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## Abstract

This thesis describes the optimisation of the calorimeter design for collider experiments at the future Compact Linear Collider (CLIC) and the International Linear Collider (ILC). The detector design of these experiments is built around high-granularity Particle Flow Calorimetry that, in contrast to traditional calorimetry, uses the energy measurements for charged particles from the tracking detectors. This can only be realised if calorimetric energy deposits from charged particles can be separated from those of neutral particles. This is made possible with fine granularity calorimeters and sophisticated pattern recognition software, which is provided by the PandoraPFA algorithm. This thesis presents results on Particle Flow calorimetry performance for a number of detector configurations. To obtain these results a new calibration procedure was developed and applied to the detector simulation and reconstruction to ensure optimal performance was achieved for each detector configuration considered.

This thesis also describes the development of a software compensation technique that vastly improves the intrinsic energy resolution of a Particle Flow Calorimetry detector. This technique is implemented within the PandoraPFA framework and demonstrates the gains that can be made by fully exploiting the information provided by the fine granularity calorimeters envisaged at a future linear collider.

A study of the sensitivity of the CLIC experiment to anomalous gauge couplings that effect vector boson scattering processes is presented. These anomalous couplings provide insight into possible beyond standard model physics. This study, which utilises the excellent jet energy resolution from Particle Flow Calorimetry, was performed at centre-of-mass energies of 1.4 TeV and 3 TeV with integrated lumi-

nosities of  $1.5\text{ab}^{-1}$  and  $2\text{ab}^{-1}$  respectively. The precision achievable at CLIC is shown to be approximately one to two orders of magnitude better than that currently offered by the LHC.

Finally, a study into various technology options for the CLIC vertex detector is described.

## Declaration

This dissertation is the result of my own work, except where explicit reference is made to the work of others, and has not been submitted for another qualification to this or any other university. This dissertation does not exceed the word limit for the respective Degree Committee.

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## Preface

This thesis describes my research on various aspects of the LHCb particle physics program, centred around the LHCb detector and LHC accelerator at CERN in Geneva.

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*“Writing in English is the most ingenious torture  
ever devised for sins committed in previous lives.”*

— James Joyce



# Chapter 1

## Calorimeter Optimisation Studies

*“There, sir! that is the perfection of vessels!”*

— Jules Verne, 1828–1905

### 1.1 Calorimeter Optimisation Studies

If the future linear collider is to reach it’s maximum potential in terms of energy resolution then, optimisation of the detector will be essential. The energy resolution in the particle flow paradigm is dependant upon several detector components. The momentum of charged particles arises from the shape of the tracks deposited within the detector while the energy of uncharged particles arise from calorimetric measurements. Application of sophisticated pattern recognition algorithms allows the particle type to be inferred for the charged particles. In tern this allows for the conversion of the track momentum into an energy measure for the charged particles. The particle identification algorithms use the topological information acquired from the calorimetric energy deposited to infer particle type for a subset of charged particles.

The calorimetric energy deposits are therefore used in a twofold manner: (i) as energy measurements for neutral particles and (ii) as input for particle identification algorithms. There is potential for significant gains to be made in physics performance by optimising the calorimeters due to their dominant role in energy measurements. In this chapter the optimisation of the calorimeters is considered. Parameters such

as the longitudinal granularity, transverse granularity and material choices for the calorimeters are considered.

This chapter concludes with an optimisation of several global parameters for the detector. These parameters are not calorimeter specific, but the optimisation procedure developed for the calorimeters is appropriate to use. These parameters relate to the global detector size and the magnetic field applied throughout solenoid in the detector.

## 1.2 Metric

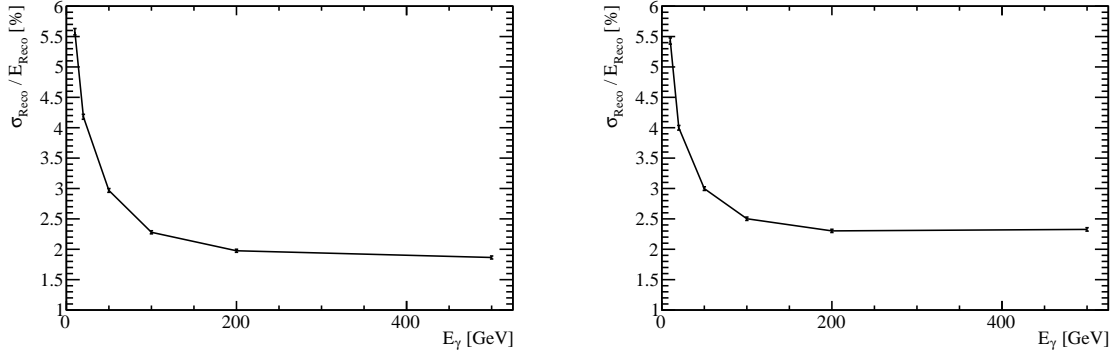
The primary metric used to determine detector performance in this optimisation study is the jet energy resolution, which is defined as the root mean square divided by the mean reconstructed jet energy within the smallest range of reconstructed energies containing 90% of the data. BLAH

## 1.3 Event Generation, Simulation and Reconstruction

The jet fragmentation and hadronisation for the  $Z \rightarrow uds$  events used for determining the metric for detector performance was controlled using PYTHIA [8] that had been tuned using data from LEP [2]. Single particle spatially isotropic samples of  $K_L^0$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\mu^-$  were produced for the calibration of each detector model. A simple c++ script was written to generate the relevant HEPEvt common blocks for these trivial samples.

Detector model simulation was performed using MOKKA [6], a GEANT4 [1] wrapper providing detailed geometric descriptions of detector concepts for the linear collider. Event reconstruction was performed using MARLIN [4], a c++ framework designed for reconstruction at the linear collider. PandoraPFA [5,9] was used to apply Particle Flow Calorimetry in the reconstruction, the full details of which can be found in chapter PANDORA CHAPTER.





(a) Silicon active material,  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$  ECal transverse granularity. (b) Scintillator active material,  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$  ECal transverse granularity.

**Figure 1.1:** Energy resolution as a function of photon energy for the nominal ILD detector for both the silicon and scintillator options.

## 1.4 Calibration

## 1.5 Nominal Detector Performance

The energy resolution for single photon events as a function of photon energy, for the nominal ILD detector, is shown in figure 1.1. The nominal jet energy resolution can be found in section BLAH.

## 1.6 Electromagnetic Calorimeter Optimisation

The ECal primarily measures the energy deposits of electromagnetic showers. The default ILD detector model ECal, summarised in table 1.1, contains 24 radiation lengths ( $X_0$ , which acts to confine all but the highest energy electromagnetic showers within it. The longitudinal structure of this default model is 29 readout layers, consisting of pairs of active and absorber material, and one presampling layer, which exists to encourage shower development. Increasing the thickness of the absorber material part way into the detector reduces the number of readout channels and cost of the overall calorimeter while retaining a high sampling rate at the start of particle showers, which is crucial for the pattern recognition aspect of particle flow calorimetry.

