

# FoCal Forward Calorimeter Upgrade for ALICE



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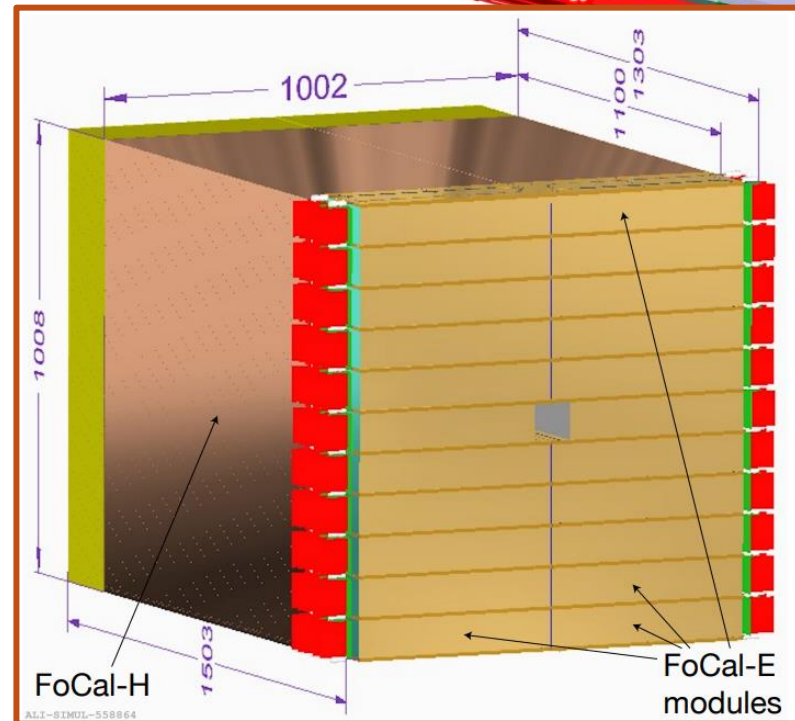


# FoCal - Forward Calorimeter

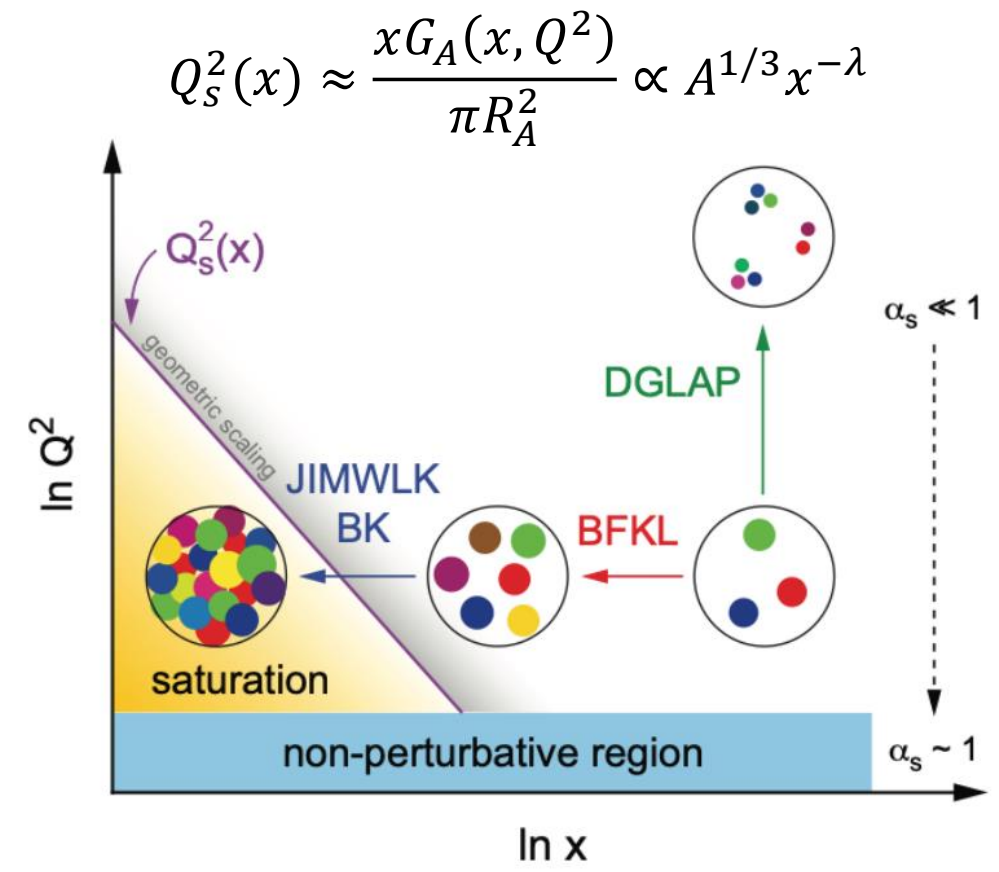
- FoCal is new Forward Calorimeter as an upgrade of ALICE for Run 4 (2030-2034)
  - Approved by the LHCC in 2024
  - Installation during LS3 (2026-2030)

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- FoCal consists of EM and Hadronic calorimeter
  - 7m from IP
  - Full azimuth coverage for  $3.4 < \eta < 5.5$ 
    - $\eta$  : 3.2-3.4 & 5.5-5.8 with partial azimuth



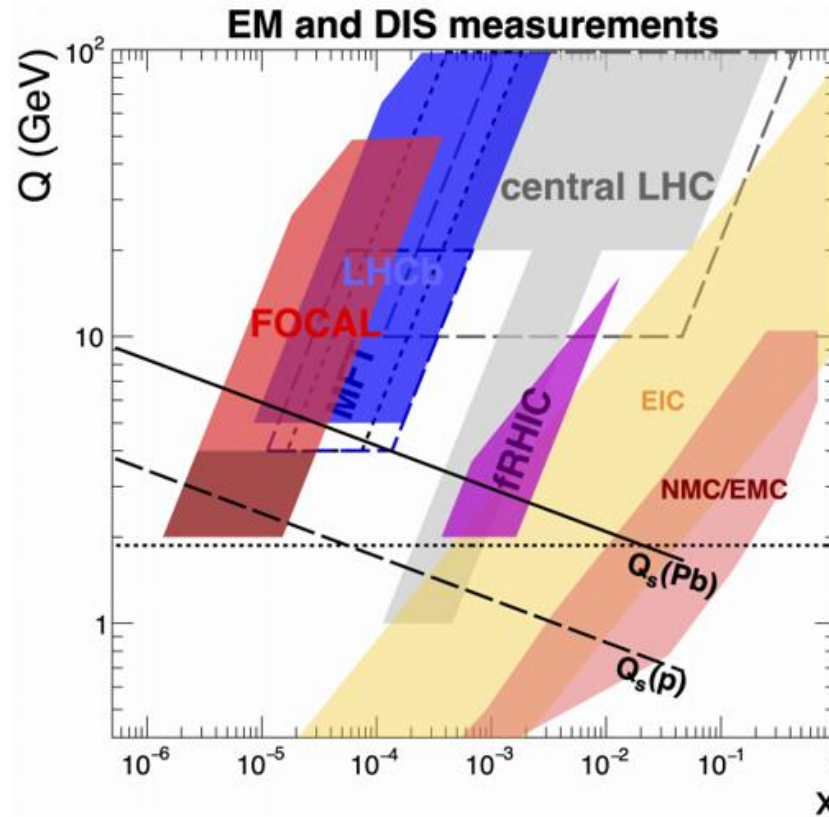
- Explore non-linear QCD evolution at extremely small-x region
  - Gluon saturation expected due to balance between split and recombination of gluons
  - Saturation Scale;  $Q_s^2 \propto A^{1/3}$ 
    - p+A is preferable for saturation study
    - Both p+p and p+A are necessary
- Understanding the initial conditions of QGP physics
  - Origin of long-range correlations in small system
  - Early thermalization puzzle



