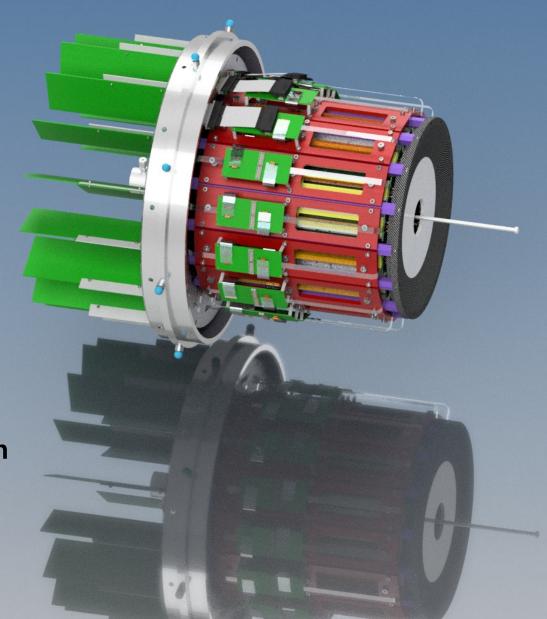
# **ALERT development status**

All inclusive: mechanics, electronics, software for ATOF and AHDC



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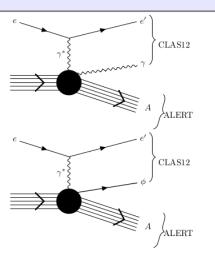
# **ALERT** experiments

#### A comprehensive program to study nuclear effects

#### Coherent Processes on <sup>4</sup>He

- ${}^{4}\text{He}(e, e' {}^{4}\text{He } \gamma)$
- ${}^{4}\text{He}(e, e' {}^{4}\text{He } \phi)$

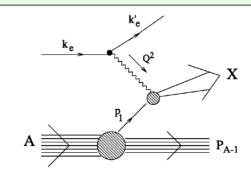
Explores the partonic structure of  ${}^4\textrm{He}$ 



# DIS on <sup>4</sup>He and <sup>2</sup>H : Tagged EMC Effect

- ${}^4\mathrm{He}(e,e'+{}^3\mathrm{H})\mathrm{X}$  (proton DIS)
- ${}^{4}\text{He}(e,e'+{}^{3}\text{He})\text{X}$  (neutron DIS)
- ${}^{2}$ H(e, e' + p)X (neutron DIS)

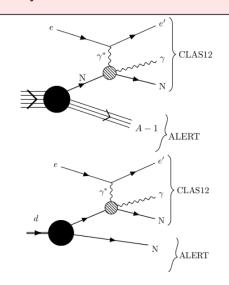
Test FSI and rescaling models



#### Incoherent processes on <sup>4</sup>He and <sup>2</sup>H

- ${}^{4}\text{He}(e, e'\gamma p + {}^{3}\text{H})$
- ${}^{4}\text{He}(e, e'\gamma + {}^{3}\text{He})n$
- ${}^{2}$ H $(e, e'\gamma + p)n$

