



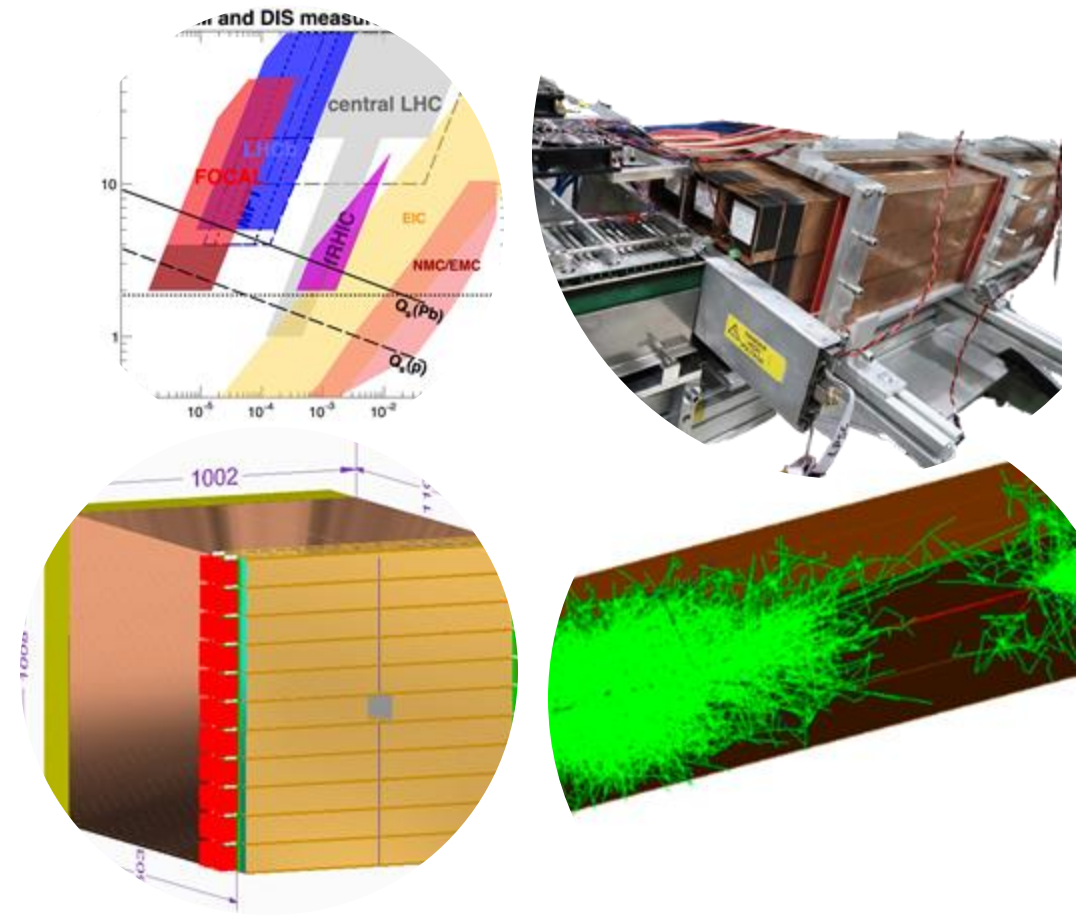
ALICE Forward Calorimeter (FoCal) upgrade

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Outline

- ❑ FoCal purpose
- ❑ Detector design
- ❑ Expected performance



FoCal upgrade officially approved as CERN project in April 2024

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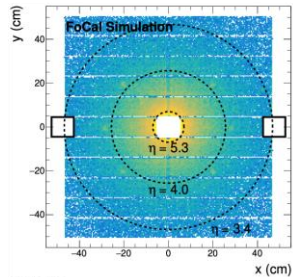


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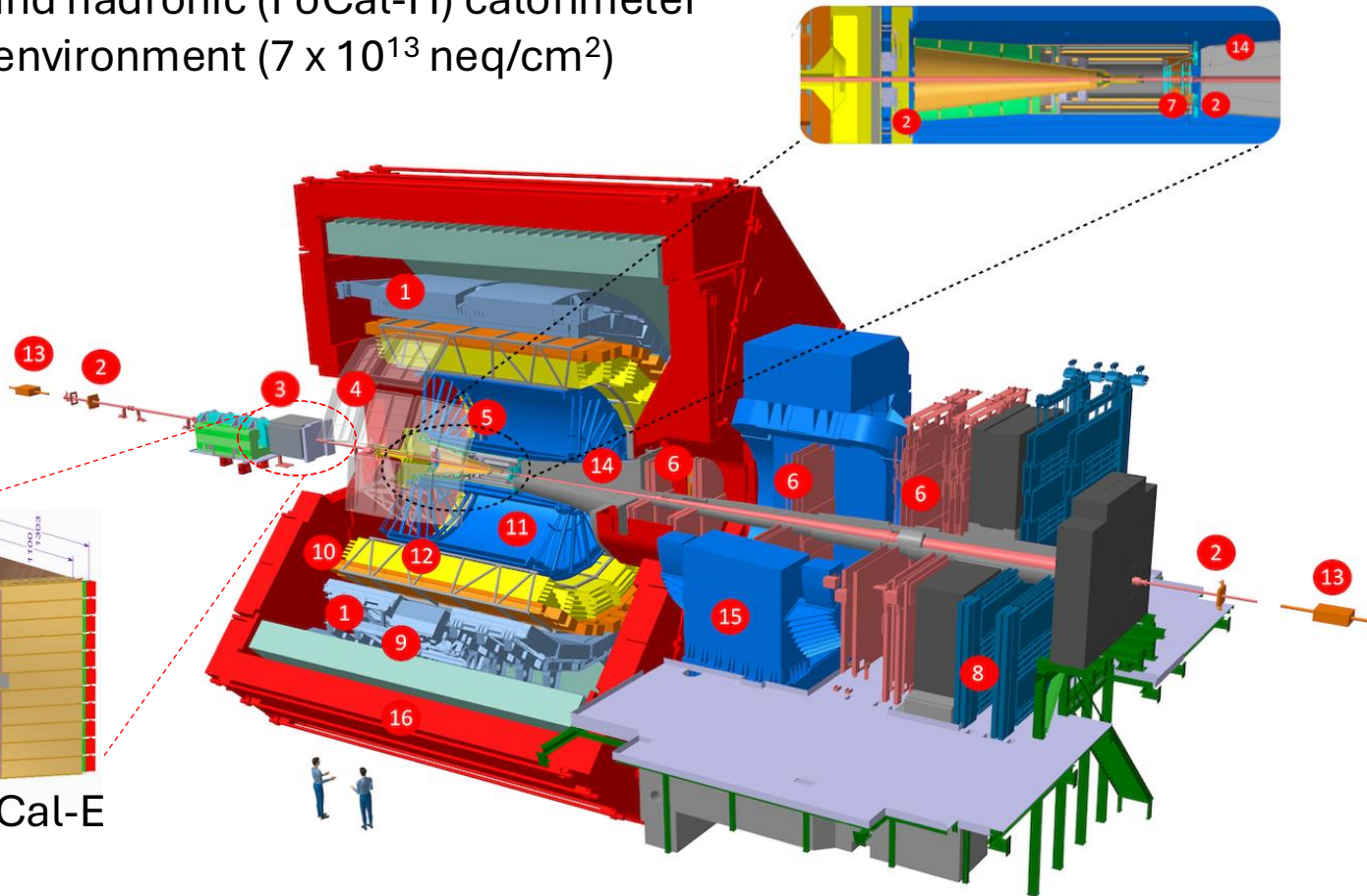
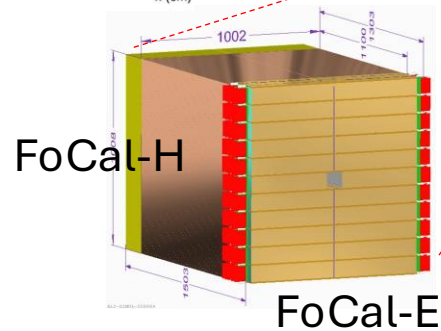
FoCal calorimeter for LHC Run 4 measurements (2029-2032)

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- ❑ FoCal geom. acceptance: $3.2 < \eta < 5.8$
- ❑ EM (FoCal-E) and hadronic (FoCal-H) calorimeter
- ❑ High radiation environment (7×10^{13} neq/cm²)



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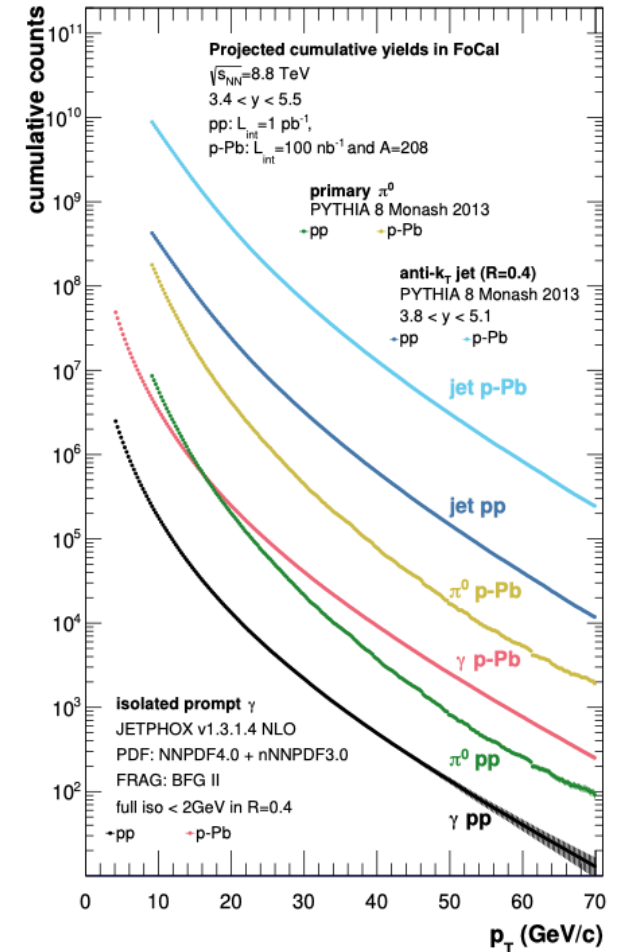
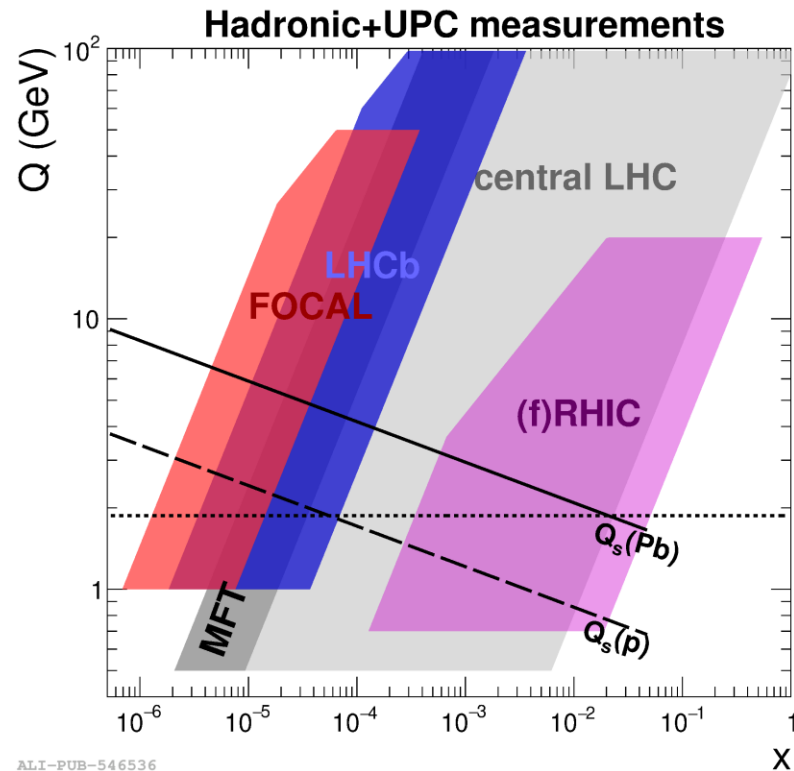
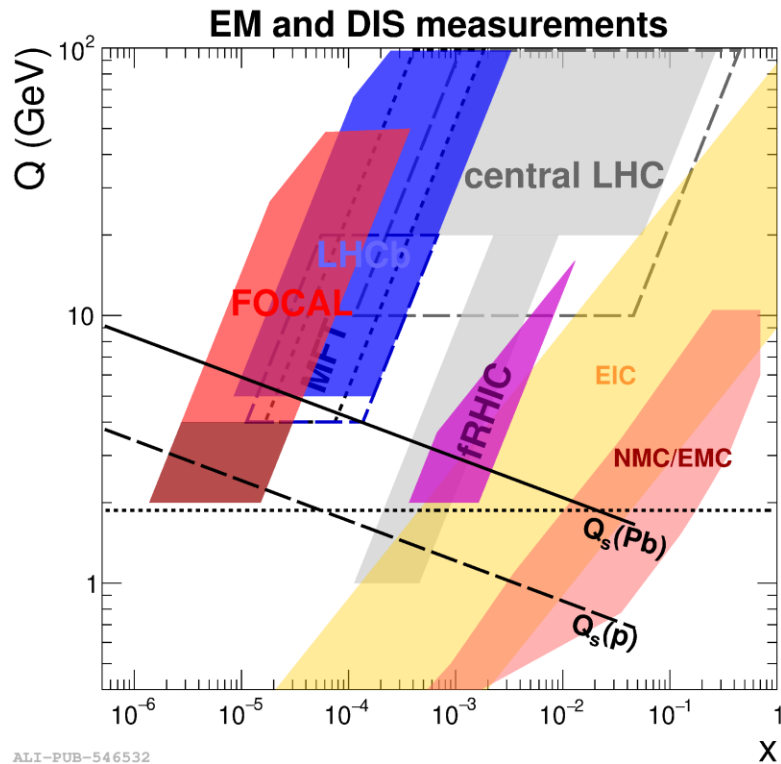


- 1 EMCAL | Electromagnetic Calorimeter
- 2 FIT | Fast Interaction Trigger
- 3 FoCal | Forward Calorimeter (in front of compensator magnet)
- 4 HMPID | High Momentum Particle Identification Detector
- 5 ITS | Inner Tracking System
- 6 MCH | Muon Tracking Chambers
- 7 MFT | Muon Forward Tracker
- 8 MID | Muon Identifier
- 9 PHOS/CPV | Photon Spectrometer
- 10 TOF | Time Of Flight
- 11 TPC | Time Projection Chamber
- 12 TRD | Transition Radiation Detector
- 13 ZDC | Zero Degree Calorimeter
- 14 Absorber
- 15 Dipole Magnet
- 16 L3 Magnet

FoCal Purpose

FoCal unique capabilities

Direct γ , neutral hadrons, vector mesons and jets measurements in pp, p-Pb and UPC collisions at the LHC

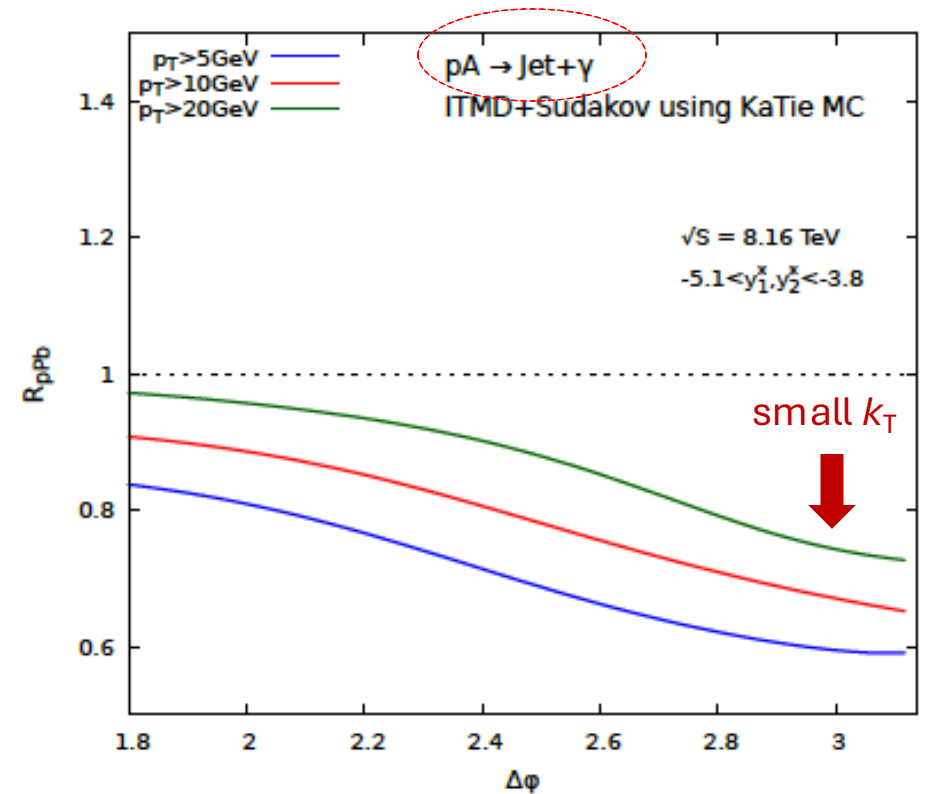
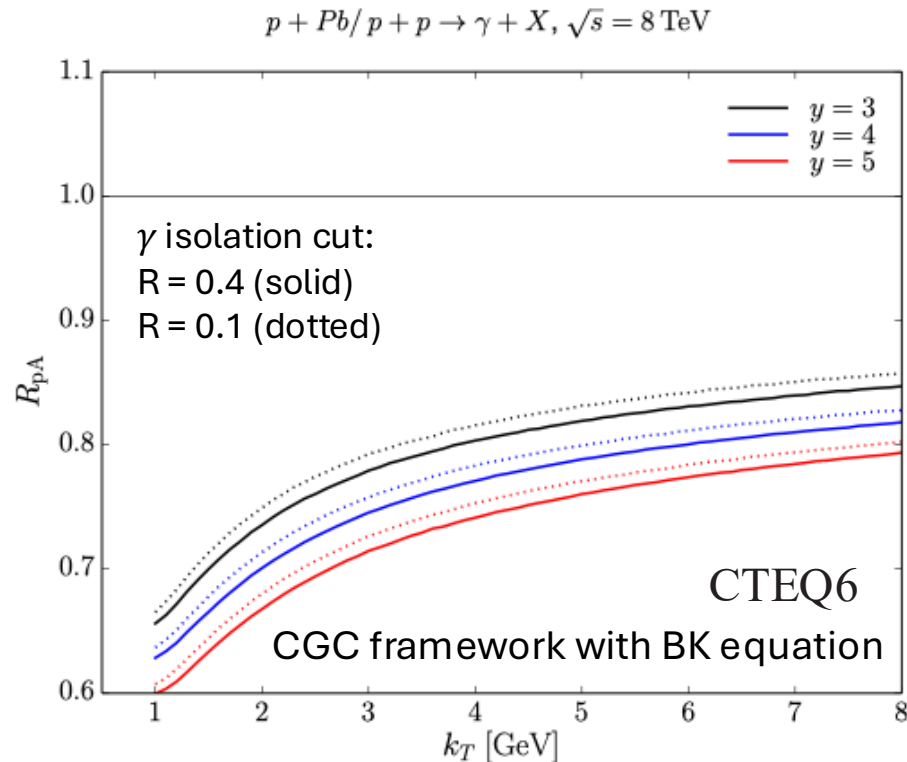
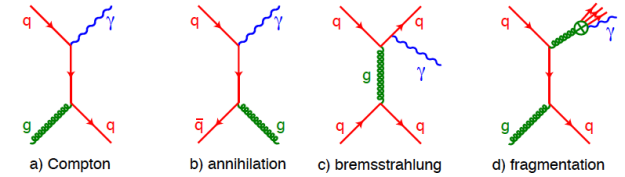


