

Laboratory of optics and scintillating materials



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Included in our intentions: design optimisation, using Machine Learning techniques, of a high granularity calorimeter for a future lepton collider

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SWOT analysis

• Strengths

Long-standing expertise in the test, preparation, and aluminization of plastic optical fibres for detectors.

Only a few facilities of this kind exist in the world.

LOMaC is fundamental for the ATLAS TileCal upgrades.

Weaknesses

Aging equipment needing replacements and upgrades (reequipment in progress).

Opportunities

The FCC-hh Conceptual Design Report has demonstrated that the TileCal design is still one of the best for a hadronic calorimeter. This opens the opportunity to participate in new detectors in HEP or related fields.

The ECFA Detectors R&D Roadmap implementation, with the new Detector R&D Collaborations, opens new opportunities to boost our R&D on scintillators and calorimetry for the future colliders and attract new funding to support them.

The LIP Internship program and the PT-CERN Ph.D. grants started to attract people interested to work in the areas of activity of LOMaC.

D Threats

Lack of sustained operations of the main fibre preparation facilities is possible.