Parameter	Default Value
Transverse Granularity	$5 \times 5\text{mm}^2$ square cells
Longitudinal Granularity	29 Readout Layers, 1 Presampling Layers
Active Material Choice	Silicon or Scintillator
Active Material Thickness	0.5 mm (Silicon) or 2 mm (Scintillator)
Absorber Material Choice	Tungsten
Absorber Material Thickness	20 Layers of 2.1 mm followed by 9 Layers of 4.2 mm

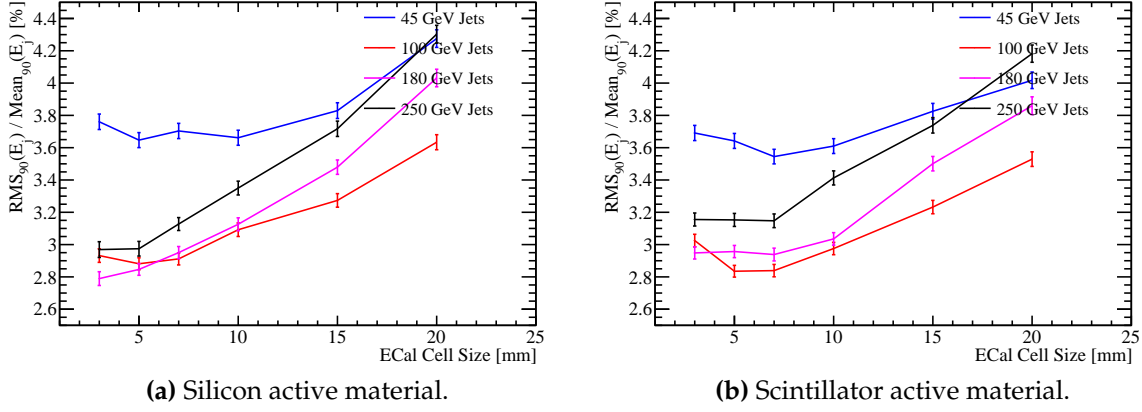
**Table 1.1:** Nominal ILD detector model ECal configuration.

The parameters being optimised in this study are:

- Transverse granularity or cell size. This is a vital aspect of the detector in the particle flow paradigm as smaller cell sizes give greater potential for being able to separate energy deposits from charged and neutral particles. This transverse granularity should have little to no effect on the intrinsic energy resolution of the detector.
- Longitudinal granularity or cell depth. This parameter dictates the intrinsic energy resolution of the detector as smaller cell depths mean more sampling is done of the particle shower and so, due to the Poissonian statistics governing the measurement of particle showers, the better the resolution.
- Active material choice. This is a choice between silicon or scintillator. As well as providing different intrinsic energy resolutions the readout mechanics of these two options are significantly different. There is no clear prior knowledge as to which should provide better performance.

### 1.6.1 ECal Transverse Granularity

For this study a number of different detector models were considered where the transverse granularity in the ECal had been varied about the nominal value of  $5 \times 5\text{mm}^2$  square cells. The granularities considered were  $3 \times 3\text{mm}^2$ ,  $5 \times 5\text{mm}^2$ ,  $7 \times 7\text{mm}^2$ ,  $10 \times 10\text{mm}^2$ ,  $15 \times 15\text{mm}^2$  and  $20 \times 20\text{mm}^2$  square cells for both the silicon and scintillator active material options. The jet energy resolution as a function of transverse granularity in the ECal is shown in figure 1.2.

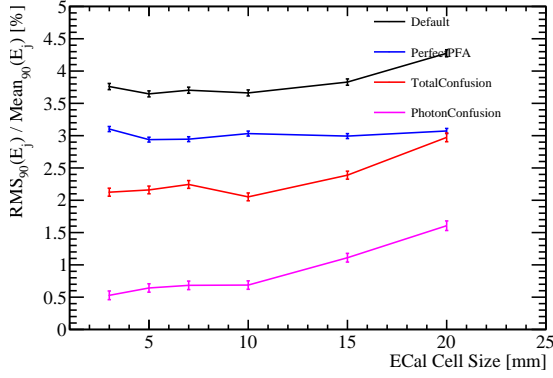


**Figure 1.2:** Jet energy resolution as a function of ECal cell size for the silicon and scintillator ECal options.

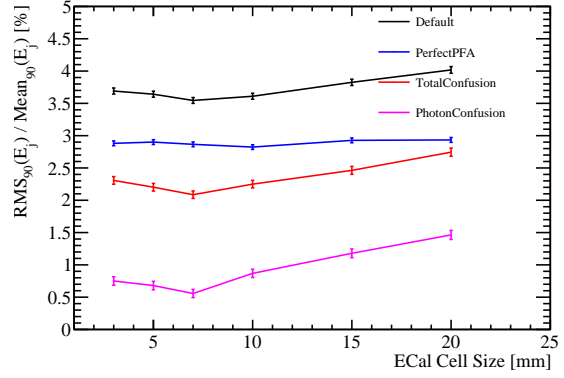
The jet energy resolution was found to improve with decreasing cell size. This is expected as smaller cell size lead to better separation of energy deposits from neutral and charged particle showers.

By examining the breakdown of the jet energy resolution into intrinsic resolution and confusion terms, as explained in chapter BLAH, it is possible to conclude that the dominant factor affecting the jet energy resolution when the transverse granularity of the ECal is varied is the confusion arising from photon energy deposits. Examples of jet energy resolution breakdowns are shown for 45 and 250 GeV jets for both the silicon and scintillator ECal options in figure 1.3. As expected in the intrinsic energy resolution does not change significantly with the transverse granularity.

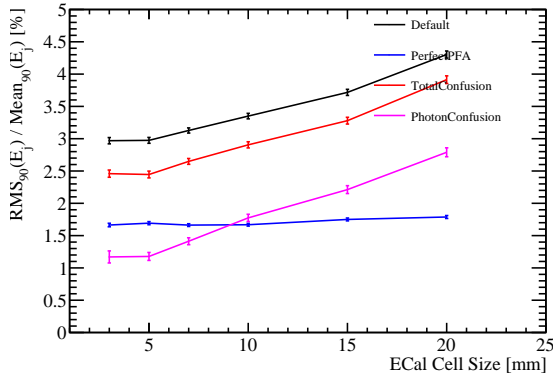
A more targeted test of the intrinsic energy resolution of the ECal is presented in figure 1.4, which examines the energy resolution of single photon samples at 100 GeV. For the silicon option the intrinsic energy resolution was found to not vary significantly across the transverse granularities under consideration, however, there is a degradation in energy resolution with increasing cell size for the scintillator option. This originates from an inactive region of material in the simulation that represents the multi pixel photon counter (MPPC). The MPPC occupies a fixed area of the cell irrespective of cell size and so fractionally the "dead" region of the cell increases as cell size is reduced (cite this somehow). These trends will be present in the jet energy resolution studies, however, as only a small fraction,  $\approx 10\%$ , of the jet energy arises from the ECal these trends will be washed out when looking purely at jets.



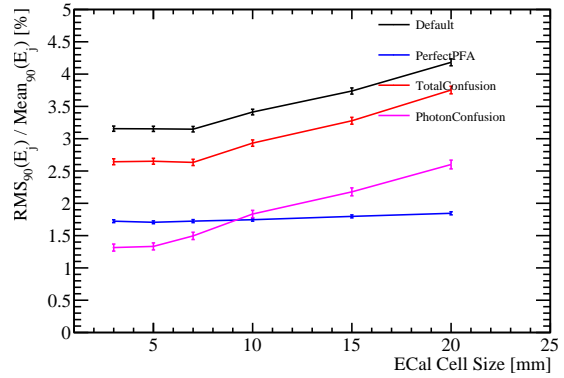
(a) Silicon active material, 45 GeV Jets.



(b) Scintillator active material, 45 GeV Jets.