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Direct γ and γ -jet measurements

Nuclear modification factors $R_{pPb} = Y_{pA} / N_{bin} Y_{pp}$

→ strong suppression due to gluon saturation in Pb nuclei

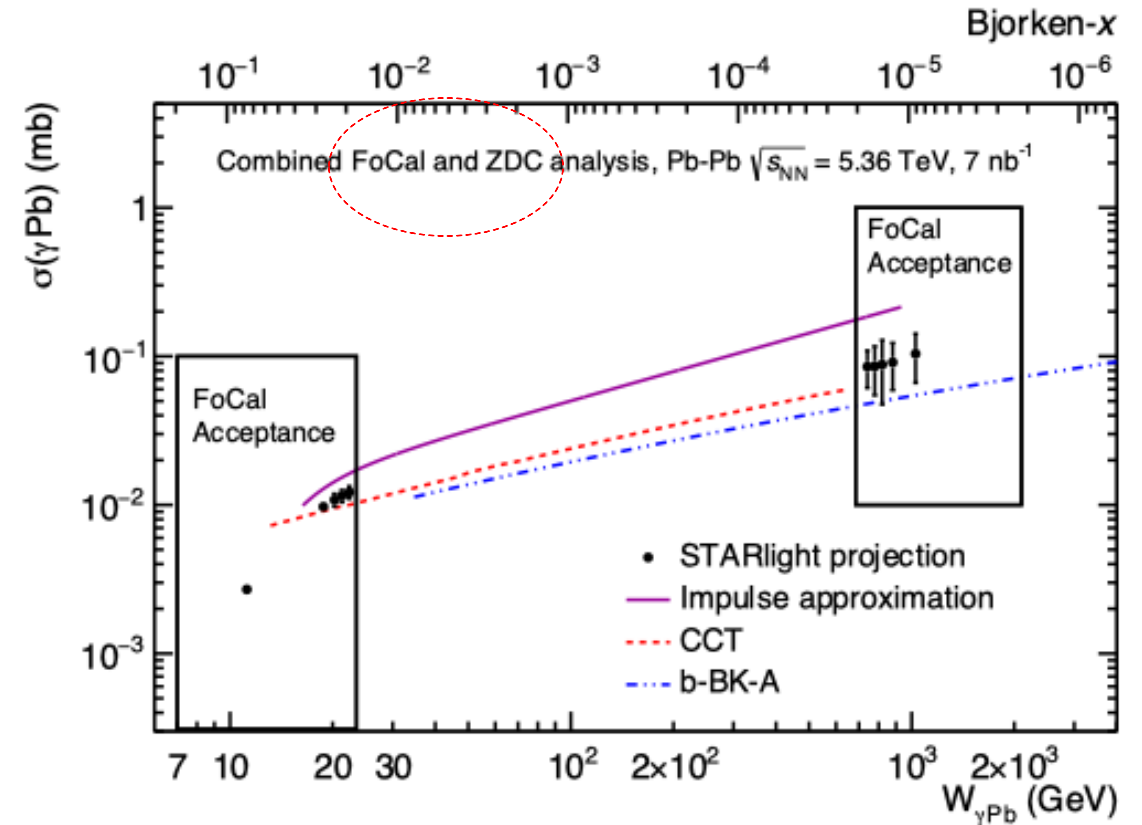
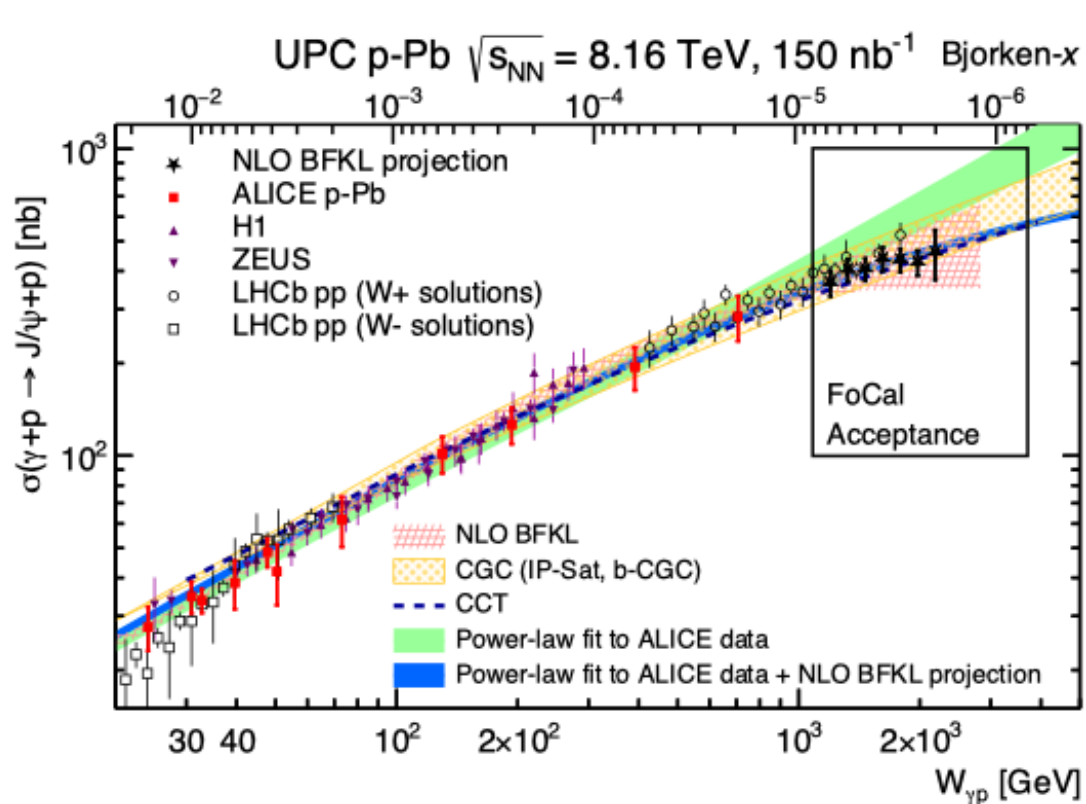
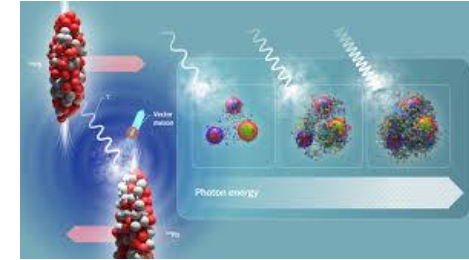


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J/ψ production in p-Pb and Pb-Pb UPC

Probing small-x with charmonium production in UPC at the LHC

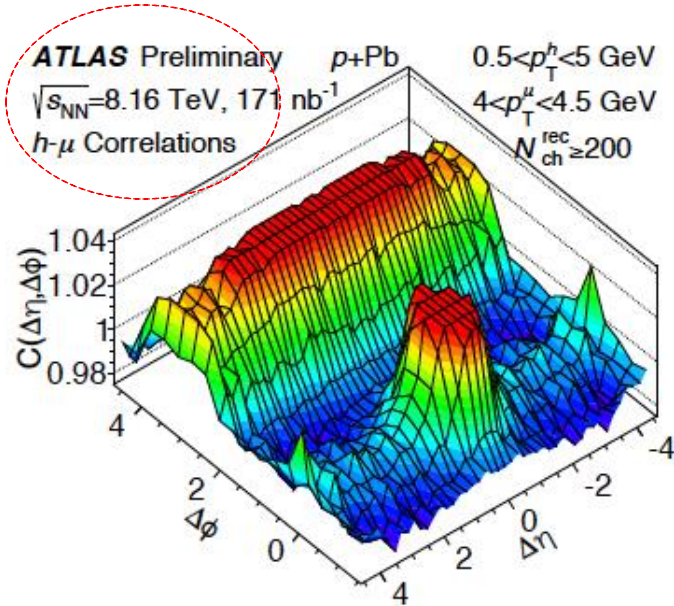


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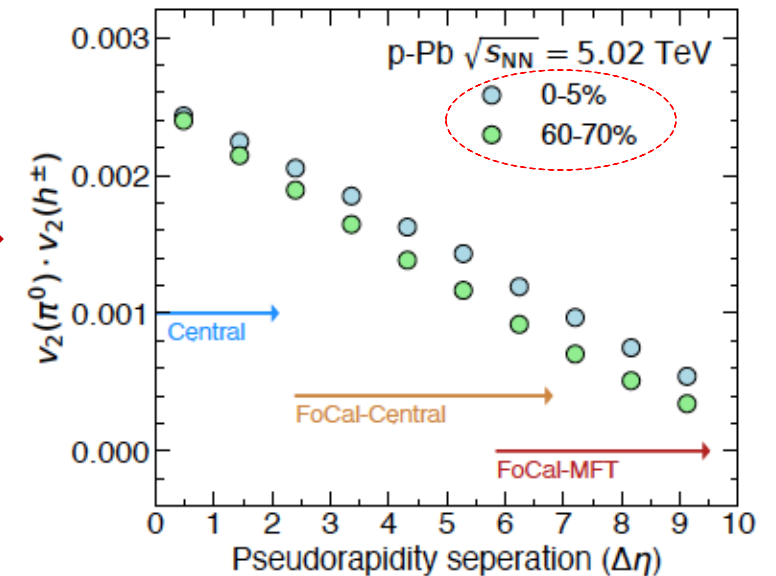
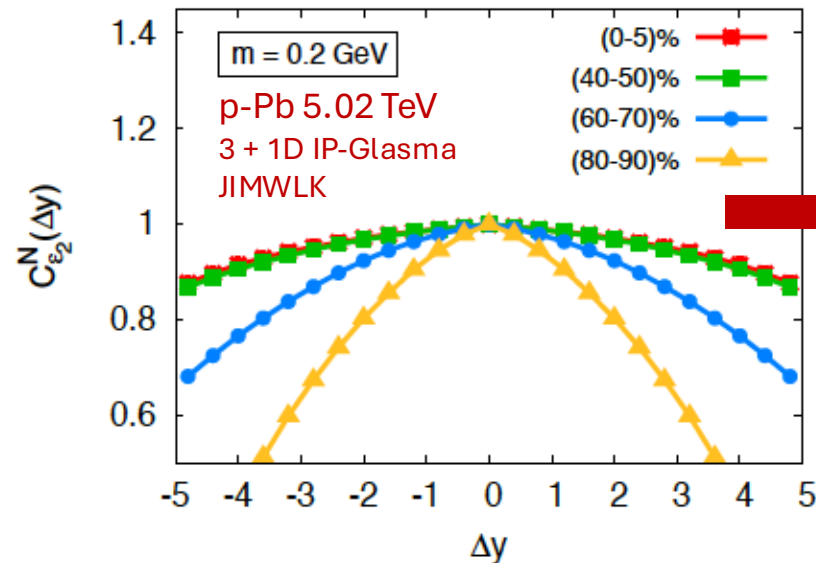
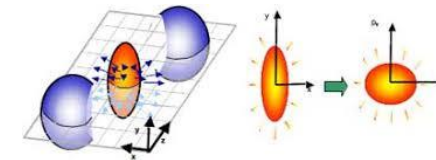
Initial vs final state momentum anisotropies

Initial vs final state momentum anisotropies in small colliding systems → origin of long-range correlations?

Long-range correlations



$$C_{\epsilon_2}^N(\Delta y) = \frac{\langle \epsilon_2(y_1) \epsilon_2(y_2) \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \epsilon_2(y_1)^2 \rangle \langle \epsilon_2(y_2)^2 \rangle}}$$



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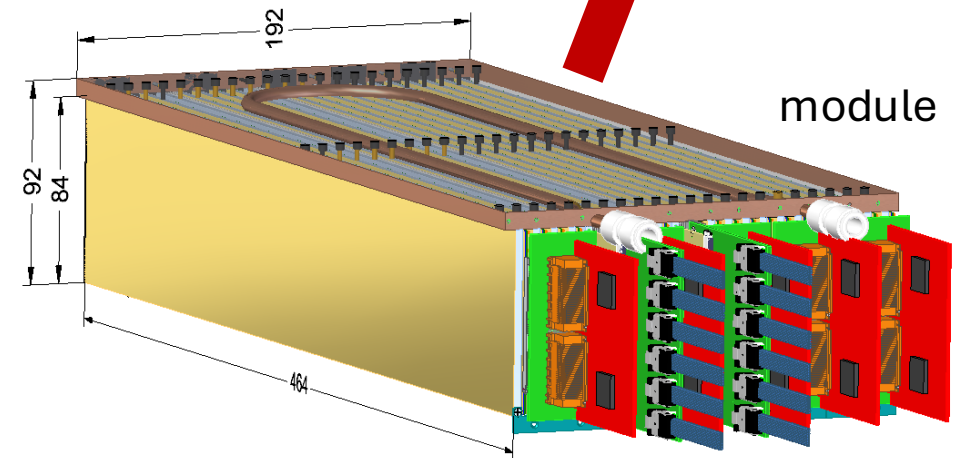
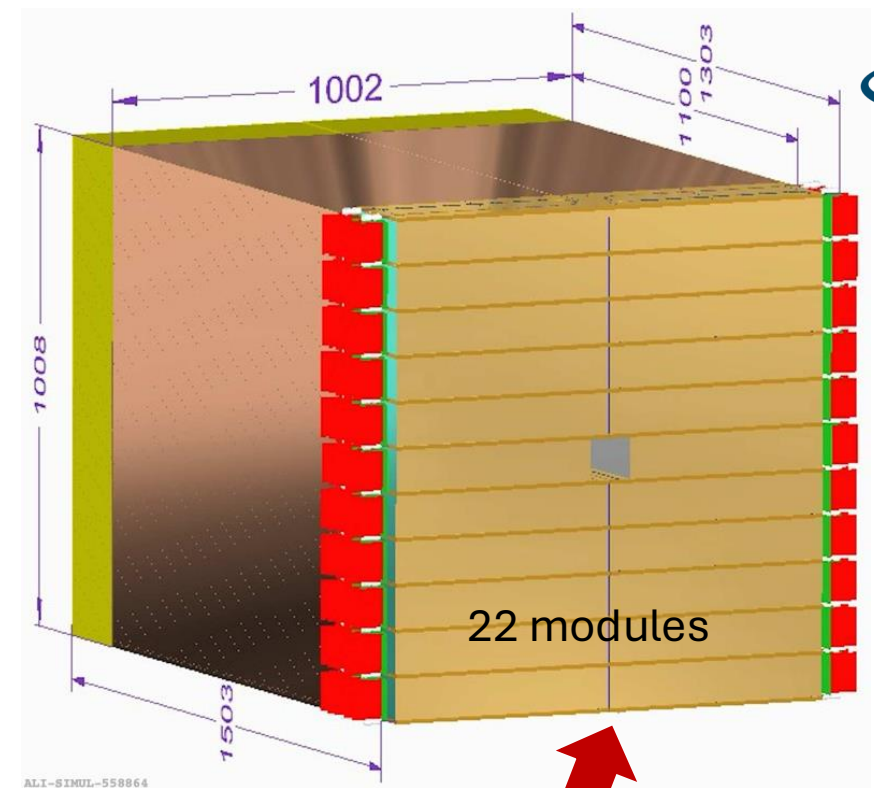
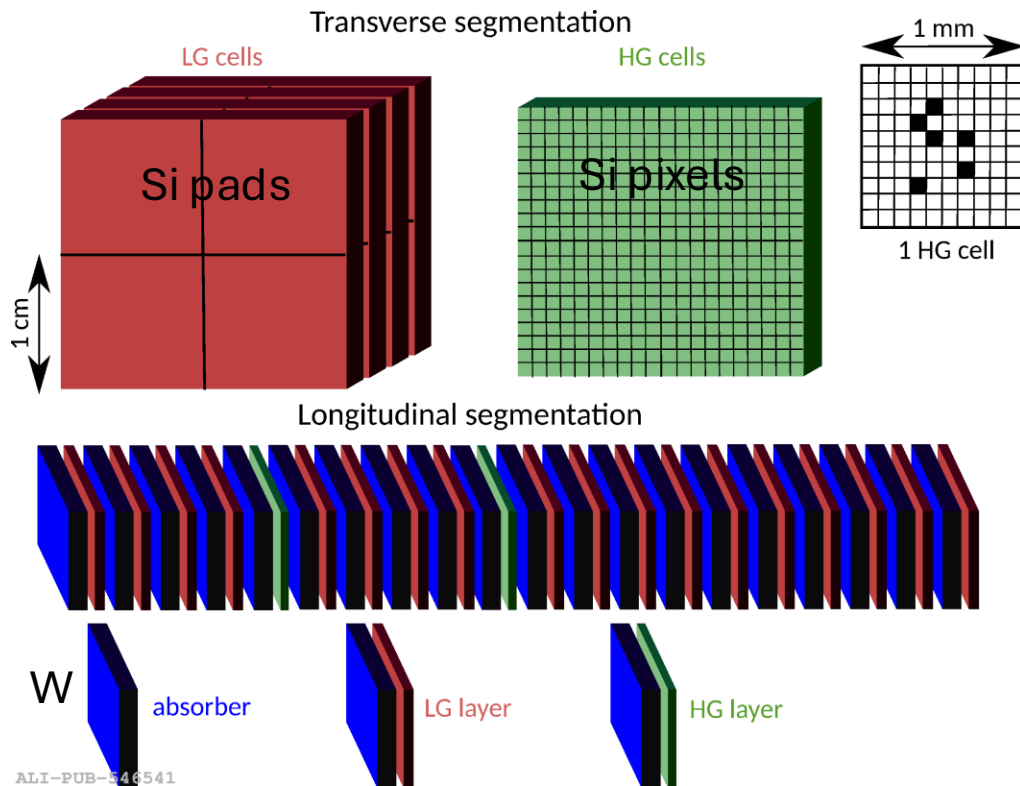
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Detector design



