

# Status update of nHCal

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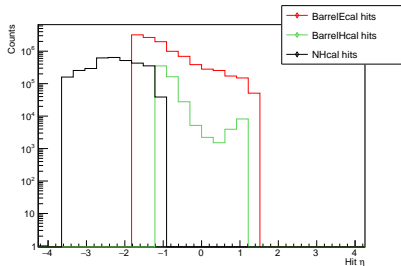


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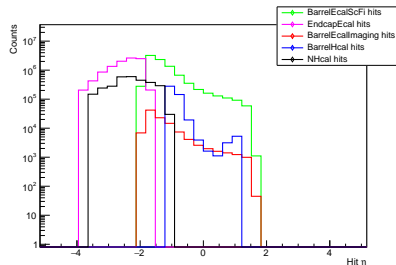
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- 4 Readout and electronics

- With help of Alexander we prepared a WBS excel sheet and cost estimates
  - Used existing estimates and followed example of LFHCAL
  - Plan to unify electronics between nHCal and LFHCAL
- Looking for more people and institutions to join DSC.
  - Started discussions with potential groups
  - Maybe share work with LFHCAL group?
  - DSTC needed for nHCal
- Work in progress on position resolution study using combined backward HCal and EMCal (needs check before presenting)
- Work in progress on study of material and acceptance overlap between barrel and backward HCal and EMCal
- Need coordination on magnetic field interference from solenoid

## Arches

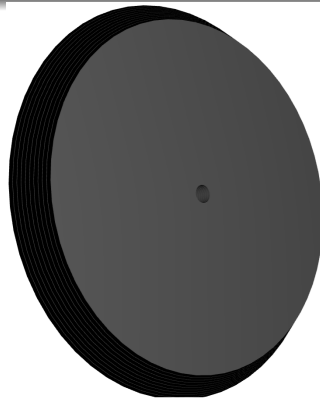
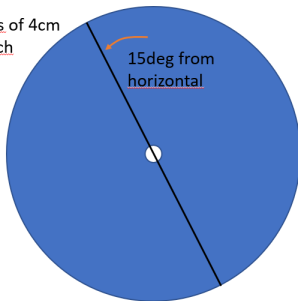


## Brycecanyon

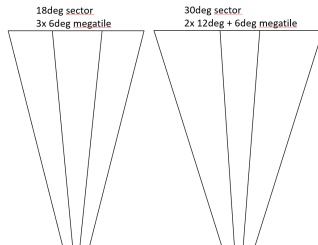
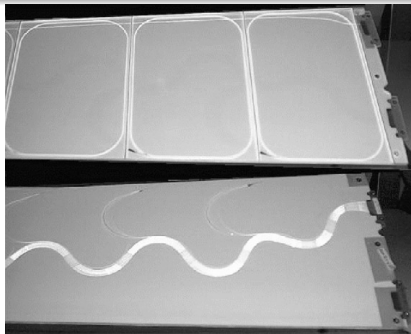


- Checked for both Arches and Brycecanyon with simulated hits from  $p = 1$  GeV neutrons
- No visible gap for both

2 halves  
10 layers of 4cm  
steel each



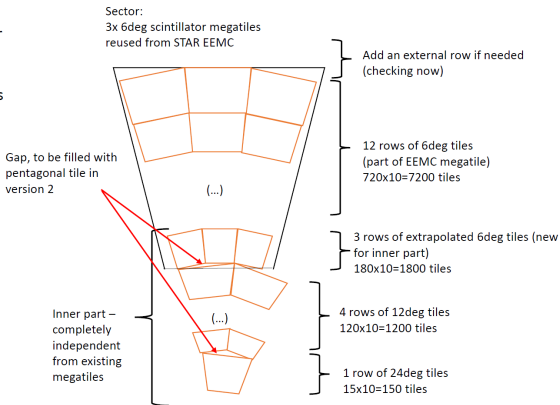
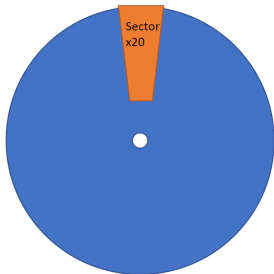
- Follows example of STAR EEMC
  - [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0168-9002\(02\)01971-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0168-9002(02)01971-X)
- Mechanical engineer at BNL will be available to partly work on the design (including tile mounts) starting in May
- Pushed cradle design to CD-3A
- Cost assumed at  $20 \times 60k\$$ 
  - assumed no change of cost when extending inner radius to 12.4 cm from 19 cm or 70 cm
- 2 options:
  - Cylindrical shape with a constant radii  $r_{min} = 12.4$  cm and  $r_{max} = 275$  cm
  - Projective shape with  $r_{min} = 12.4$  cm and  $r_{max} = 275$  cm (each layer has different shape and extends outwards)