Identify medium modified nucleons



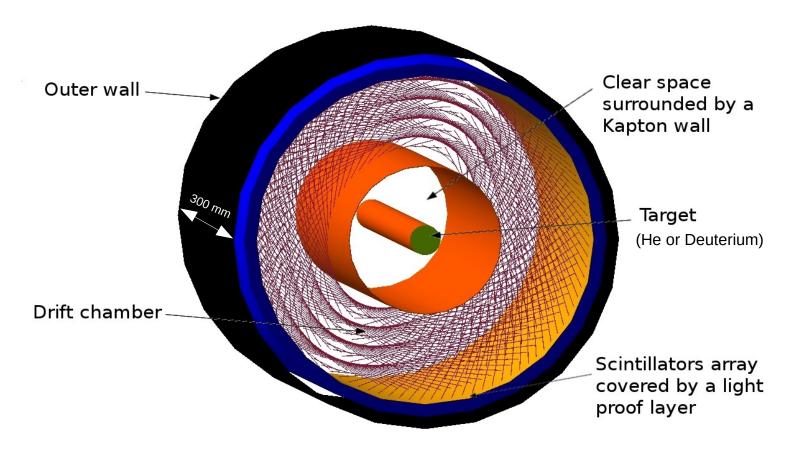
From W. R. Armstrong





#### **ALERT detectors**

#### ALERT: A Low Energy Recoil Tracker



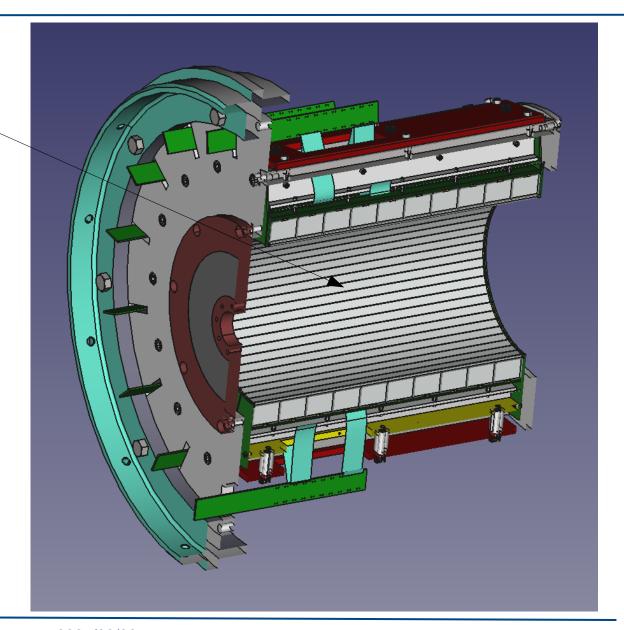
Will replace the inner tracker of CLAS12 to detect recoil nucleus between 75 MeV/c and (roughly) 200 MeV/c



# Mechanics: general overview

More than 3000 wires

hyperbolic drift chamber
with 9\*64=576 channels
Wire spacing: 2 mm
Wire material: Aluminum



