

# Overview of CALICE DAQ system

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## **DAQ version1**

Used in first “physics prototypes” for SiW-ECAL, Sc-ECAL, A-HCAL, TCMT

Large custom boards

## **DAQ version 2**

Under development for a number of years

- Miniaturisation of components

- “off-the-shelf” components

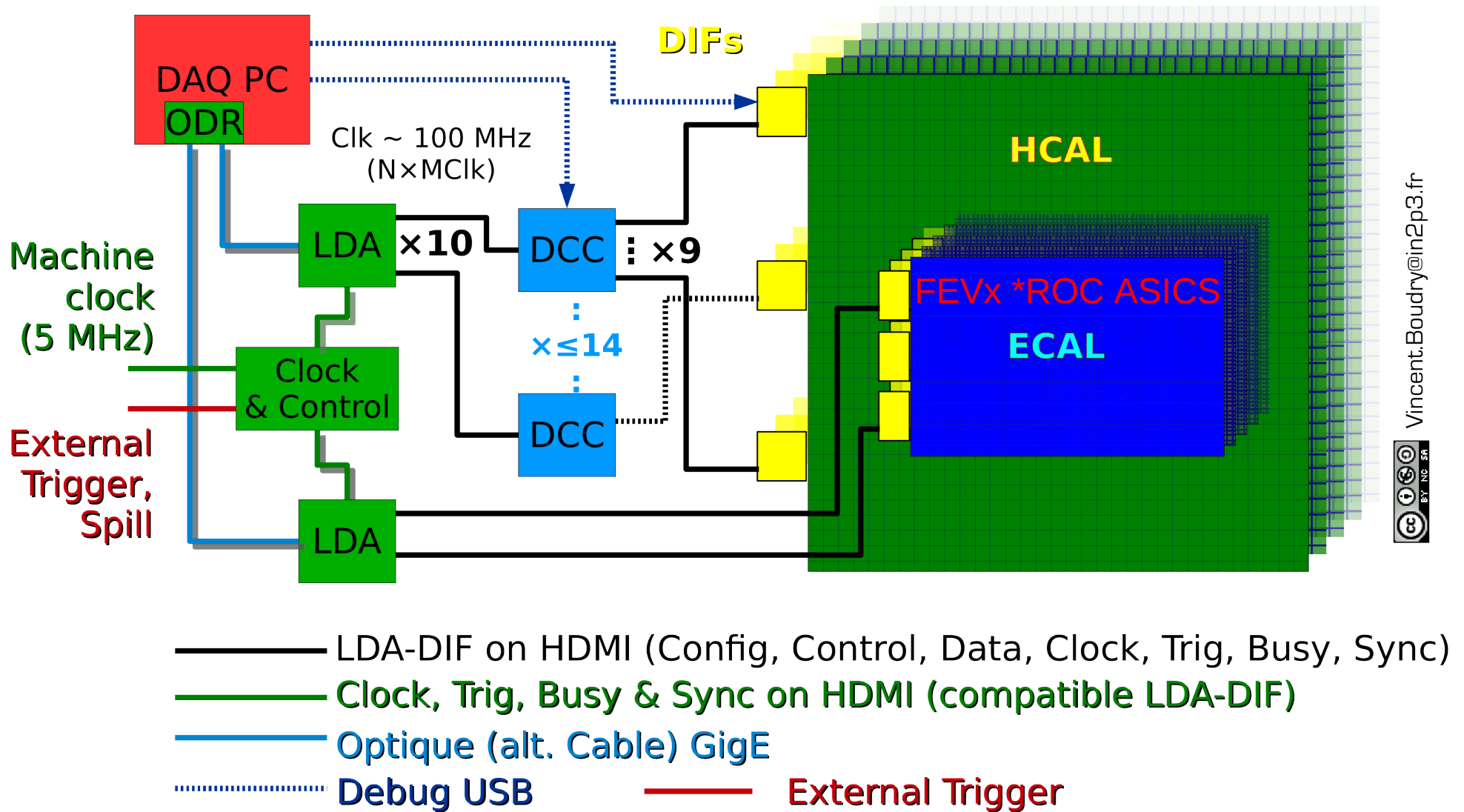
- Scalable architecture -> towards final detector