FoCal-E design

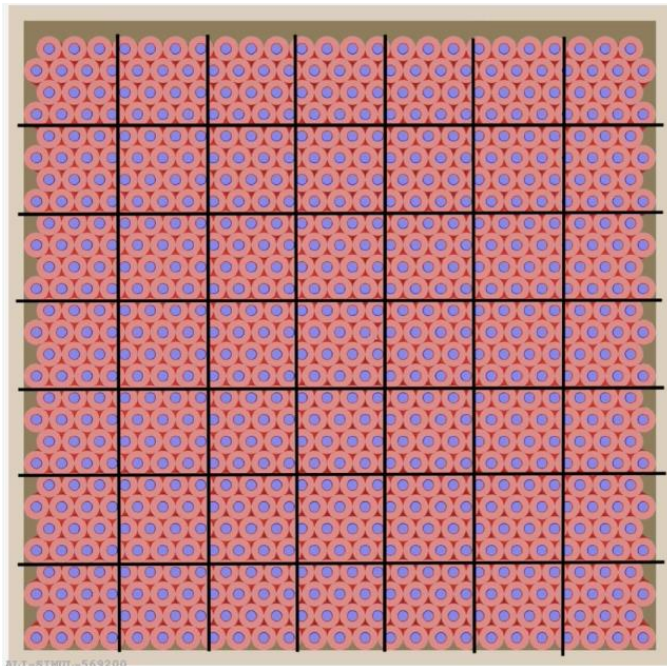
- ❑ Si+W electromagnetic calorimeter ($\sim 20 X_0$)
- ❑ 18 Si pad (LG)+ 2 Si pixel (HG) sensor layers
- ❑ Si pad $\sim 1 \times 1 \times 0.03 \text{ cm}^3$ (p-type, Hamamatsu Photonics)
- ❑ Si pixel $\sim 30 \times 30 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^3$ (ALPIDE/MAPS)



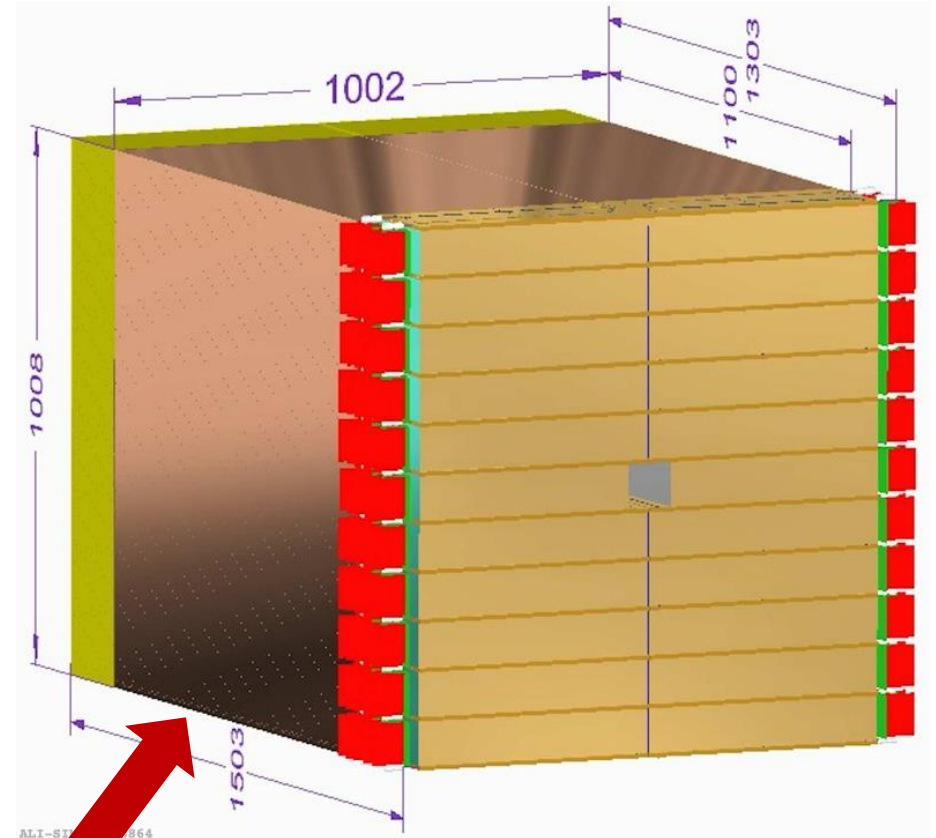
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FoCal-H design

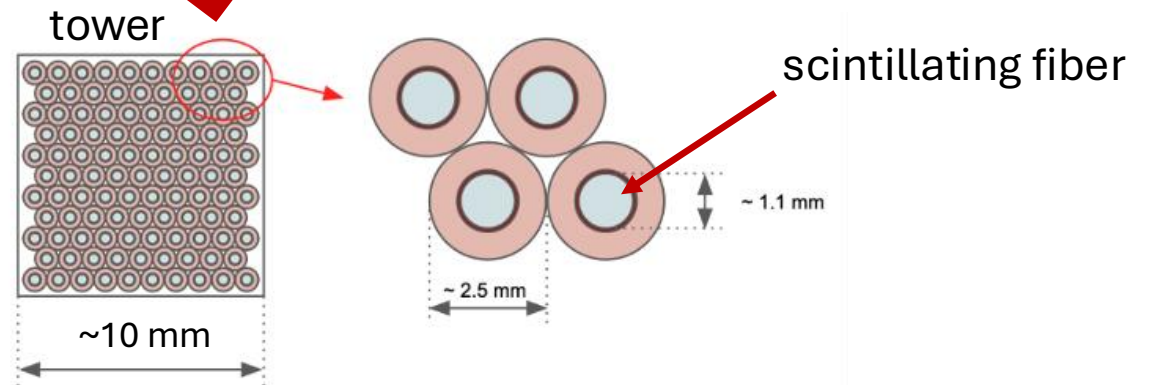
- ❑ Cu capillary tubes + scintillation fibers
- ❑ 1 x 1 cm² towers with SIPM readout (~10000 ch.)
- ❑ Thickness ~ 1m (~5 x λ_{int})



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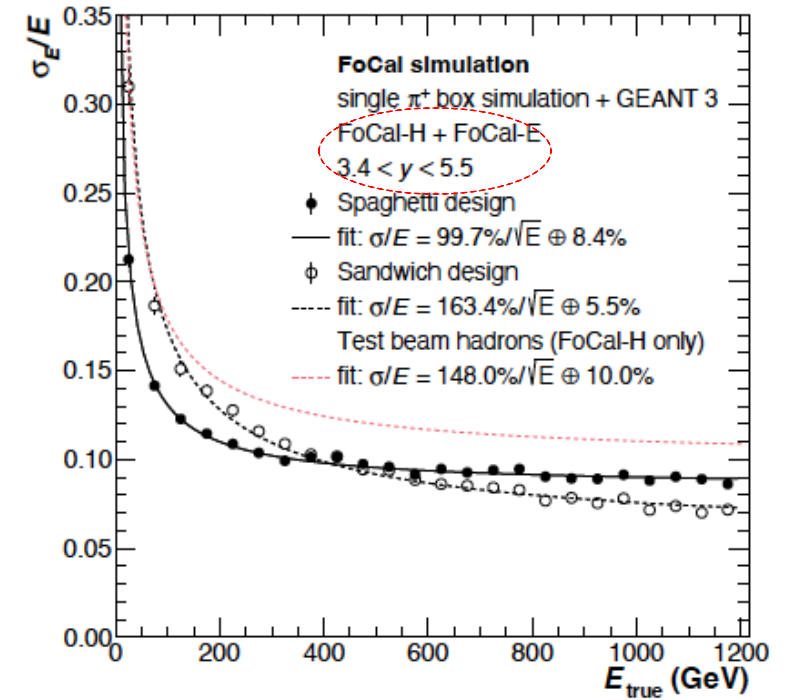
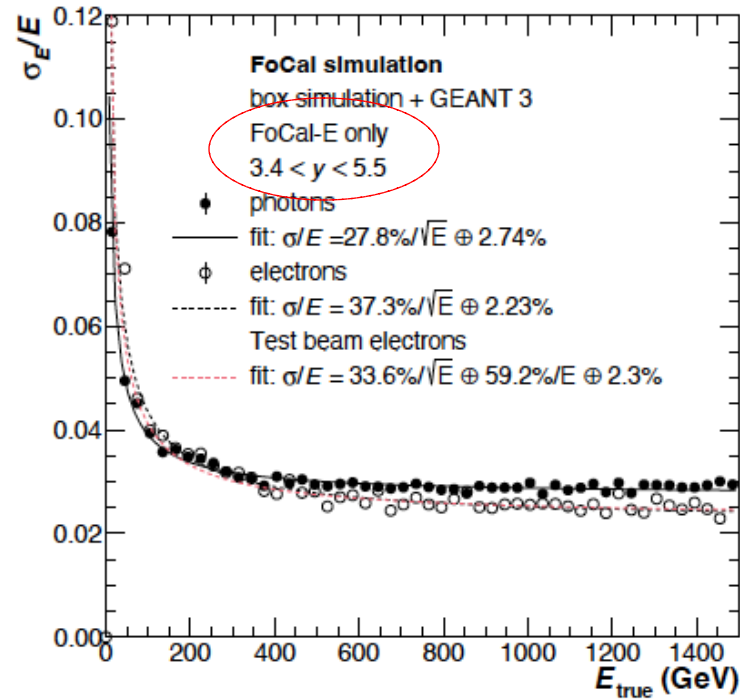
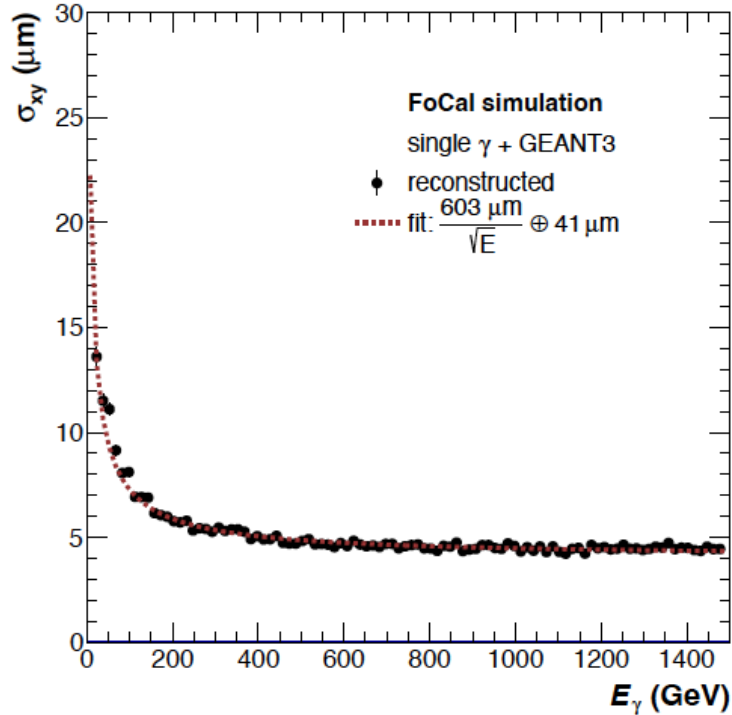
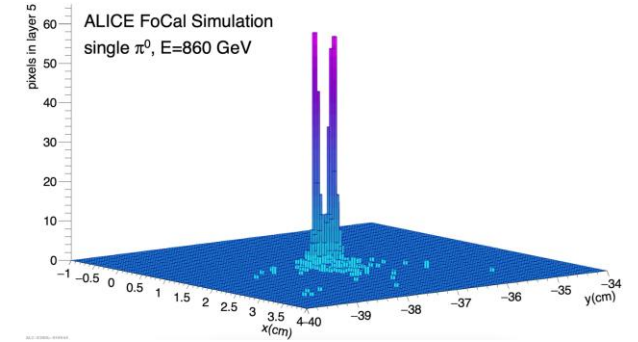
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Expected performance

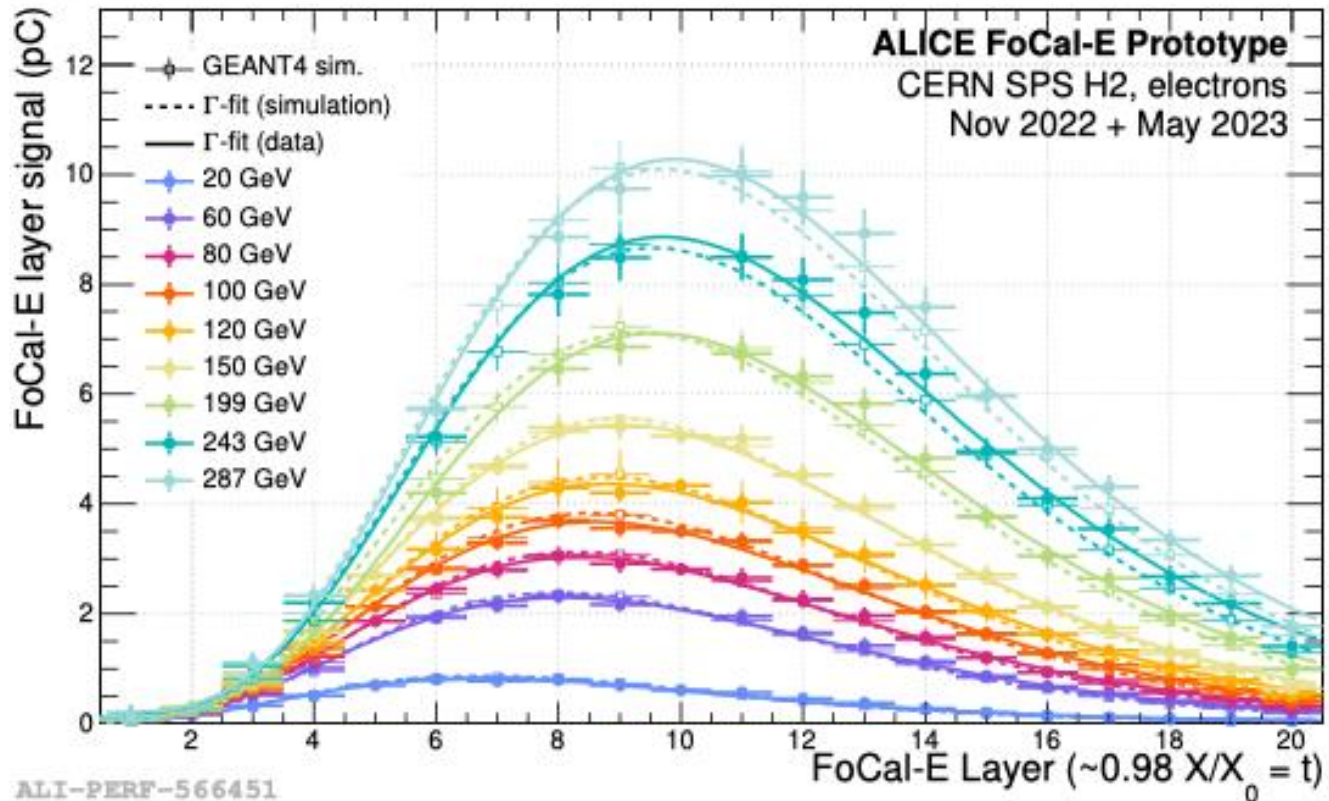
Position and energy resolution

- Good position resolution required for direct γ and π^0 measurements
- Reasonably good energy resolution for γ isolation and jet reconstruction



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FoCal-E longitudinal shower profile



- Good agreement between data and simulations
- Parametrized with Γ function

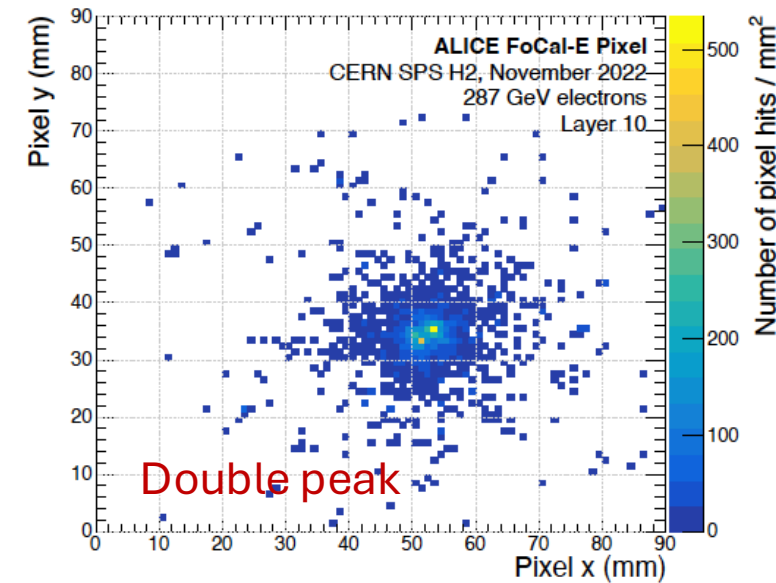
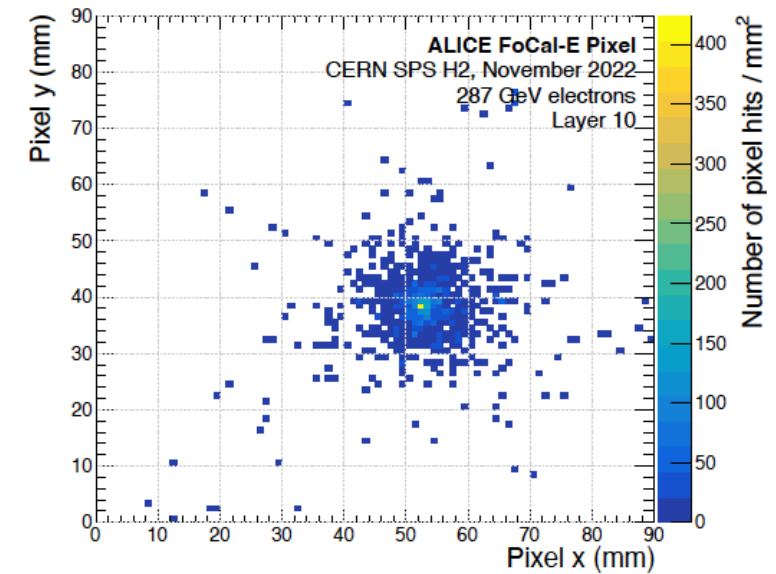
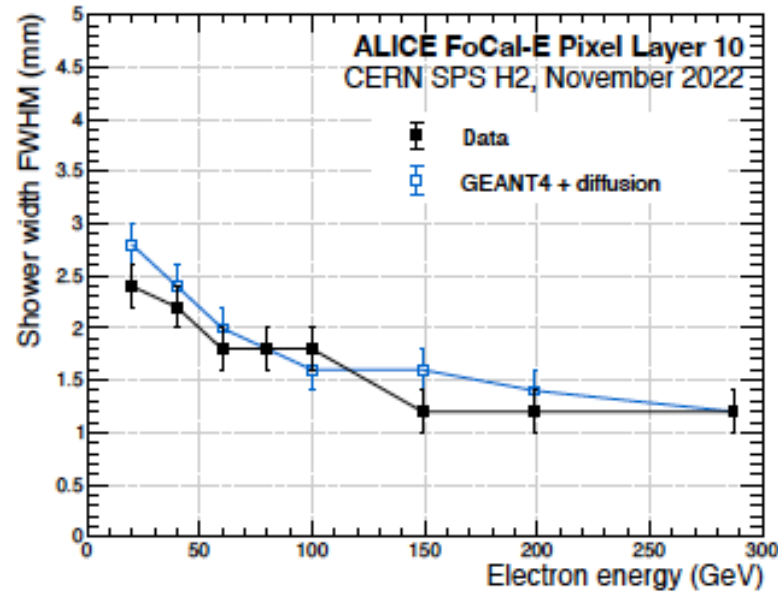
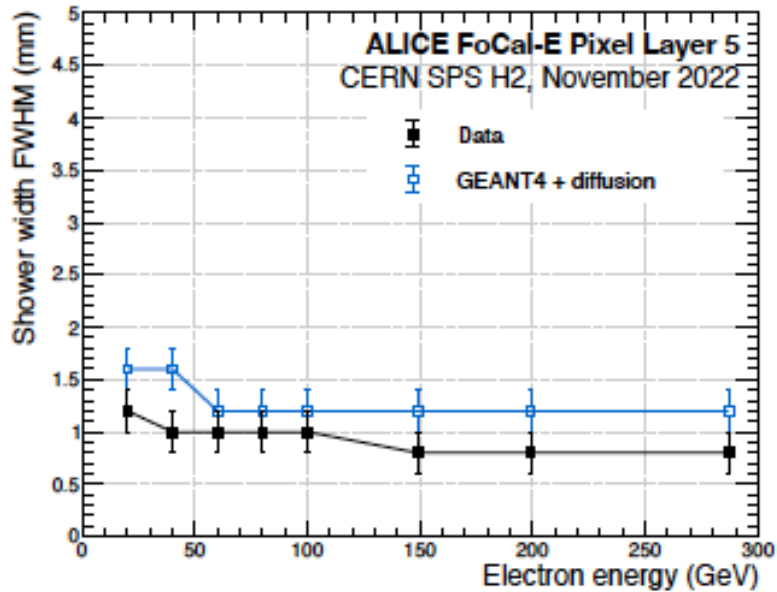
$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = Q_E \beta \frac{(\beta t)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + Q_0$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-z} z^{\alpha-1} dz$$