- STAR EEMC 30deg sector is made of 2x outer 12deg megatiles and 6deg "keystone" megatile
  - Each megatile has 12 tiles
  - Can 12deg megatile be cut into 2x 6deg megatiles?
- Option 2: Make 18deg sector out of 3x 6deg megatiles
  - Are megatiles the same shape? Any technical drawings available?
- Tiles are optically isolated via machined isolation grooves (follow the same principle for new extended tiles)
- WLS fibers attached in  $\sigma$ -shaped grooves, leading optical signal to the back of the megatile and in the outer direction
- May rotate each layer by a small angle so that gaps between the tiles are covered

Layout version 1 – implemented now

1. 3 EEMC megatiles per outer sector
2. Independent inner part with tiles merged 4->2->1
3. Triangular gap between transitions



Total tiles:

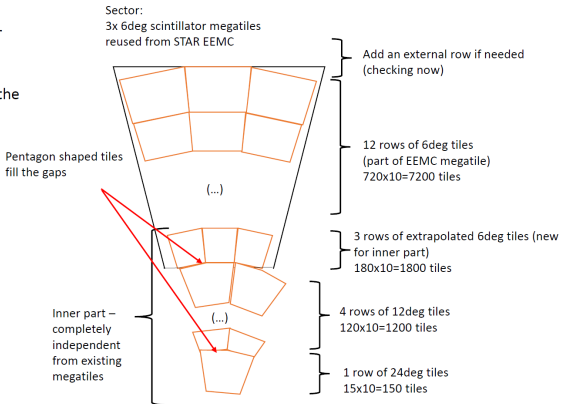
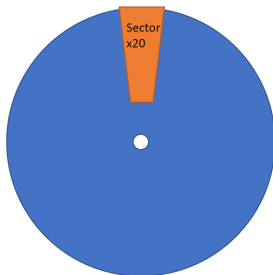
7200 existing ones + 3150 inner tiles = 10350 tiles

8 rows x 10 layers = 80 different shapes of new tiles to be manufactured

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Layout version 2 – improved version

1. 3 EEMC megatiles per outer sector
2. Independent inner part with tiles merged 4->2->1
3. Pentagon-shaped tiles used to fill the gaps



Total tiles:

$7200 \text{ existing ones} + 3150 \text{ inner tiles} = 10350 \text{ tiles}$

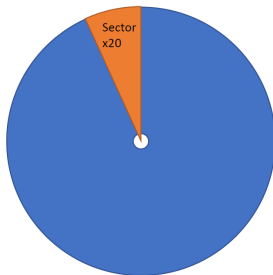
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## Layout version 3 – full length sector

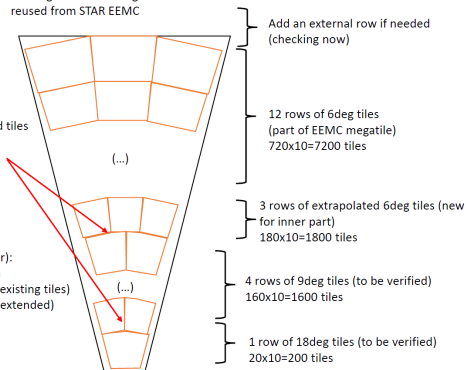
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Sector:  
3x 6deg scintillator megatiles  
reused from STAR EEMC

Pentagon shaped tiles  
fill the gaps

Radii (for first layer):  
outer = 241.96 cm  
inner = 91.14 cm (existing tiles)  
Inner = 22.42 cm (extended)

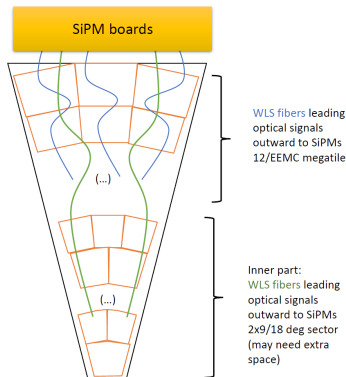


Total tiles:

7200 existing ones + 3600 inner tiles = 10800 tiles

10 types x 10 layers = 100 different shapes of new tiles to be manufactured

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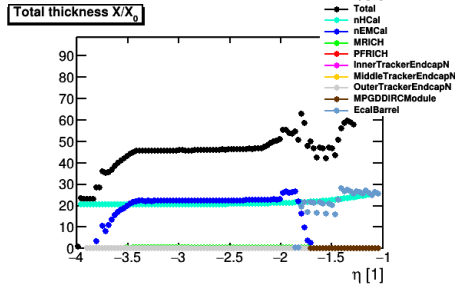
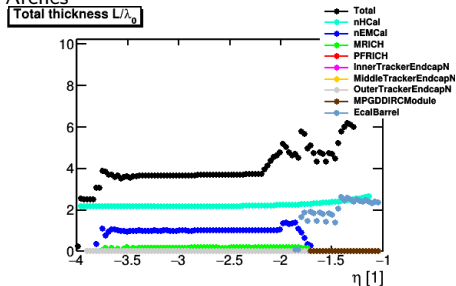


- WLS fibers lead optical signal to SiPM boards (preferably of equal length)
  - 12 SiPM (S14160-1315PS) per board - corresponding to existing megatile
    - [https://www.hamamatsu.com/eu/en/product/optical-sensors/mppc/mppc\\_mppc-array/S14160-1315PS.html](https://www.hamamatsu.com/eu/en/product/optical-sensors/mppc/mppc_mppc-array/S14160-1315PS.html)
  - Inner part: 18 tiles, 9 per board (2 boards)
- 2 options for mounting FEEs:
  - Outside, parallel to each layer (covered by material from barrel)
  - Behind nHCal (covered by less material, need longer fibers)

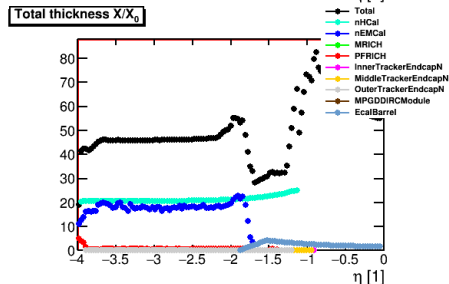
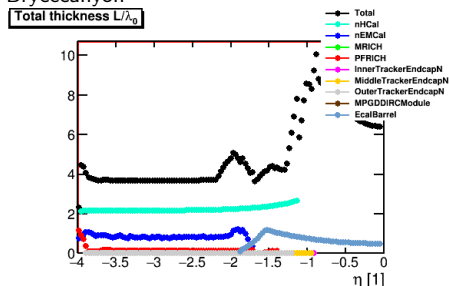
- Revise the design of the tiles and sectors
  - A few solutions proposed and discussed
- More studies coming soon!

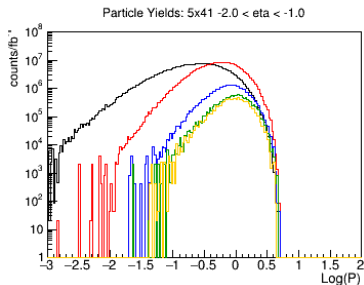
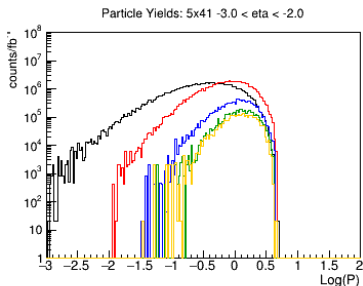
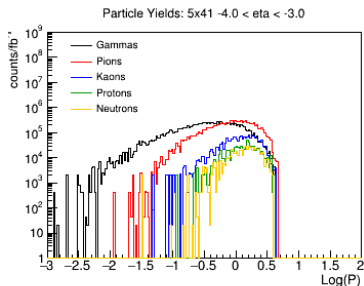
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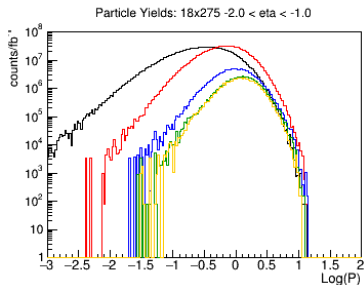
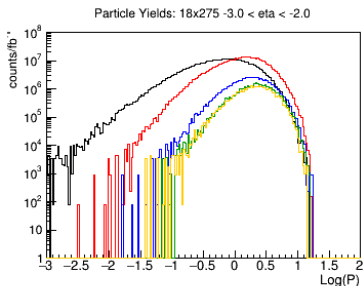
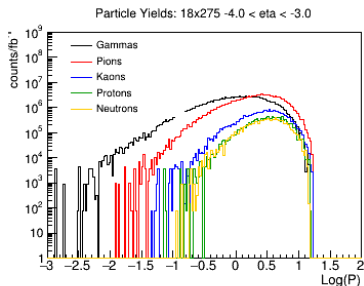


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