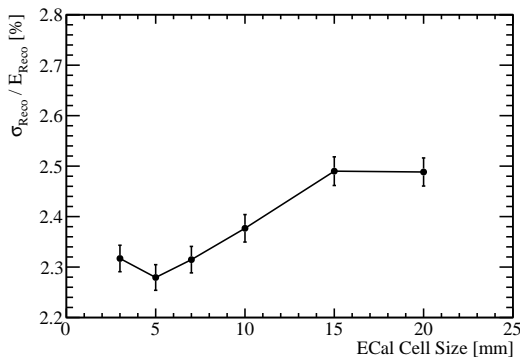
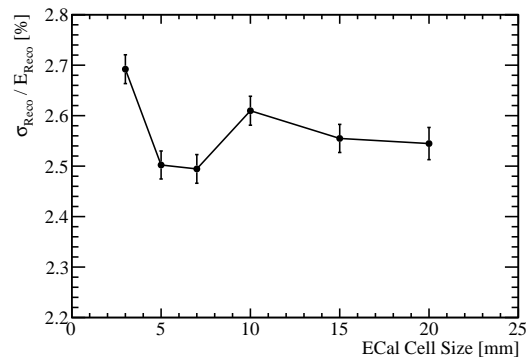


(c) Silicon active material, 250 GeV Jets.



(d) Scintillator active material, 250 GeV Jets.

**Figure 1.3:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of ECal transverse granularity for 45 and 250 GeV jets. Results are given for both the silicon and scintillator ECal options.

(a) Silicon active material, 100 GeV  $\gamma$ .(b) Scintillator active material, 100 GeV  $\gamma$ .

**Figure 1.4:** Energy resolution as a function of ECal transverse granularity for 100 GeV photons. Results are given for both the silicon and scintillator ECal options.

In conclusion smaller transverse granularities in the ECal significantly improve the jet energy resolution for both the silicon and scintillator options. The intrinsic energy resolution of the ECal is largely invariant to changes in the transverse granularity for the silicon option, while larger transverse granularities are beneficial to the scintillator option as they reduce the impact of "dead" regions of the detector.

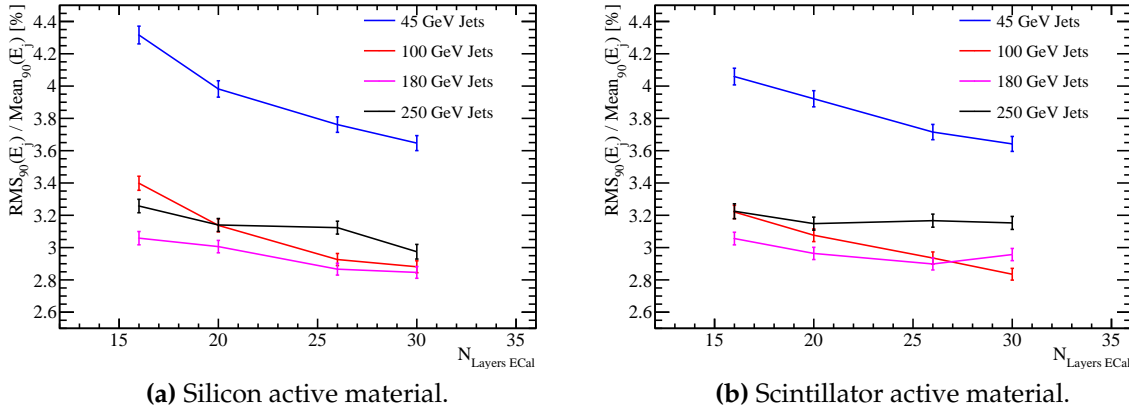
### 1.6.2 ECal Longitudinal Granularity

The performance of a number of detector configurations was examined where the longitudinal granularity of the ECal absorber material had been varied about the nominal value. This study was performed for both the silicon and scintillator active material options. In all cases considered tungsten was used as the absorber material in the ECal and the active layer thicknesses were not changed, that is 0.5 mm for the silicon option and 2 mm for the scintillator option. The layout of the ECal for detector models considered are summarised in table 1.2. For each detector model considered in this study the total number of radiation lengths in the ECal is kept approximately constant. This is done by varying the thickness of the absorber material when modifying the number of layers in the ECal.

Total Number of Layers $N_{\text{Layers ECal}}$	$N_{\text{Layers}}$ Region 1	Absorber Thickness Region 1 [mm]	$N_{\text{Layers}}$ Region 2	Absorber Thickness Region 2 [mm]	Total Thickness [ $X_0$ ]
30	20	2.10	9	4.20	22.77
26	17	2.40	8	4.80	22.60
20	13	3.15	6	6.30	22.47
16	10	4.00	5	8.00	22.31

**Table 1.2:** Transverse granularity layout of the ECal models considered. Radiation length of tungsten absorber is 3.504mm [7]. Note that the presampler layer contributes one layer to the cumulative number of layers value for all detector models considered.

The jet energy resolution was found to improve with increasing longitudinal granularity. This is expected as a more layers in the calorimeter, for the same total thickness, implies greater sampling of the particle shower and so, as the energy resolution obeys Poissonian statistics, an improvement in the intrinsic energy resolution is observed.



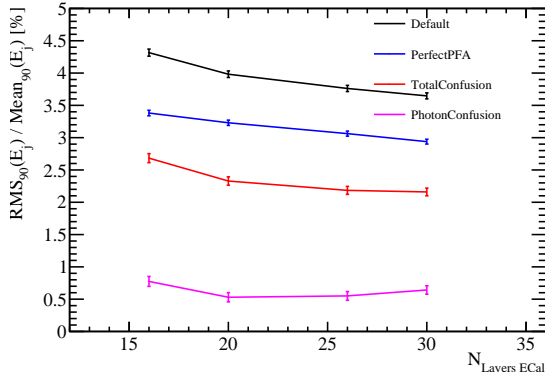
**Figure 1.5:** Jet energy resolution as a function of longitudinal granularity in the ECal for the silicon and scintillator ECal options.

A particularly strong dependancy on ECal longitudinal granularity is noted at low energies, but this reduces significantly as energies rise.

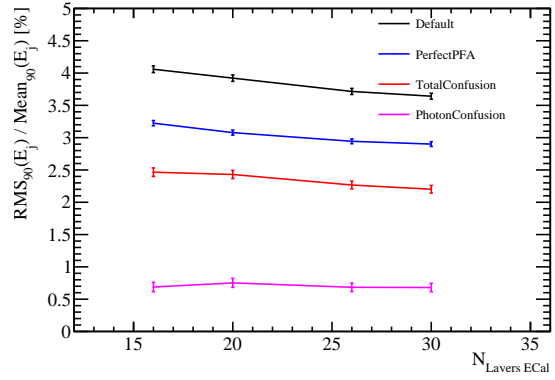
The strong dependancy of the jet energy resolution on the ECal longitudinal granularity can be expanded upon by looking at the decomposition of the jet energy resolution, which is shown in figure 1.6 for the 45 and 250 GeV energy jets. At low energies the trend is twofold: an improvement to the intrinsic energy resolution with more sampling of particle showers and a reduction in the impact of confusion. For high energy jets, where confusion dominates, there is little to no change in the intrinsic energy resolution and confusion as a function of ECal transverse granularity.

Further understanding is gained by considering the energy resolution of single photon samples at 100 GeV as a function of the longitudinal granularity in the ECal, which is shown in figure 1.7. At these large photon energies it is clear that the intrinsic energy resolution of the ECal is improved by having finer longitudinal segmentation in the ECal. This trend will be present in the jet energy resolution study, but as only  $\approx 10\%$  of the jet energy is measured in the ECal in comparison to  $\approx 100\%$  of the photons energy, it will be obscured by the energy resolution of the rest of the detector, which is invariant to the ECal longitudinal segmentation.

