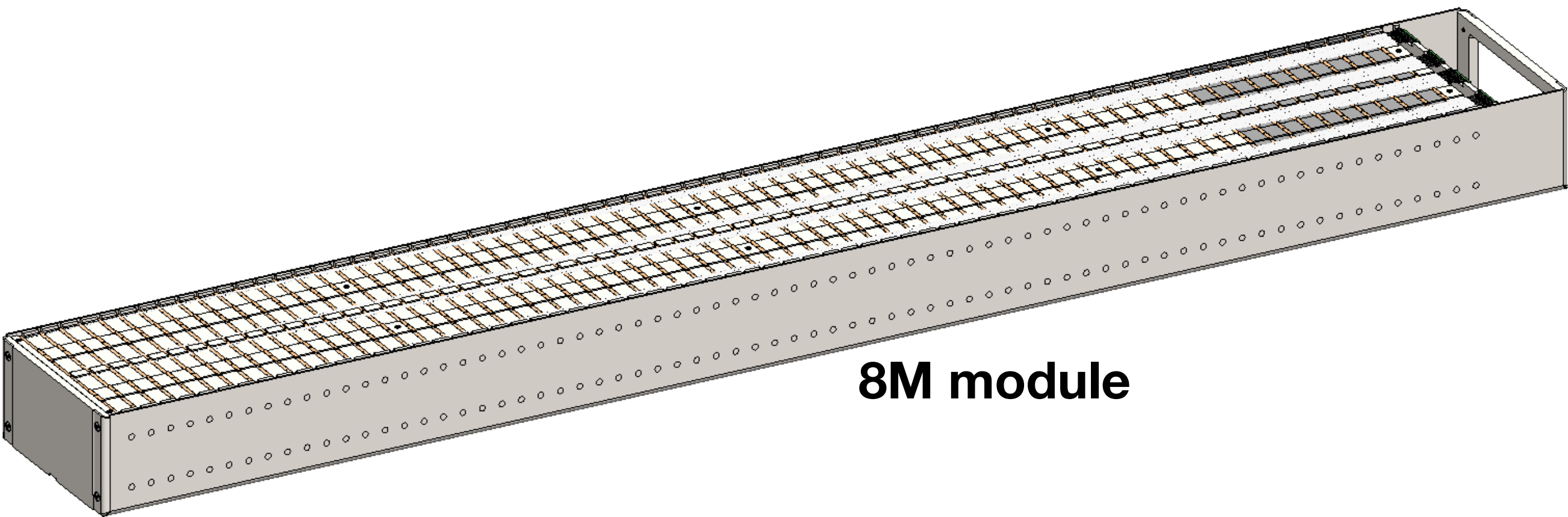
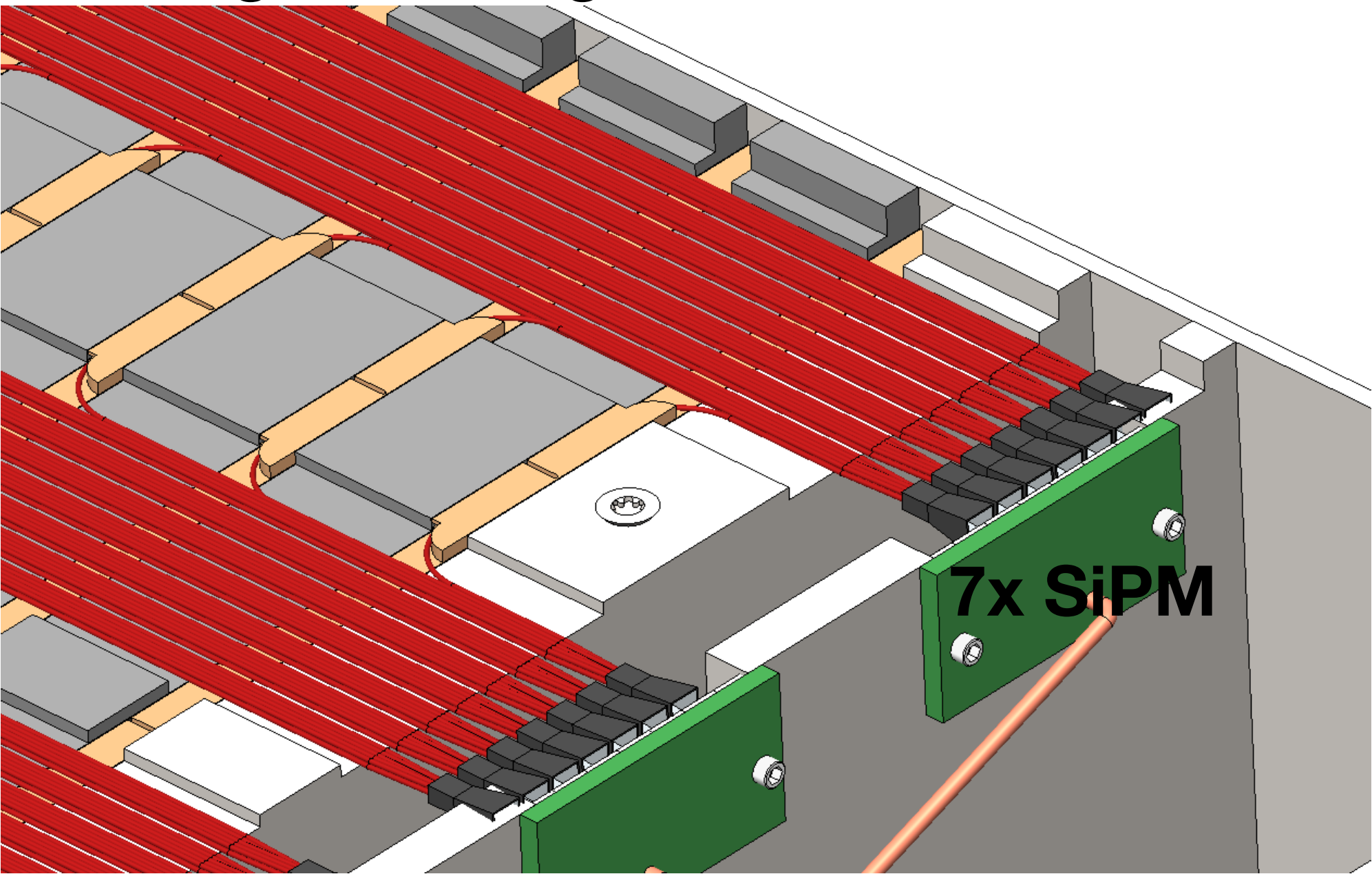


## Wavelength shifting fibers



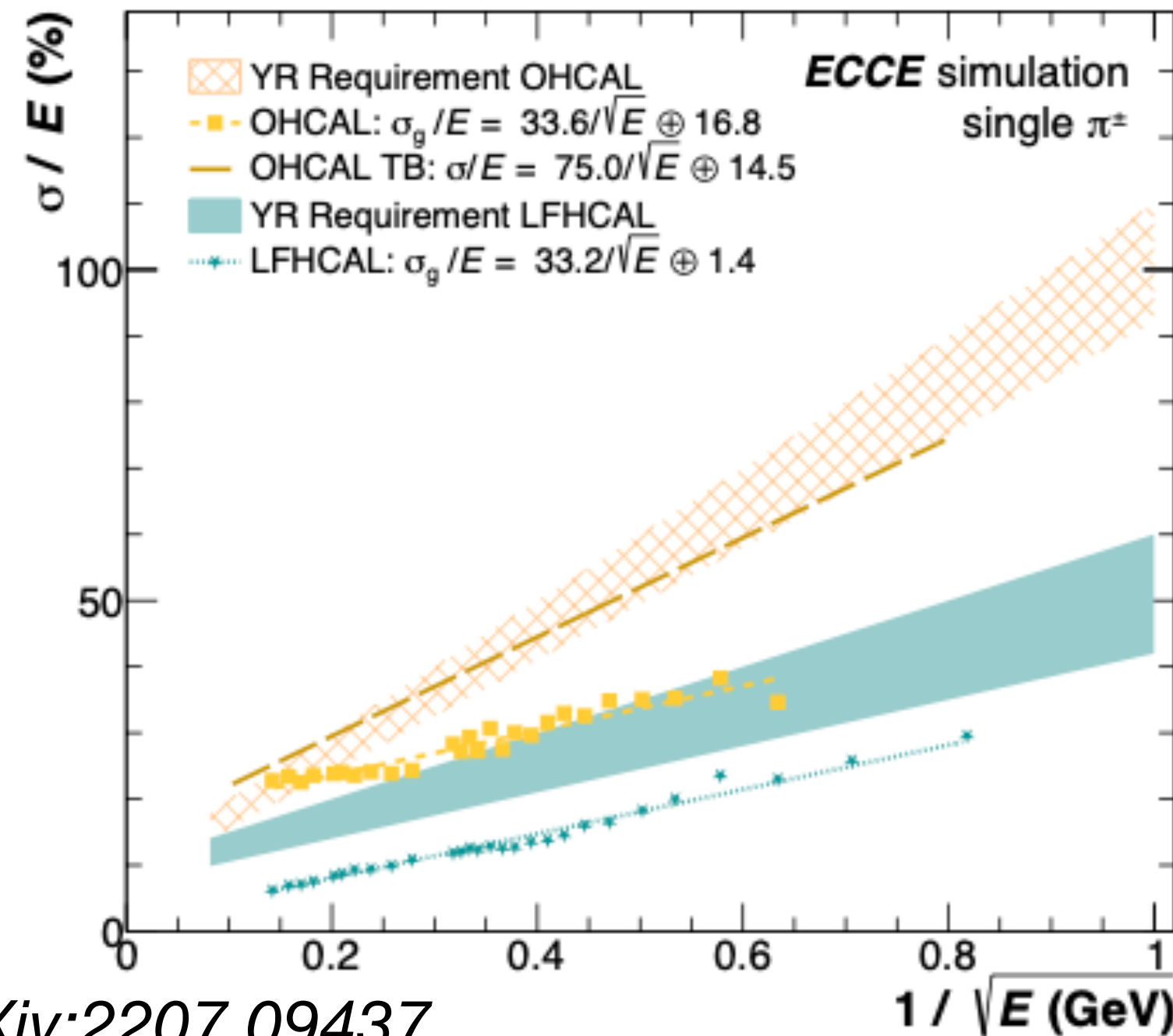
## Wavelength shifting fibers

*arXiv:2207.09437*





# Energy resolution



arXiv:2207.09437

Energy resolution depends on the particle ( $\pi$  or proton) and the pseudo rapidity acceptance

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} \approx \frac{33 - 44 \% (\eta)}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1.4 \%$$