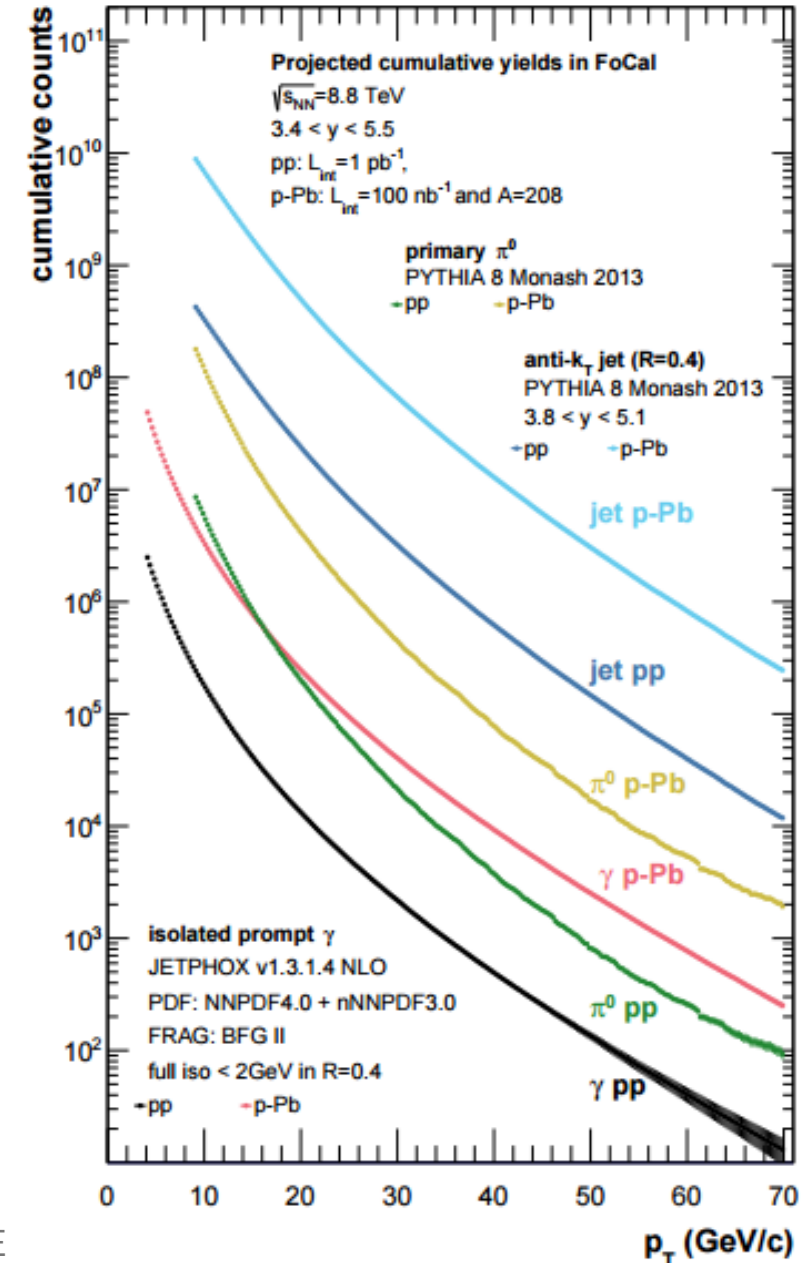
- FoCal covers small-x region ( $\sim 10^{-6}$ )
  - Complementary to LHCb and EIC

## Observables

- Prompt photons
- $\pi^0, \eta,$
- Jet,  $\gamma$  +jet,
- $J/\psi, \psi(2s)$  in UPC and more ...



## Expected statistics



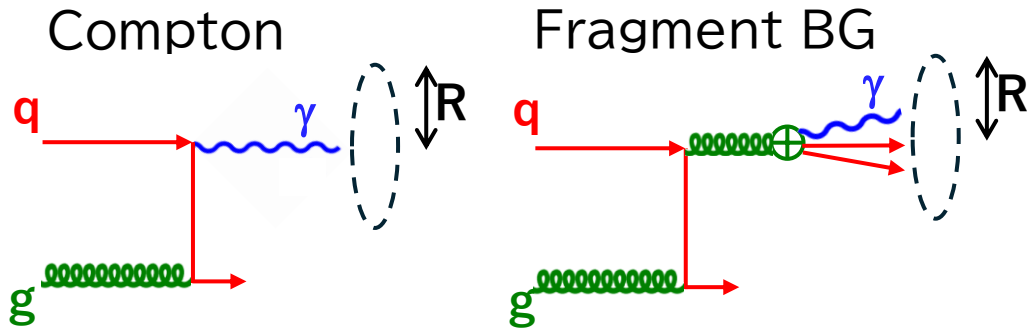
## Multi-messenger approach



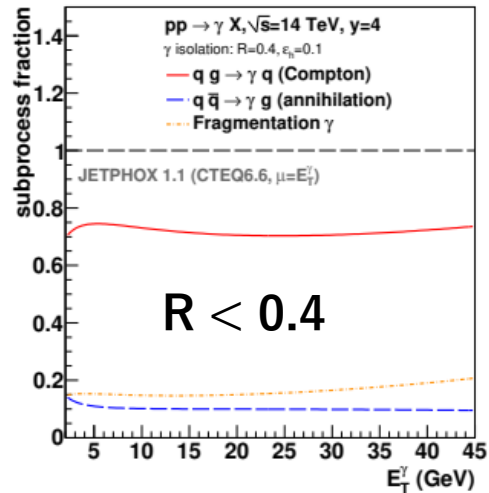
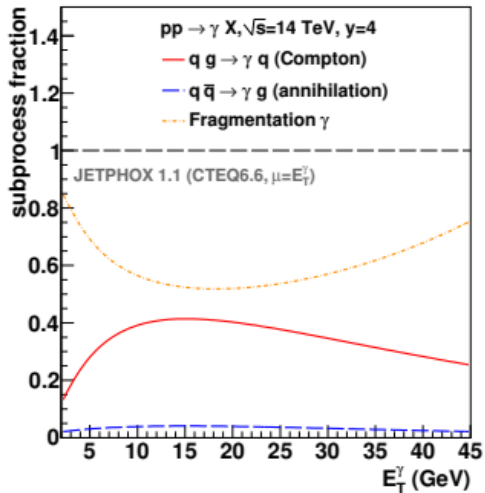
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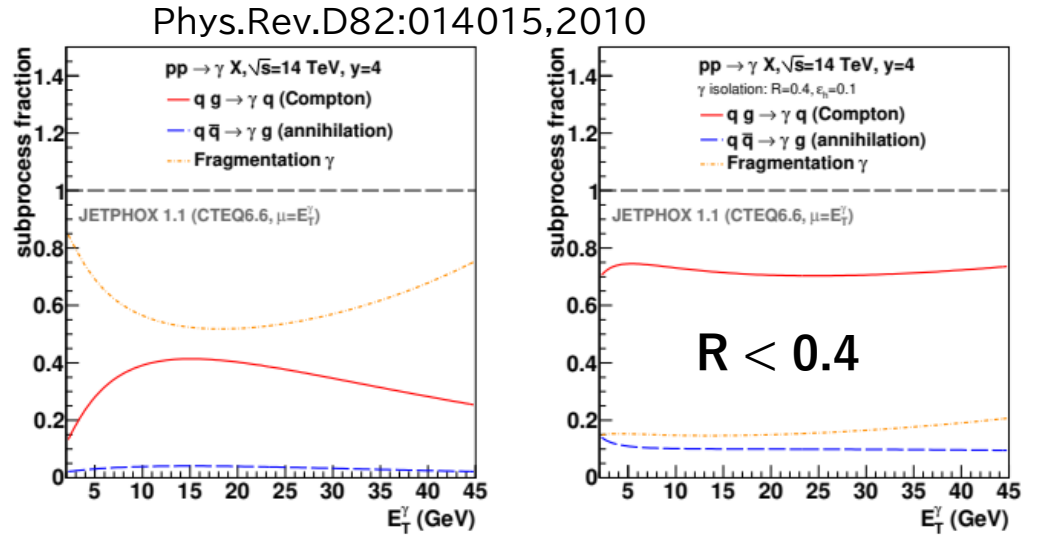
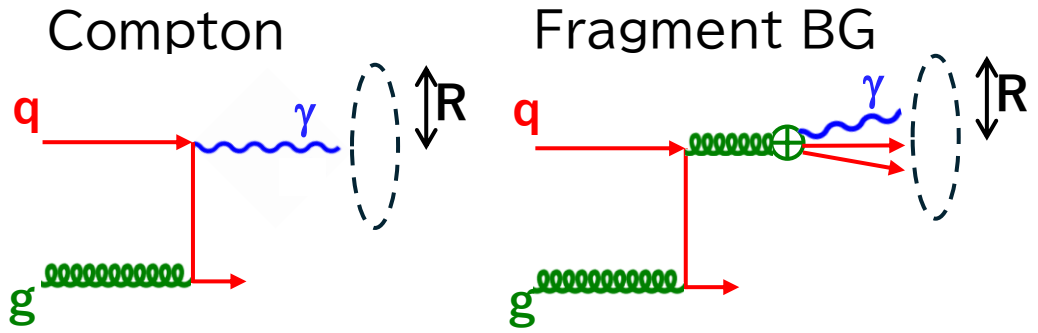