  - Suitable for test-beam <1M channels

  - Extendable to final detector >100M channels

- Generic: suitable for all CALICE prototype technologies

# DAQ v2 overview



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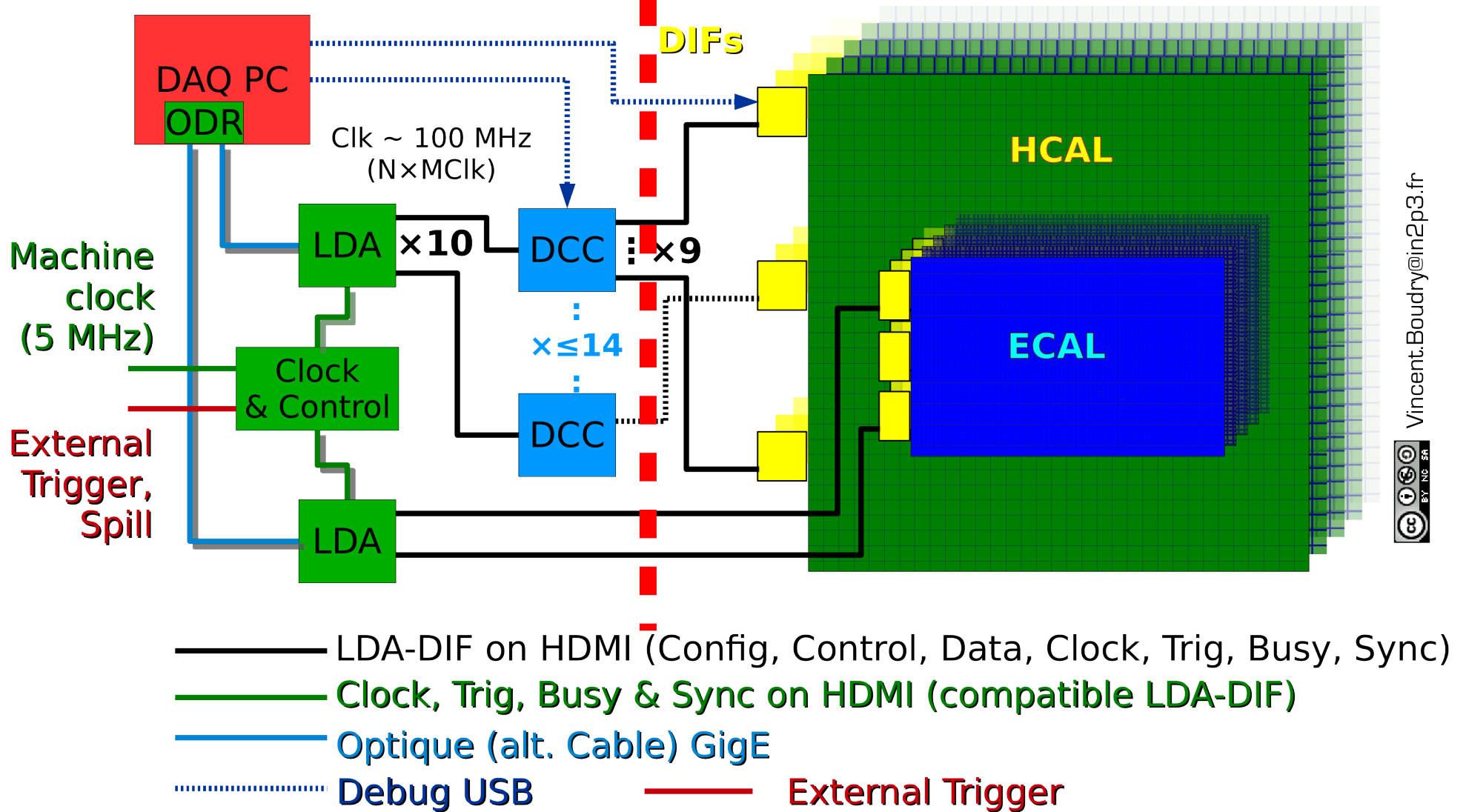
DCC: Data Concentrator Card  
ODR: Off Detector Receiver