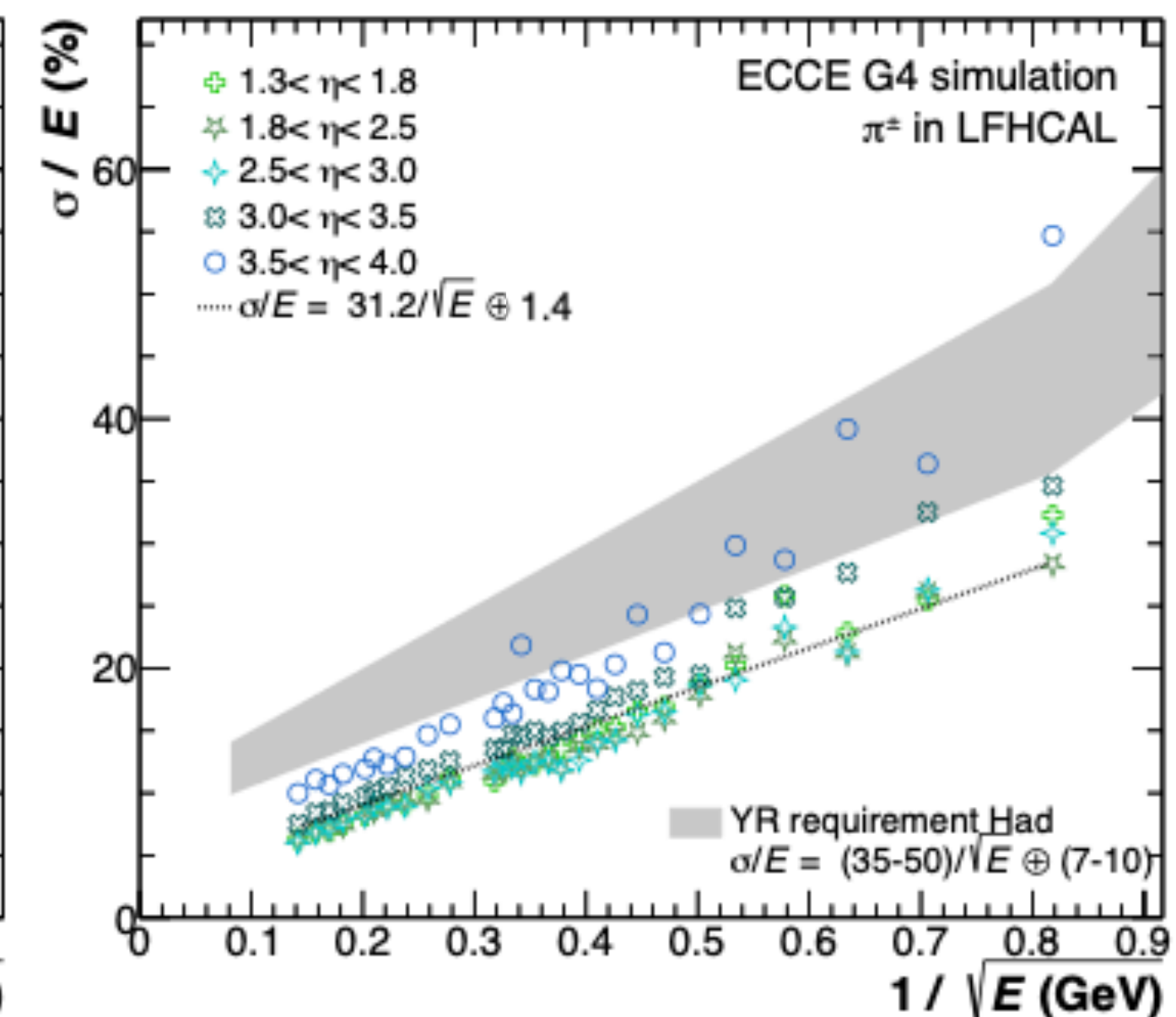
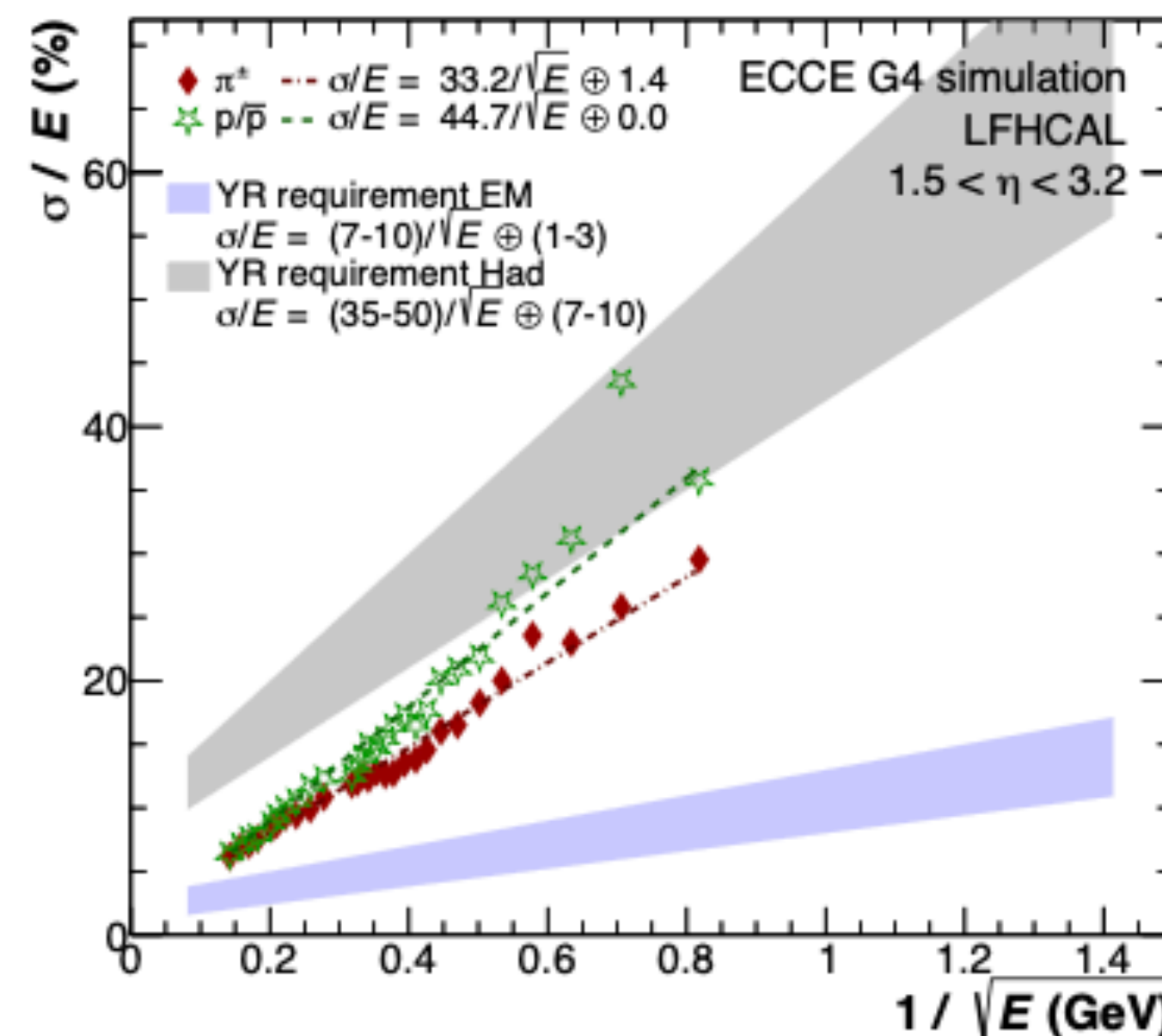
The simulation also shows factor 1.5 offset due to timing

Yellow report of EIC identified the forward hadron resolution should be:

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} \approx \frac{50 \%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 10 \%$$

The longitudinal segmentation and tail containment:

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} \approx \frac{33.2 \%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1.4 \%$$



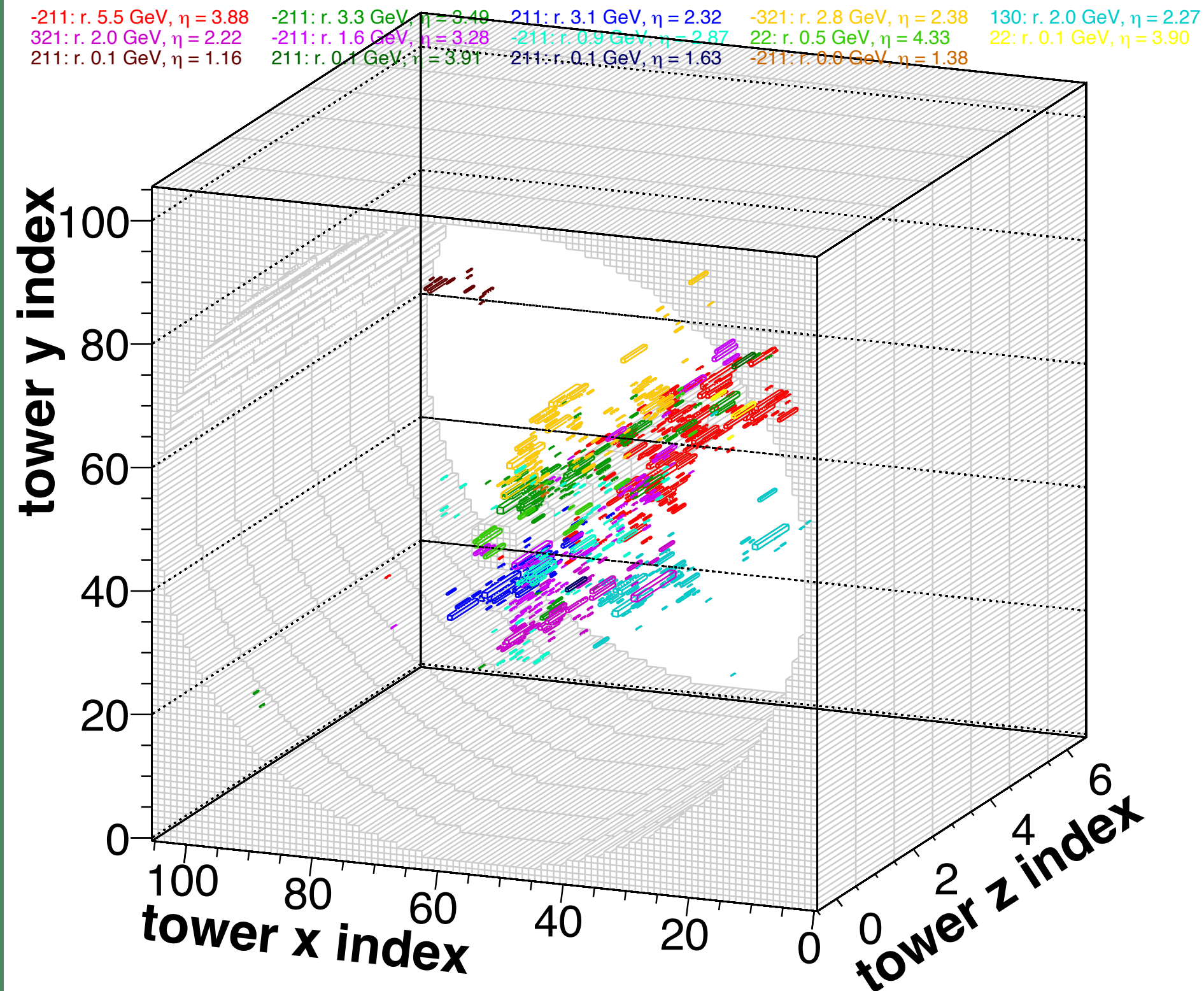
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See also next talk



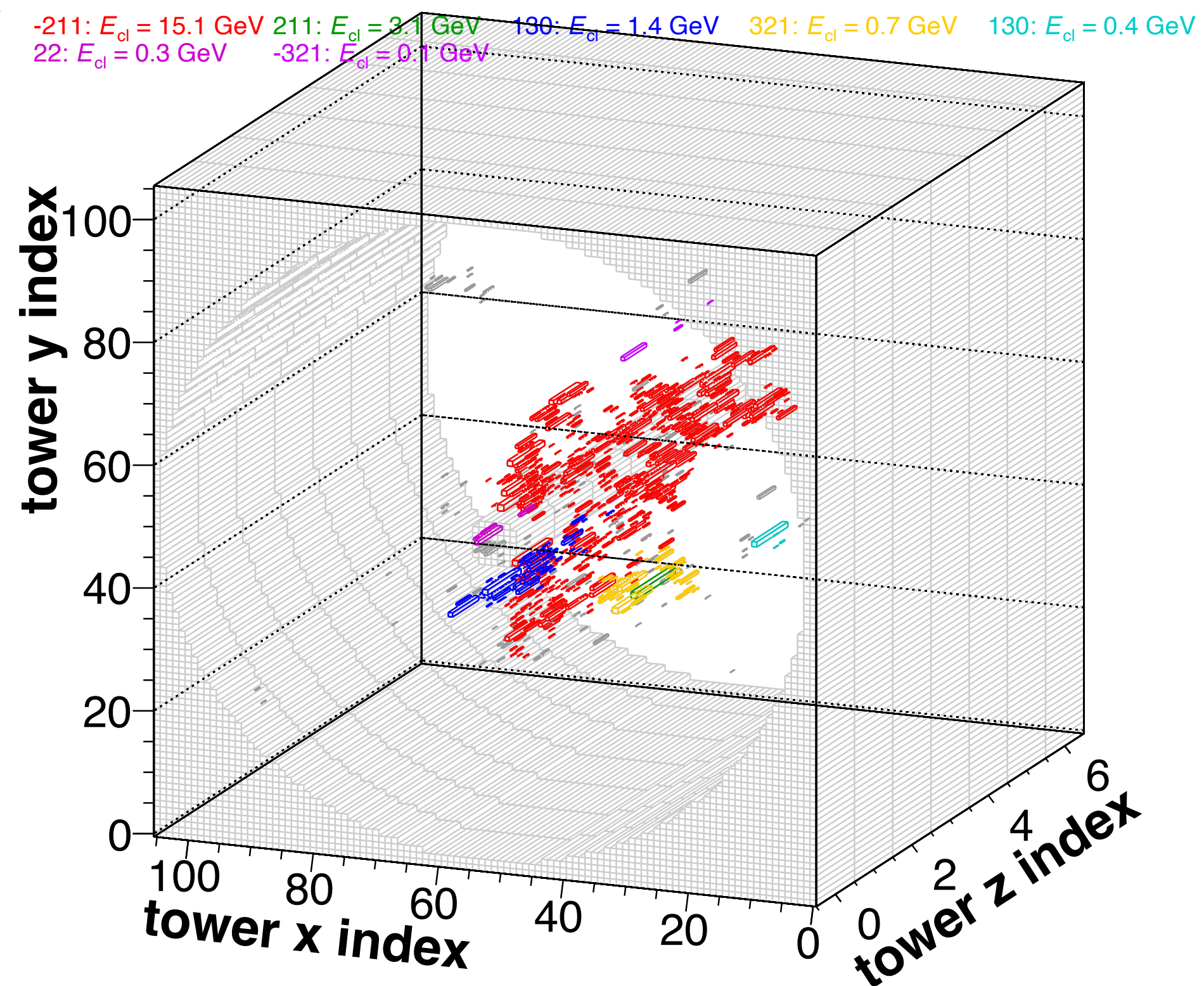
# Clusterization and longitudinal segmentation