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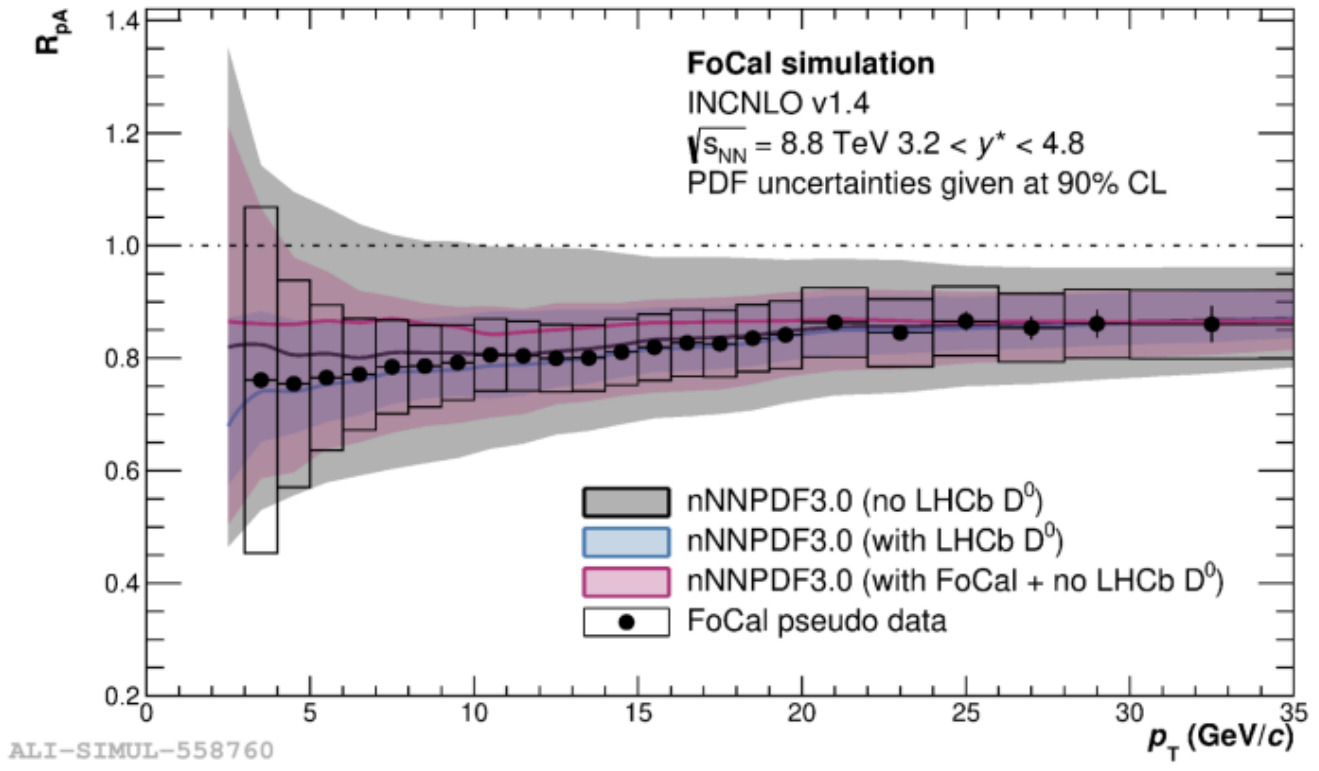
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- FoCal can constrain (n)PDF
  - No strong interaction at final state
  - Comparable with LHCb D<sup>0</sup>



Physics performance of FoCal, ALICE-PUBLIC-2023-004



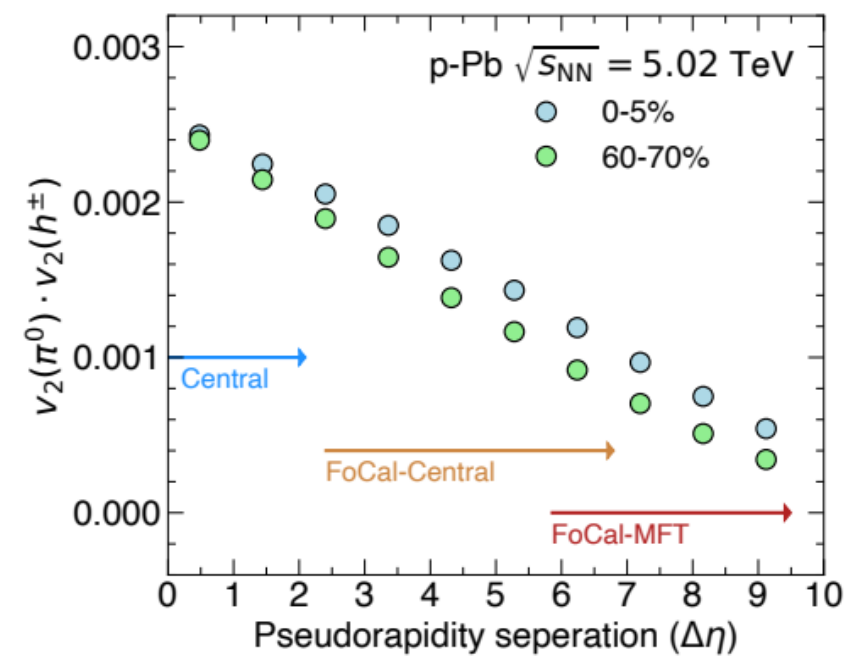
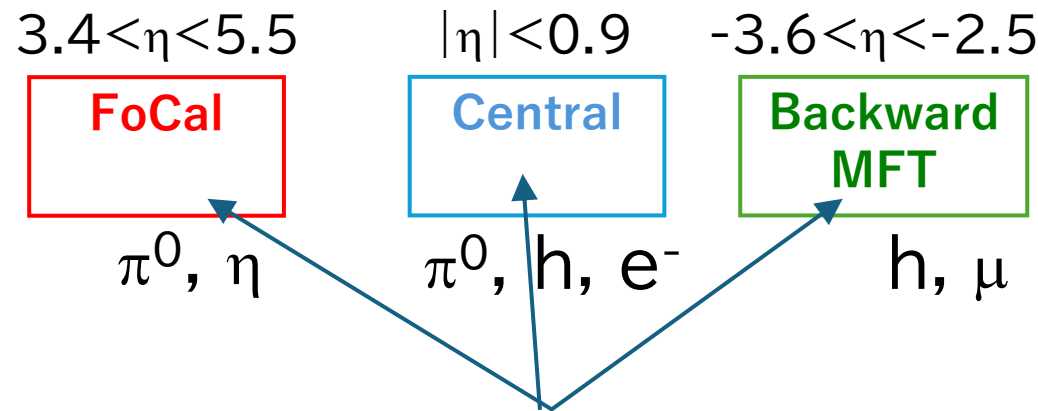
## Key observable to explore gluons at the small-x