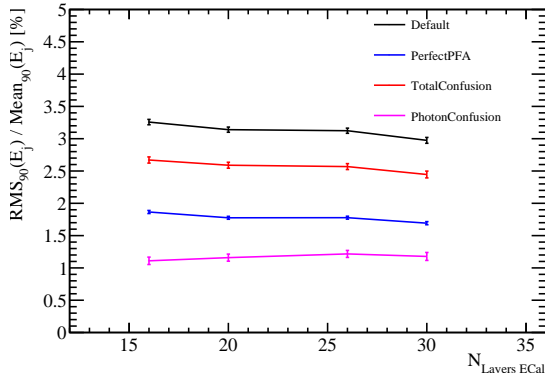
The intrinsic energy resolution of the ECal is improved by having a finer transverse granularity. This is evident when looking at the energy resolution of photons whose energy deposits are localised within the ECal. This trend is again clear when considering the energy resolution of low energy jets, however, at higher energies the



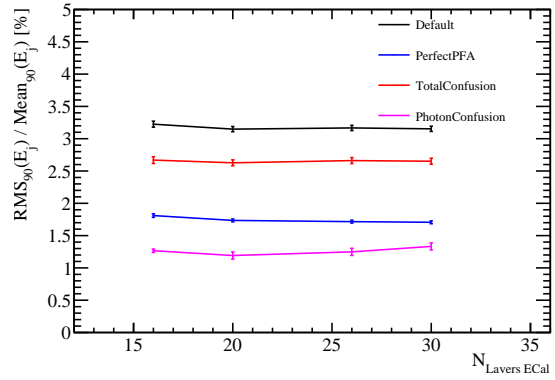
(a) Silicon active material, 45 GeV Jets.



(b) Scintillator active material, 45 GeV Jets.

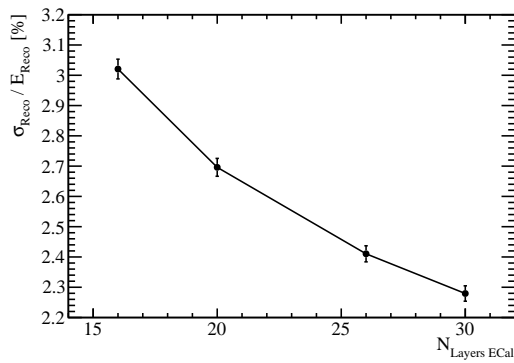
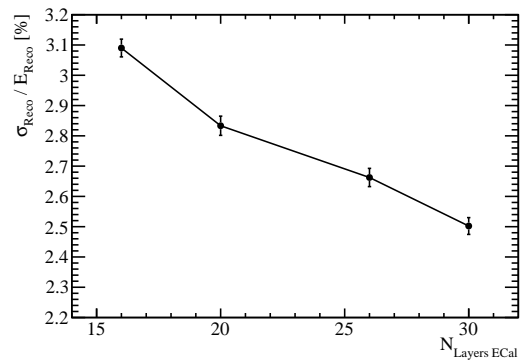


(c) Silicon active material, 250 GeV Jets.



(d) Scintillator active material, 250 GeV Jets.

**Figure 1.6:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of ECal longitudinal granularity for 45 and 250 GeV jets. Results are given for both the silicon and scintillator ECal options.

(a) Silicon active material, 100 GeV  $\gamma$ .(b) Scintillator active material, 100 GeV  $\gamma$ .

**Figure 1.7:** Energy resolution as a function of function of ECal longitudinal granularity for 100 GeV photons. Results are given for both the silicon and scintillator ECal options.

longitudinal granularity in the ECal is not a significant factor in determining detector performance.

### 1.6.3 ECal Active Material

In sections 1.6.1 and 1.6.2 the performance of the ECal was reported for both the silicon and scintillator options and to a large extent the performance of the two options was the same. There were a few differences, which attention should be brought to:

- The intrinsic energy resolution of a silicon ECal is worse than that of a scintillator ECal for low energies, while the trend is reversed at high energies. The cross over point in performance occurs between 20 and 50 GeV. This trend is shown in figure 1.1.
- The "dead" region due to the presence of the MPPC in the scintillator option degrades performance of the detector for small transverse granularities. No such effect is seen for the silicon option. This effect is shown in figure 1.4.

The lack of this "dead" region of the detector and the beneficial intrinsic energy resolution at large energies indicates a preference for a silicon detector, however, there is no clear preference based on these studies.

## 1.7 Hadronic Calorimeter Optimisation

The HCal is designed to measure the energy deposits from hadrons. The default ILD detector model HCal, summarised in table 1.3, contains  $\approx 6$  nuclear interaction lengths ( $\lambda_I$ ). The ECal contributes approximately one  $\lambda_I$  giving a total of  $\approx 7\lambda_I$ , which is sufficient to confine the bulk of jets up to 1 TeV events, which is the maximum running energy for the ILC. The longitudinal structure of this model consists of 48 readout layers each containing a 3 mm active layer of scintillator and a 20 mm absorber layer of iron. There are several readout technology options under consideration for the HCal, which are analogue, digital and semi-digital, however, for this study only the analogue HCal is considered.

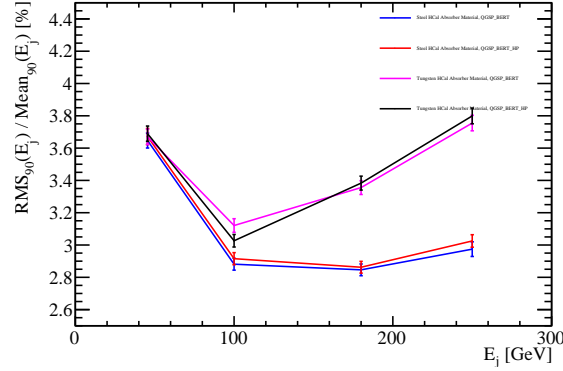
The parameters being optimised in this study are:



Parameter	Default Value
Transverse Granularity	$30 \times 30\text{mm}^2$ square cells
Longitudinal Granularity	48 Readout Layers
Active Material Choice	Scintillator Tiles
Active Material Thickness	3 mm
Absorber Material Choice	Steel
Absorber Material Thickness	20 mm

**Table 1.3:** Nominal ILD detector model HCal configuration.

- Transverse granularity or cell size. This is key to successful application of pattern recognition in the particle flow paradigm, but should not change intrinsic energy resolution.
- Longitudinal granularity or cell depth. This governs the intrinsic energy resolution of a calorimeter.
- Depth of calorimeter. This is important in determining the impact of leakage of energy out of the detector.
- Sampling fraction. This is the ratio of the active medium thickness to the absorber medium thickness. As sampling calorimetry is based on sampling of particle showers it is expected that this is an important parameter. However, above a given sampling fraction there should be little difference between performance if showers are sampled at a high enough rate to get a good estimate of the incoming particles energy.
- Absorber material choice. This is a choice between steel or tungsten. While this does not change the active medium choice it does dictate the growth and propagation of showers and so plays a crucial role in calorimetry. While tungsten is more expensive than steel for the raw material the larger number of interaction lengths per length scale for tungsten mean that it is possible to create a smaller detector with the same number of interaction lengths within it. This reduces the size of the solenoid needed to generate the magnetic field and so lowers the price of the detector. As both of these materials are viable as absorber medium choices it is crucial to determine if either is more advantageous from a physics perspective.