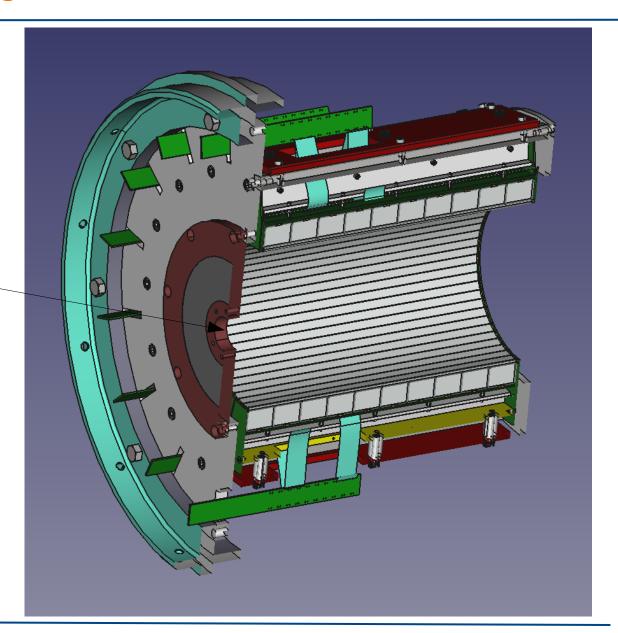


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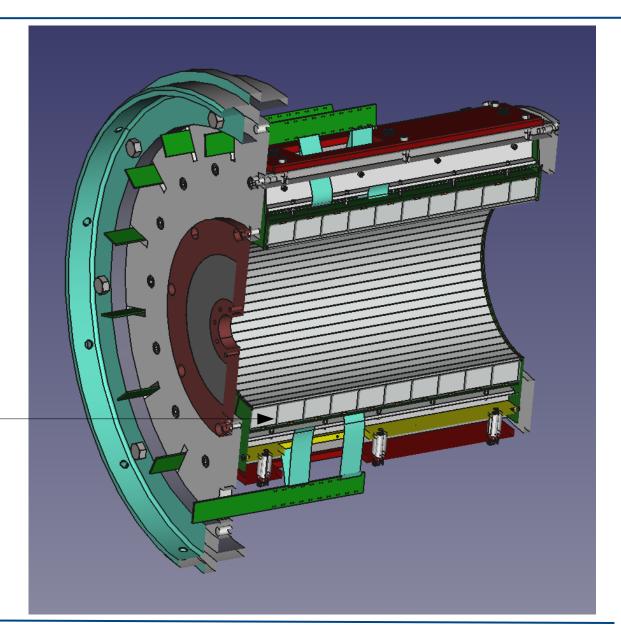
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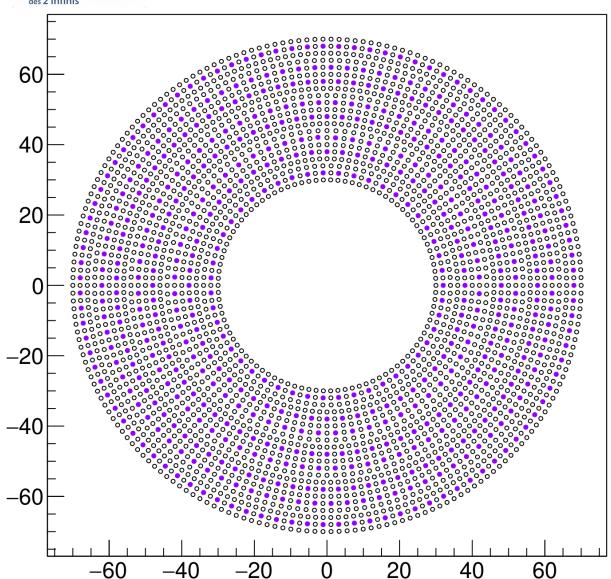
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660 plastic (eg-204) scintillators two layers Time Of Flight readout by SiPMs

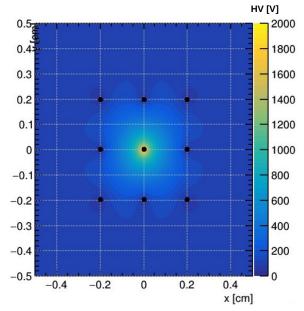






8 readout layers 3 double layers, 2 single layers (inner and outer most)

To increase field homogeneity, only signal wires are readout











Tungsten wires to simulate the tension due to the 3026 aluminum wires (36 Kg)

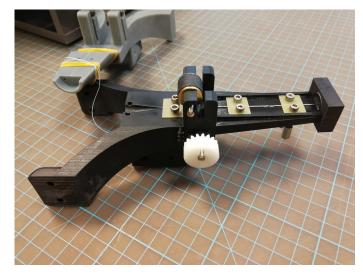
# Mechanical prototype to evaluate the deformation of end plates



Artefact scintillator modules with similar weight to evaluate the deformation of the structure

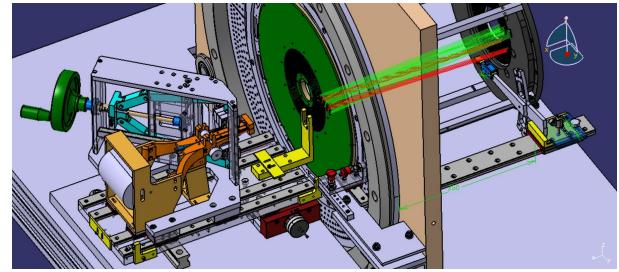
Deformations all within acceptable values and in line with simulations





Tools designed to help wiring

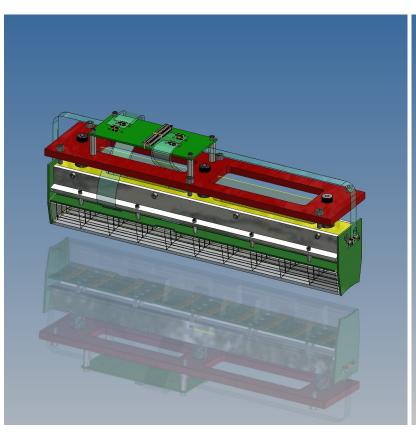
A complex somewhat simple way to insert wires and then move them into the chamber