# Long range correlations

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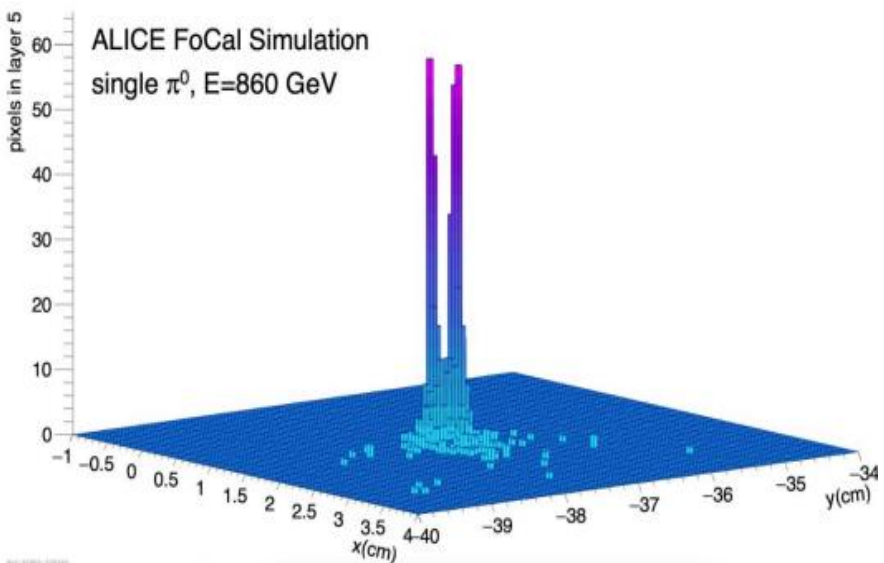
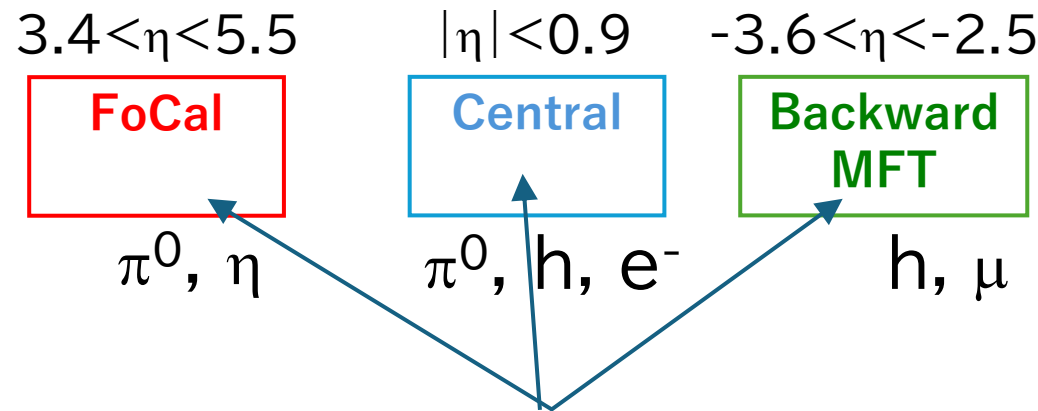
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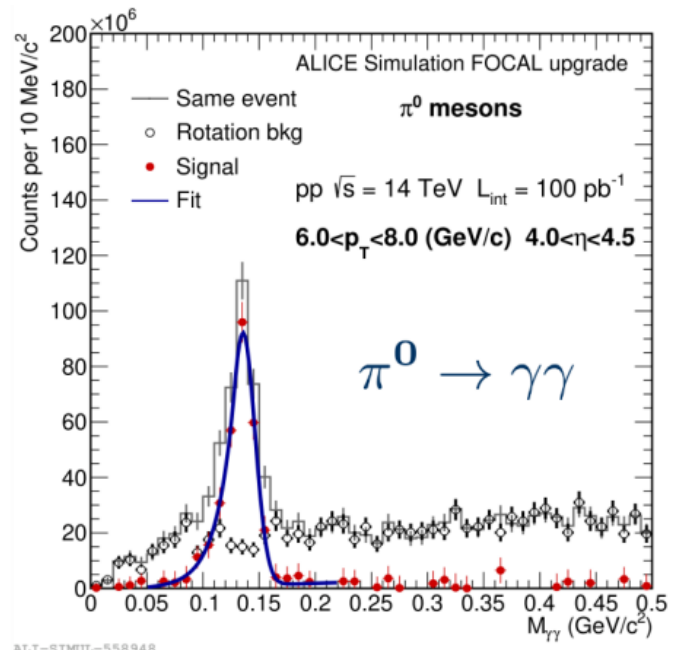
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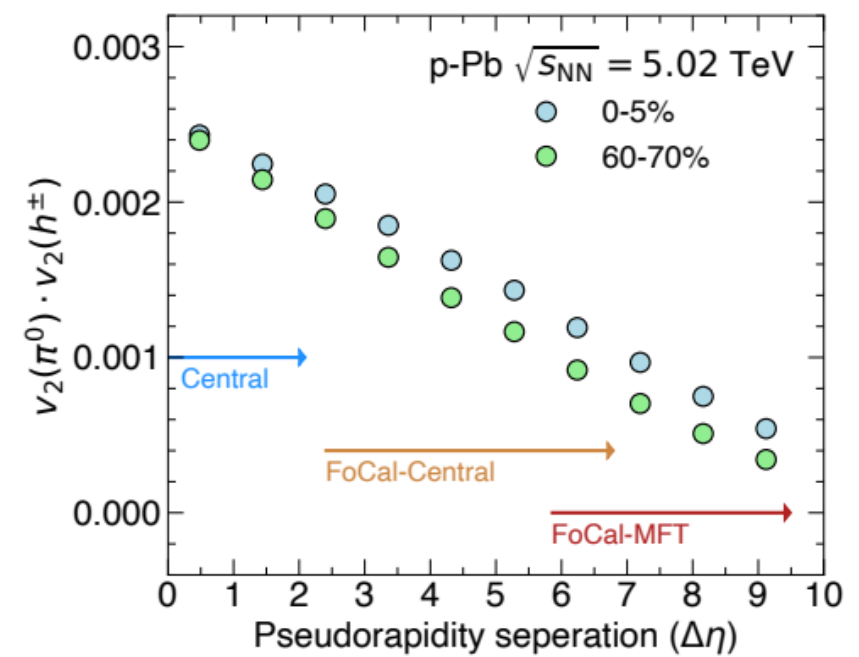
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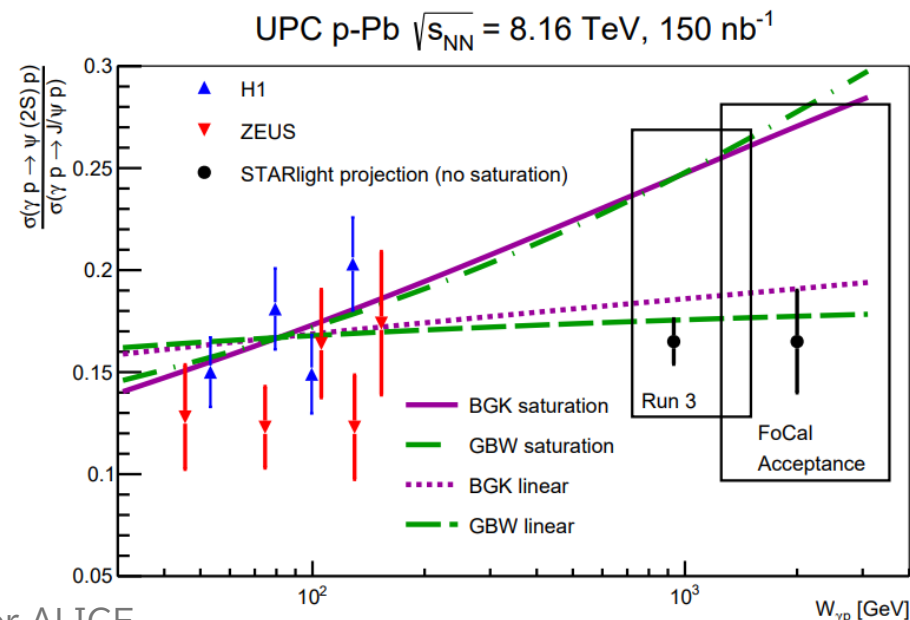
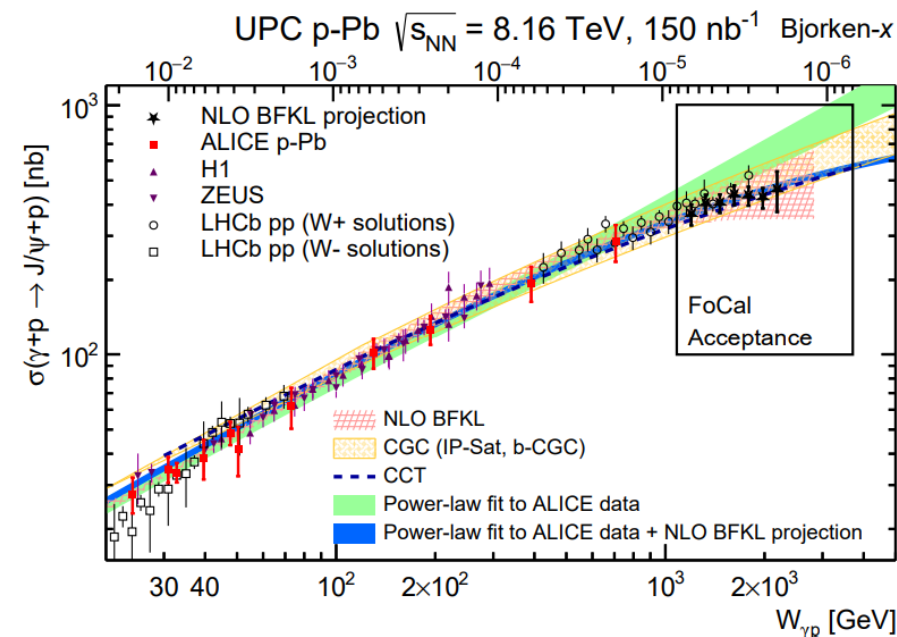
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  - Photo-production is proportional to the gluon density at LO-pQCD calculation
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- $\psi(2s)/J/\psi$  ratio can provide a clearer signal