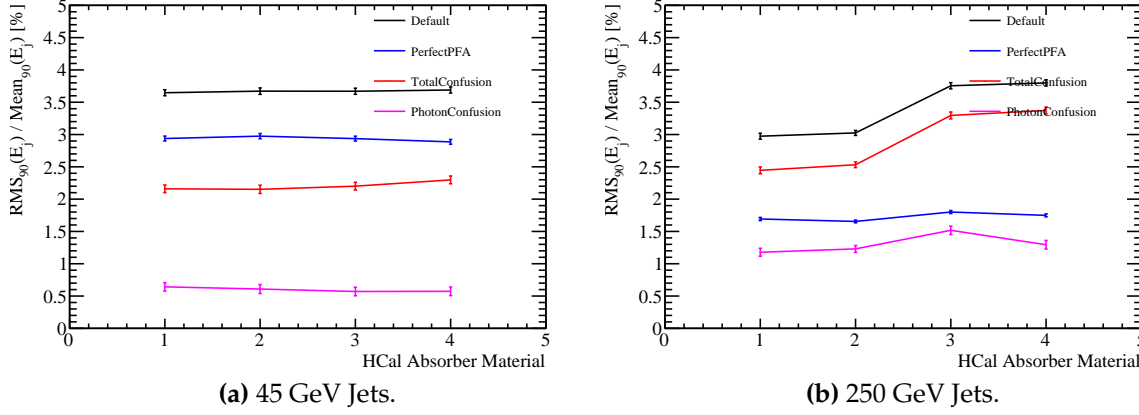
**Figure 1.8:** Jet energy resolution as a function of jet energy for various absorber materials in the HCal and physics lists.

### 1.7.1 HCal Absorber Material

The nominal choice of absorber material is steel, tungsten provides a feasible alternative material. While more expensive than steel, tungsten contains more radiation lengths per unit length than steel and so the overall size of the detector would reduce meaning the solenoid could be smaller, which would to first order offset the additional cost of the tungsten. This section aims to determine whether either of these options is beneficial when considering the jet energy resolution of the detector.

In this study the total depth of absorber material, in nuclear interaction lengths, was held constant for both models. This was to ensure any performance changes were not due to additional material as opposed to the intrinsic energy resolutions of the absorber materials. The interaction of hadrons with the absorber material within the detector is simulated by GEANT4. The model for these interactions is dependent upon the choice of physics list, which by default is the QGSP\_BERT physics list. This list is recommended by the GEANT4 authors to use for high energy physics calorimetry as it gives good agreement between experiment. For this study both the QGSP\_BERT and the QGSP\_BERT\_HP physics lists are tested. The QGSP\_BERT\_HP list uses the high precision neutron package (NeutronHP) to deal with the transportation of neutrons from below 20 MeV to thermal energies. This added detail was thought to be necessary for a study involving tungsten due to the increased time of shower development.

The jet energy resolution for the steel and the tungsten HCal options, for using both the QGSP\_BERT and the QGSP\_BERT\_HP physics lists, are shown in figure 1.8 as a function of jet energy. These results indicate that steel outperforms tungsten as an



**Figure 1.9:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of HCal absorber material and physics list for 45 and 250 GeV jets.

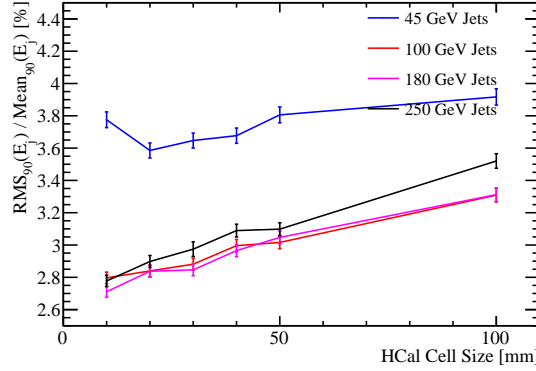
absorber material, particularly for high energy jets. At low energies the performance is similar, indicating that the intrinsic energy resolution of the two options is comparable. The use of the QGSP\_BERT\_HP physics list, as opposed to QGSP\_BERT, has a minimal impact on these results.

Expanding upon this further by examining the jet energy resolution breakdowns as shown in figure 1.9, it can be seen that the change in performance when changing the HCal absorber material from steel to tungsten is due to changes in the confusion. The change in confusion is most likely due to the fact that the PandoraPFA algorithms are tuned for HCal cell dimensions based on the steel HCal option, while the HCal cells for the tungsten option HCal will be smaller by a factor of approximately 1.7 ( $\approx 16.77/9.946$ ). The jet energy resolution breakdowns also indicate that the intrinsic energy resolution of the tungsten HCal is marginally worse, particularly for high energy jets, than that of a steel HCal.

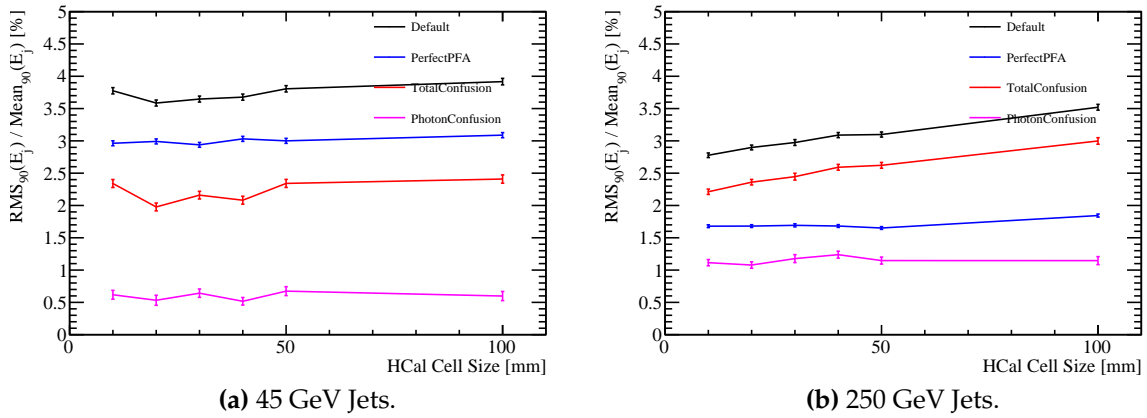
In conclusion, the steel option HCal outperforms the tungsten option in terms of intrinsic energy resolution and pattern recognition confusion making it the more preferred option of the two.

### 1.7.2 HCal Transverse Granularity

For this study a number of different detector models were considered where the transverse granularity in the HCal had been varied about the nominal value of  $30 \times 30 \text{mm}^2$



**Figure 1.10:** Jet energy resolution as a function of HCal cell size.

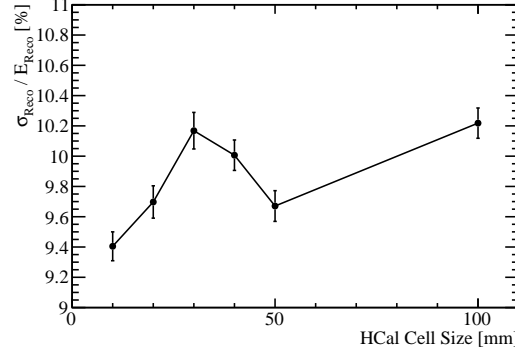


**Figure 1.11:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of HCal transverse granularity for 45 and 250 GeV jets.

square cells. The granularities considered were  $10 \times 10\text{mm}^2$ ,  $20 \times 20\text{mm}^2$ ,  $30 \times 30\text{mm}^2$ ,  $40 \times 40\text{mm}^2$ ,  $50 \times 50\text{mm}^2$  and  $100 \times 100\text{mm}^2$  square cells. The jet energy resolution as a function of transverse granularity in the HCal is shown in figure 1.10.

As with the case for the ECal, the jet energy resolution was found to improve with decreasing cell size as smaller cell size lead to better separation of energy deposits from neutral and charged particle showers.