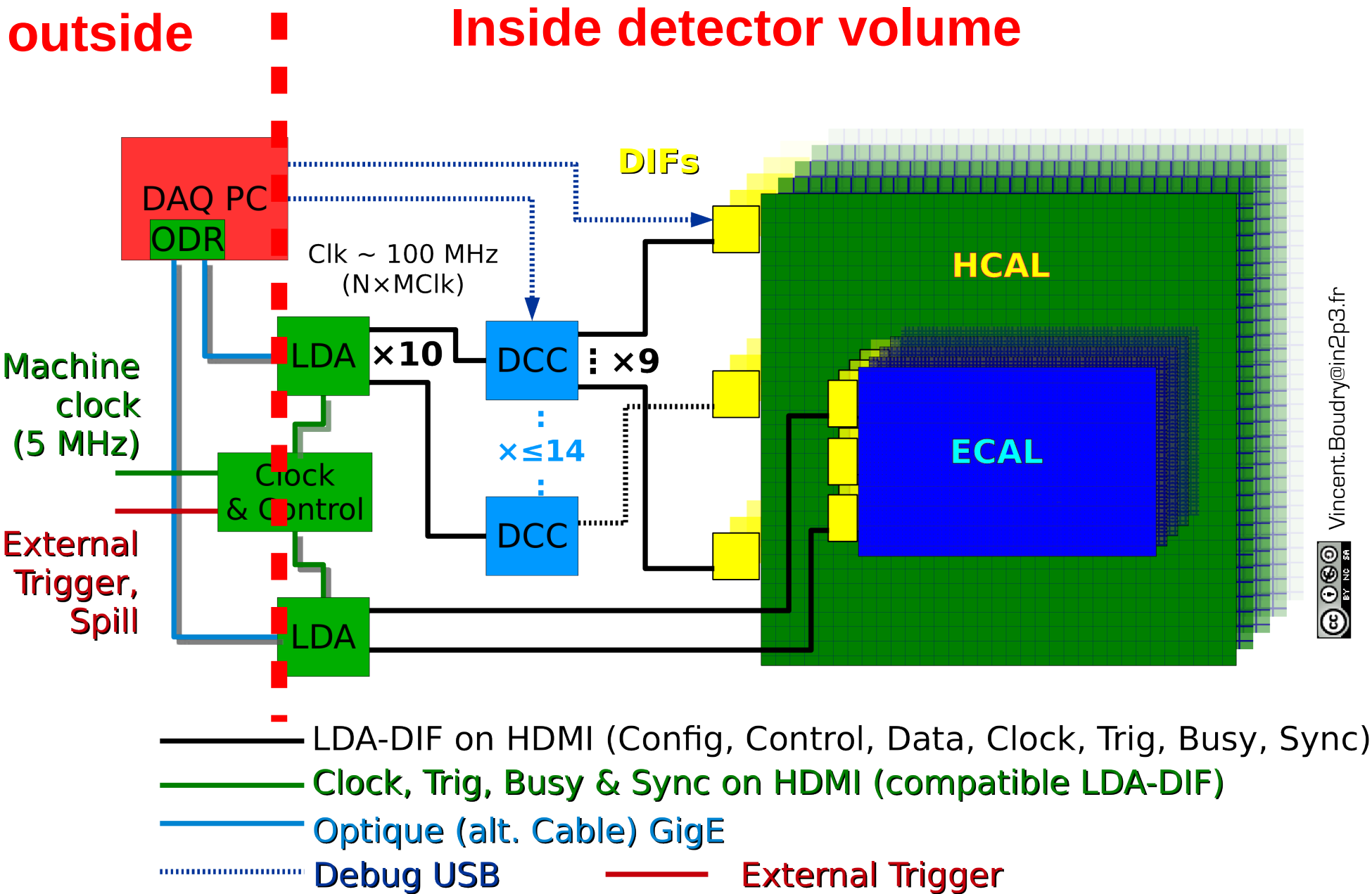
LDA: Local Data Aggregator

DIF: Detector InterFace

# Common system

# Detector specific



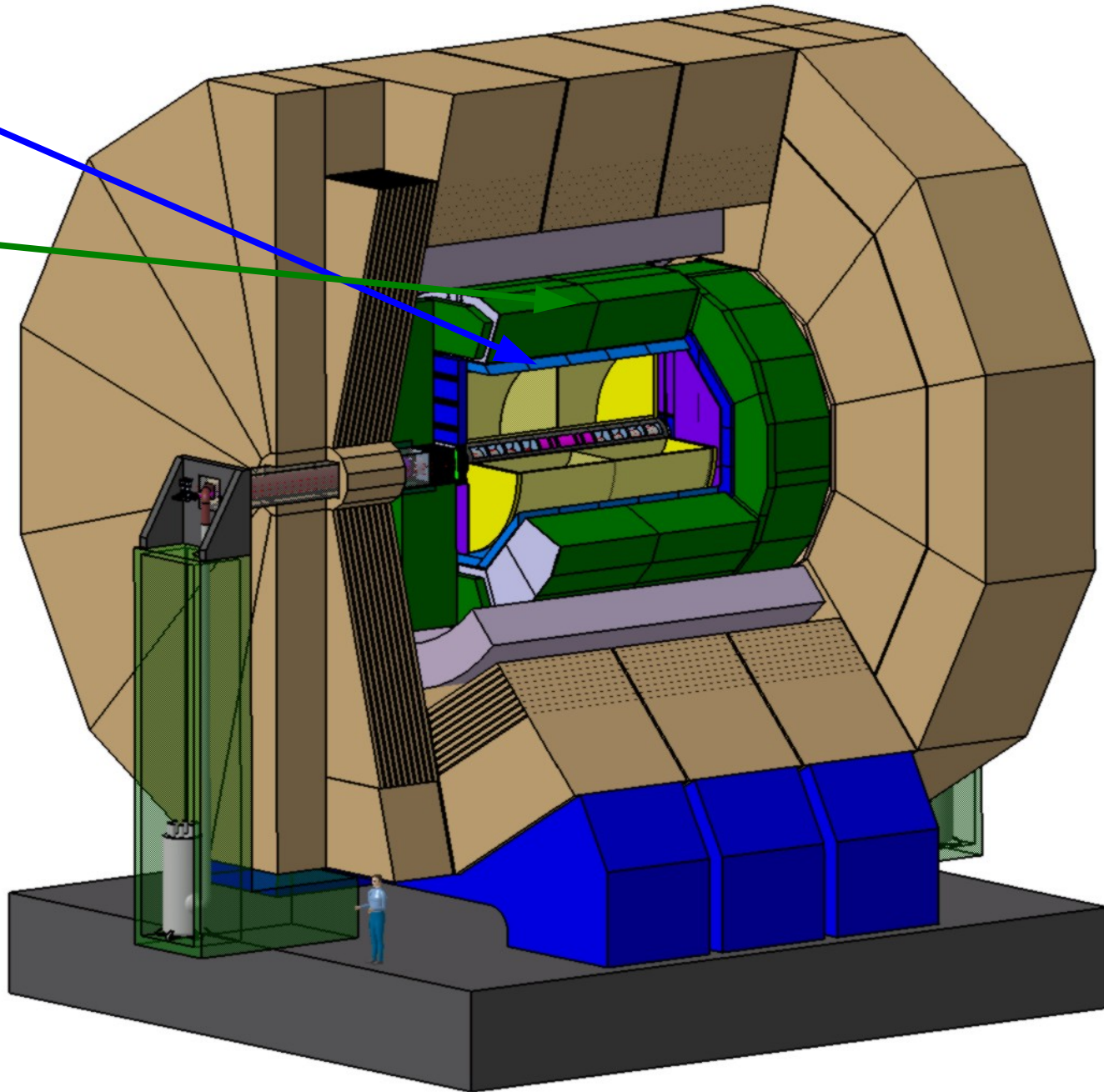


Minimise cables exiting detector: “dead” un-instrumented regions

Full detector

ECAL

HCAL



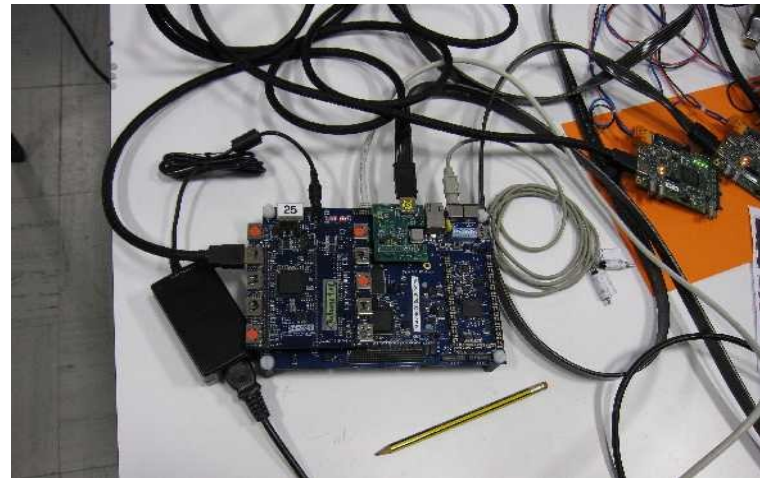
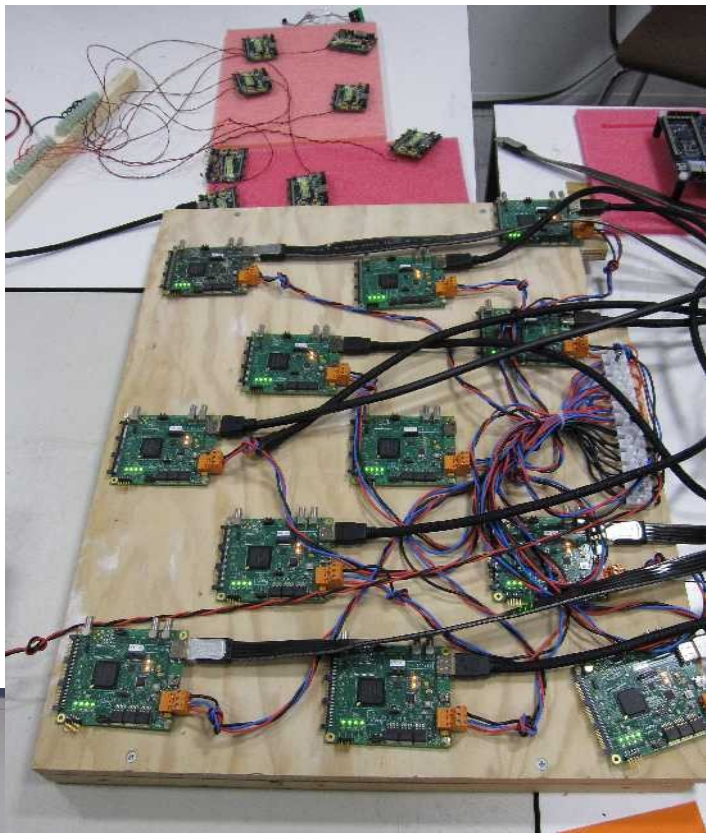
**Hardware** has been produced by mostly UK groups: UCL, RHUL, Cambridge ready since ~2010

**Firmware** first version also supplied with hardware

UK groups no longer active due to budget cuts (CALICE not supported)  
some “unofficial” support continuing

Firmware in particular has required significant adaptation and debugging  
development / system testing now in progress in France (LLR, LAPP...)

First real large-scale tests planned for next month  
(SD-HCAL test beam at CERN)





**Software** is under development...

system tests and commissioning

data taking with real detectors in lab (cosmic rays) and particle beams

Based on XDAQ framework  
(also used @ CMS, experience in France)

Databases for ASIC configurations and similar

## **Medium term plans**

Integrate/synchronise with other DAQ systems for ILC  
(within European Union AIDA programme)

Redesign LDA card (not robust mechanically)

## Summary

CALICE DAQ system designed to readout different calorimeter detectors

Based on “off-the-shelf” components and industrial standards

Scalable to large detector systems

Hardware is produced

Firmware is almost complete

Software is under development

First real large-scale tests later this summer