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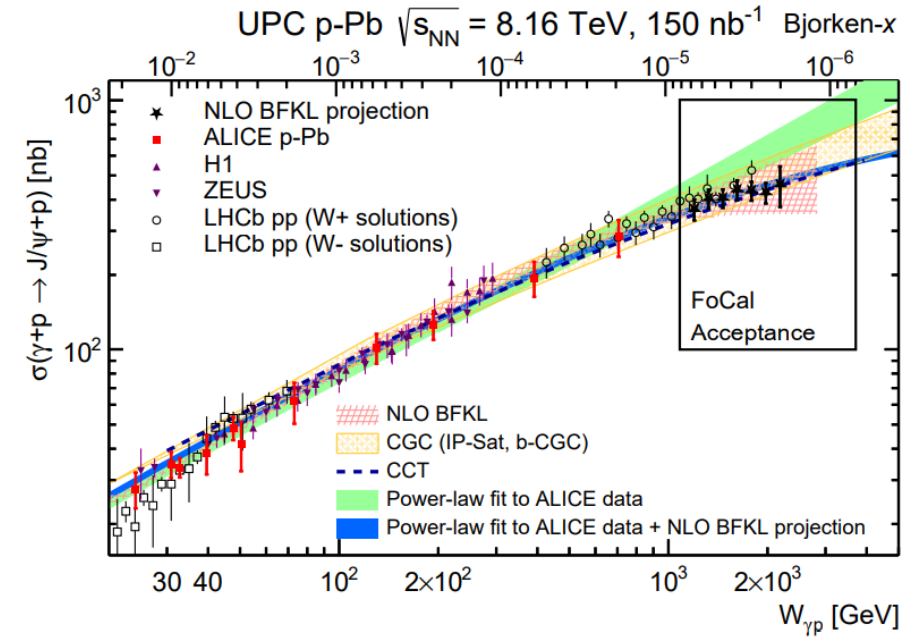




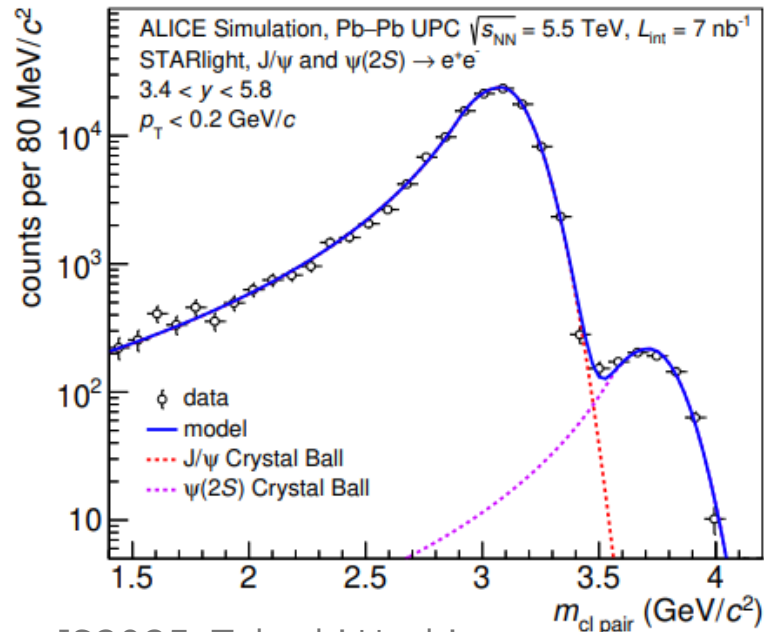
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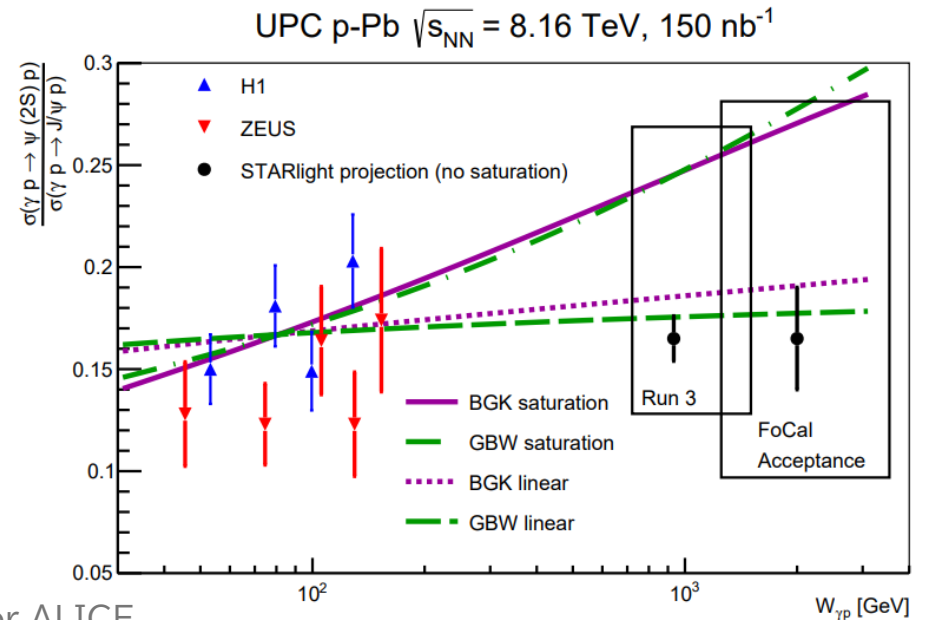


Mass from simulated FoCal cluster-pairs



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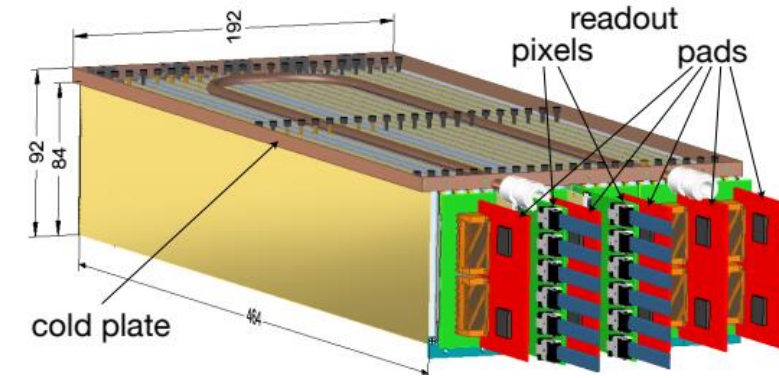
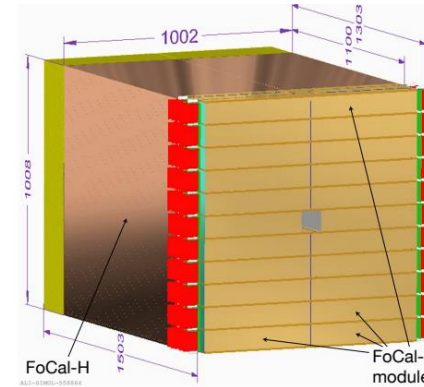




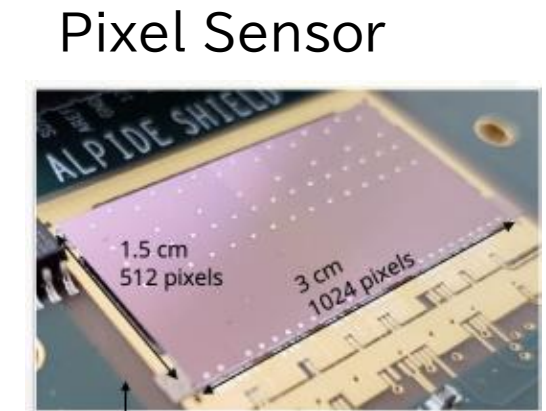
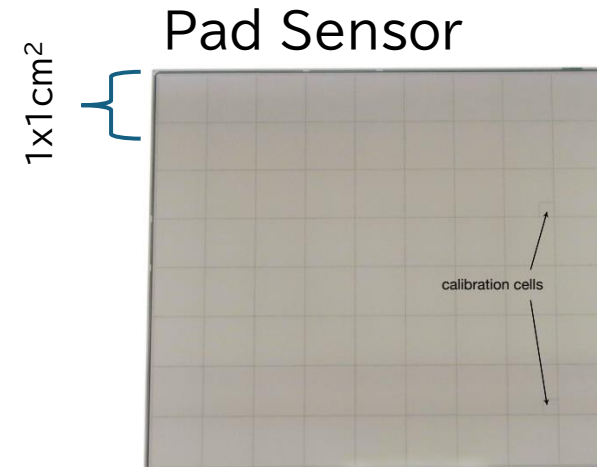
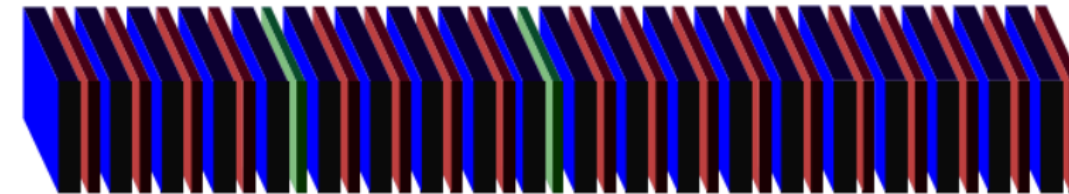
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# FoCal-E : EM Calorimeter