## MC particles



LFHCaI, Event 30  
e-p: 18x 275 GeV,  $Q^2 > 100$  GeV

## Modified aggregation clusterizer



LFHCaI, Event 30  
e-p: 18x 275 GeV,  $Q^2 > 100$  GeV

Longitudinal shower development:

- More information about the particle ID
- Timing information could further help with particle ID

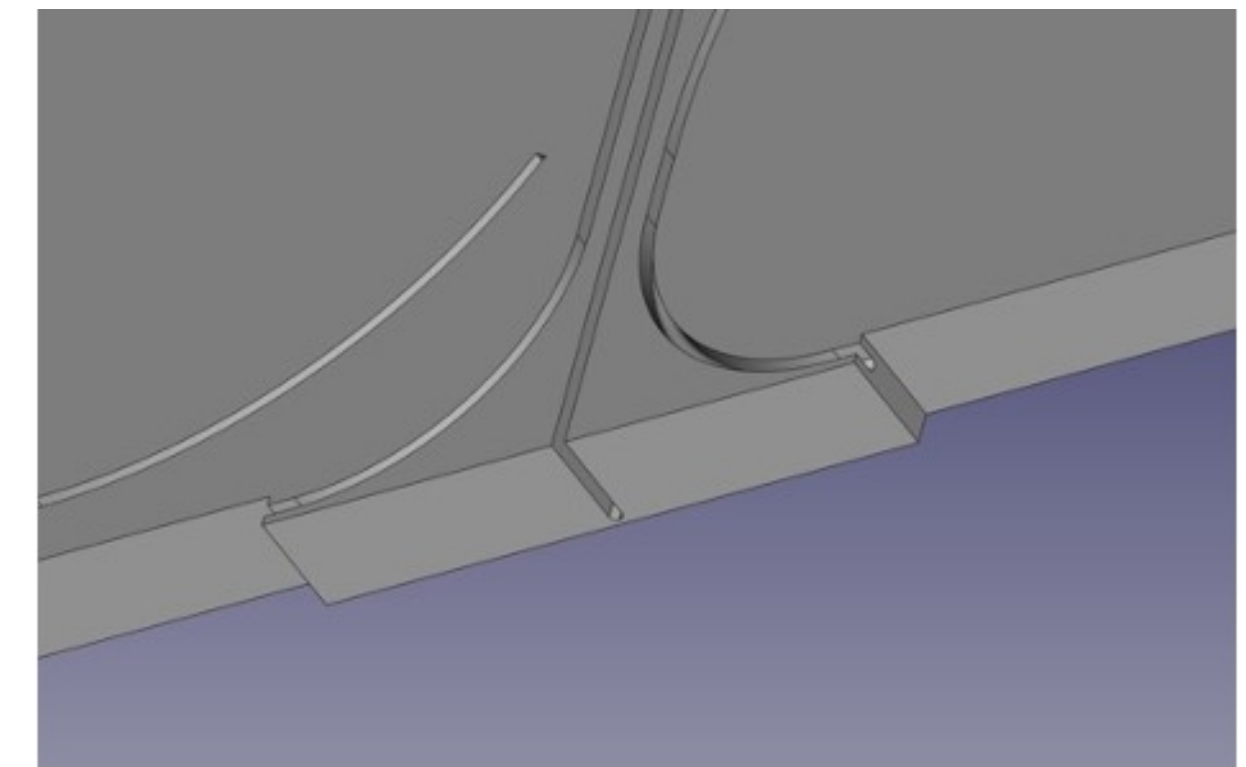
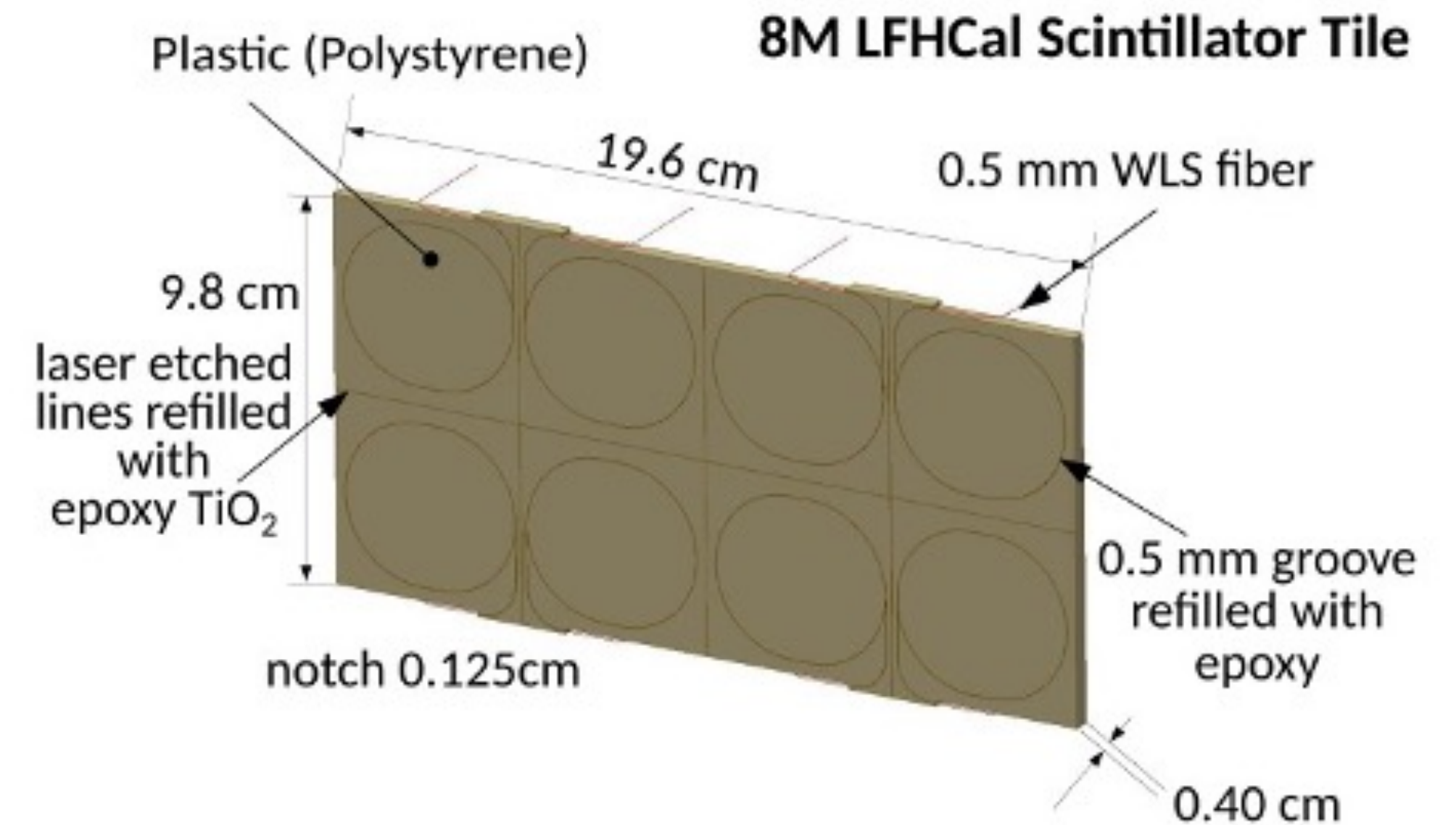
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# Optical quality injection molding