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FoCal-E pixel transverse profiles

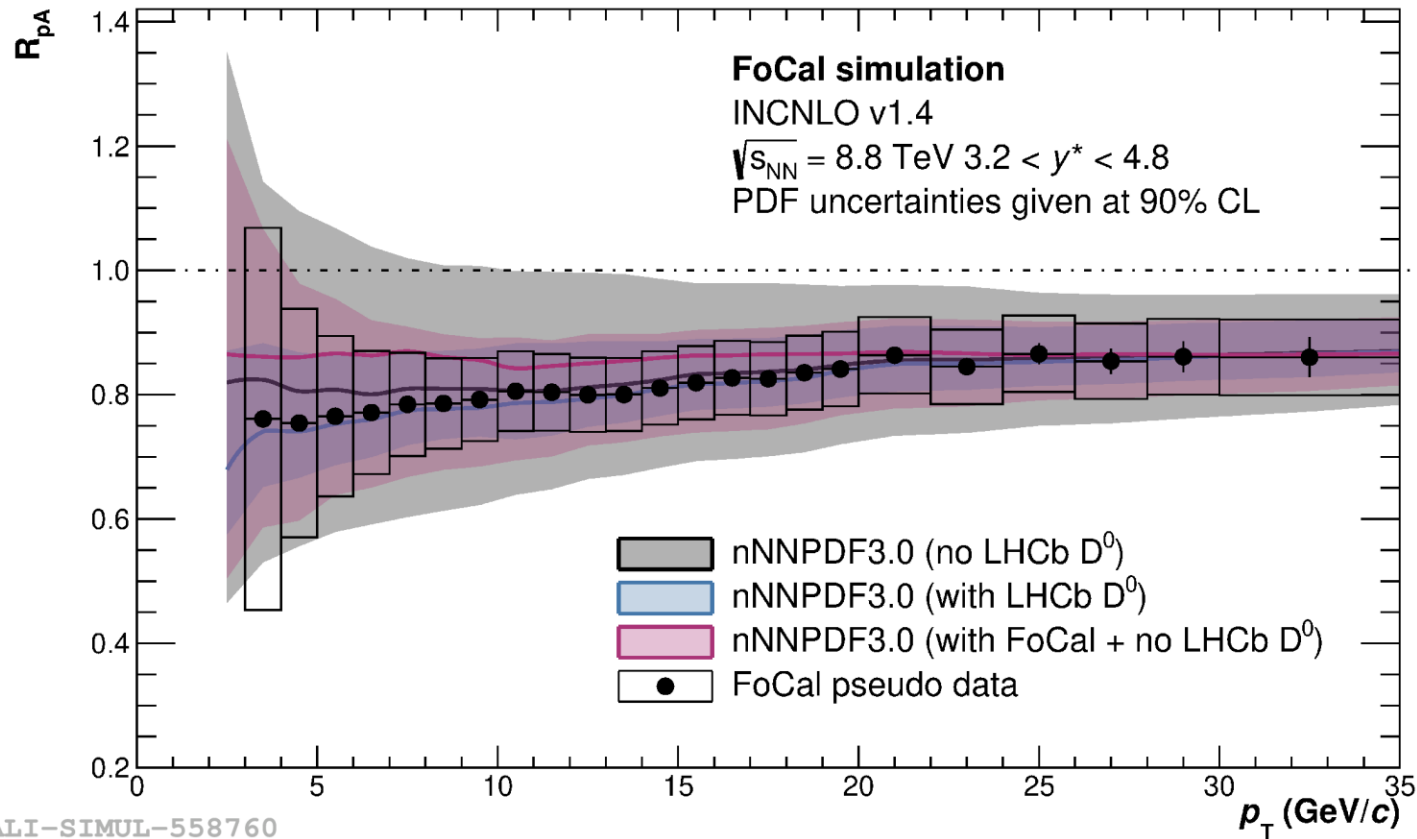
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R_{pPb} of prompt γ in simulations

FoCal pseudo-data for constraining nPDFs



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- R_{pPb} obtained with INCNLO including stat. and syst. uncertainties
- No correlation between syst. uncertainties in pp and p-Pb collisions
- Comparison to nNNPDFs calculations including FoCal pseudo-data
- Prompt γ not affected by the FS effects and fragmentation

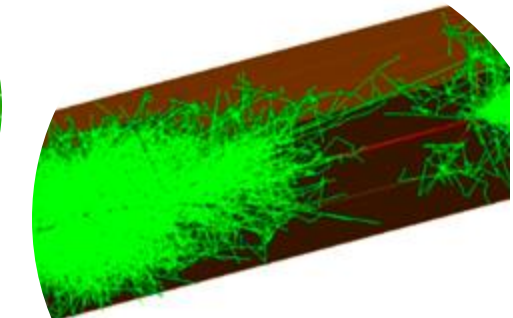
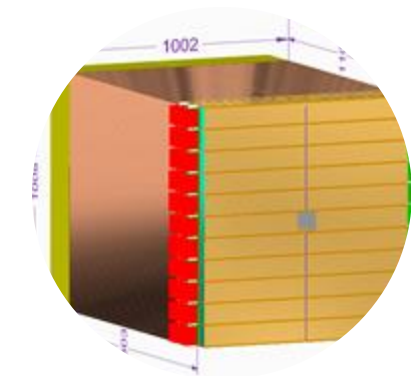
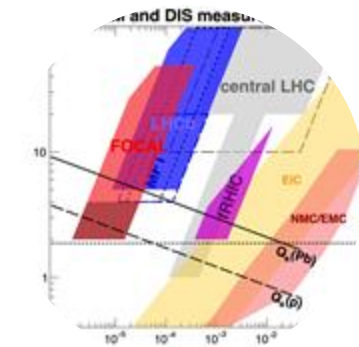
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Summary and Outlook

- ❑ FoCal upgrade officially approved as CERN project
- ❑ FoCal has unique capabilities to study low-x physics
- ❑ FoCal performance in test measurements as expected

- ❑ FoCal R&D is still ongoing (mechanics, cooling system and FEE)
- ❑ Detector installation at CERN in 2028 for Run 4 data taking
- ❑ Discussions about FoCal impact on ALICE 3 for Run 5 – 6
 - ❑ Precision measurements over 10 units in pseudorapidity



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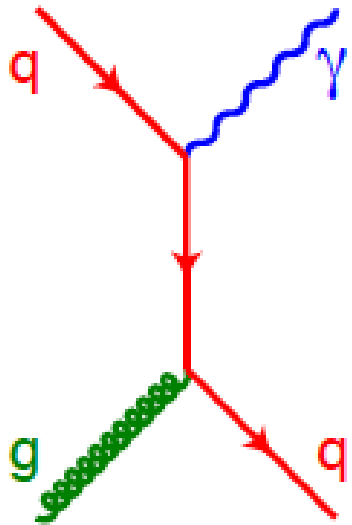
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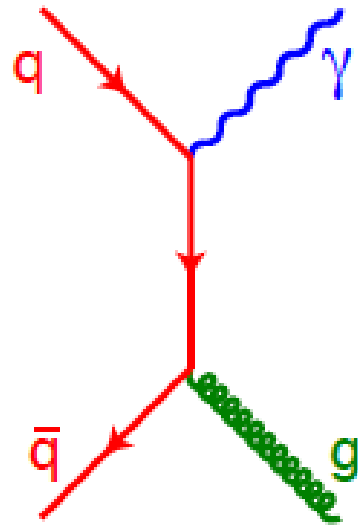


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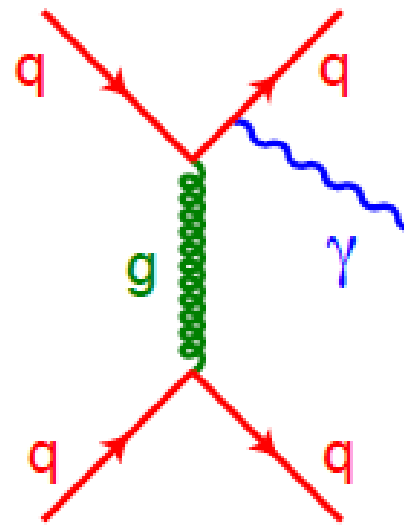
Direct photons



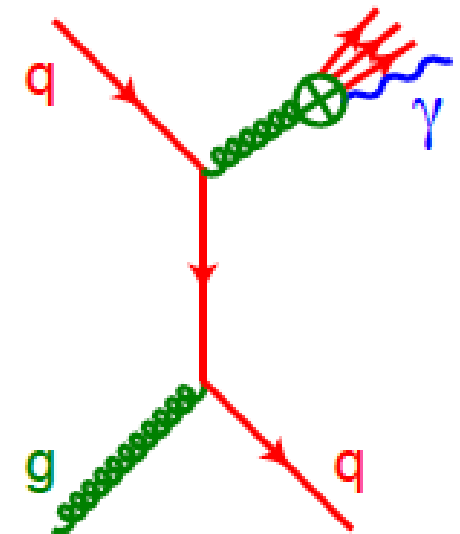
a) Compton



b) annihilation



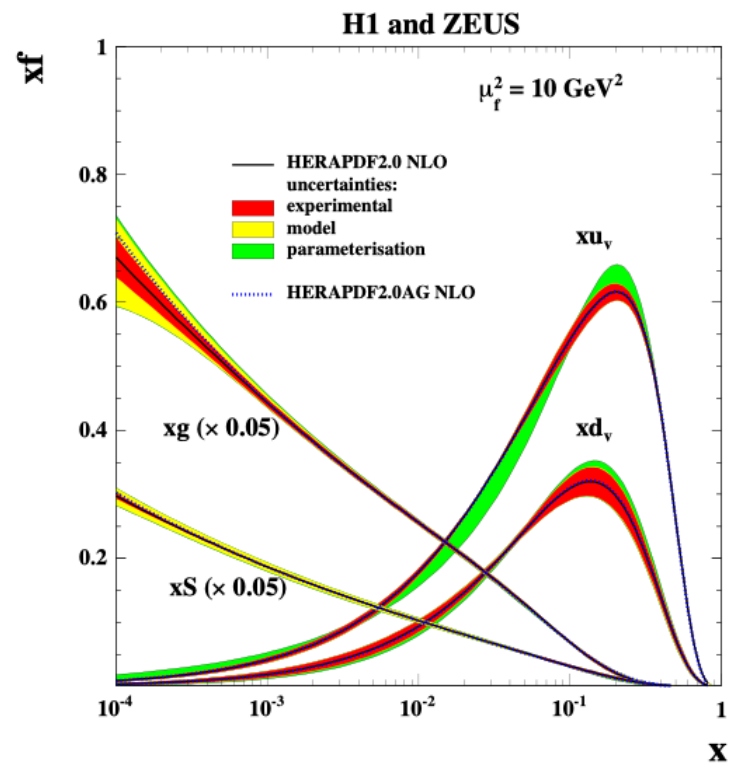
c) bremsstrahlung



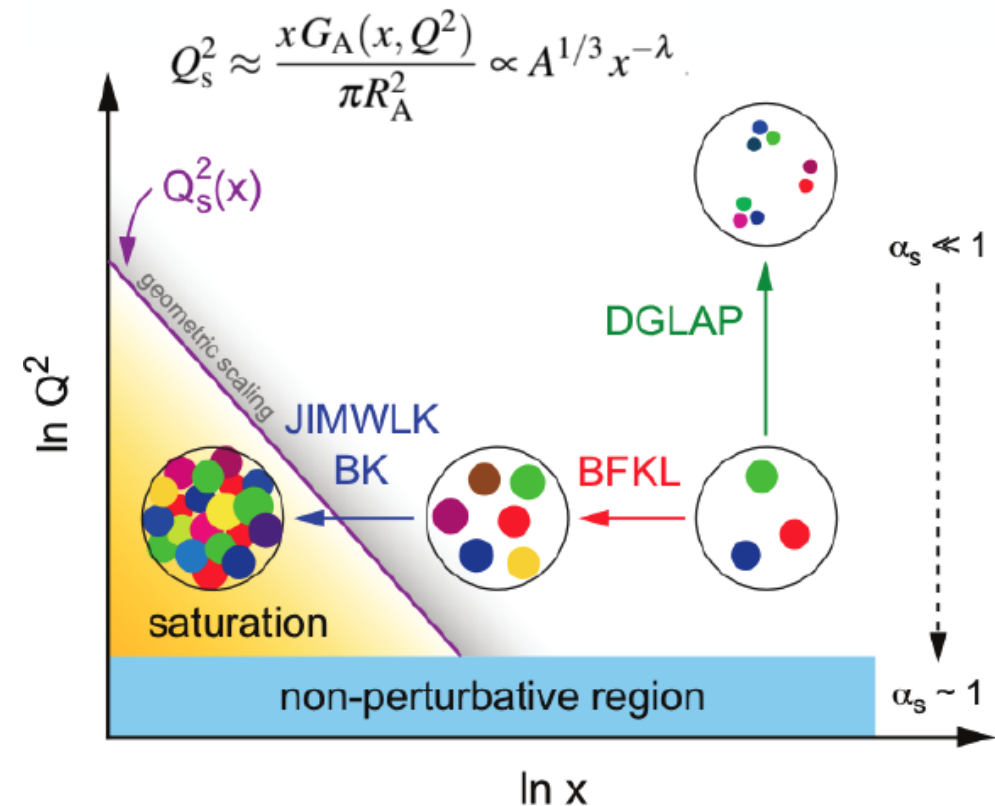
d) fragmentation

Explore QCD matter at the smallest Bjorken- x

- Partonic structure at small x and gluon saturation
- Non-linear QCD evolution
- Transition to Color Glass Condensate (CGC)



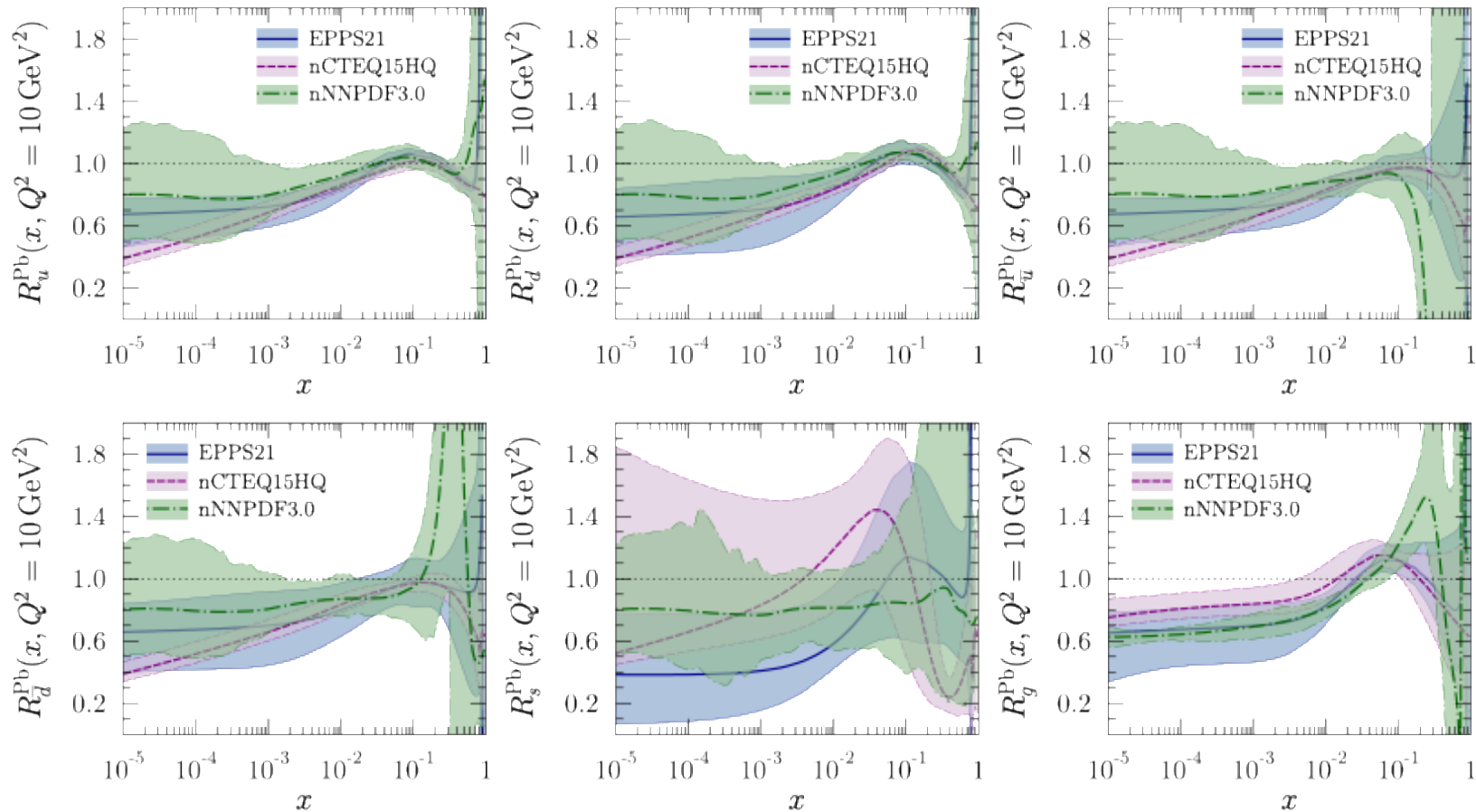
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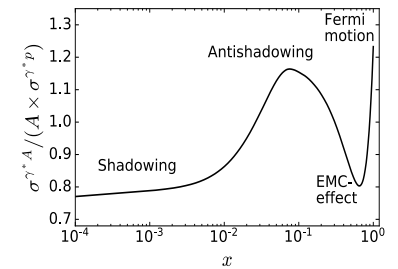
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Nuclear PDFs