- High-granularity EM Calorimeter w/ Pixel & Pad Si sensors
  - 22 modules (93 x 101 cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - Photon Energy up to ~2 TeV
- 20 X<sub>0</sub> : 20 W absorber
  - W : X<sub>0</sub> ~ 3.5mm, R<sub>m</sub> ~ 9mm
- 18 Pad layers (1 x 1 cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - Energy measurements by ADC & TOT
  - Timing (HGCROC)
  - P-type Si sensor (radiation hardness)
- 2 Pixel layers (27 x 29 μm<sup>2</sup>)
  - Shower position for two photon separation
  - ALPIDE MAPS chips (from ITS2 and MFT)
- 3D imaging of EM-shower by reading individual layer and channels



Longitudinal segmentation



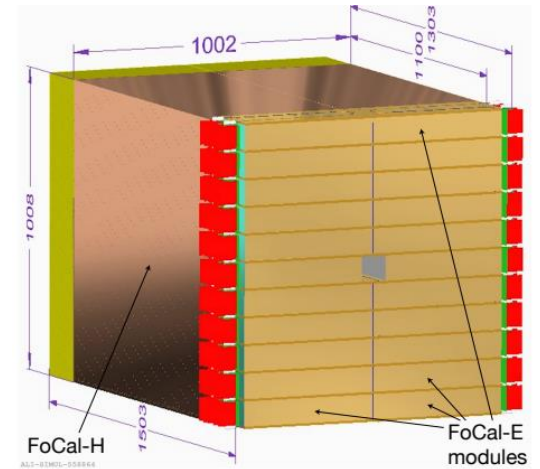
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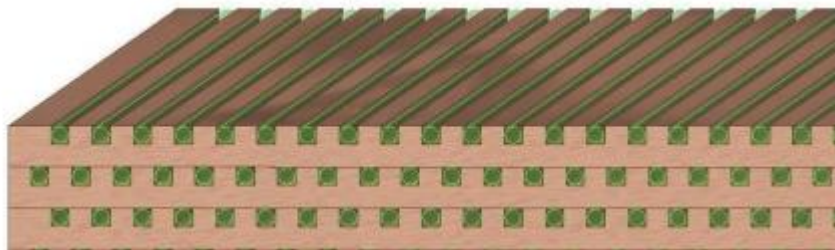
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# FoCal-H : Hadron Calorimeter

- Cu + SciFi hadronic calorimeter
  - 90 x 90 x 110 cm<sup>3</sup> depth ~ 6  $\lambda_{had}$
  - SiPM readout + H2GCROC (HGCROC for SiPM)
- Final design in progress
  - Cu sheet w/ grooves for SciFi
  - 5 x 50 x 110 cm<sup>3</sup>
  - New design to be tested in 2025



Cu sheet w/ grooves



SciFi connected to SiPM



SiPM



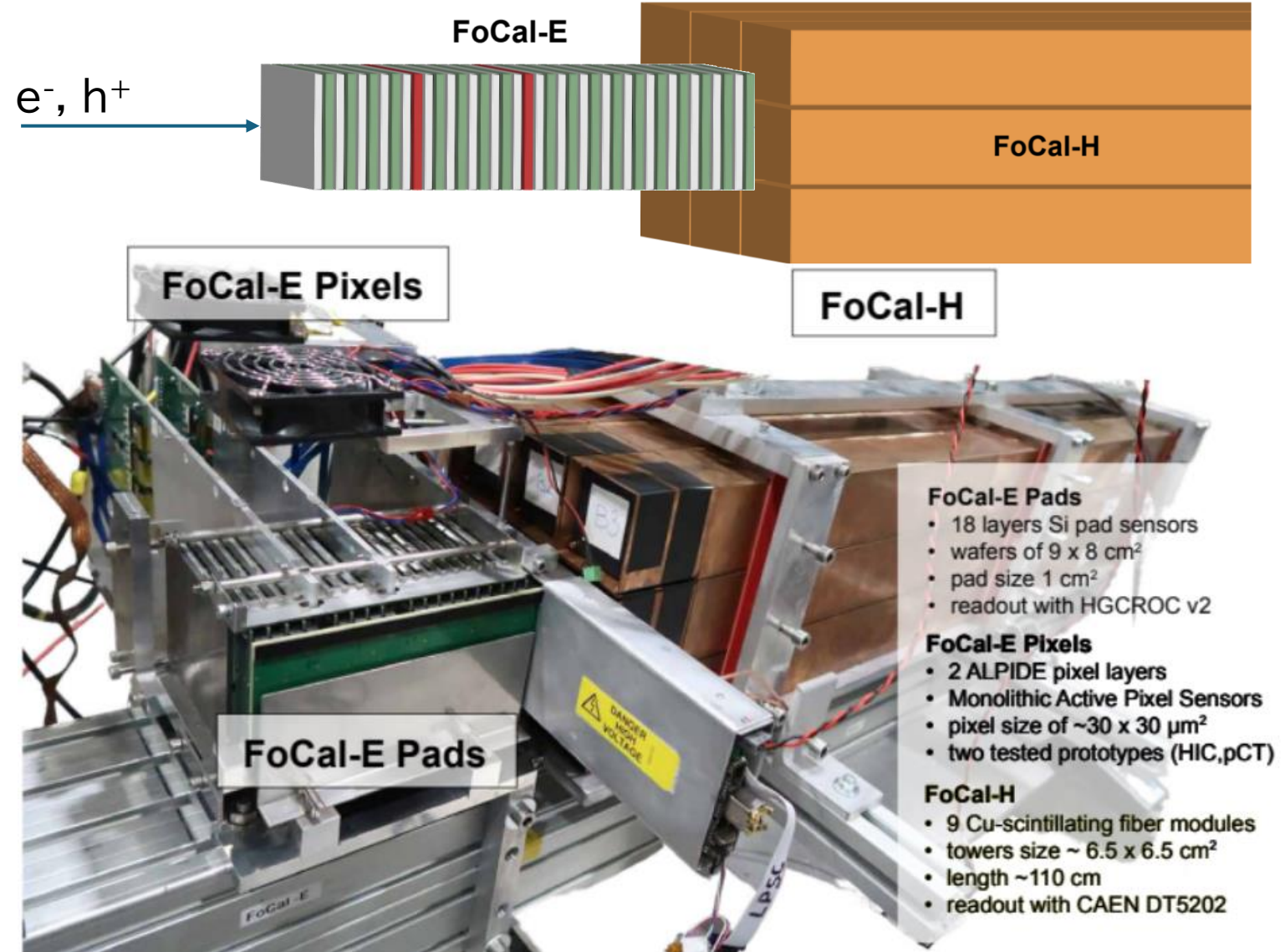
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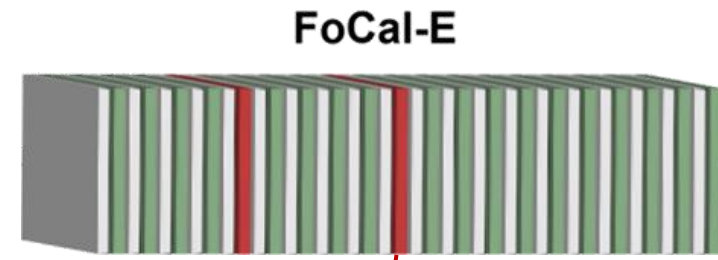