## Injection molding of large plastic scintillator tiles at optical quality:

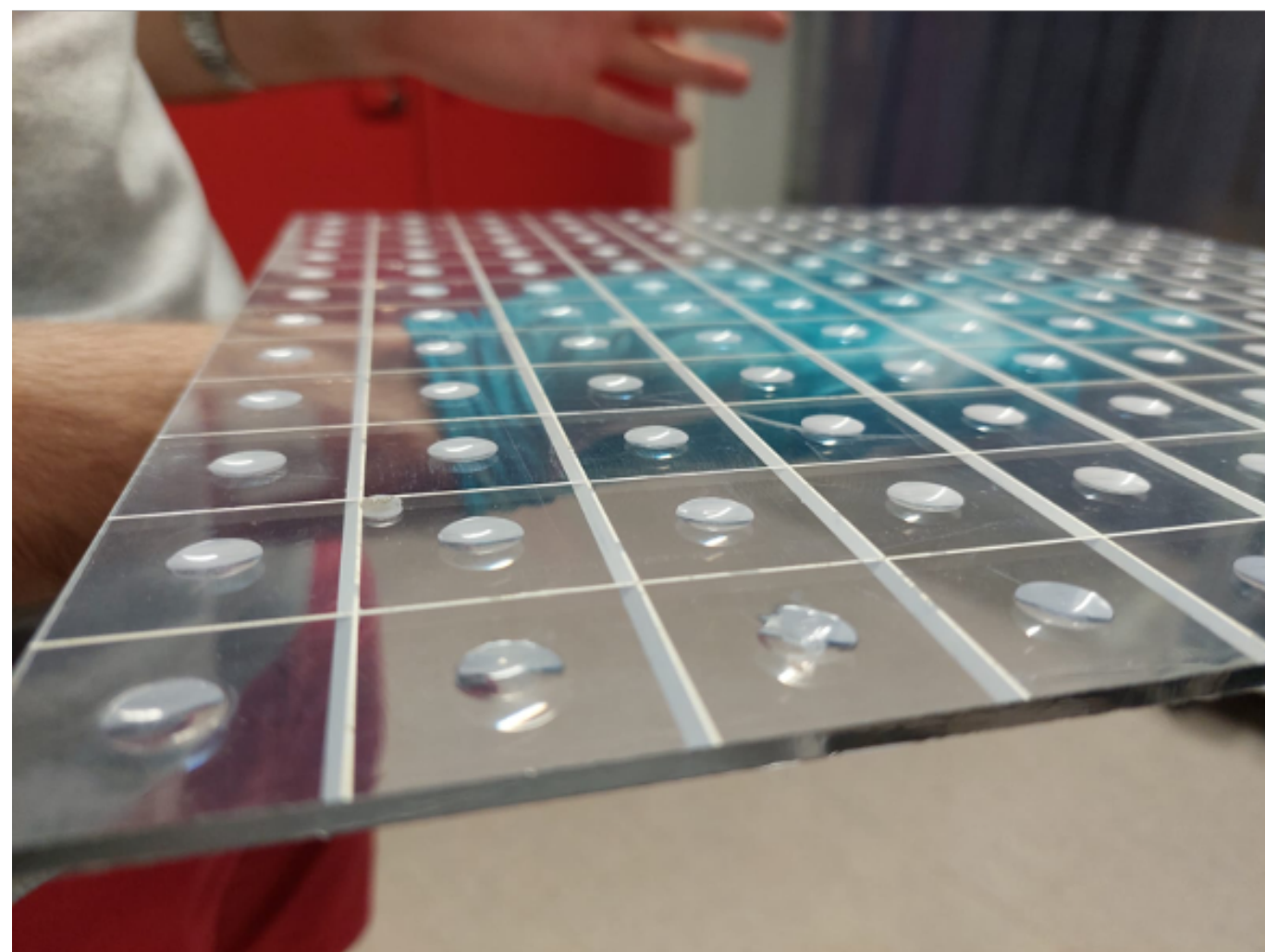
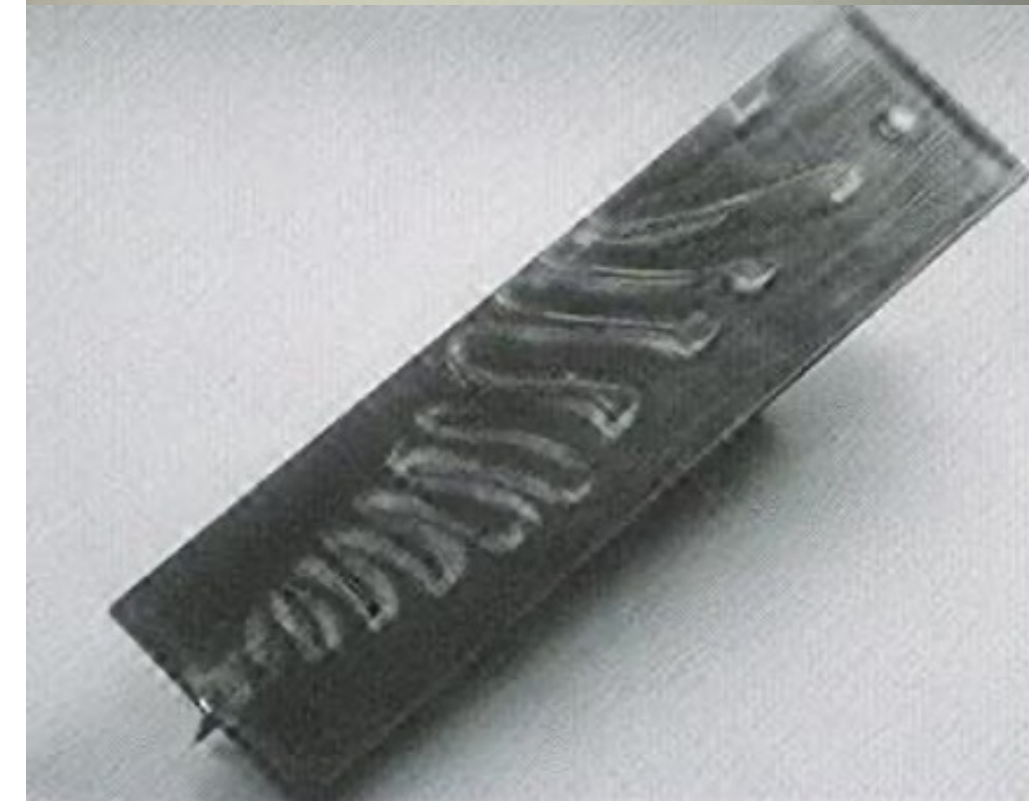
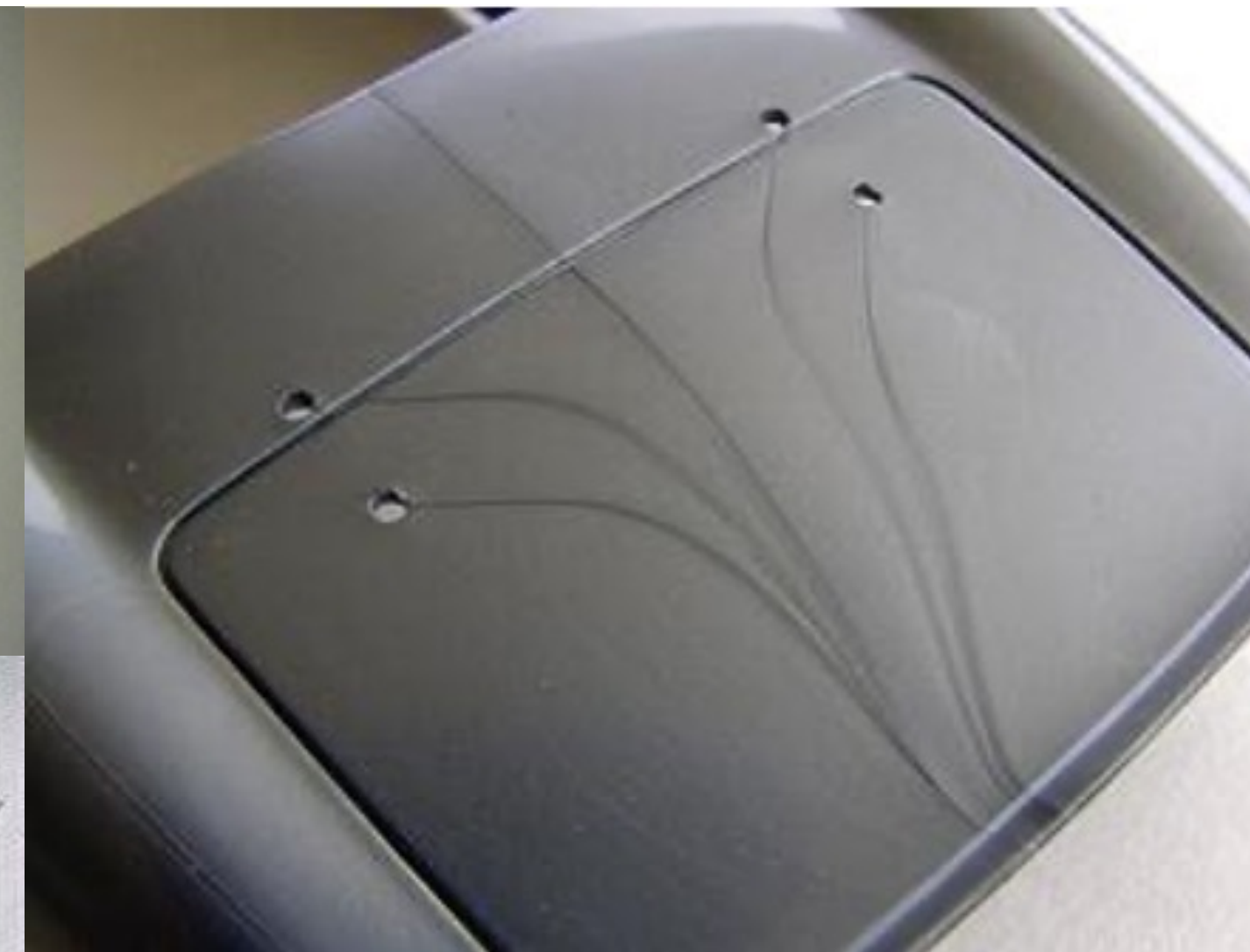
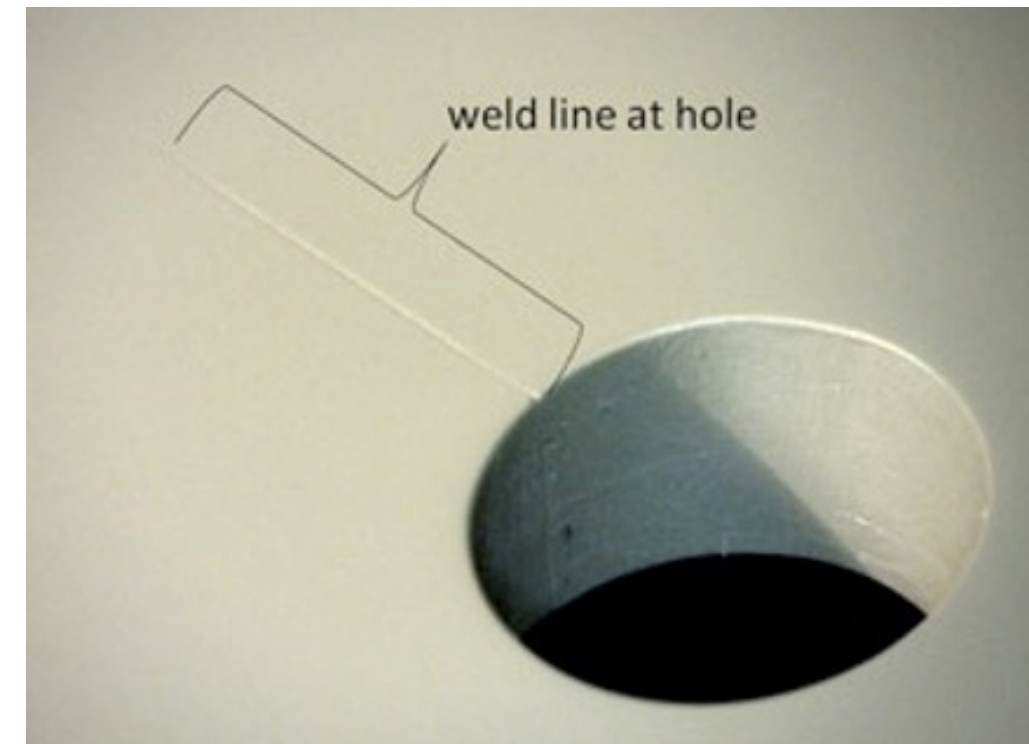
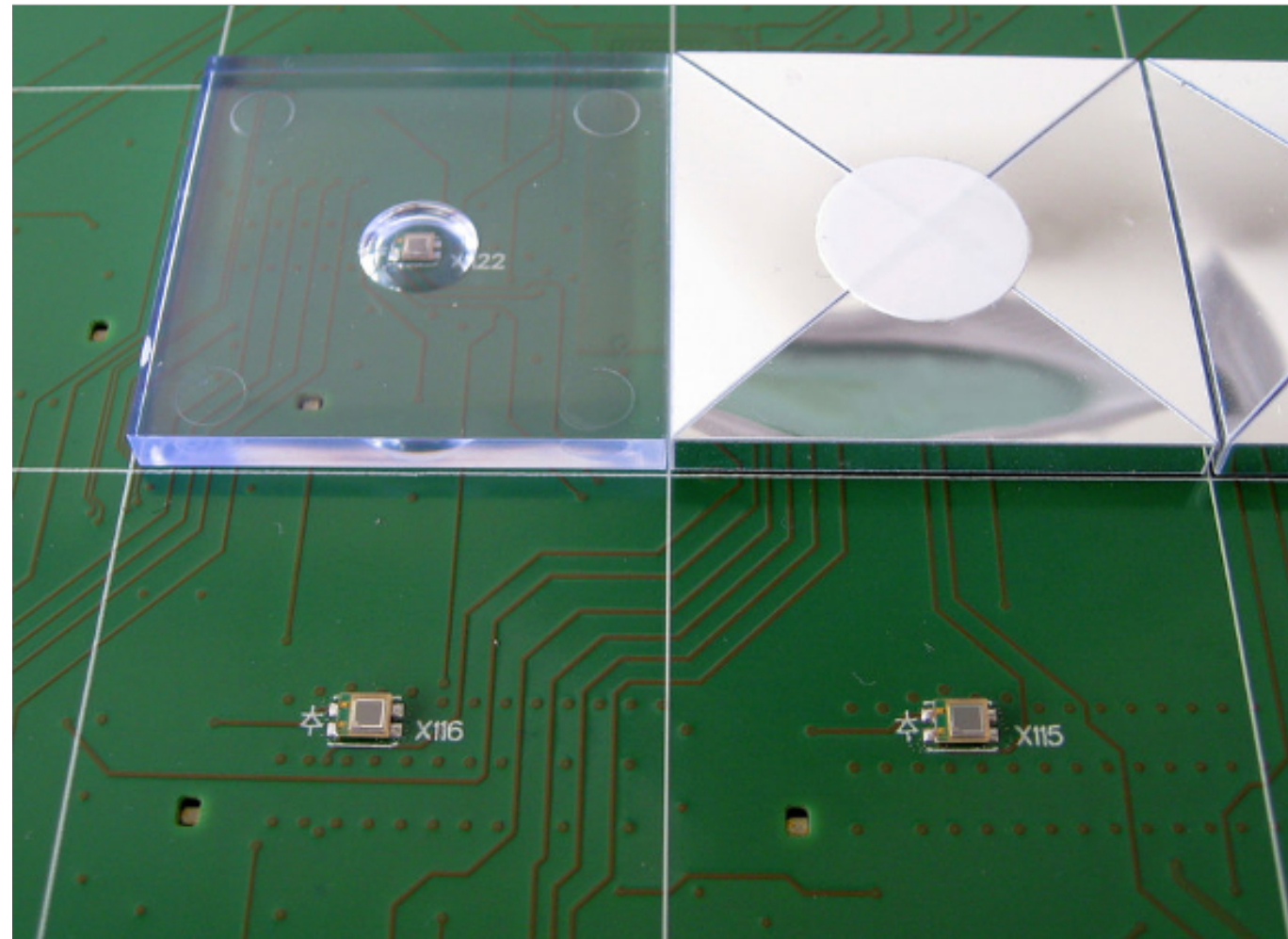
- Part of the R&D effort of the LFHCAL:
  - 80,000 pcs of 20x10 cm<sup>2</sup> tiles
- Benefits:
  - 90% cost reduction:
    - Machined tile 65\$/tile (material, machining) —> 5.2 M\$
    - Molded tiles would be < 500 k\$
  - 90% less production time:
    - Machined tiles: 2-4 years for raw material
    - Molded tiles: 4 months
- Each tile can be separated with ridges:
  - TiO<sub>2</sub> + epoxy
- Focus is on the optical quality:
  - Avoiding weld lines and other imperfections
  - 3D printed molds (ORNL MDF facilities)