State-of-the-art analyses including electroweak-boson, jet, light-hadron, and heavy-flavor observables

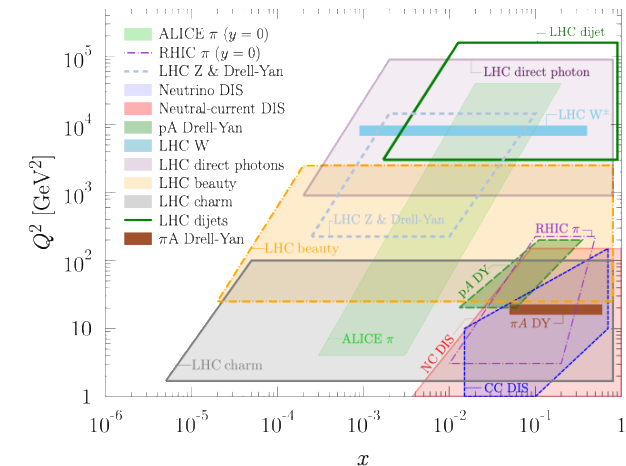
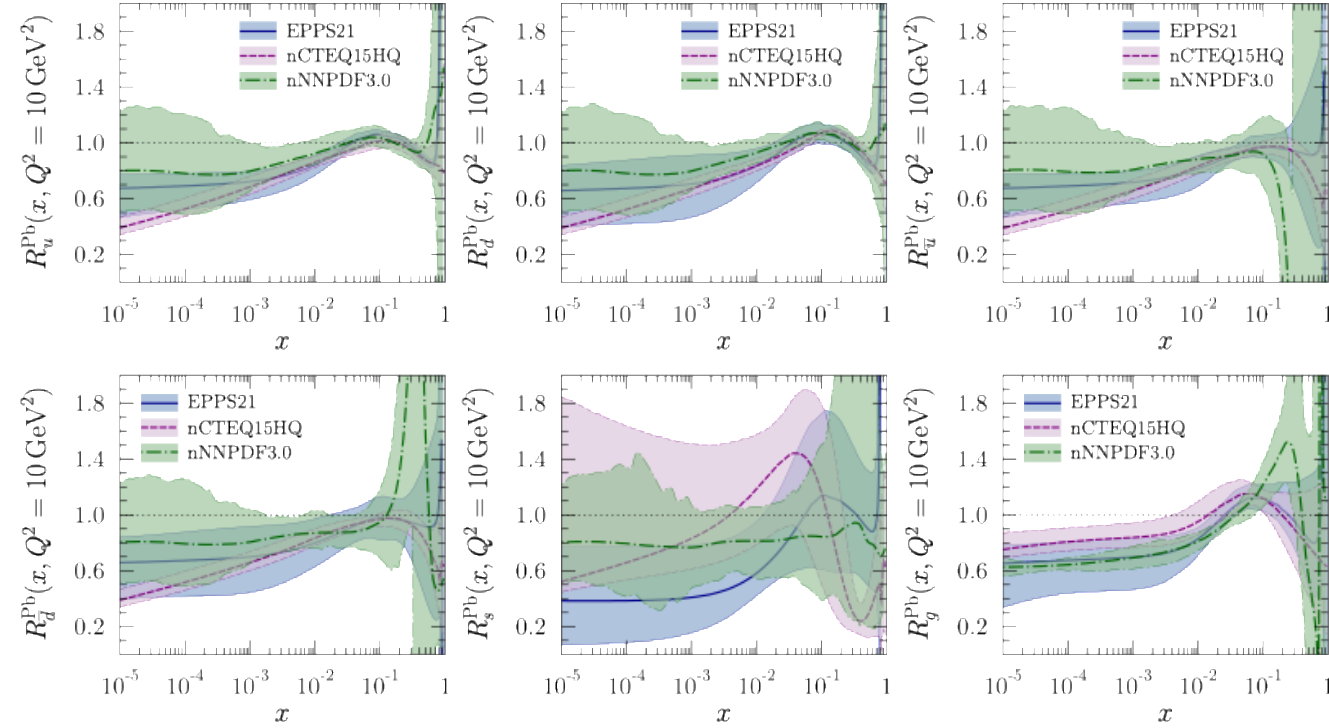
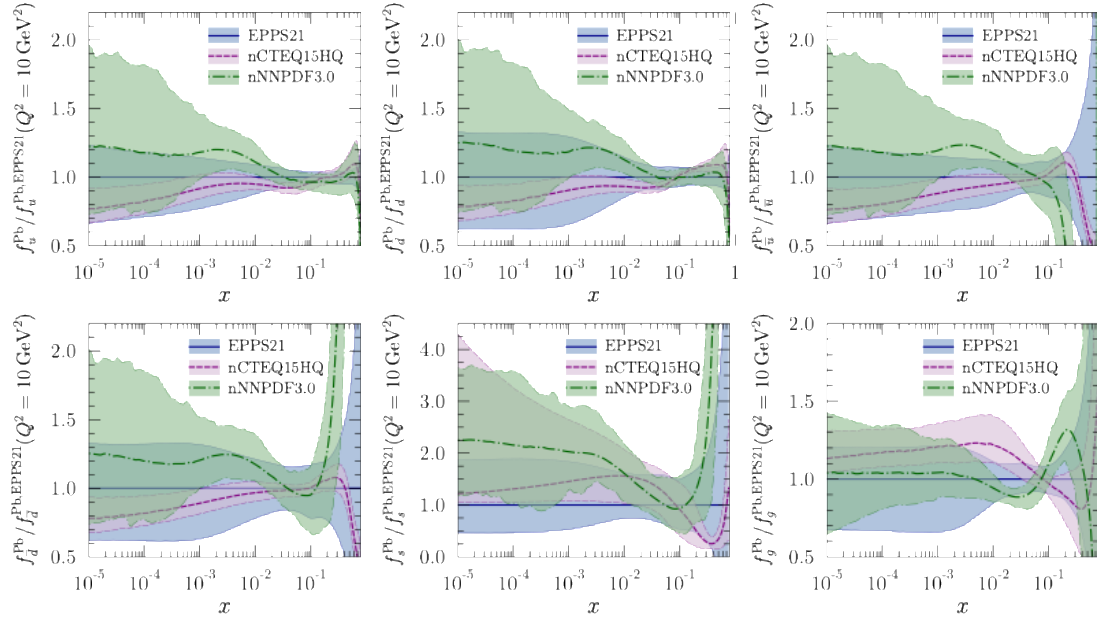


$$f_A = R \cdot f_N$$



M. Kalssen & H Pakkunen, *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.* 74 (2024)1–41

FoCal Purpose

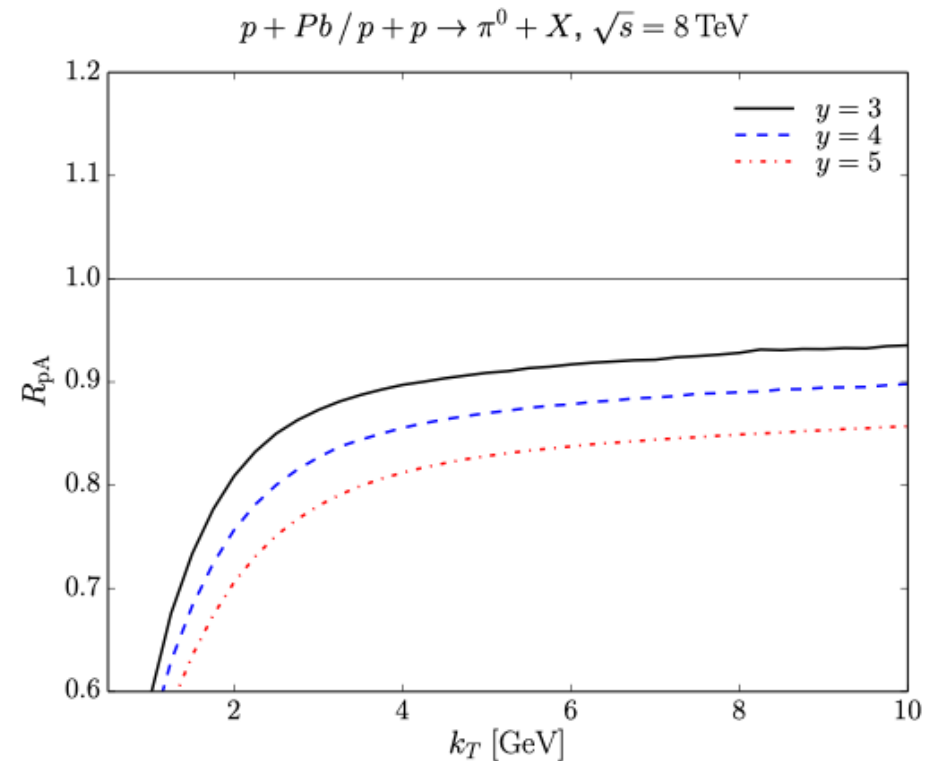
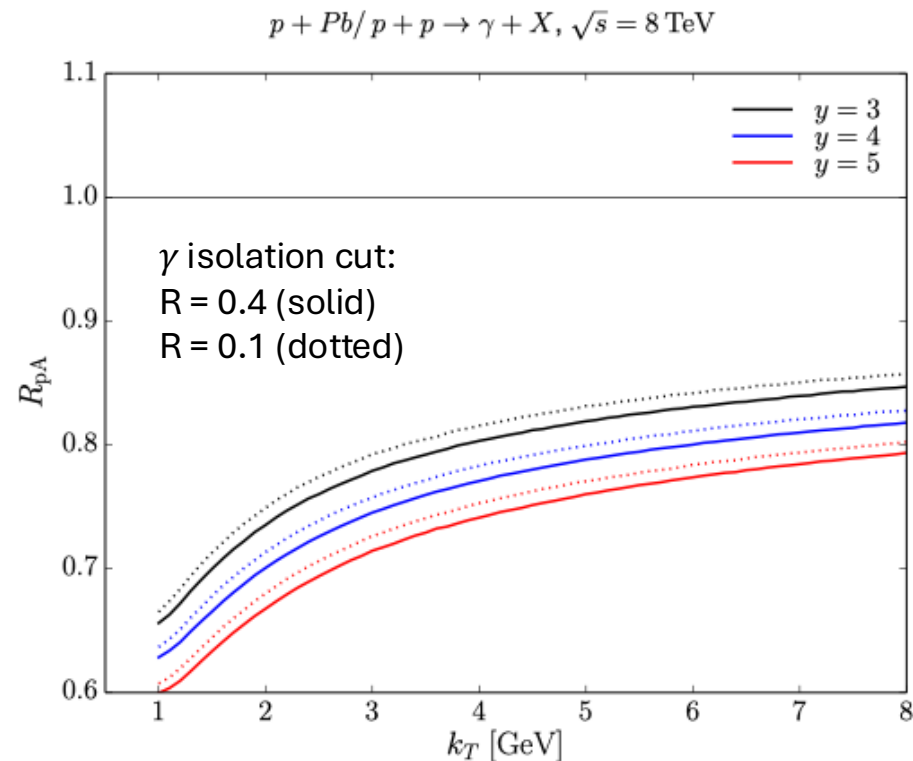


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Direct γ and π^0 measurements

Nuclear modification factors $R_{pPb} = Y_{pA} / N_{\text{bin}} Y_{pp}$ calculated in CGC framework with BK equation

→ strong suppression due to gluon saturation in Pb nuclei



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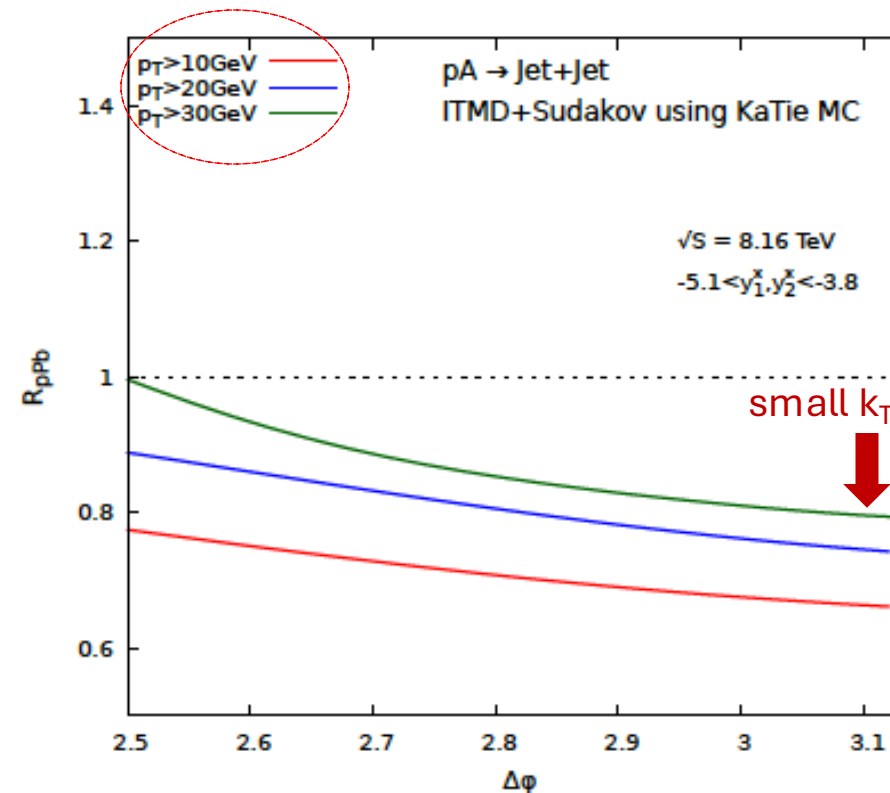
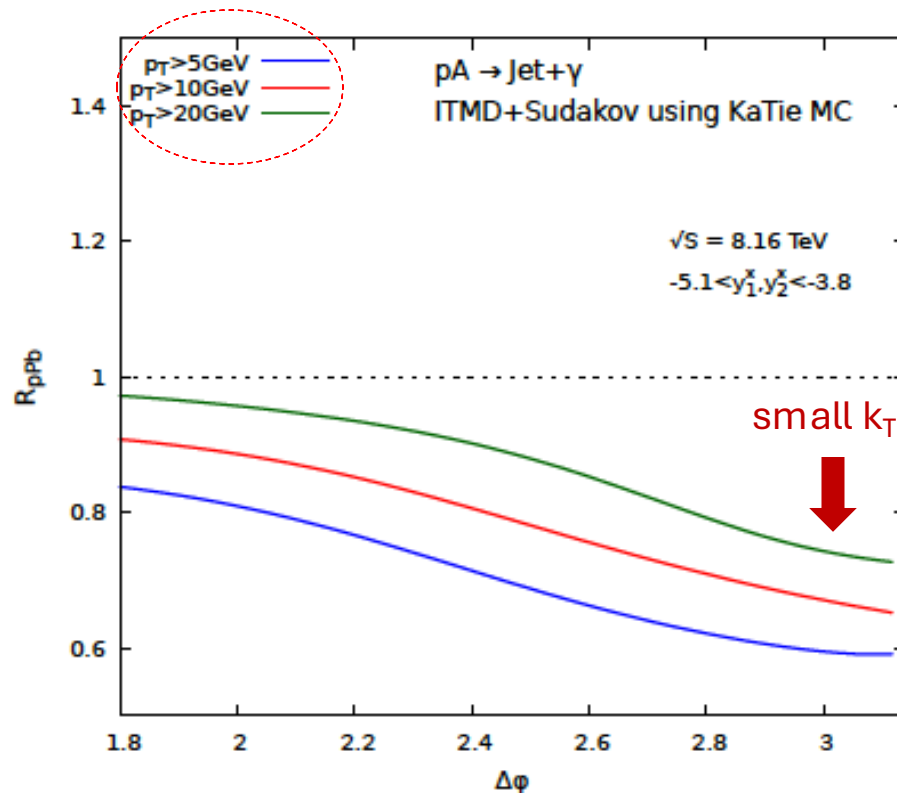
γ -jet and jet-jet $\Delta\phi$ correlation



$\Delta\phi$ dependence of R_{pPb} at forward rapidity in ITMD framework

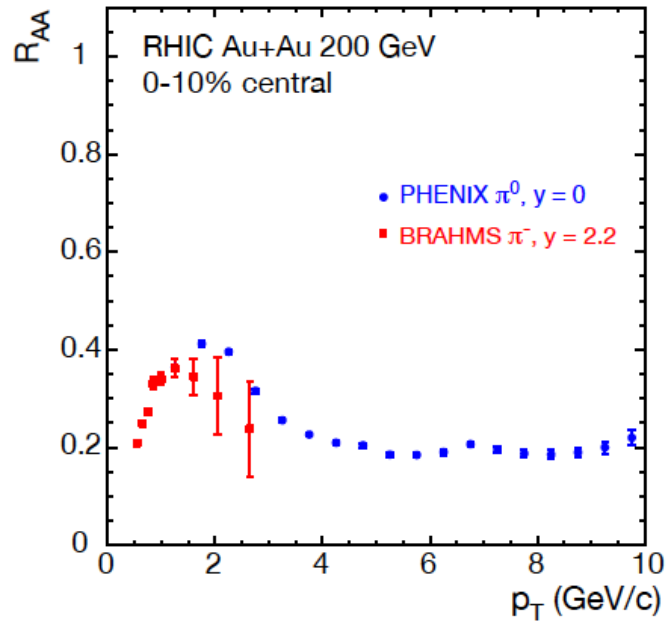
→ excellent probe of saturation

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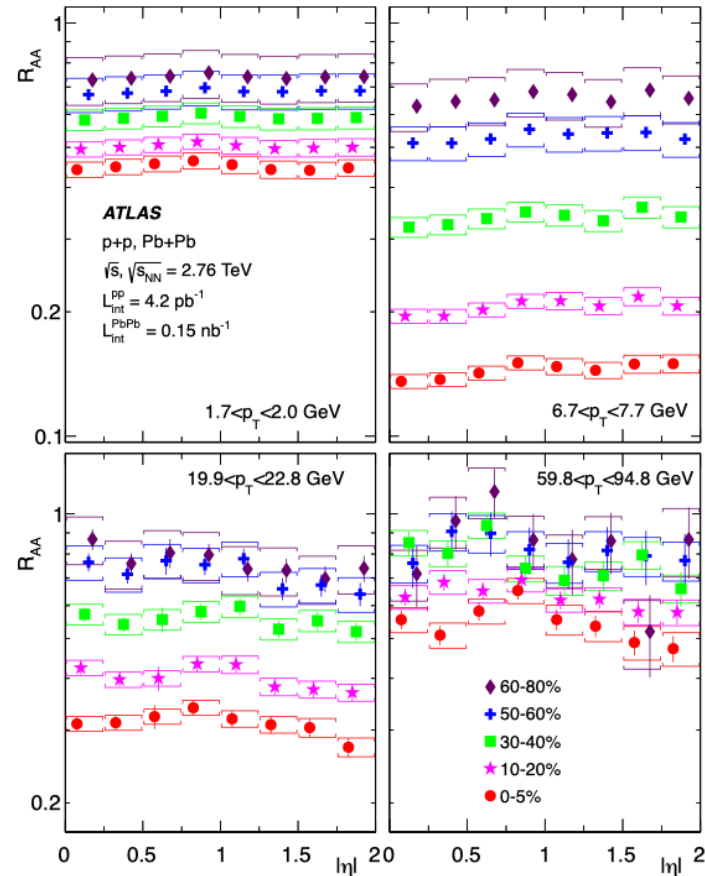


Jet quenching in A-A collisions at large rapidity

FoCal significantly extends the rapidity range for R_{AA} measurements!