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# Performance at Beam Test

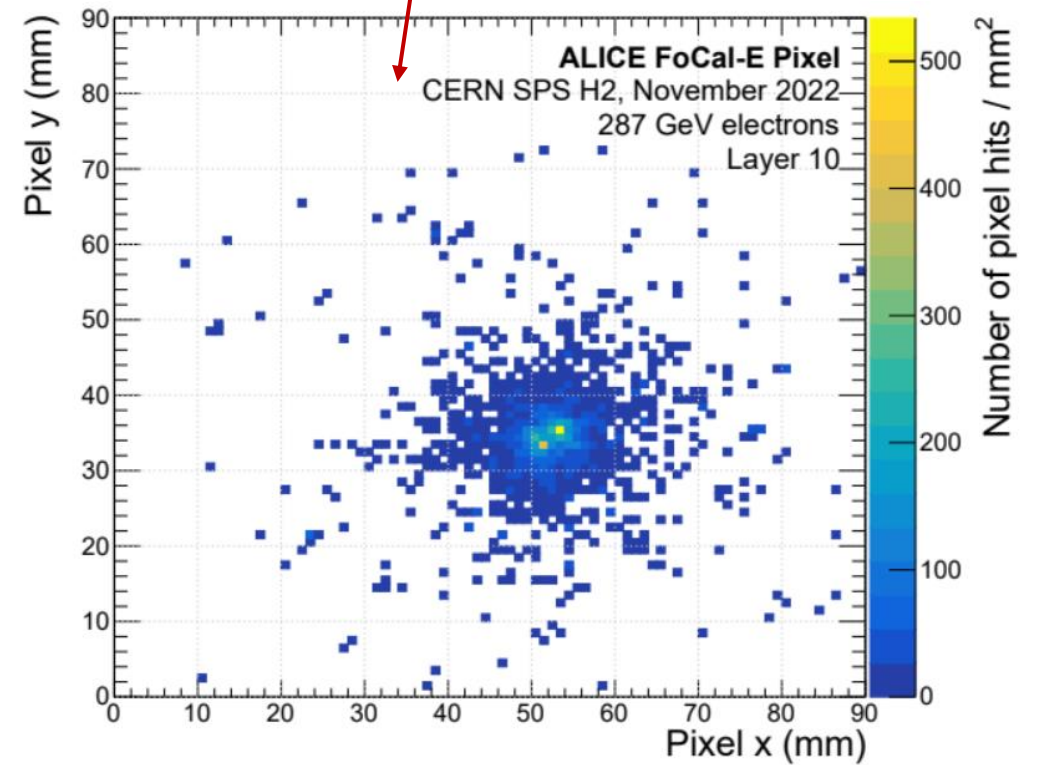
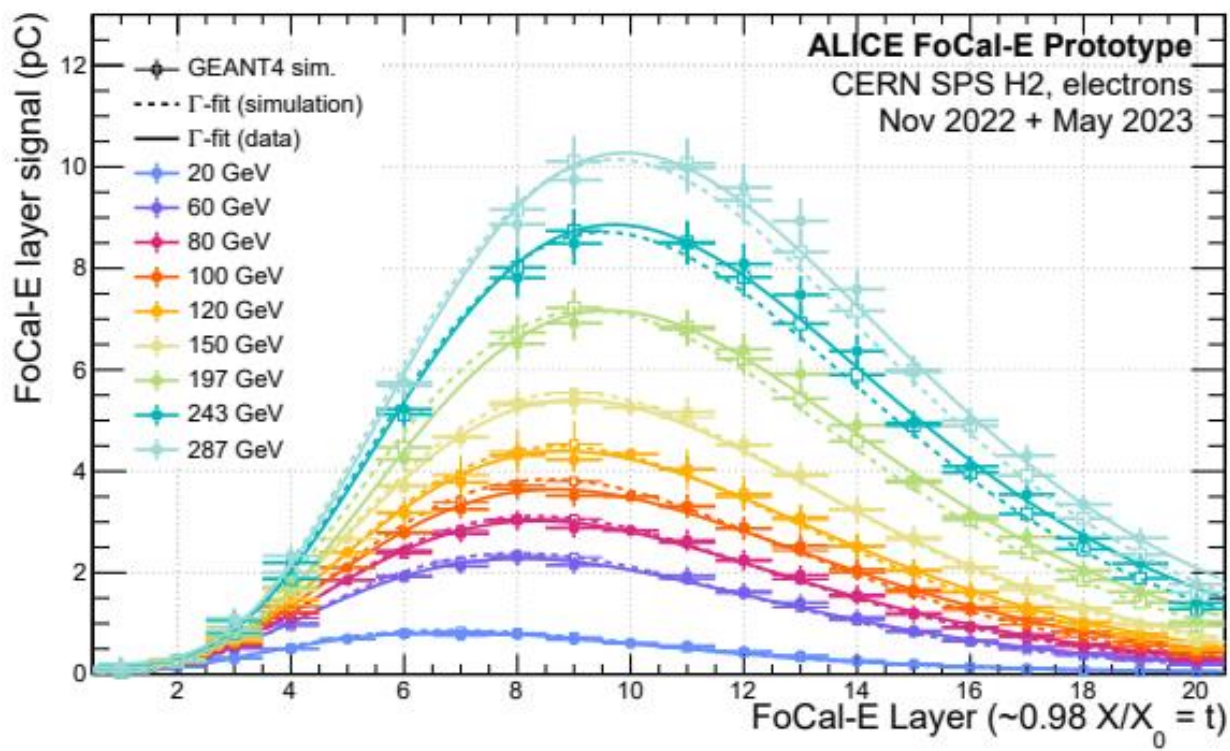
- Test Beam at CERN PS & SPS (2022 & 2023)
  - Electron beam < 300 GeV
  - Hadron beam < 350 GeV
- FoCal E & H Prototype
  - Full stack of modules in longitudinal configuration
  - EM calorimeter
    - 18 Si Pad layers
    - 2 Si Pixel layers
  - Hadronic calorimeter
    - 110cm Cu capillary tube





Two electron separation in pixel

Longitudinal shower profile in FoCal-E



- Shower profile is good agreement w/ simulations : 20 – 287 GeV
- A clear two electron separation
  - Good for isolated photon

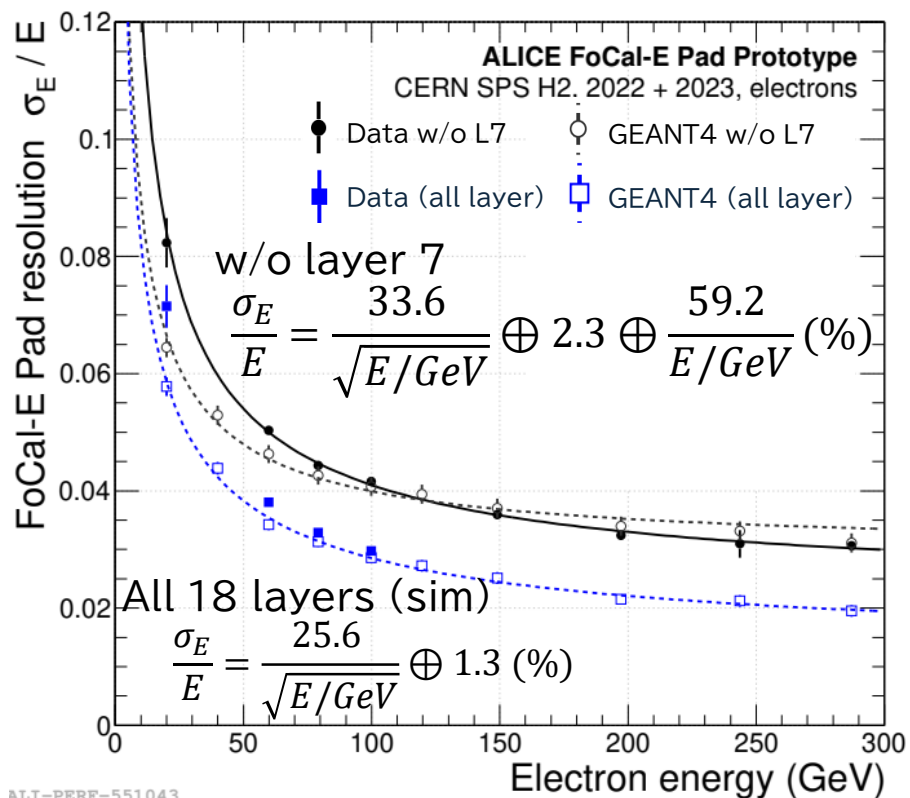
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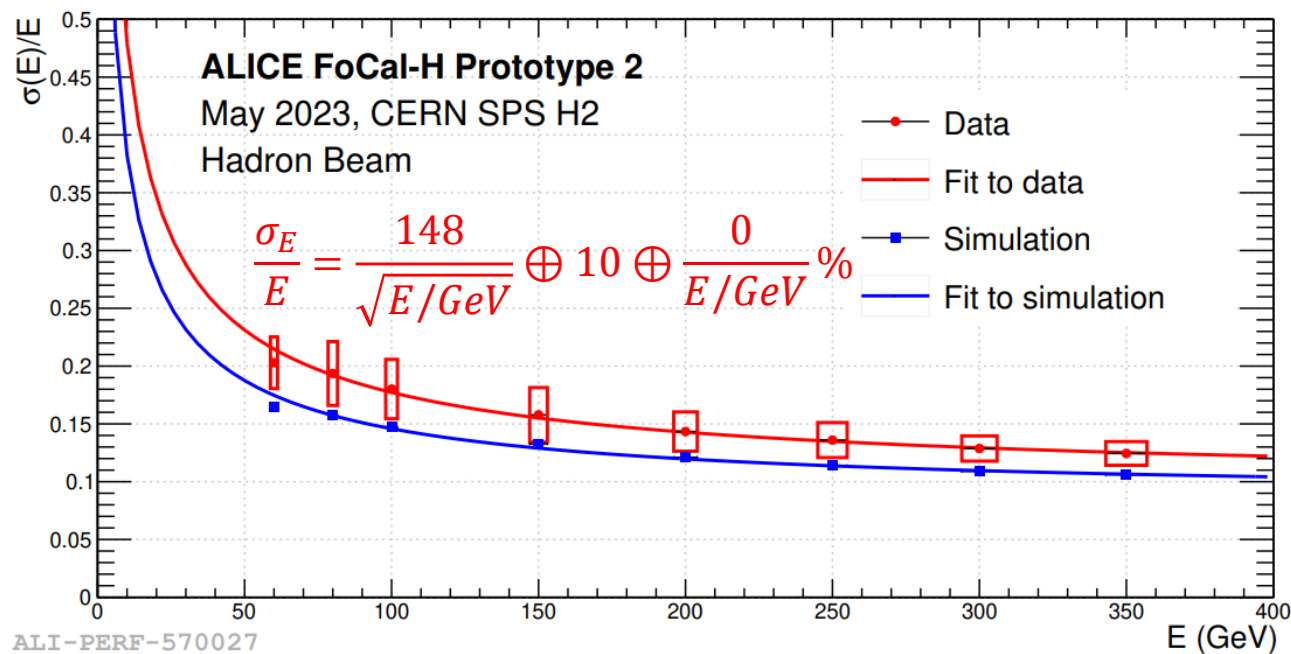
# FoCal Energy resolution