The jet energy resolution breakdowns, shown in figure, 1.11, show that the confusion term varies when changing the HCal transverse granularity, but the intrinsic energy resolution does not. Furthermore, the photon confusion is invariant to changes in HCal transverse granularity, indicating that the observed overall performance changes are due to the effects of confusion arising from energy deposits from charged



**Figure 1.12:** Energy resolution as a function of HCal transverse granularity for 50 GeV  $K_L^0$ .

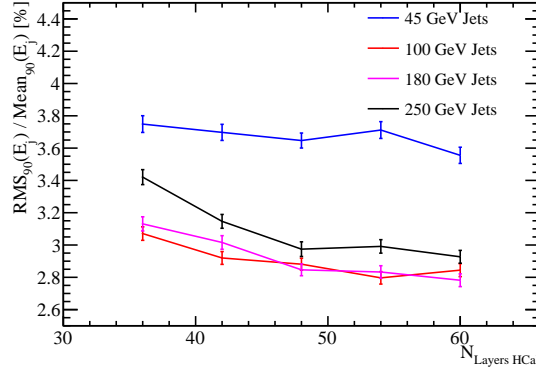
and neutral hadrons. Once again for 45 GeV jets the detector performance is dominated by intrinsic energy resolution and so HCal transverse granularity has little effect, while for 250 GeV jets the performance is dominated by confusion and HCal transverse granularity becomes more significant.

The energy resolution of single long lived neutral kaons,  $K_L^0$ , at 50 GeV is considered as a function of transverse granularity in the HCal. This is shown in figure 1.12 and, as expected, the energy resolution of the detector is largely invariant to changes in the transverse granularity in the HCal. As these  $K_L^0$  samples may deposit energy in the ECal, this figure represents the intrinsic energy resolution of the ILD detector as a whole and not purely that of the HCal. However, it is expected that the bulk of the energy deposited by these samples occurs within the HCal and so such plots are a useful representation of the HCal performance.

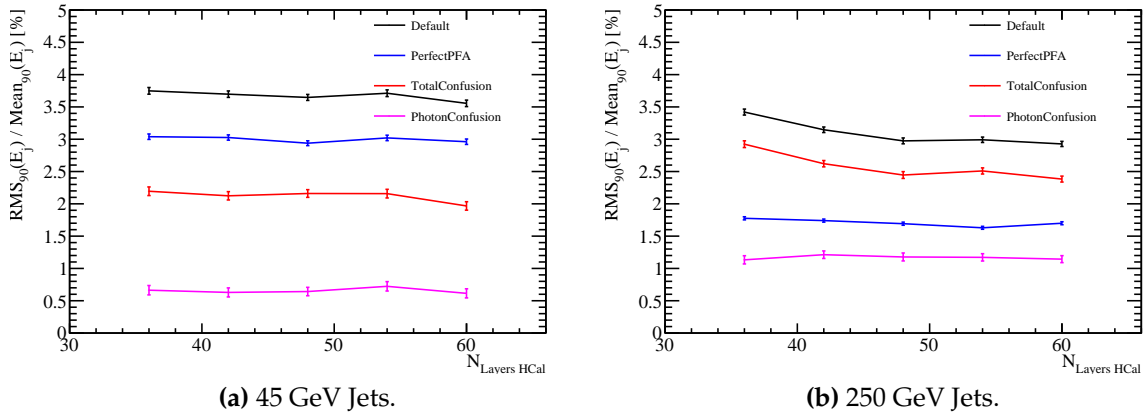
The transverse granularity of the HCal acts to determine the impact of confusion from charged and neutral hadron energy deposits. It does not vary the intrinsic energy resolution of the detector, nor does it impact the reconstruction of photons. As confusion is dominant at high jet energies the HCal transverse granularity gains an increasing role in determining detector performance as the energy in an event increases.

### 1.7.3 HCal Longitudinal Granularity

This section focuses upon change in detector performance when varying the number of layers in the HCal. For this study, the absorber and active layer thicknesses are not



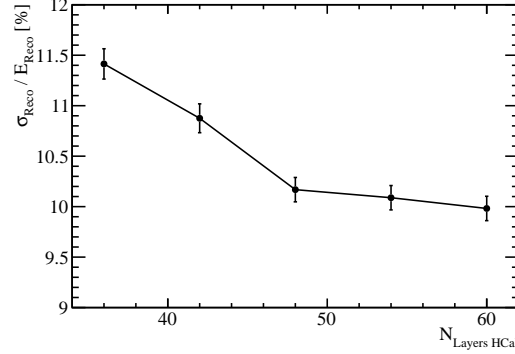
**Figure 1.13:** Jet energy resolution as a function of number of layers in the HCal.



**Figure 1.14:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of number of layers in the HCal for 45 and 250 GeV jets.

varied when adding or subtracting layers from the HCal, so both the total depth of the HCal as well as the number of sampling points of the hadronic showers varies simultaneously, this is in comparison to the study described in section 1.7.5 where the total depth of the HCal is fixed. The detector models considered had 36, 42, 48, 54 and 60 layered HCal.

The jet energy resolution for the various detector models considered is shown in figure 1.19. It was found that increasing the number of layers in the HCal improved the jet energy resolution for high energy jets, while for low energy jets no the performance change was observed. The breakdown of the jet energy resolution for the high energy jets, shown in figure ??, indicates a reduction in the confusion term is driving the change in performance when increasing the number of layers in the HCal.



**Figure 1.15:** Energy resolution as a function of number of layers in the HCal for 50 GeV  $K_L^0$ .

While the intrinsic energy resolution for jets appeared largely invariant to changes in the number of layers in the HCal, it can be seen that there is an associated improvement in the energy resolution for neutral hadrons, which can be seen in figure 1.15. This change in neutral hadron energy resolution will be masked in the jet energy resolution study as only  $\approx 10\%$  of the energy of a jet arises from neutral hadrons and the energy resolution change is minimal.

In conclusion, a larger number of layers in the HCal is beneficial to detector performance both in terms of a reduction in pattern recognition confusion as well as an improvement in the energy resolution of neutral hadrons. These performance changes at the energies considered are relatively small and so it would be feasible to consider changes to the nominal number of HCal layers. However, at higher energies these conclusions could be significantly modified as leakage dominates.

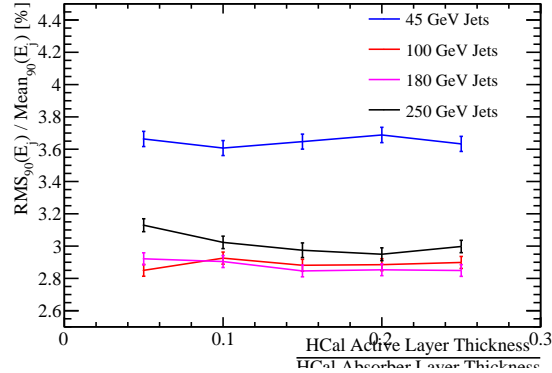
### 1.7.4 HCal Sampling Fraction

In this section the sampling fraction, the ratio of the active to absorber layer thicknesses were considered. For all detector models considered in this section the total number of nuclear interaction lengths in the HCal was held constant, as was the number of layers in the HCal and the transverse granularity. The detector models considered are summarised in table 1.4.

The jet energy resolution for these detector models is shown in figure 1.19. It was found that there is no significant change in performance when varying the sampling fraction.