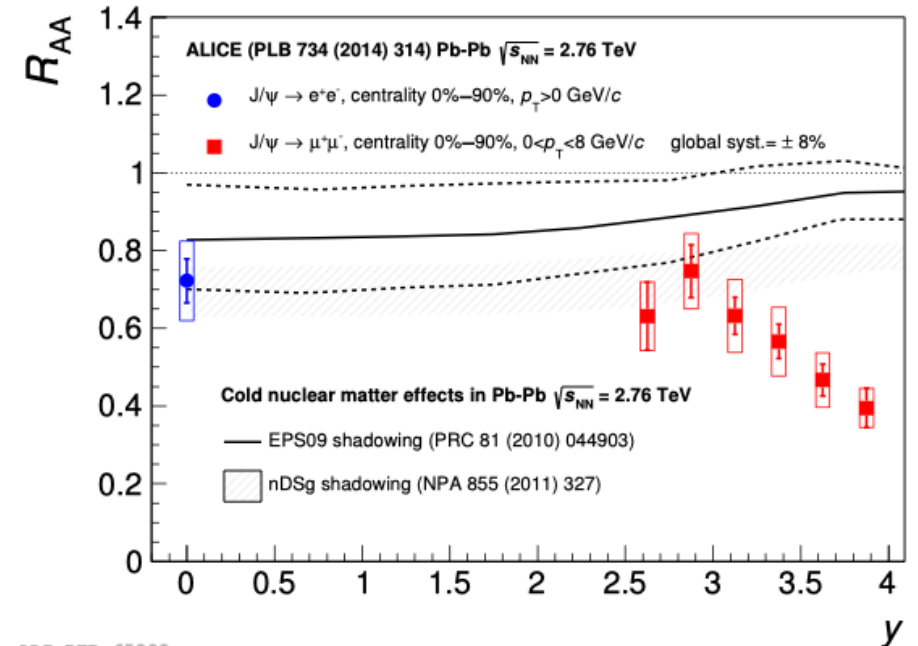


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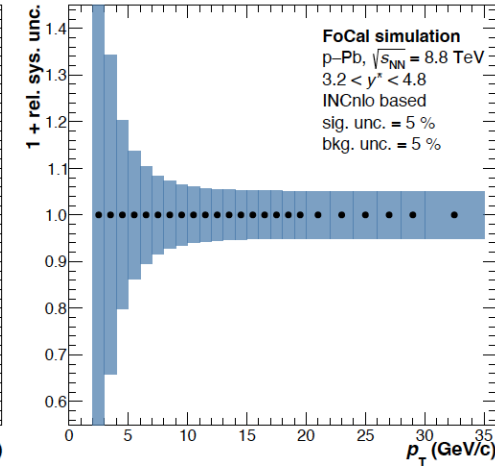
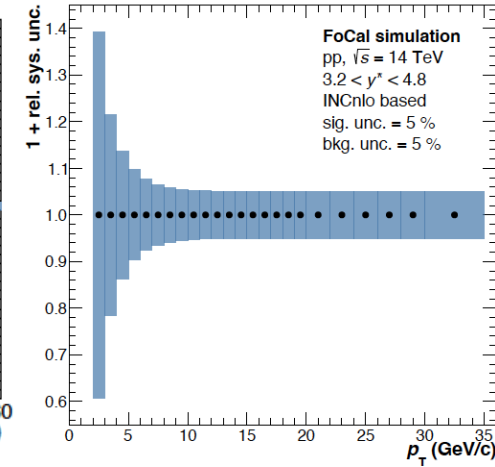
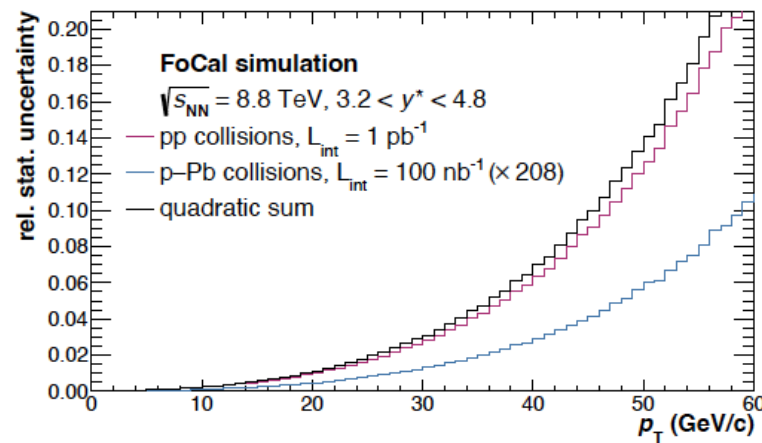
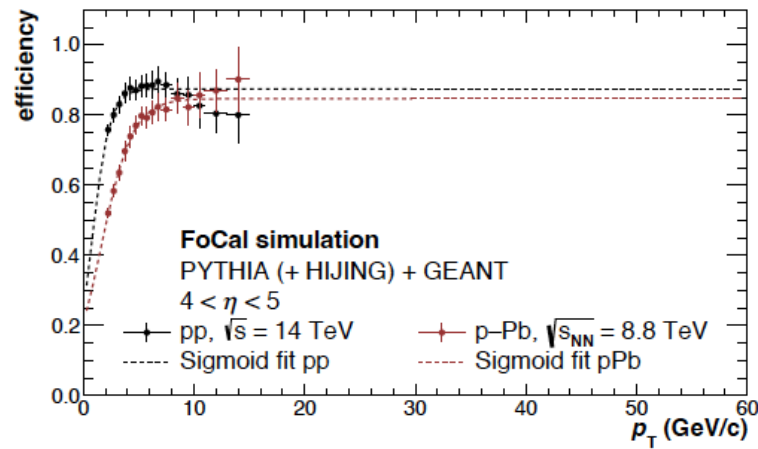
$$R_{AA} = Y_{AA} / \langle N_{coll} \rangle Y_{pp}$$



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Isolated prompt γ reconstruction

- Efficiency above 80% for $p_T > 5$ GeV/c in pp and p-Pb collisions
- Statistical uncertainties projections based on JETPHOX NLO and expected luminosity in LHC Run 4
- Systematic uncertainties estimation with [INCnLO](#) including signal and background sources

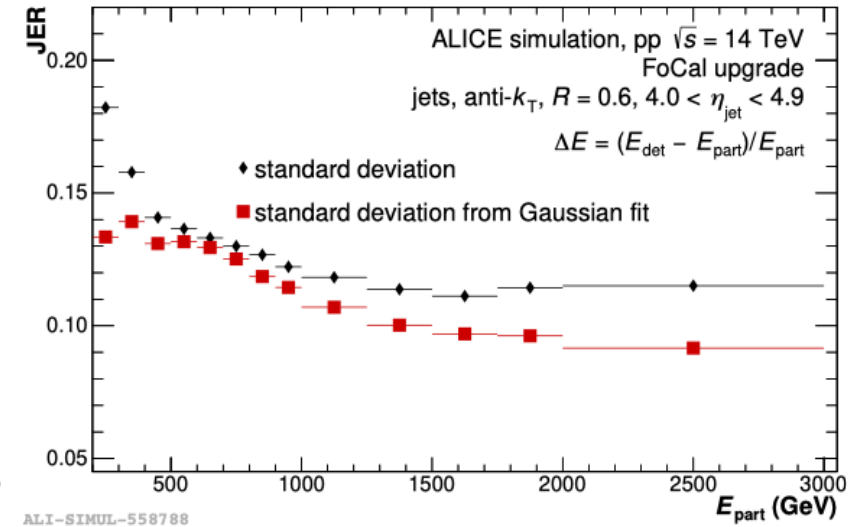
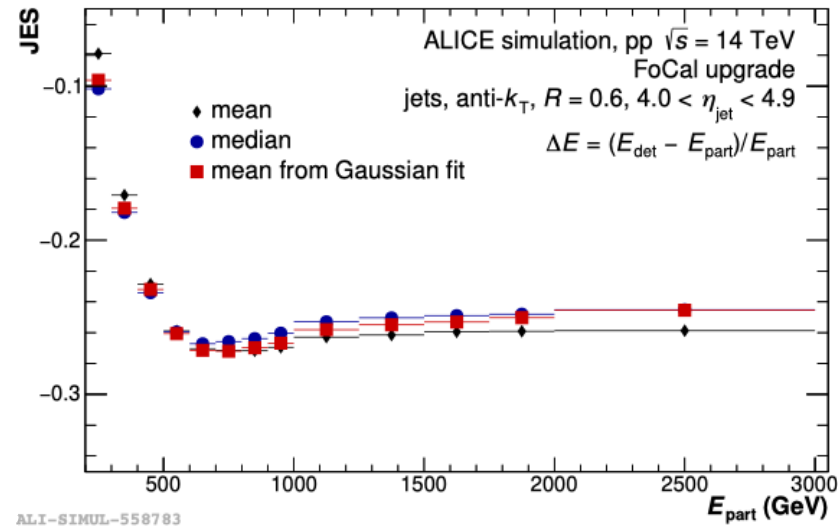
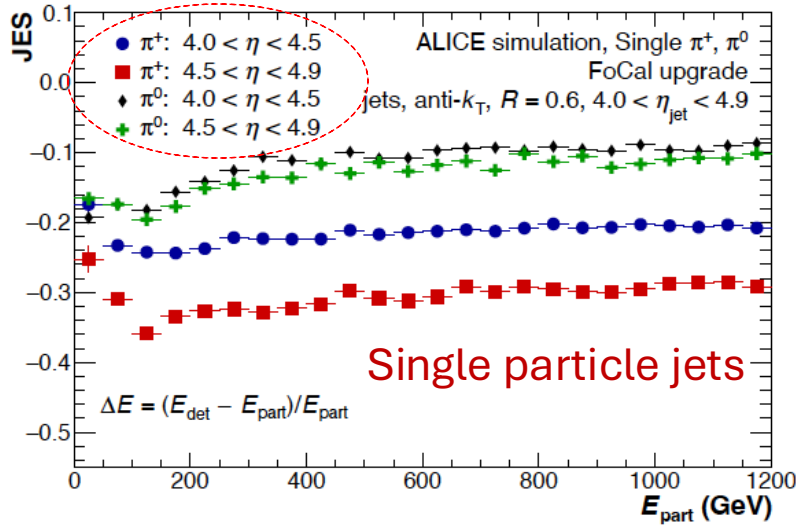


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Jet reconstruction performance

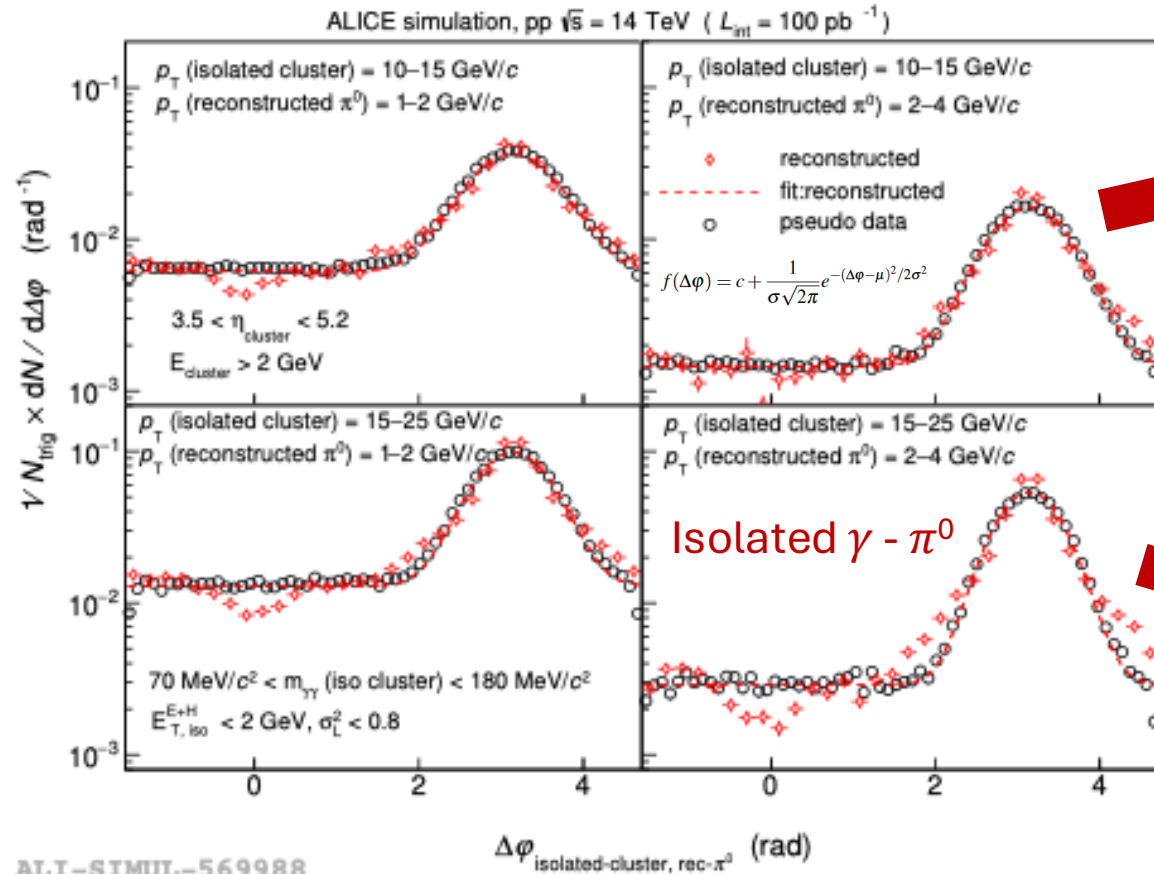
Jet energy scale (JES) and resolution (JER)



- ❑ EM showers (π^0) miss less jet energy than hadronic showers (π^+)
- ❑ Non-Gaussian tails at small energy jets

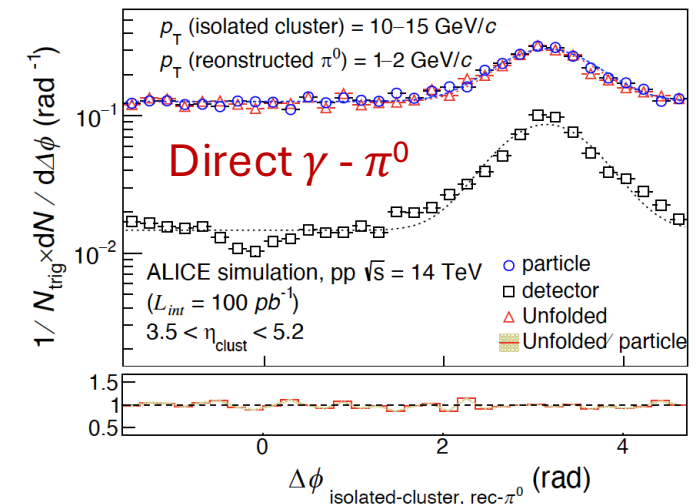
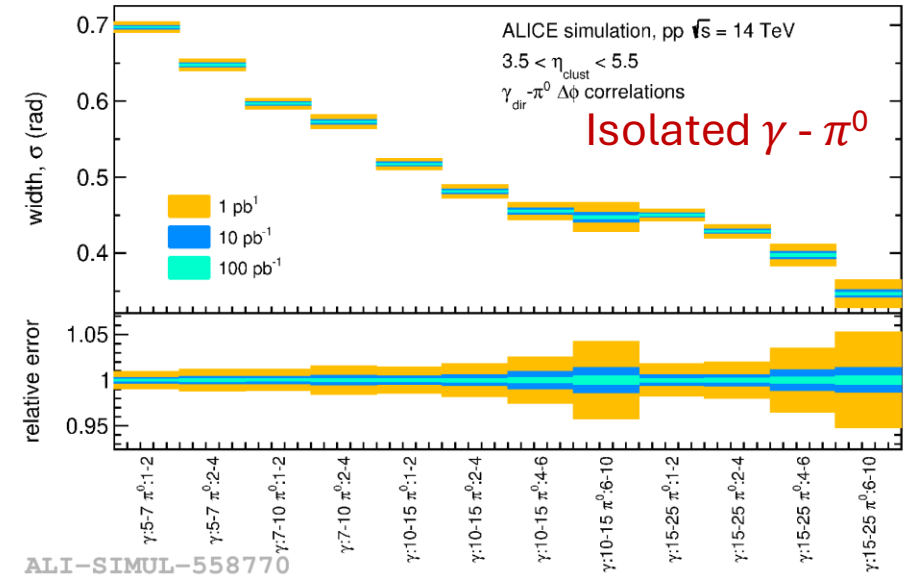
Isolated/direct γ and π^0 correlations