# Future R&D – Large scale injection molding challenges

## Imperfections of injection molds



***Large tiles for CALICE***



***MDF @ ORNL***

***Experience with the injection molding and 3D printed molds***





# Readout electronics requirement

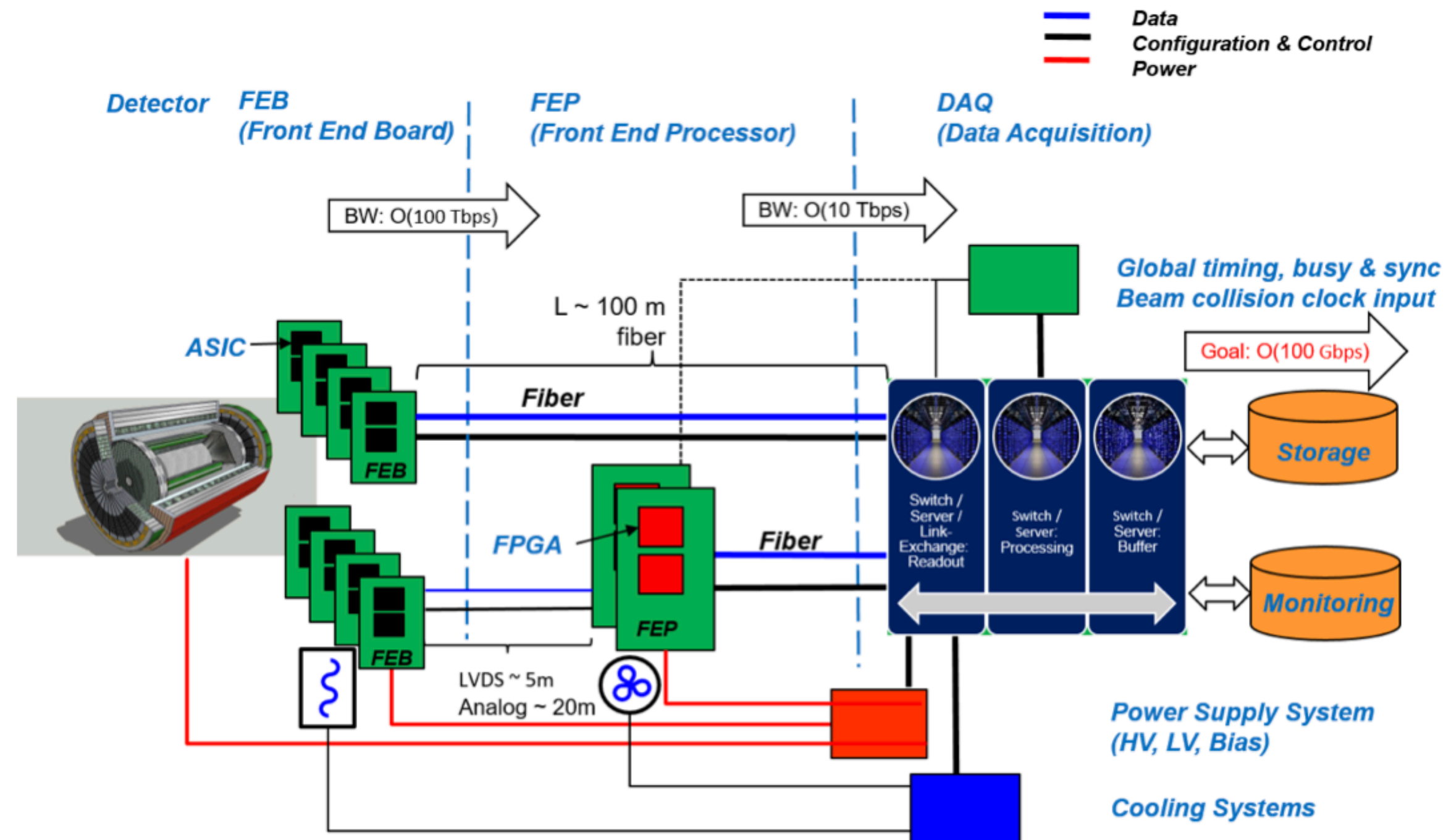


Figure 11.134: Possible scheme for the EIC Readout Architecture

EIC Yellow Report, 2103.05419

## Yellow report place requirements on the readout system:

- Streaming readout:
  - Calorimeters usually are not streaming (ALICE, sPHENIX)
- Online reconstruction of events:
  - Online four-vector reconstruction and PID of particles
- Store all raw data directly to the disk
- Noise reduction required
- Zero suppression required (hit-detection)
- Careful calibration is required:
  - MIP peak monitoring:
    - Environmental influences
  - Particle mass reconstructions

***AI/ML tools can be implemented to further enhance the detector performance***



# ASIC – H2GCROCV3 architecture

## Overall chip divided in two symmetrical parts:

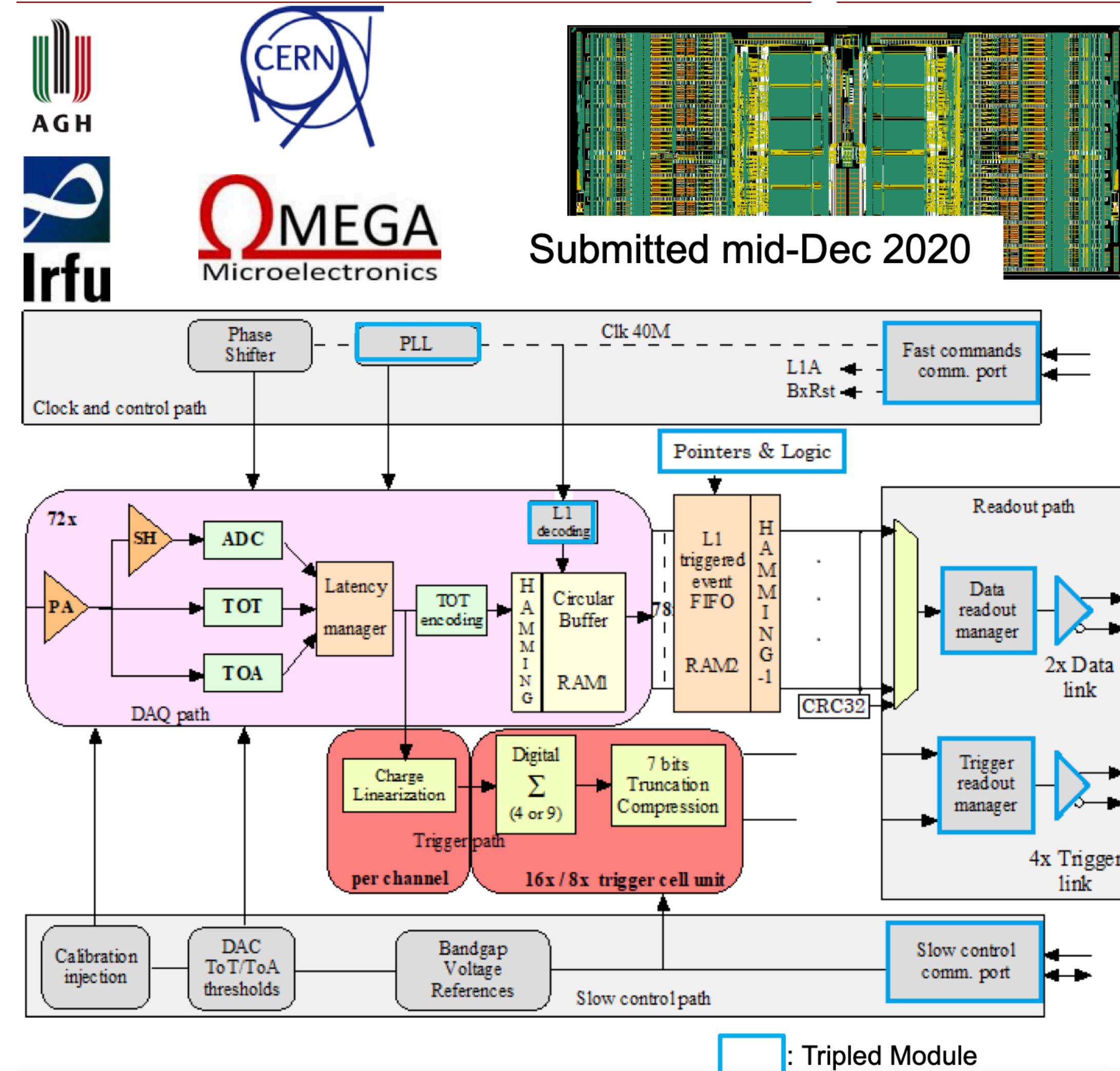
- One half is made of:
  - 36 channels + 2 CMN + 2 Calib
  - Bandgap, voltage reference close to the edge

## Measurements:

- Charge:
  - ADC peak measurement, 10 bits at 40 MHz
    - 0.4 fC resolution
  - TDC: (Time over Threshold), 12 bits
    - 2.5fC resolution
- Time:
  - Time of arrival, 10 bits (25ps)

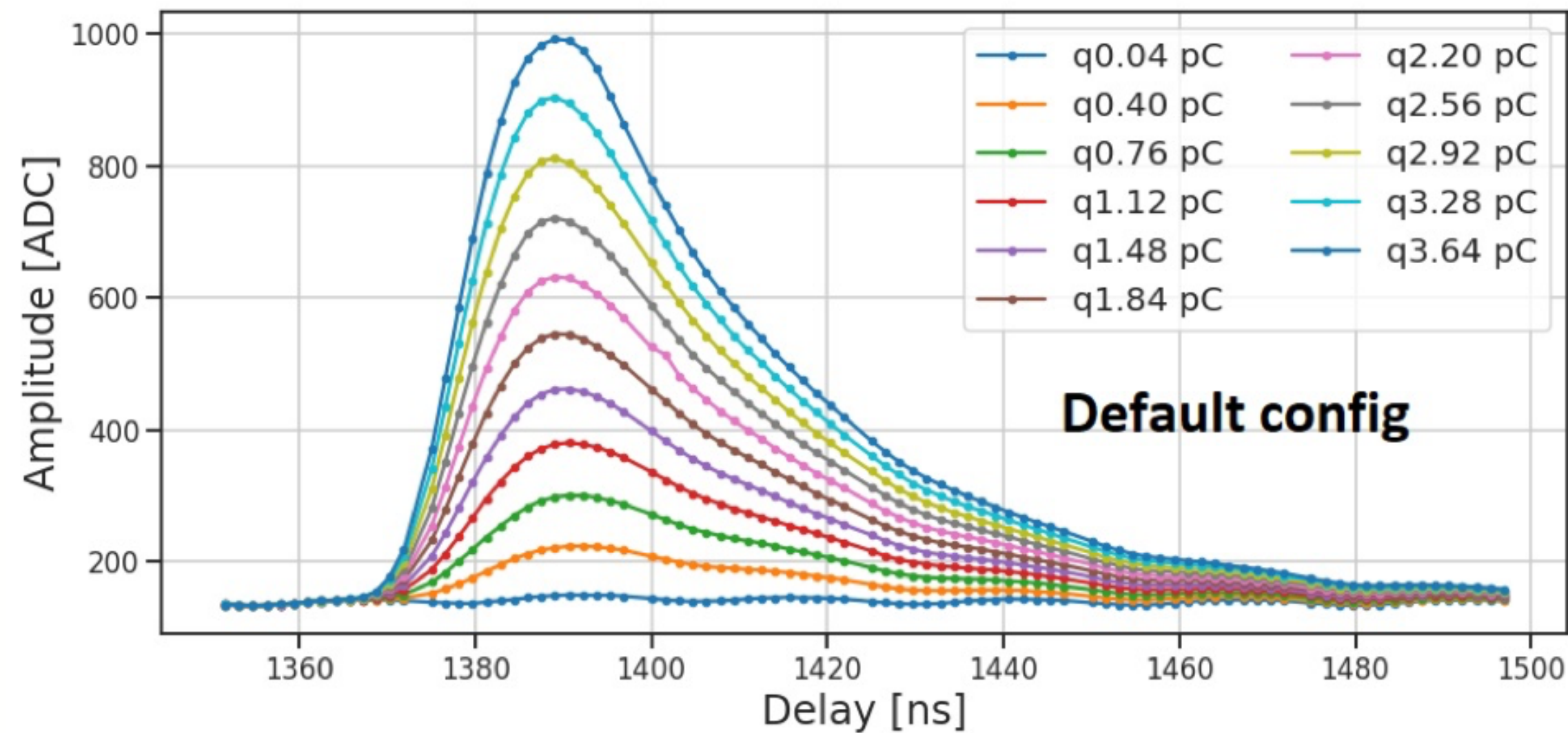
## Data flow:

- DAQ path:
  - 512 depth RAM1, circular buffer
  - Secondary RAM2, 32 depth
- Trigger path:
  - Sum of 4 or 9 channels





# HGCROC use in EIC

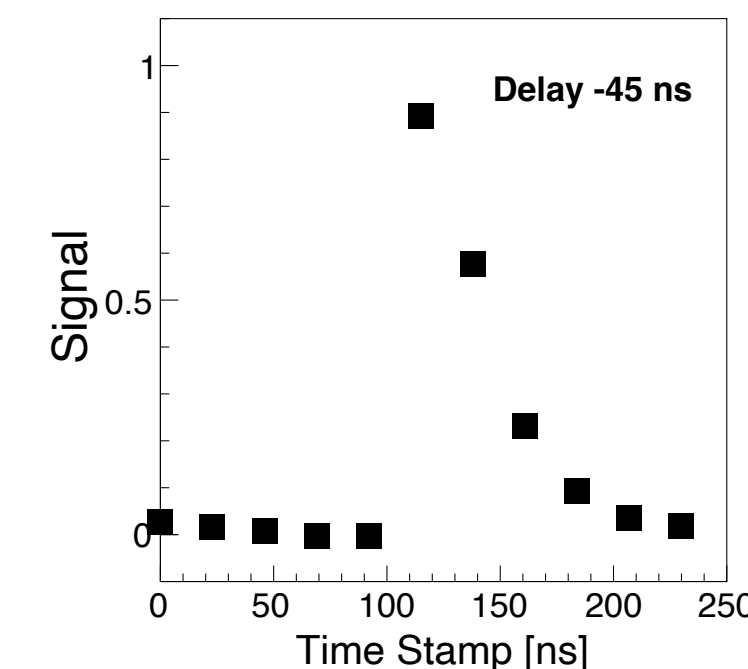
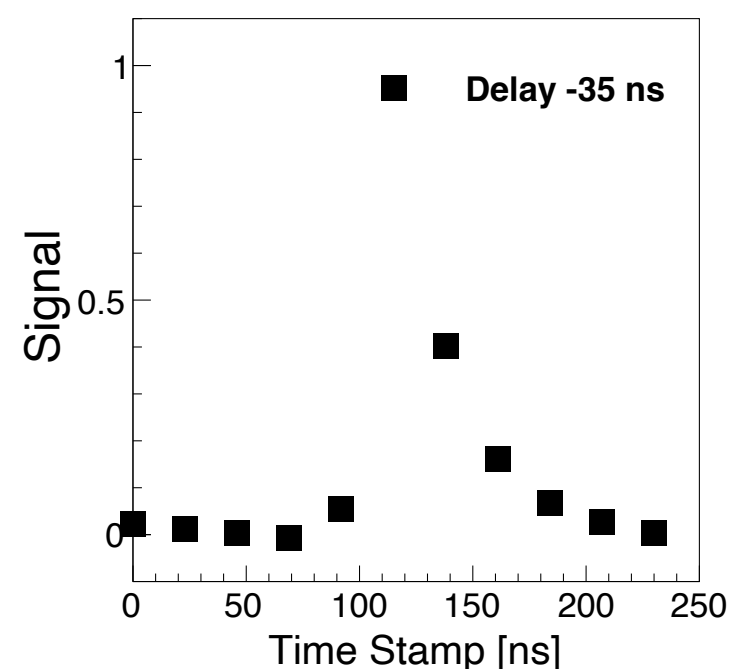
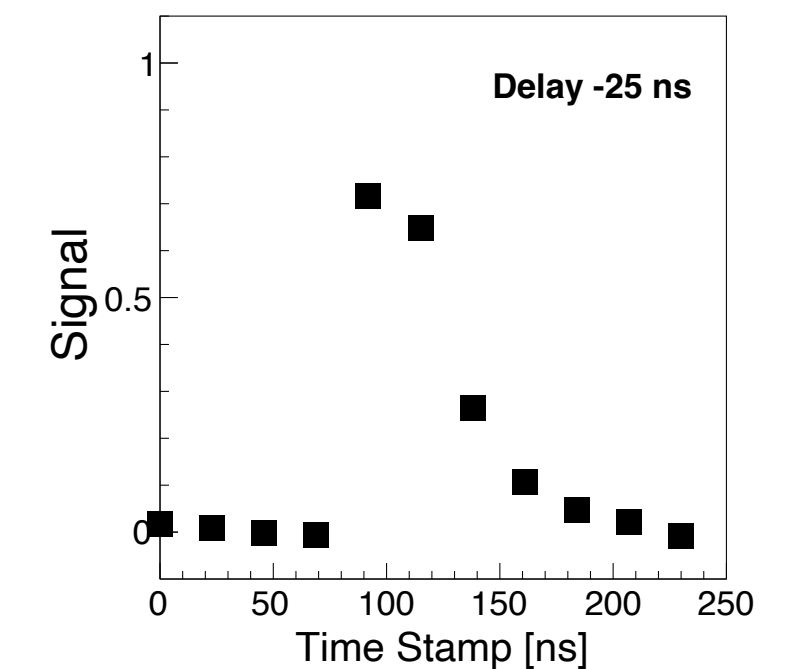
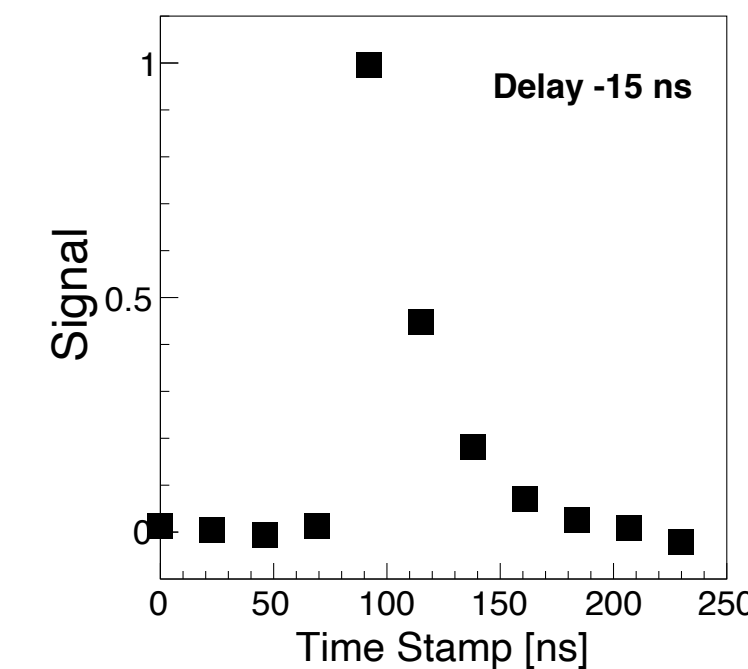
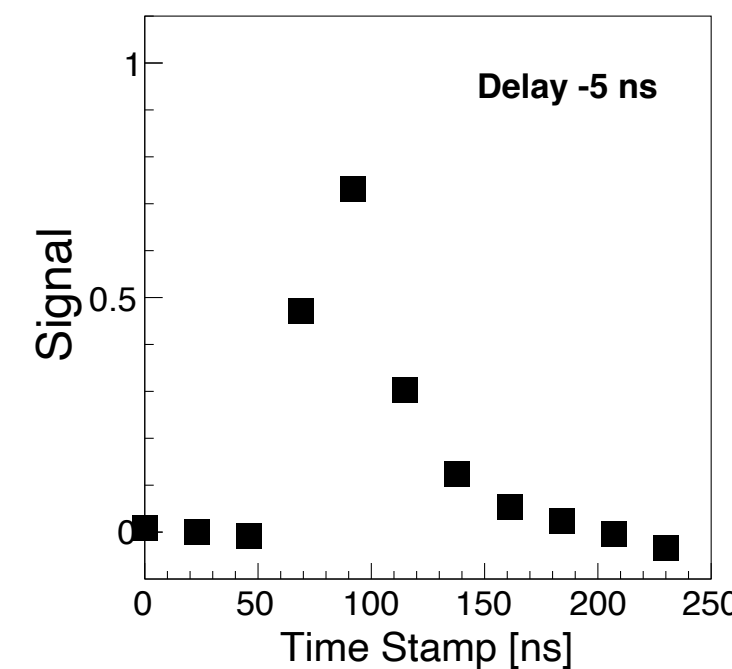


**EIC clock is 100MHz, therefore there are 5 different phases of the signal sampled with the 40 MHz clock:**

- The new version of the H2GCROCv3 can read out multiple consecutive bunch crossings
- For good signal reconstruction, we plan to save 3 (or 4) samples for each signal
- Total: 3 ADC, 3 TOA and 3 TOT values, 32x3-bit words for each physics signal

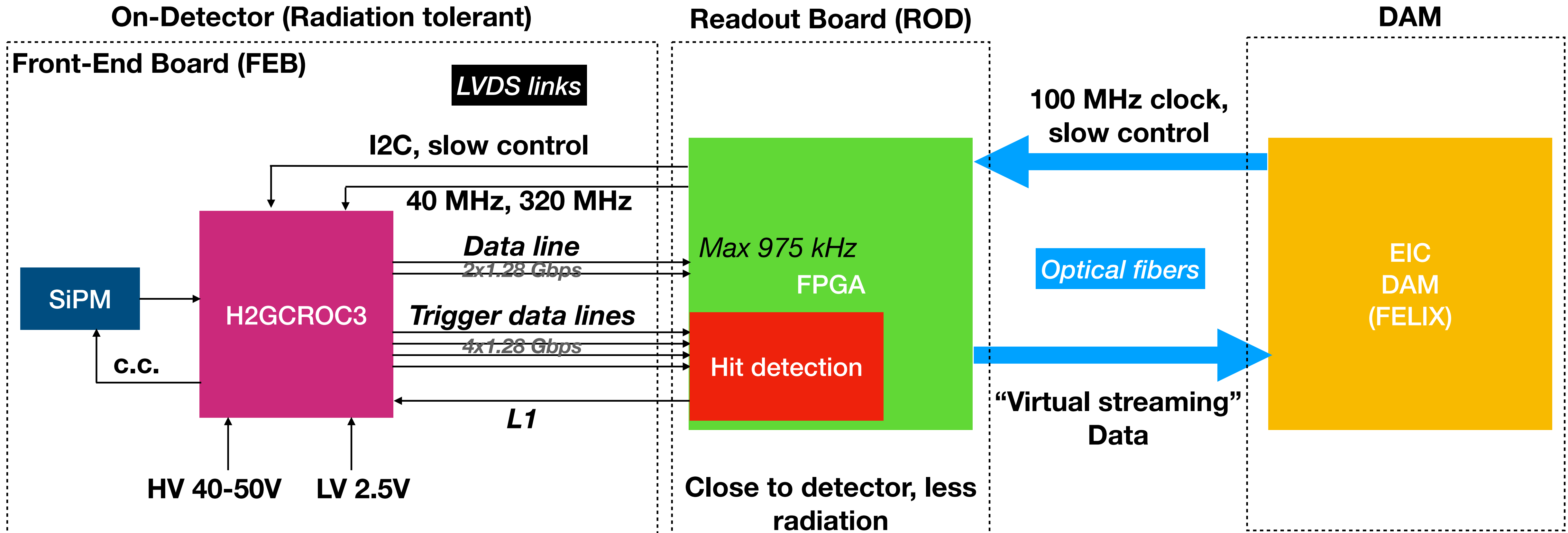
## Signal from the shapers:

- Fast shaper
- Signal max reached within 25 ns
- Several gain setups available in the HGCROC





# LFHCal readout hierarchy



## Data propagation from the detector to the EPIC DAQ system:

- The H2GCROC3 requires the L1 trigger for readout, with the maximum speed of 960 kHz
- The expected hit rate in **one channel of LFHCal** is up to 50 kHz:
  - With possible 4 sample readout we would reach a maximum of 200 kHz
  - “*Virtual*” streaming readout towards the EPIC DAQ system