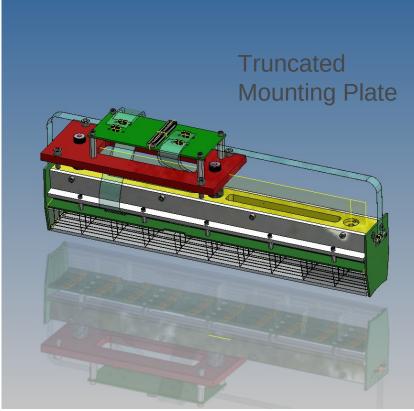




# Mechanics: ATOF

One of the 15 modules of the ATOF Currently studying ways to reduce amount of material in the forward part







### Mechanics: ATOF



Folding, wrapping and gluing fixtures designed and built

Overall buildup of tape and wrapper less than 250 µm



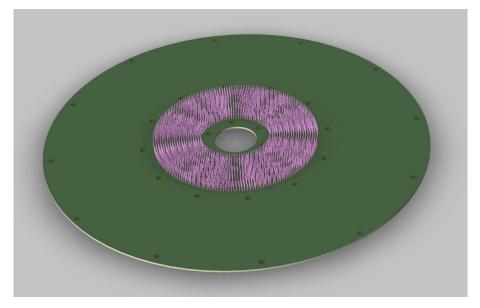


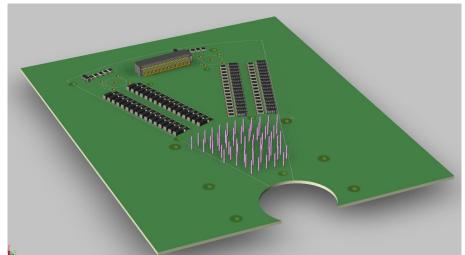
Wrapping of actual scintillator wedges has started



#### PCB boards: AHDC

Pin board separated from HV/signal board to increase ground-HV distance (we previously had issue with leakage current)





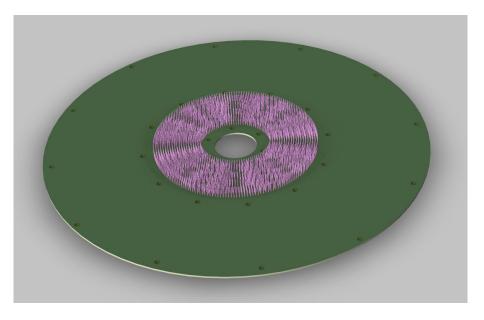
Signal board to bring HV to signal wires and readout signal

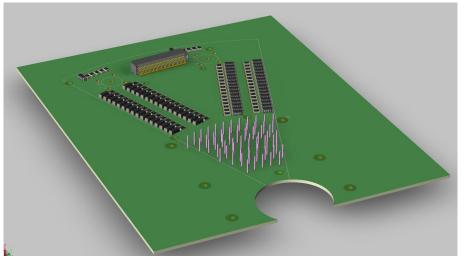
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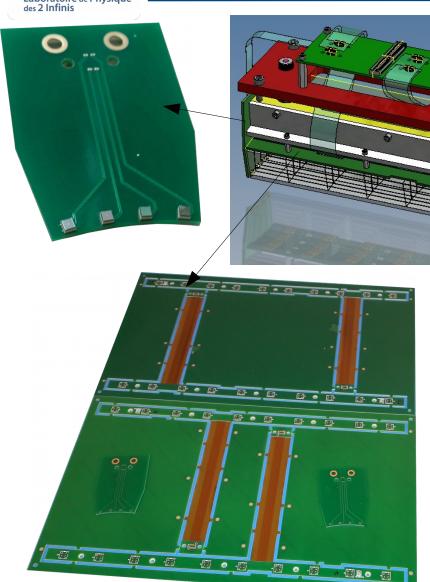
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First version: perpendicular PCBs
Works well but hard to connect jumper cables
=> new version with perpendicular PCBs