## FoCal-E resolution w/ electron beam

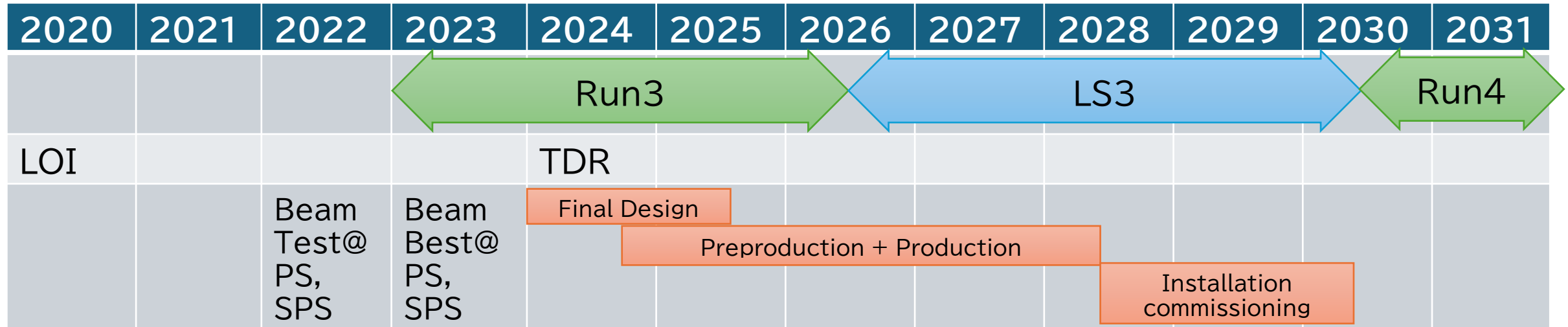
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## FoCal-H resolution w/ hadron beam

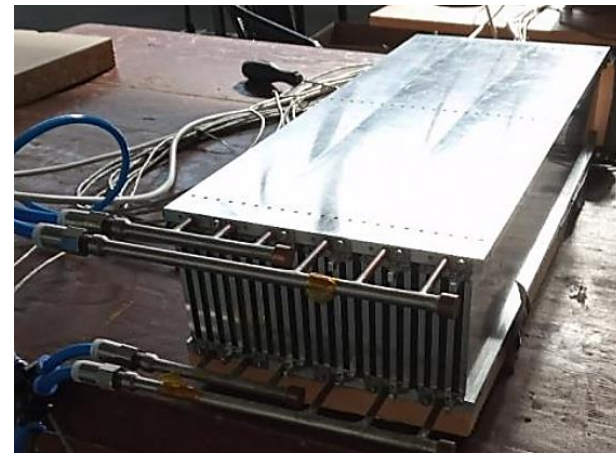


- FoCal-E Energy resolution 3% > 200 GeV
  - Simulation describes data well, but resolution degrades due to ADC/TOT noise at low energy
  - Performance can be further improved with 18-layer configuration
- FoCal-H Energy resolution 15% (>60 GeV)
  - Simulation doesn't reproduce data, light collection in data and/or need the simulation-tuning



- Final design & Mass production
  - Prototype shows good performance
- Procedure
  - Mechanical structure + Cooling test
  - Production
    - Pre-production + Beam Test
  - Installation & Commissioning

FoCal-E mockup for cooling test



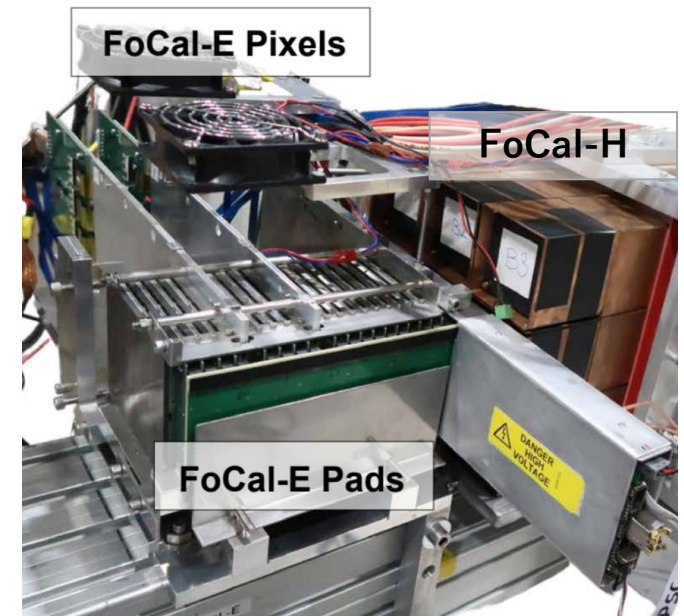
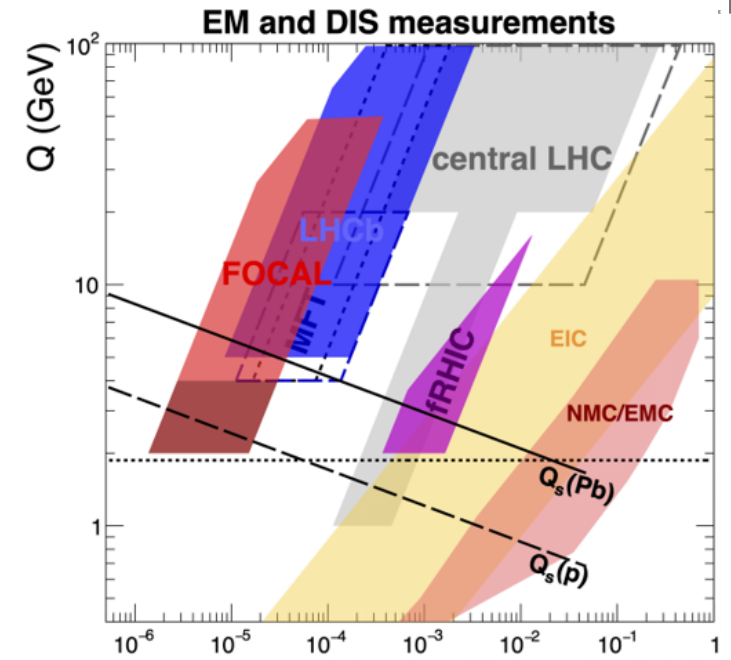
FoCal-E segment mockup w/ Tungsten



FoCal-H prototype



- **FoCal** is a new forward calorimeter for ALICE Run4
  - High granularity EM + Hadronic calorimeters
  - Broad phase space coverage ( $3.4 < \eta < 5.5$ )
  - Complimentary with EIC and LHCb
- Goal is **gluon saturation at small-x region ( $\sim 10^{-6}$ )** with multi-messenger approach
  - Prompt photons,  $\pi^0$ , Jet,  $J/\psi$  in UPC
  - Simulation study demonstrates FoCal capabilities
- FoCal prototype shows **good energy resolutions and two cluster separation**
- Mass production is about to start !



# Paper list

- [FOCAL Letter of Intent](#) CERN-LHCC-2020-009
- [Physics of the ALICE Forward calorimeter upgrade](#), ALICE-PUBLIC-2023-001
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- Test beam paper: [Performance of the electromagnetic and hadronic prototype segments of the ALICE Forward Calorimeter](#), JINST 19 P07006
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