# Summary

## **EIC will map the 3D picture of protons and nuclei**

- Precision 3D imaging of protons and nuclei
- Solving the proton spin puzzle
- Discovery of the gluon saturation
- Quarks and gluon confinement
- Cold nuclear matter energy loss

LFHCal is crucial to identify the neutral energy component of jets

- Longitudinally segmented to increase performance
- Innovative R&D to use **injection molding** for the scintillator tiles:
  - Reducing cost and time of building future large scale calorimeters
- **“Virtually” streaming** calorimeter:
  - Using ASIC developed at CMS for high luminosity LHC run
  - Locally triggered, globally streaming
  - Including timing information

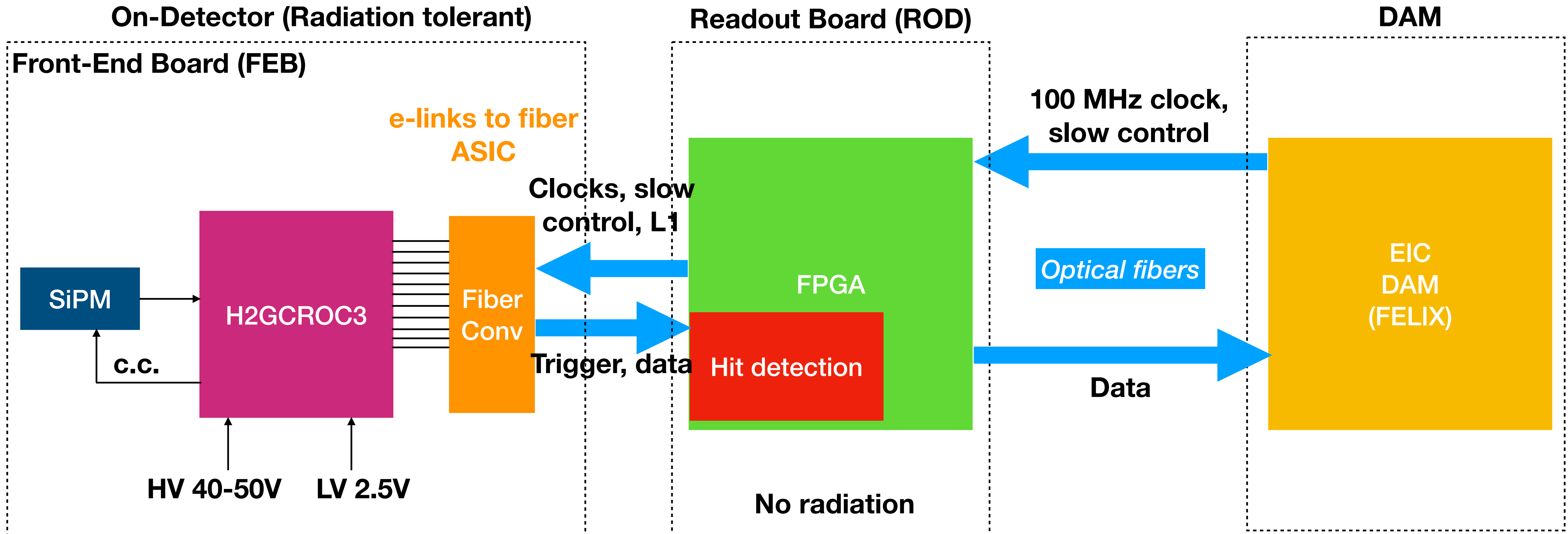


# Backup

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# LFHCal readout hierarchy - Service reduction



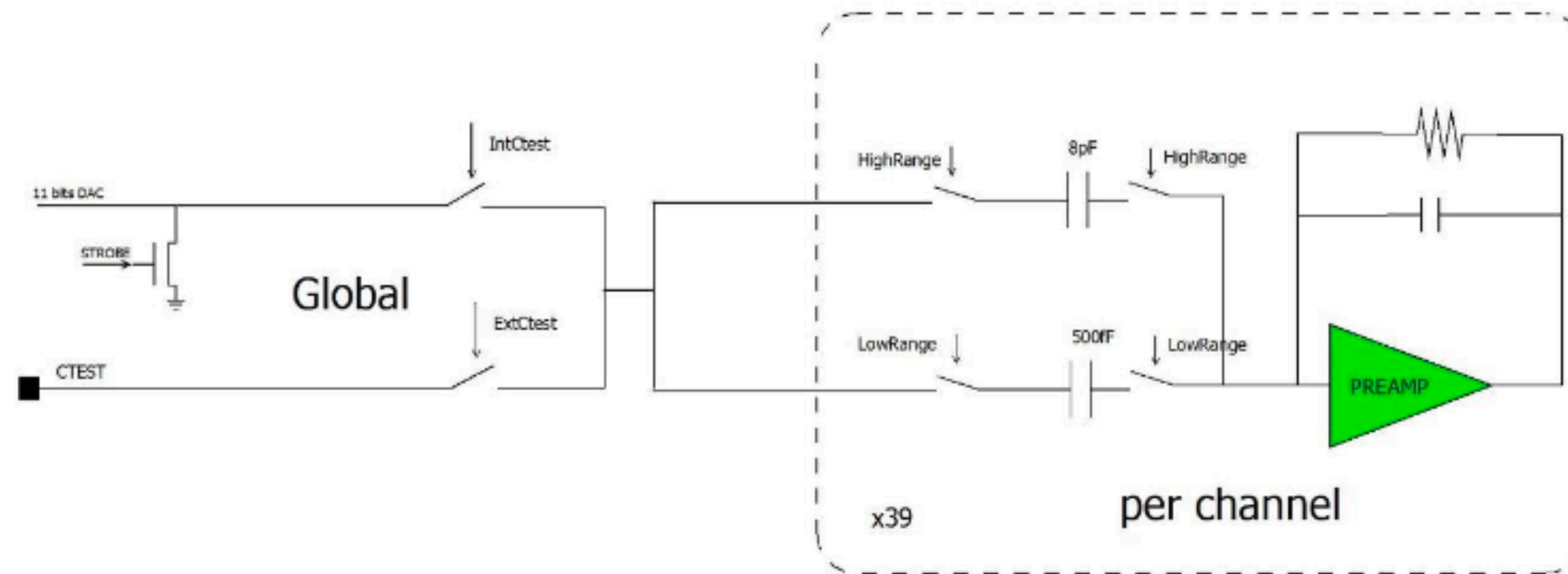
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**Service reduction for H2GCROC3 would allow significant simplification on the cabling**



# Internal Calibration Circuit



## Internal Calibration circuit implemented in the H2GCROCV3:

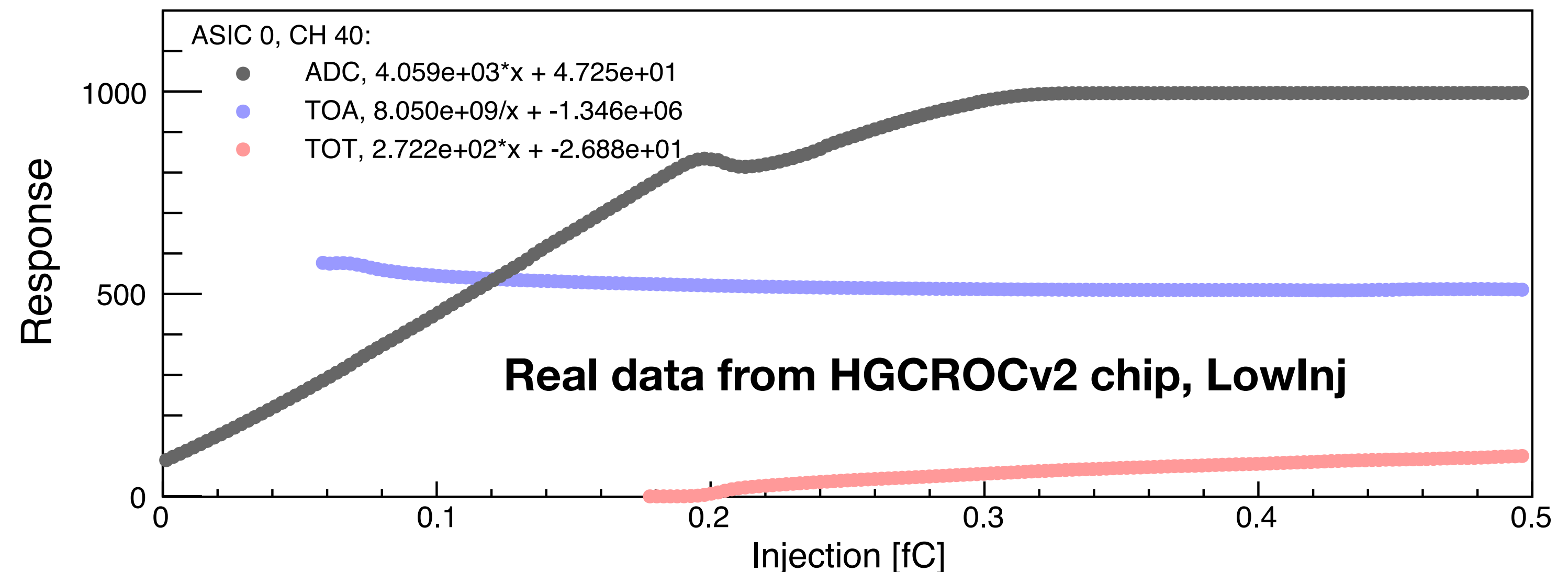
- Almost the full dynamic range. Reference voltage 0-1V:
  - 0.5 pF Low Range: 0 - 0.5 pC
  - 8 pF High Range: 0- 8 pC

Calibration circuit injection value of 11-bit:  
*Can be used to identify the thresholds for TOA and TOT, check linearity, etc.*