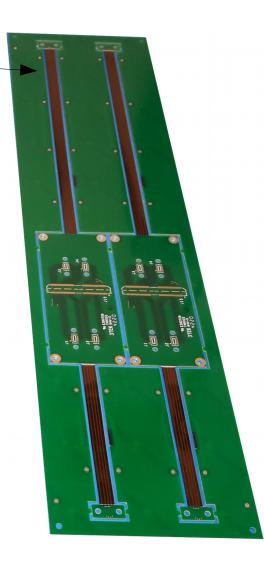


## PCB boards: ATOF



Use stencils to solder SiPM's to connectors to various boards

Early tests are encouraging





#### **Electronics ATOF**

ALERT TOF will use JLab Petiroc2A currently under development The Petiroc has a time resolution of 37 ps (less than 150 ps required for ALERT)

Petric2A ASIC PCB prototype is meeting specification of ASIC datasheet for TDC/ADC noise

Redesign JLab Petiroc2A PCB for ALERT has started.

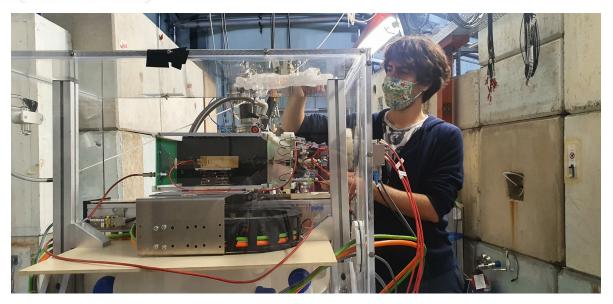
It is basically a copy and paste of JLab FPGA readout and Petiroc2A designs onto ALERT specific shape –should be fairly quick.

Trigger/clock/busy wiring interface will be determined and tested to ensure requirements are met (mainly stable, low jitter clock reference)





# Prototypes and testing: AHDC



A prototype was installed at a local beam facility in Orsay (ALTO)

10 MeV protons and alphas were sent through the HDC

200 runs in different conditions 11.5 millions events recorded

Analysis is on going to determine the efficiency, time and spatial resolutions



# Software: track finding

#### Two methods currently under study:

- distance method
- Hough transform

	Distance method	Hough transform method
1 Track per event	# event with $1$ tracks : $100$	# event with 1 tracks : 100
3 Track per event	<pre># event with 2 tracks : 7 # event with 3 tracks : 89 # event with 4 tracks : 3 # event with 5 tracks : 1</pre>	event with 2 tracks : 7 # event with 3 tracks : 92 # event with 4 tracks : 1

	Distance method	Hough Transform method
execution time	5.39 s	114.20 s

hit precluster cluster

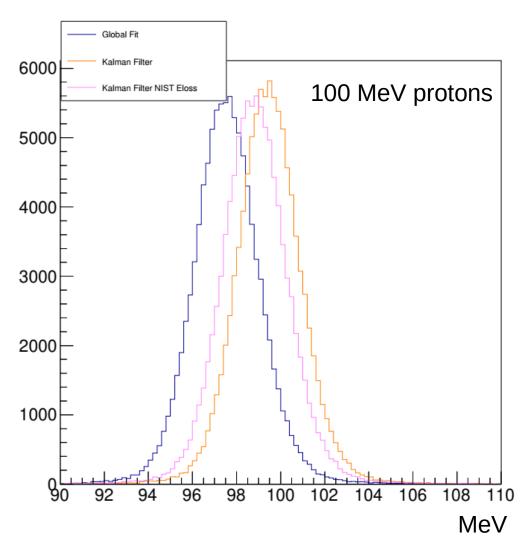
Hough transform and distance method seems to work similarly, Hough transform is slower. More tests will be carried out to investigate.