Isolated $\gamma - \pi^0$ correlations unfolded to direct $\gamma - \pi^0$



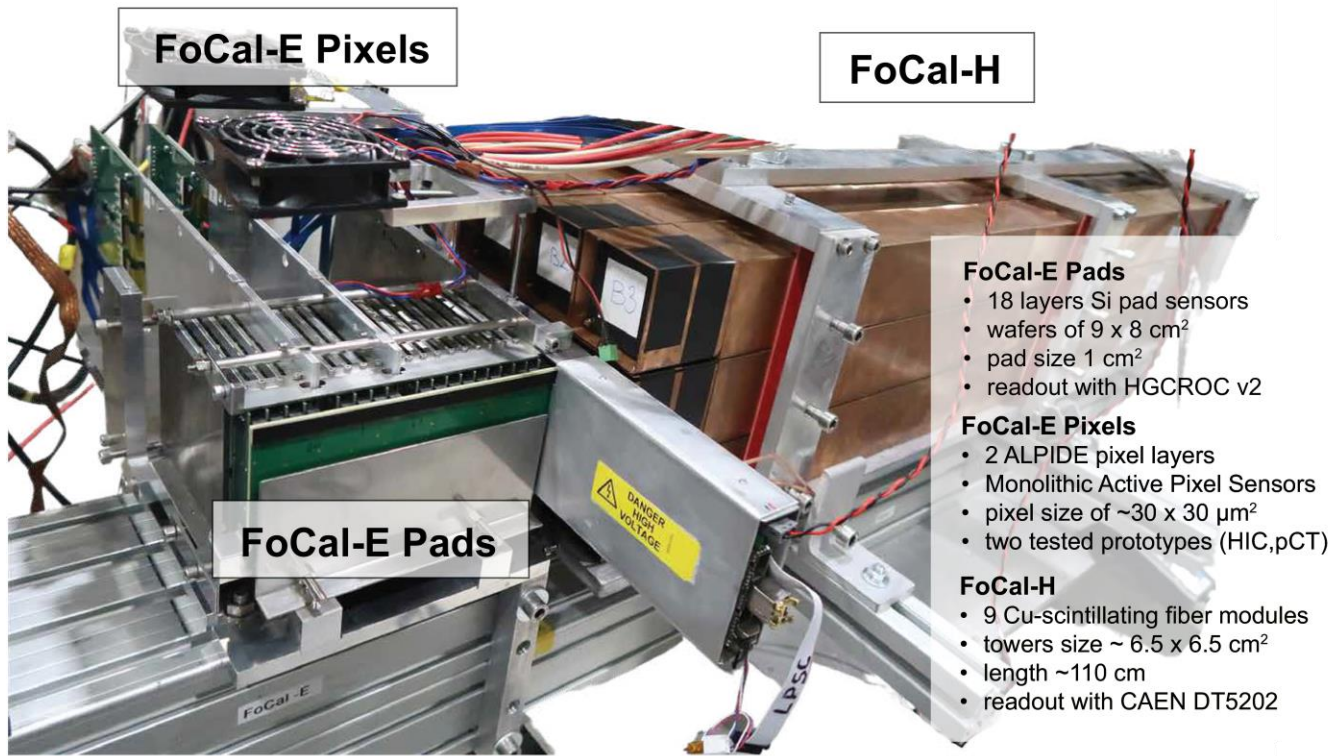
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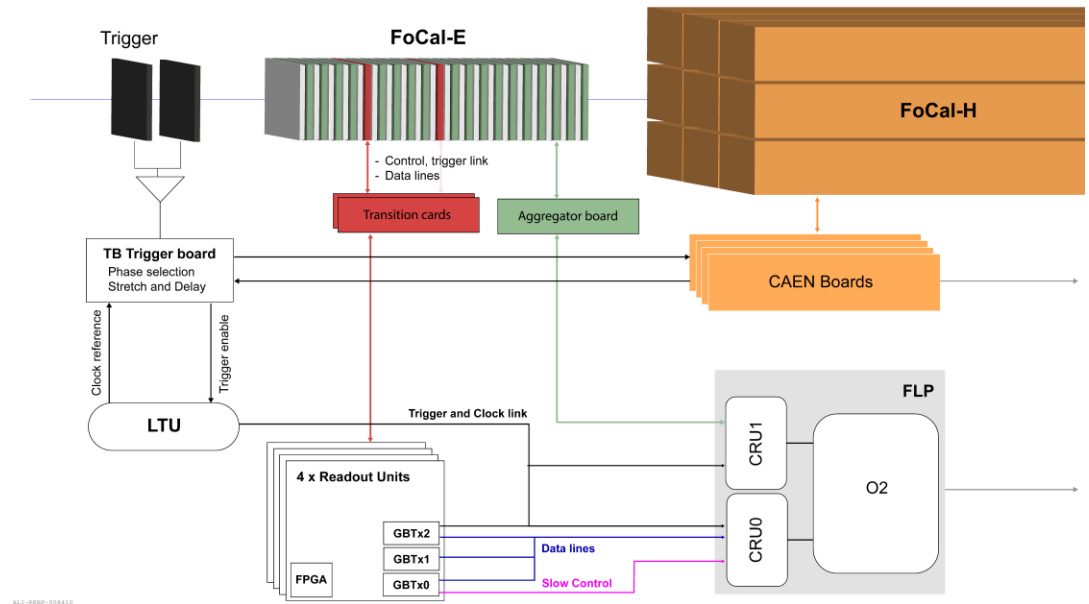


Performance of the FoCal prototype

Measurements performed in 2021 - 2023 with CERN PS and SPS with electron and hadron beams



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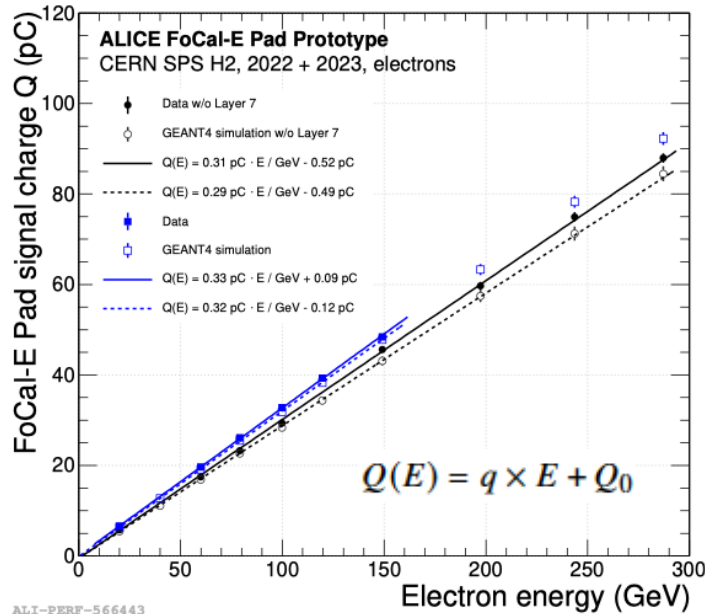


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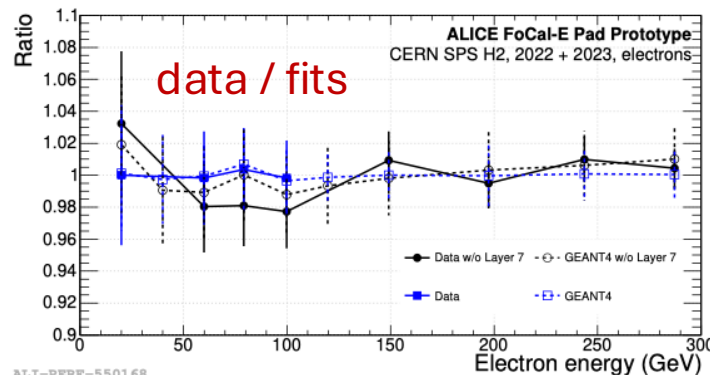
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FoCal-E pad layer linearity and resolution

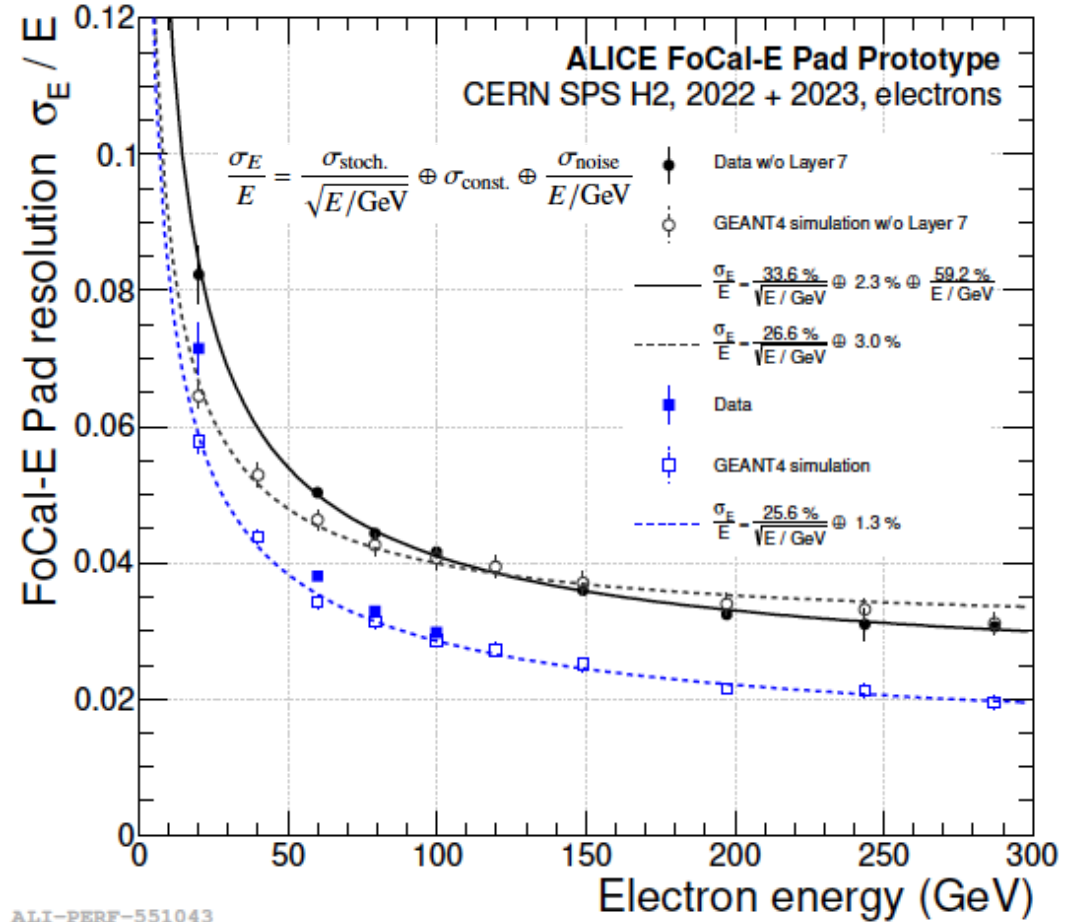
Good agreement between data and simulations



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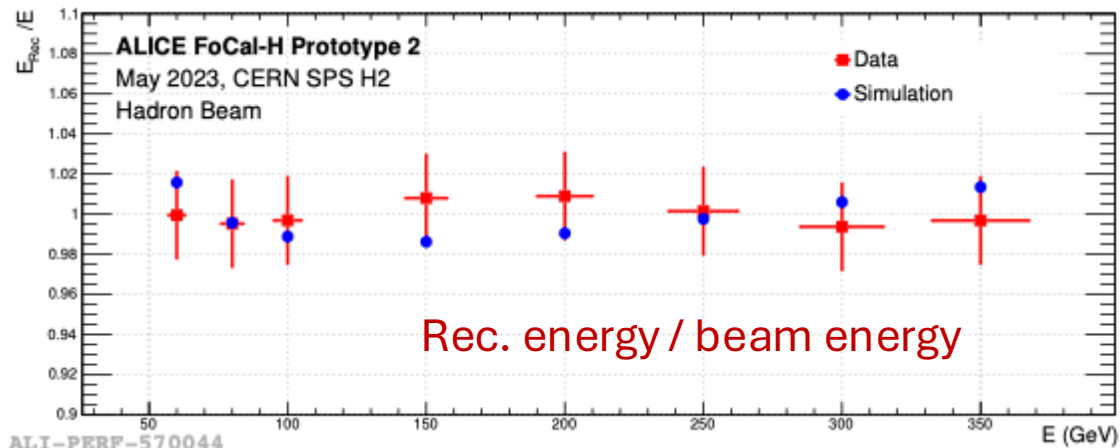
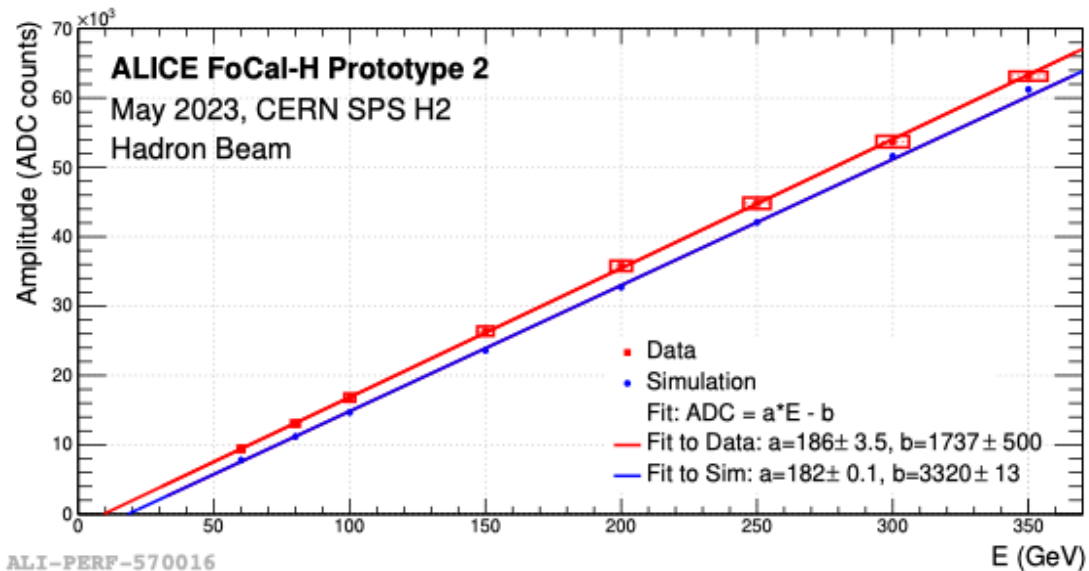
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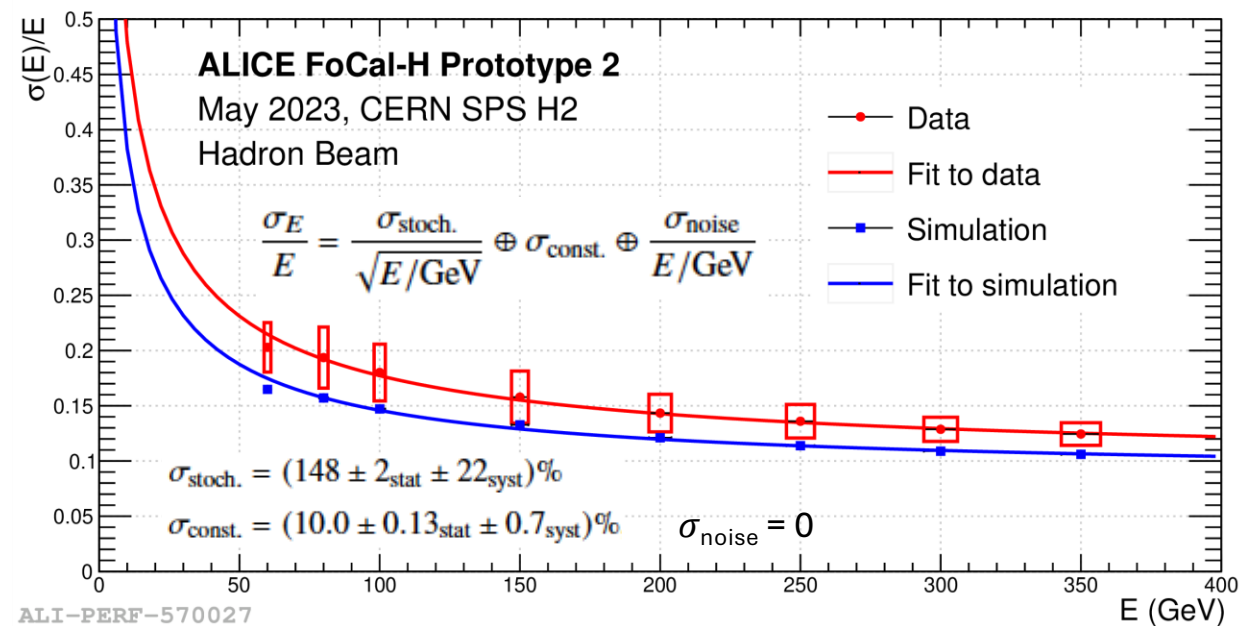
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FoCal-H linearity and resolution