Sampling Fraction	Absorber Thickness [mm]	Active Thickness [mm]
0.05	20.430	1.022
0.10	20.213	2.021
0.15	20.000	3.000
0.20	19.792	3.958
0.25	19.587	4.897

**Table 1.4:** Sampling fraction of HCal models considered.



**Figure 1.16:** Jet energy resolution as a function of sampling frequency in the HCal. Label needs fixing.

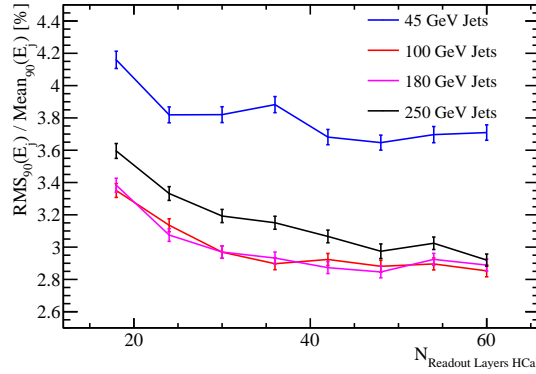
### 1.7.5 HCal Sampling Frequency

This section aims to determine the change in performance when the sampling frequency, the number of times a particle shower is sampled per unit length, in the HCal is varied. This was done by varying the number of readout layers, while maintaining the total number of nuclear interaction lengths contained within the HCal. In all cases the absorber material was steel while the active material was scintillator. Each HCal configuration had the same total number of nuclear interaction lengths,  $5.72 \lambda_I$  in the absorber material and  $0.19 \lambda_I$  in the active material, however, the thickness of the layers was varied depending on the total number of layers being considered. The ratio of the active material layers to the absorber material layers, the sampling fraction, was also kept constant in this study. A summary of the detector models considered in this study can be found in table 1.5.



Number $N_{\text{Layers HCal}}$	Absorber Thickness [mm]	Active Thickness [mm]
60	16.00	2.40
54	17.78	2.67
48	20.00	3.00
42	22.86	3.43
36	26.67	4.00
30	32.00	4.80
24	40.00	6.00
18	53.33	8.00

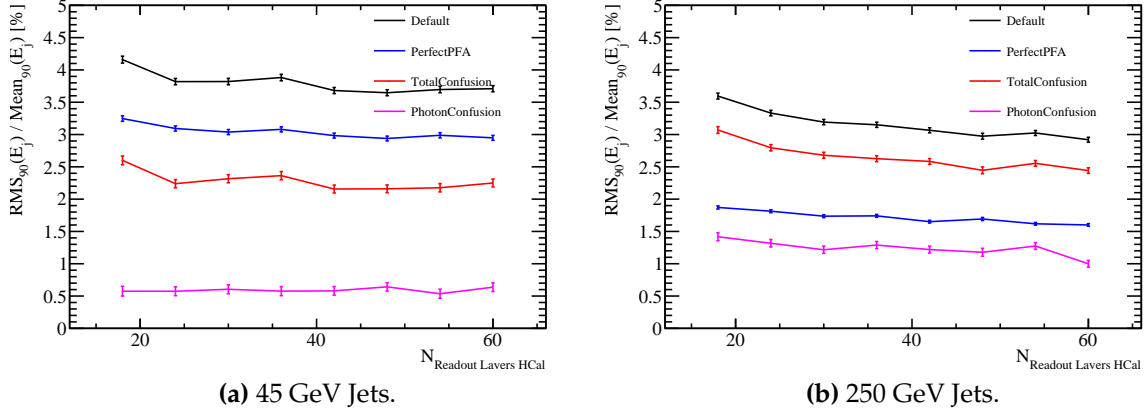
**Table 1.5:** Transverse granularity layout of various HCal models considered.



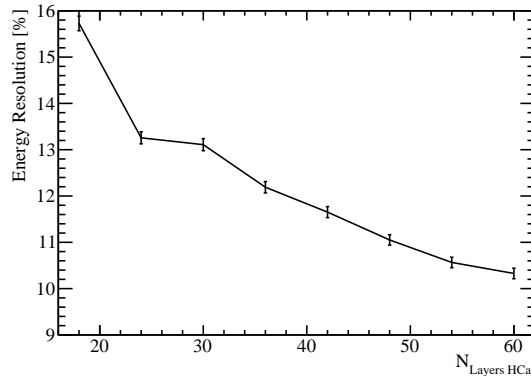
**Figure 1.17:** Jet energy resolution as a function of sampling frequency in the HCal.

The jet energy resolution for the various detector models considered is shown in figure 1.19. It was found that increasing the number of layers in the HCal, for the same total thickness, improved the jet energy resolution for all jet energies considered. Based on the increase in the frequency of sampling of particle showers in the HCal, it is expected that the intrinsic energy resolution of the detector should improve. However, the improvement observed in jet energy resolution for high energy jets indicates that sampling frequency is also affecting the confusion terms.

These trends are further explored by considering the breakdown of jet energy resolution, which are shown in figure 1.18. As expected from the standard performance reconstruction trends as a function of jet energy, there is an improvement in both the intrinsic energy resolution and a reduction in the impact of confusion when the number of layers in the HCal is increased. The dominant trend driving the overall detector



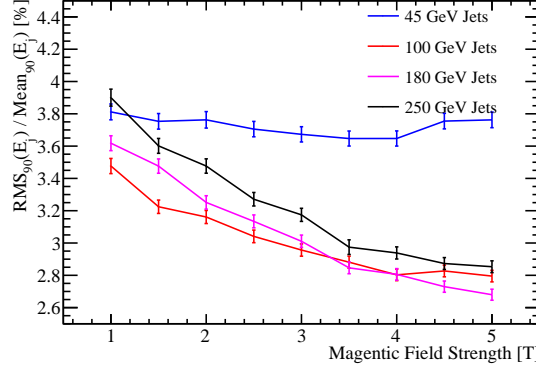
**Figure 1.18:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of HCal sampling frequency for 45 and 250 GeV jets.



**Figure 1.19:** Energy resolution as a function of HCal sampling frequency for 50 GeV  $K_L^0$ .

performance is that associated with the confusion of separating energy deposits from charged and neutral particles. This emphasises the importance of pattern recognition to detector performance in the particle flow paradigm.

The change in the intrinsic energy resolution of the HCal when varying the sampling frequency is best summarised by looking at the energy resolution of neutral hadrons. A plot of energy resolution against the number of readout layers in the HCal for 50 GeV  $K_L^0$  can be found in figure 1.19. This data shows that a reduction in sampling frequency of a particle shower that accompanies a reduction in the number of readout layers results in a broadening of energy distributions and a degradation in the resolution. It should again be emphasised that these results are for the full ILD detector model and so include the effect of the  $\approx 1\lambda_I$  in the ECal.



**Figure 1.20:** Jet energy resolution is shown for several fixed energy jets as a function of magnetic field strength.

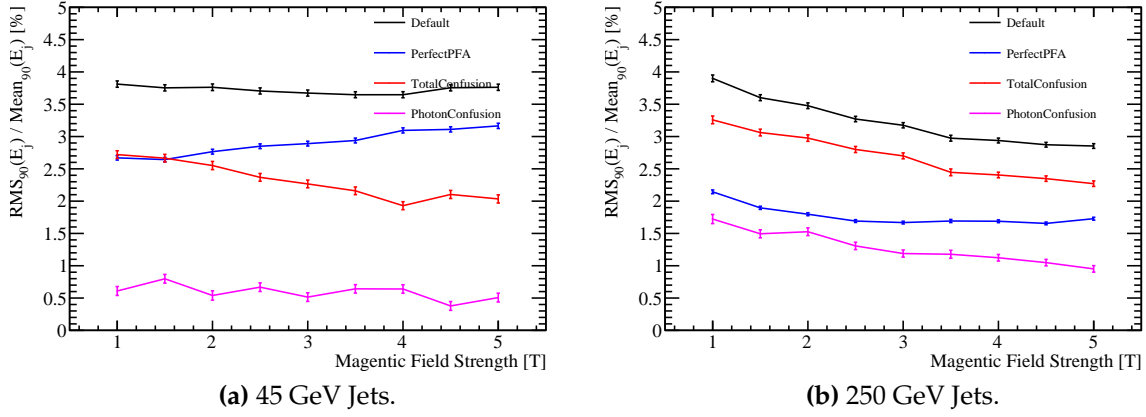
The increasing the HCal sampling frequency has a twofold effect on the detector performance: an increase in sampling rate of particle showers and an improvement to the intrinsic energy resolution and a reduction in the confusion arising from associating energy deposits from hadrons.