## Dynamic range of the HGCROC:

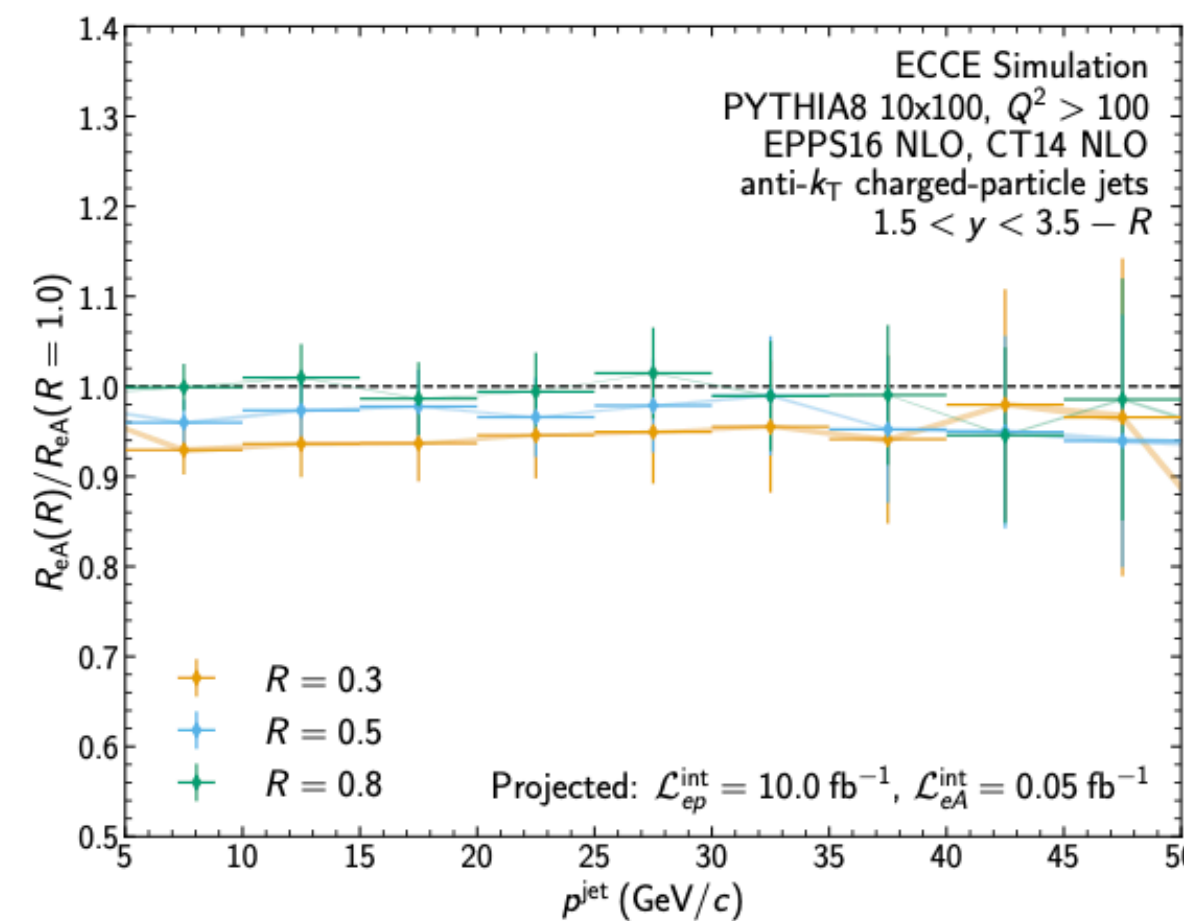
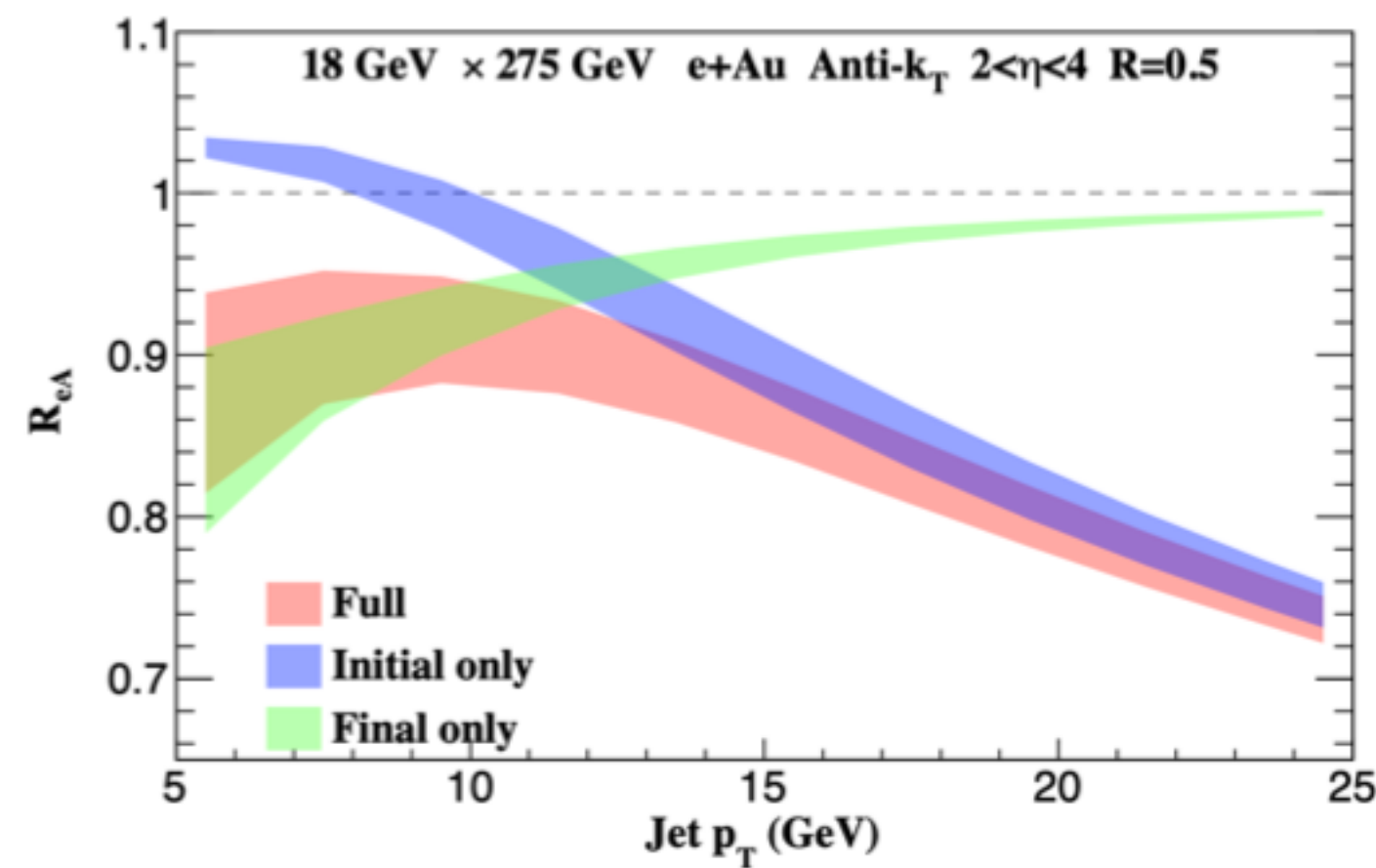
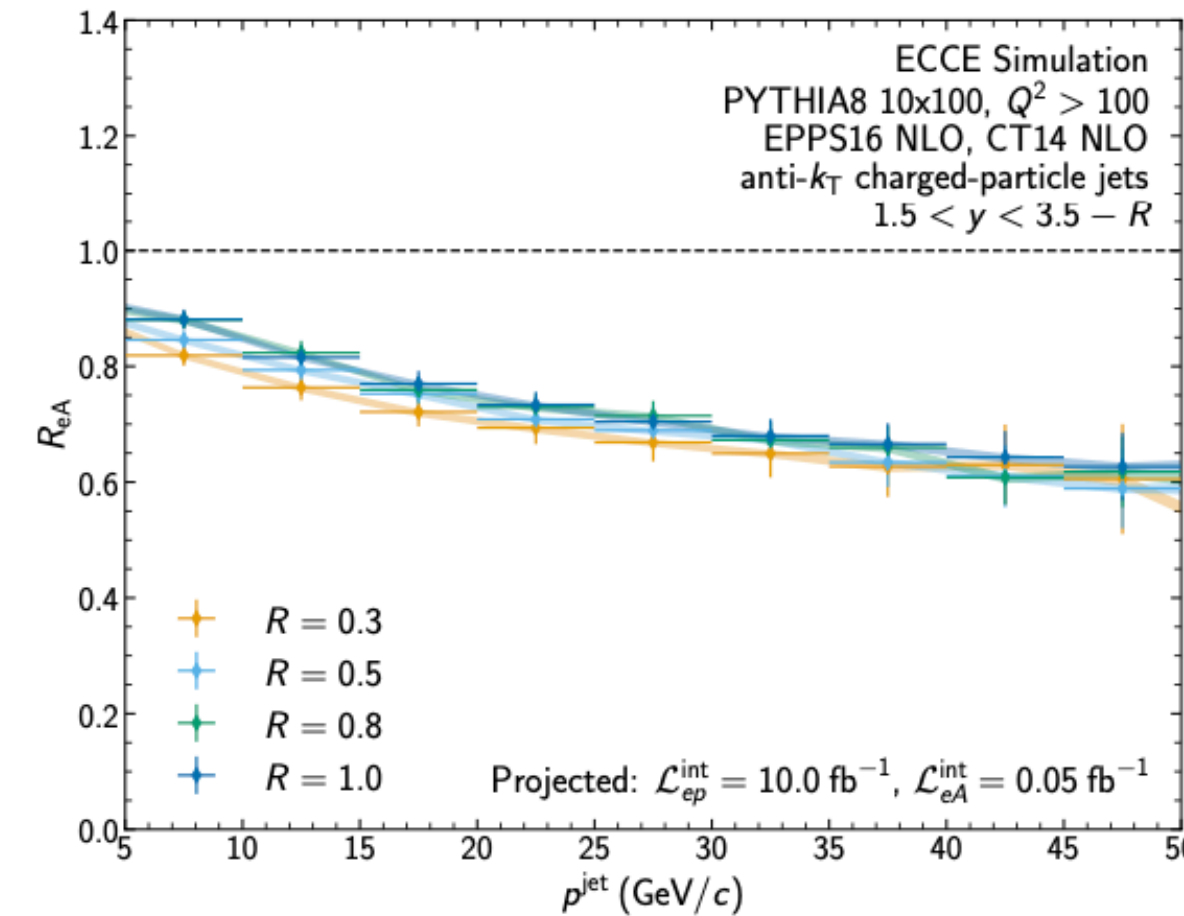
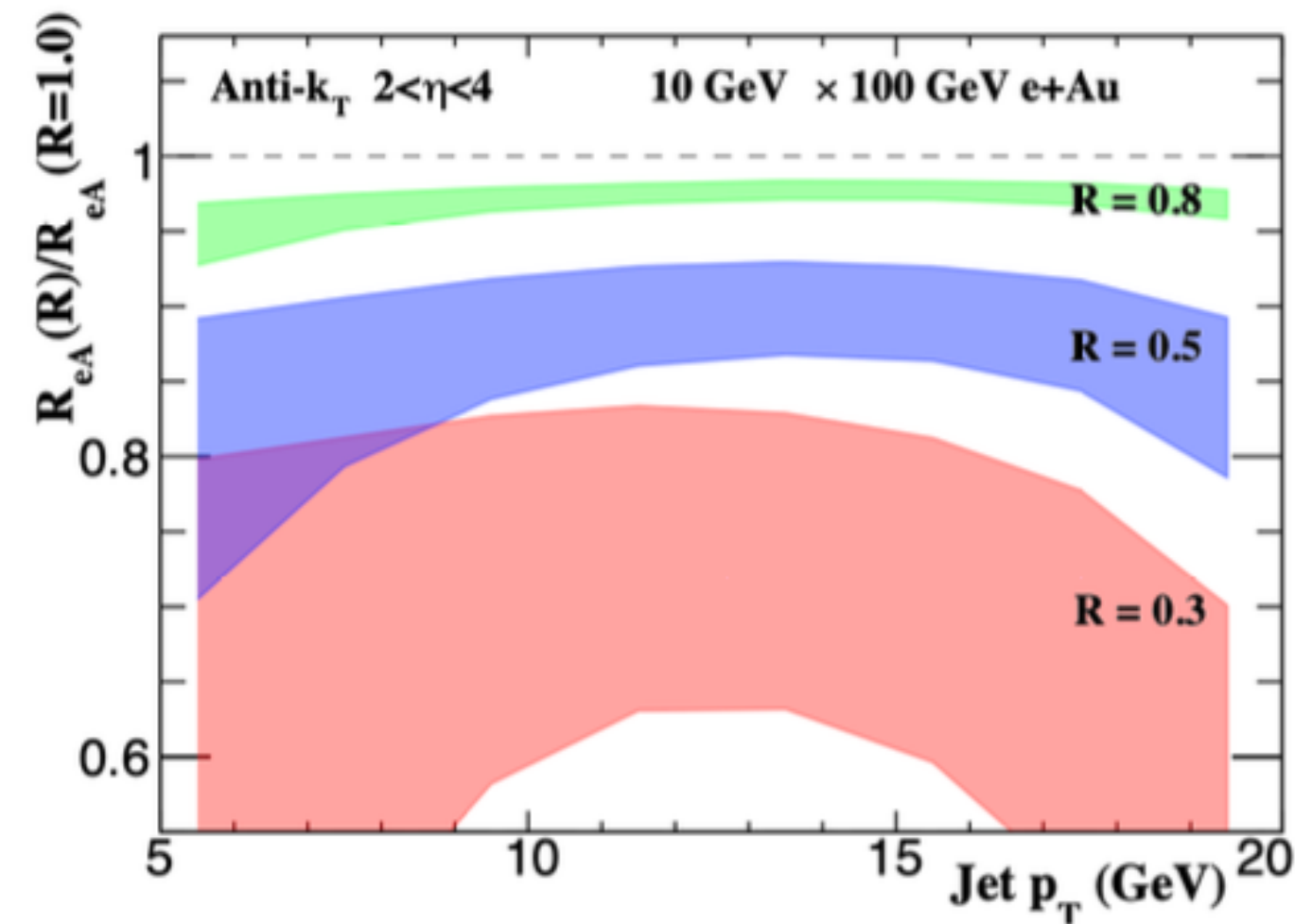
- Real data from the v2 chip
- Silicon variant
- ADC set to saturate around 850:
  - Small dip in the ADC happens when the TOT circuit comes online
  - TOT values are shown only to 100 (out of the 4095 range)
  - TOA have a small walk from threshold to 0.18 fC, then it is stable

*We are currently working on the same data for the H2GCROCV3 chip*





# Physics performance



## Jet reconstruction performance of the LFHCAL

Studies of jet modification in the medium,  $p_T$  broadening, etc via  $R_{eA}$

- Jet  $R_{eA}$  probes with anti-shadowing and EMC nPDF at larger- $x$  region

- Jet  $R_{eA}$  double ratio approximately flat in  $p_T$

Probes final state effects, but insensitive to  $< 10\%$  effects in uncertainties