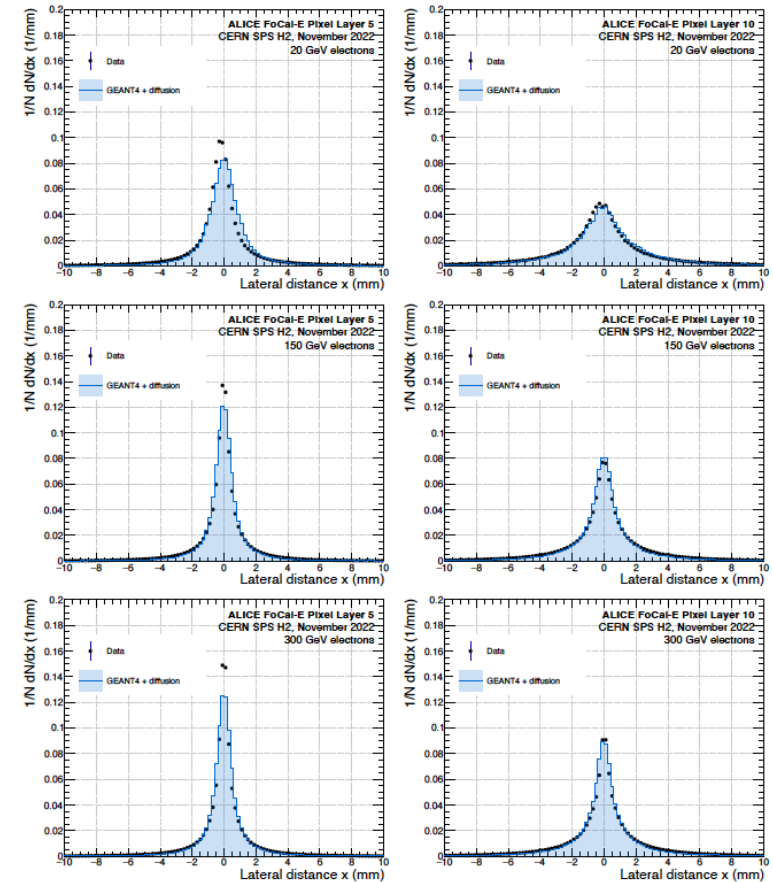
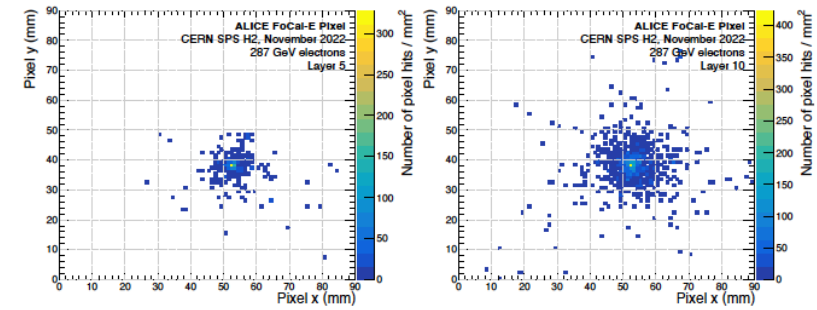
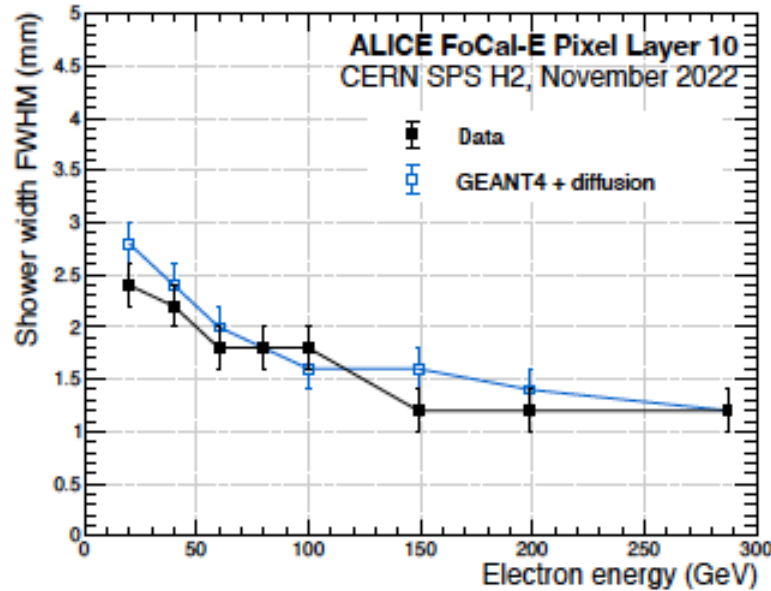
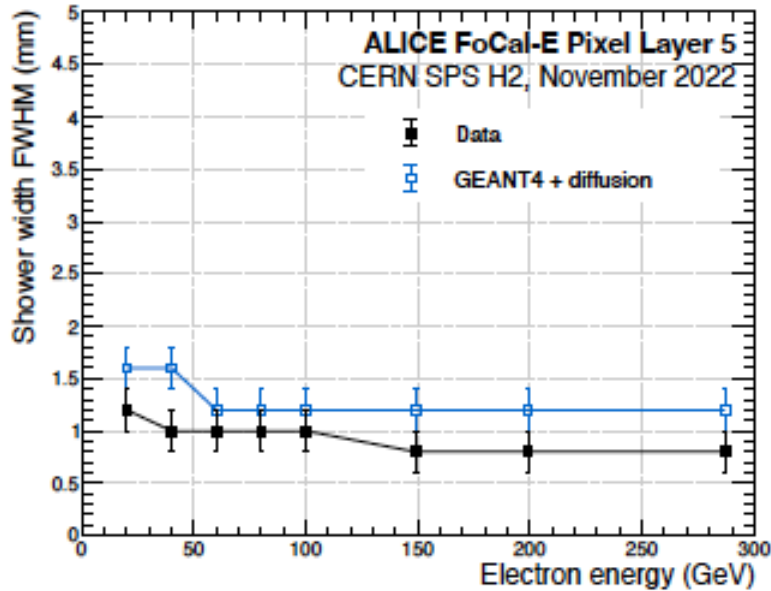
Data vs simulation differences investigated



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FoCal-E pixel transverse profiles

Good agreement between data and simulations

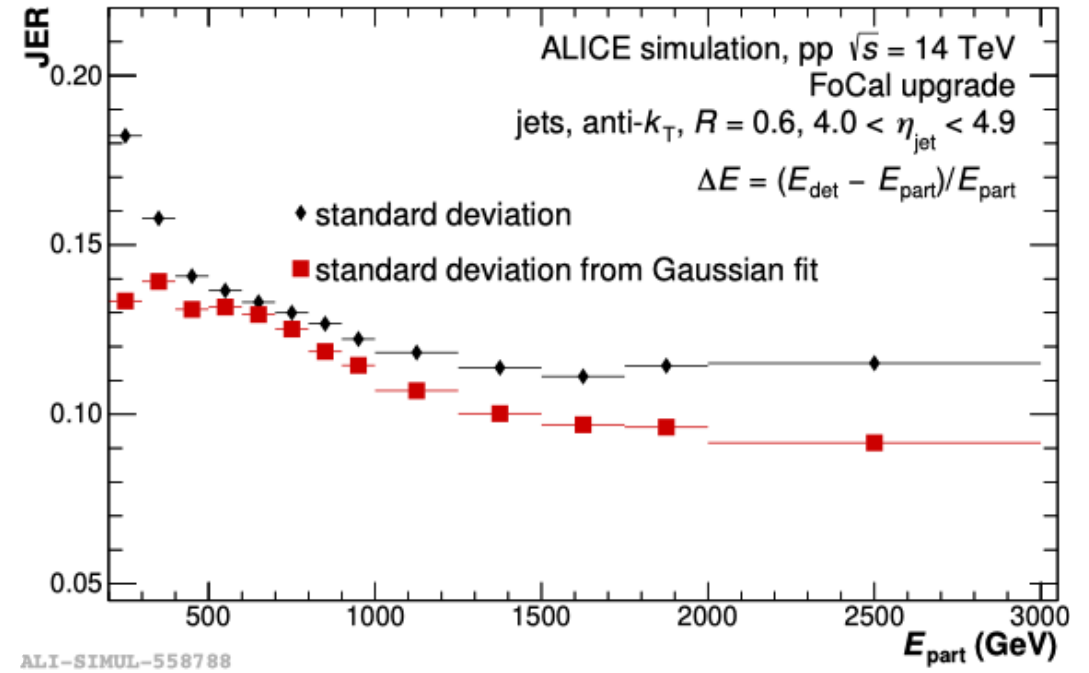
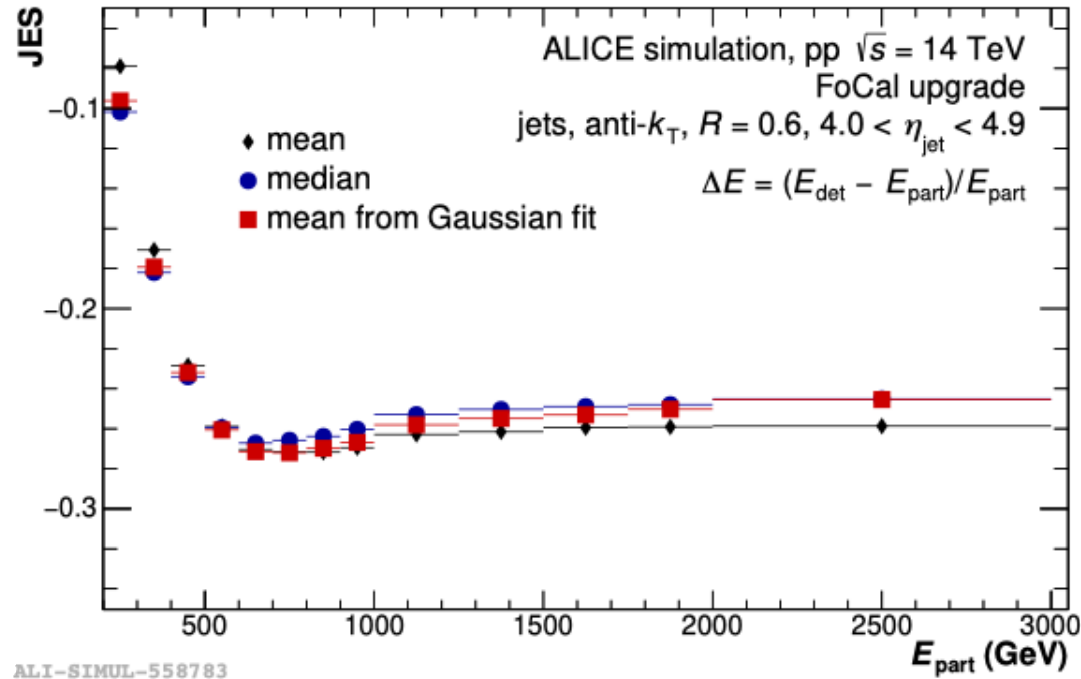


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$$f(\Delta x) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{hits}}} \frac{d}{dx} N_{\text{hits}}(x - x_0)$$

Jet reconstruction performance

Jet energy scale (JES) and resolution (JER)

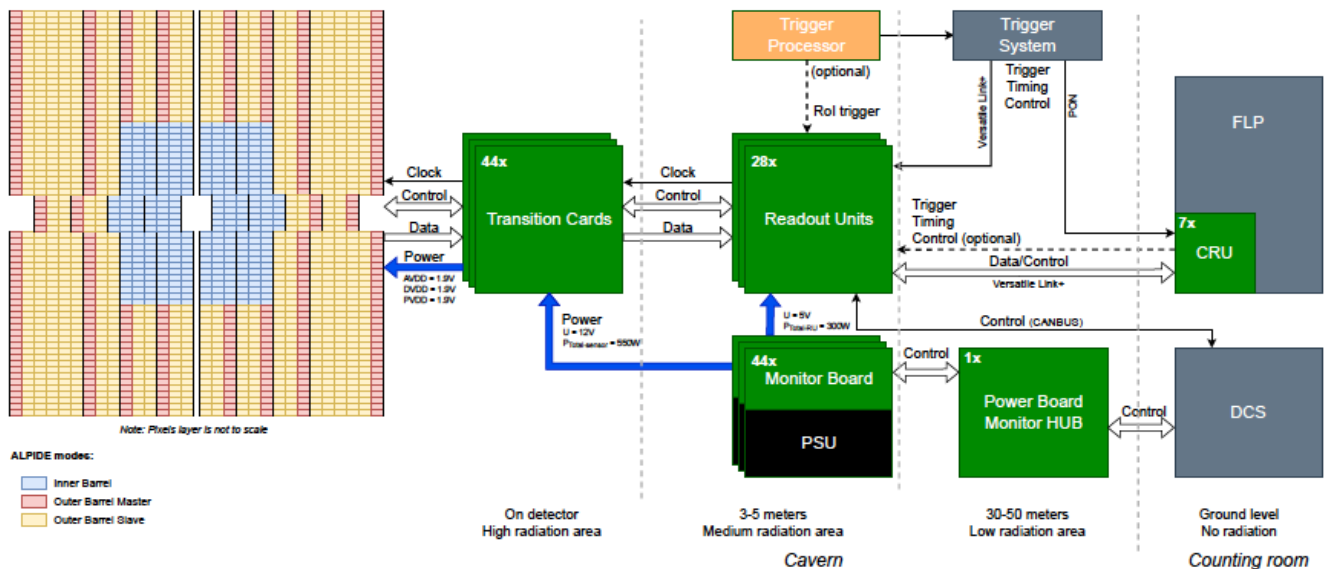


- ❑ Jet reconstruction bias < 25%
- ❑ Non-Gaussian tails at small energy jets

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FoCal-E readout

Si Pixel Layers

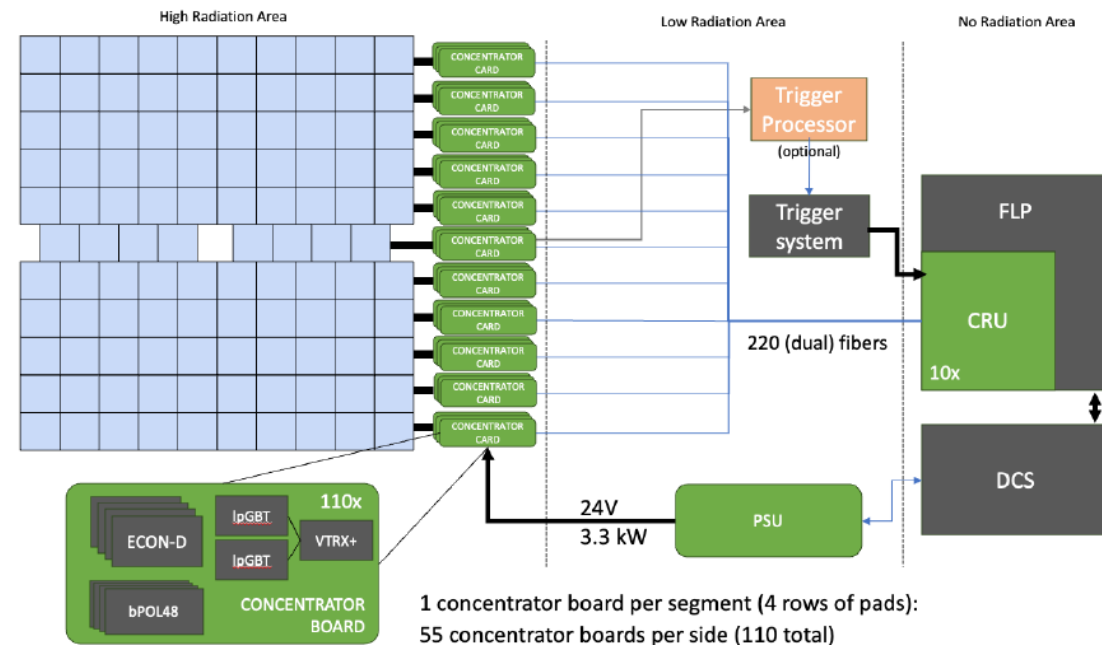


- ❑ 3888 ALPIDE chips (ADC)
- ❑ Data rate (2 pixel layers): 65 - 320 Gbps

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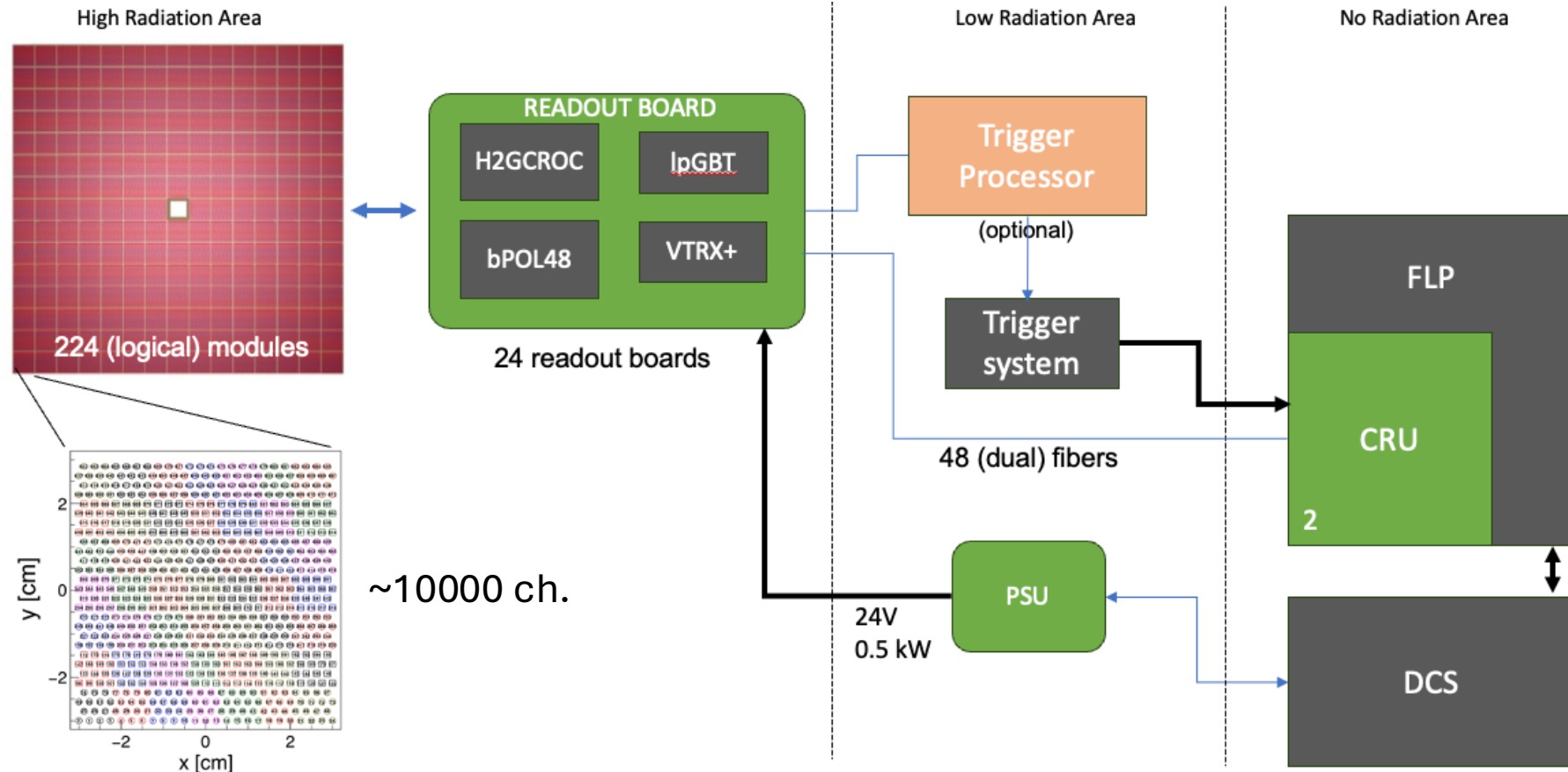
Si Pad Layers



- ❑ 1944 HGCROC chips (ToA, ADC and ToT)
- ❑ Data rate (18 pad layers): 110 – 170 Gbps

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FoCal-H readout



- ❑ H2GCROC chips for SiPM readout with programmable gain (ToA, ADC and ToT)
- ❑ Data rate: 13 – 21 Gbps

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