## 1.8 Global Detector Parameters

This section focuses upon optimisation of two global detector parameters; the magnetic field strength and the ECal inner radius. While these are not directly related to the calorimeter they will both effect detector performance and so were deemed worthy of study alongside the calorimeter parameters.

### 1.8.1 The Magnetic Field Strength

The magnetic field is vital to the successful application of particle flow calorimetry. Any charged particles passing through the detector transverse helices that, once reconstructed, can be fitted to give the momentum and so energy of said particle in the particle flow paradigm. The magnetic field also created a separation between charged and neutral hadrons energy deposits in the calorimeters. The larger the magnetic field, the greater this separation and the easier to avoid confusion associate tracks to the correct energy deposits in the calorimeters, which is crucial for particle flow.



**Figure 1.21:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of magnetic field strength for 45 and 250 GeV jets.

The magnetic field strengths considered in this study ranged from 1 to 5 T in steps of 0.5 T. The jet energy resolutions as a function of magnetic field strength, shown in figure 1.20, shows that the jet energy resolution decreases with increasing magnetic field strength for high energy jets. At low energies the performance is largely invariant to magnetic field strength.

Examination of the decompositions of the jet energy resolution, found in figure 1.21, highlights a number of effects.

The first is a clear reduction in confusion with increasing magnetic field strength. This is due to a larger separation between charged and neutral hadron energy deposits in the calorimeter as was expected.

Secondly there is a reduction in intrinsic energy resolution with increasing magnetic field strength for low energy jets, while for high energy jets this trend is reversed. At low energies the momenta of the charged particles will be low and so the radii of curvature of the helix these particles transverse will be small. If the radius for a given particle is small enough it will not make it into the calorimeters. In this case only if the track produced from this particle passes tight selection cuts designed to ensure the track originates from the impact point will the track be used to create a PFO. Therefore, energy can and will be lost in from events where PFOs are stuck within the tracker. Given the radii of curvature is inversely proportional to the magnetic field strength, the larger the magnetic field strength the more tracks will be confined to the tracker. The more tracks that are confined to the tracker, the worse the intrinsic energy

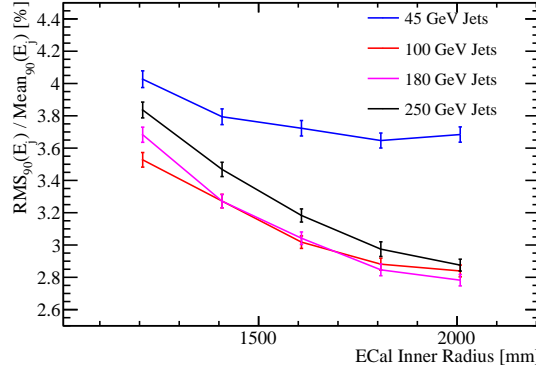
resolution becomes as inevitably some tracks fail the quality cuts to form PFOs. At high jet energies the transverse momentum of the particles will be sufficiently large that the radii of curvatures of the helices formed by charged particles will be enough so that they reach the calorimeters on average. However, for low magnetic field strengths more particles deposit energy within the same calorimeter cells. The intrinsic energy resolution plot is determined by associating a single MC particle to each calorimeter cell. At high jet energies and low magnetic field strengths many of the cells will have energy deposits split between multiple cells and so associating a single MC particle per cell is inaccurate. This explains why the intrinsic energy resolution degrades slightly in this scenario. These results are still of interest, however, because the driving term in the jet energy resolution as a function of magnetic field strength is the confusion.

In summary, increasing the magnetic field strength is beneficial to detector performance as it reduces confusion from associating tracks to calorimetric energy deposits from charged particles. While there is a reduction in the intrinsic energy resolution for low transverse momentum jets with increasing magnetic field strength, this effect is largely offset by the change in confusion. While the nominal field of 3.5 T gives good performance increasing the field strength is a clear way of making large gains in detector performance.

### 1.8.2 Inner ECal Radius

This section focuses on optimising the inner ECal radius, or the outer tracker radius. The nominal detector model has an ECal inner radius of 1808 mm and for this optimisation detector models were considered where the ECal inner radii was set to 1208, 1408, 1608 and 2008 mm. All other detector parameters identical to those of the nominal ILD detector model.

The jet energy resolution as a function of ECal inner radius is shown in figure 1.22 and these results show that a large ECal inner radius was highly beneficial to detector performance. This is due to the fact that a large tracker gives more time for charged particles to bend due to the magnetic field, which creates a larger separation between calorimetric energy deposits from charged and neutral particles. This larger separation reduces the confusion when associating calorimetric energy deposits to tracks and so improves the detector performance. This conclusion is backed up by the decomposition of the jet energy resolution for the low and high energy jets, shown in



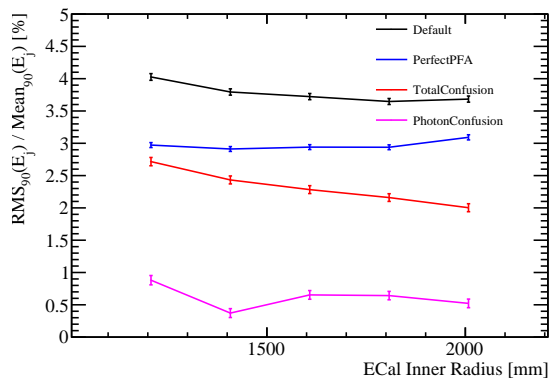
**Figure 1.22:** Jet energy resolution is shown for several fixed energy jets as a function of ECal inner radius.

figure ??, which explicitly show a reduction in confusion with increasing ECal inner radius.

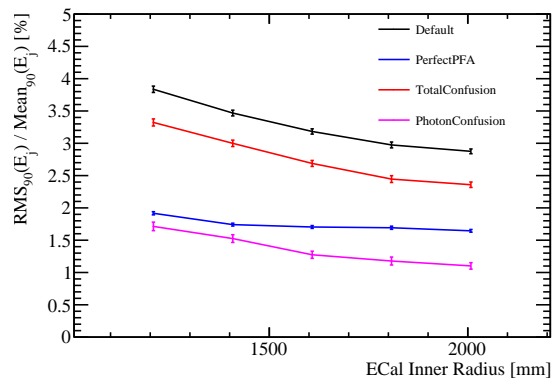
The intrinsic energy resolution of the detectors follows the same pattern as was observed in the magnetic field study. For low energy jets the larger ECal radius means fewer particles make it to the calorimeters and so some PFOs are not reconstructed giving a worse energy resolution. While at larger jet energies the radii of curvature of the charged particles is sufficiently large as the particles have higher momenta, meaning very few are confined to the tracker and so the intrinsic energy resolution is largely invariant. There is a small degradation in intrinsic energy resolution at low ECal inner radii due to the association of a single MC particle per calorimeter cell when running the cheated pattern recognition as explained in section 1.8.1. Again, this effect has little bearing on the final conclusions as the change in intrinsic energy resolution across the detector models is a second order effect.

In conclusion, increasing the ECal inner radius benefits the jet energy resolution significantly. This trend is driven by changes to the confusion in associating tracks to calorimetric energy deposits, with a larger ECal inner radius producing a reduction in the confusion as separation of charged and neutral particle energy deposits increases.

## 1.9 Conclusions



(a) 45 GeV Jets.



(b) 250 GeV Jets.

**Figure 1.23:** Jet energy resolution breakdown as a function of ECal inner radius for 45 and 250 GeV jets.





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