# Software: track fitting

Track fitting aims to find the 5 parameters of the helix. It's a two steps process:

- 1) Global Fit using the same fitter as the one used by BONuS. It defines the initial parameters of the Kalman fitter
- 2) Extended Kalman fitter developed by Véronique Ziegler for CLAS12. Energy loss and multiple scattering are included



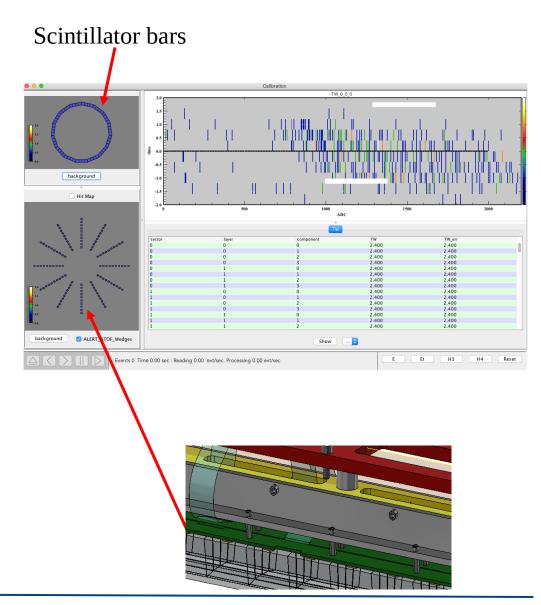
More tests of the Kalman fitter with particles of different energies will be carried out.



#### GUI

#### **GUI** displays

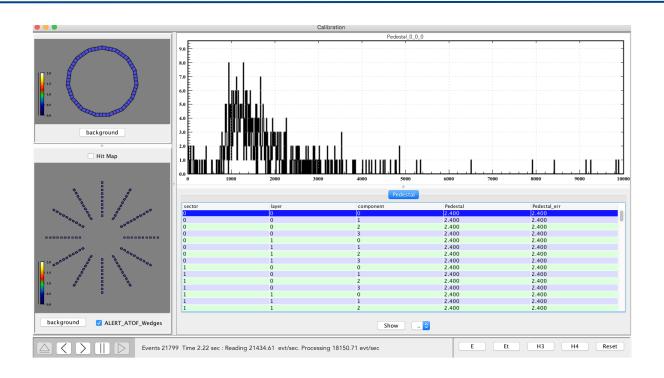
- Plot for selected paddle
- Table with each paddle in each:
  - Sector, superlayer, layer
  - Calibration Coefficient
- Representative geometry
  - Better way to display each component?
  - Improve layout



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## Pedestal calibration for ATOF



Calibration done: Pedestal subtraction, time walk, effective velocity, left right matching

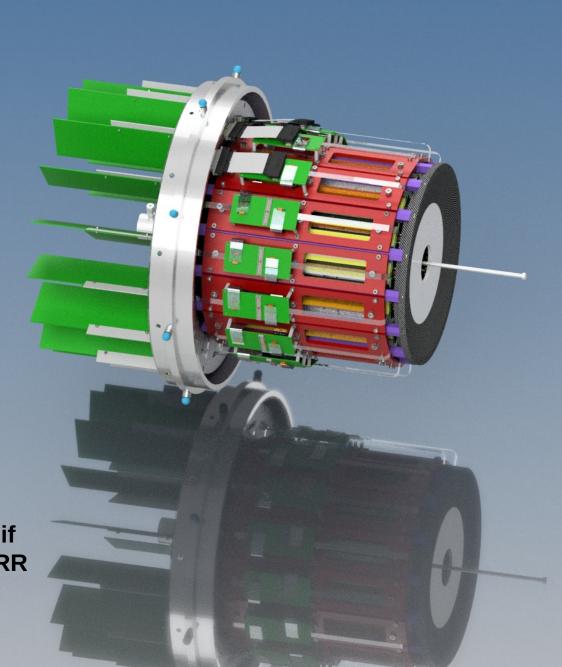
Starting for the AHDC

More than pretty close to a final design, we are adjusting the last points

Software very well advanced for an experiment at this stage

But we keep pushing to be as ready as possible

Upcoming events: Hall B meeting next week, then if we get the green light, ERR





# Backup: wedge dimensions

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