

The logo for Allectra, featuring the word "allectra" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters "a" and "l" are a light blue color, while the remaining letters "l", "e", "c", "t", "r", "a" are a darker blue.

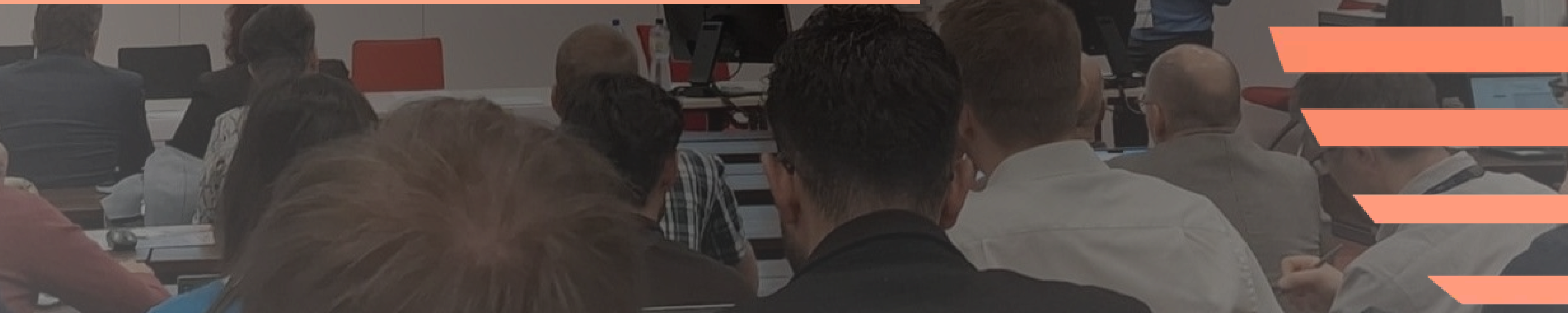
In-Vacuum Signal Transport for the Einstein Telescope

Feedthroughs, connectors, and cabling
- lessons learned from Epathfinder

Einstein Telescope Vacuum & Cryogenics Industrial Workshop
CERN, Geneva

Getting signals into the *Einstein Telescope*

Highlights from our work Ben Holmes presented at the ET Vacuum & Cryogenics Industrial Workshop, on 21-22 April 2026 at CERN, Geneva



The Einstein Telescope is a step change Not just in science , but in *engineering*

- ET will be a kilometre-scale underground observatory with over 100 km of UHV beam tubes and three nested interferometers.
- The cabling infrastructure has to match that ambition: long runs, varied configurations, large quantities all inside vacuum, all low-outgassing, all with zero tolerance for failure.

>100 km
UHV beam tube
network

3
nested
interferometers

0
margin for
outgassing



ETpathfinder was the proving ground for *Allectra's capabilities*

- Manufacturing DN300CF flanges with 15 feedthroughs each was a big engineering challenge.
- Welding at this scale demanded a new approach to quality control compared to standard smaller flanges

12

flanges

124

connectors

300m

in-vacuum cable

4500

signals



ETpathfinder was the rehearsal ET is the *performance*

400-pin density

High-density feedthroughs in development

In-house Kapton cables

Dedicated production line in Germany

Triaxial cables

Low-noise cables for ultra-low current signals

Specific proven QC

Specific QC protocols for DN300CF feedthrough flanges



Next-gen gravitational wave detector challenges are not just optical and seismic, but also *connectivity*

Get thousands of low-noise signals

in and out of a UHV system

at cryogenic temperatures

over hundreds of metres

Interested in UHV feedthrough and cable solutions for large-scale physics infrastructure?

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