

# Digital Hadron Calorimetry



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# Trend in Calorimetry

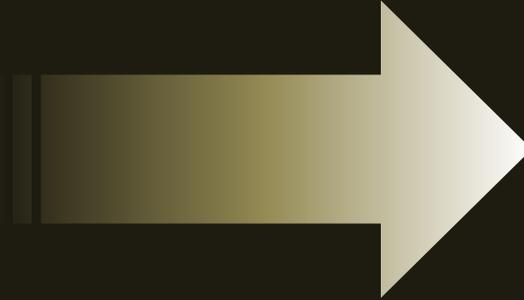
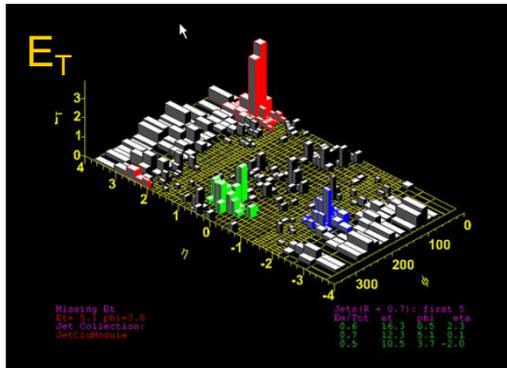


## Tower geometry

Energy is integrated over large volumes into single channels

Readout typically with high resolution

Individual particles in a hadronic jet not resolved

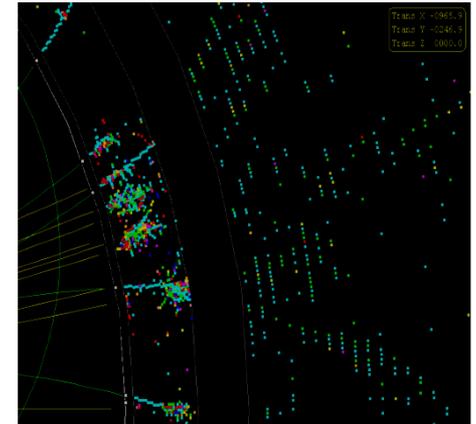
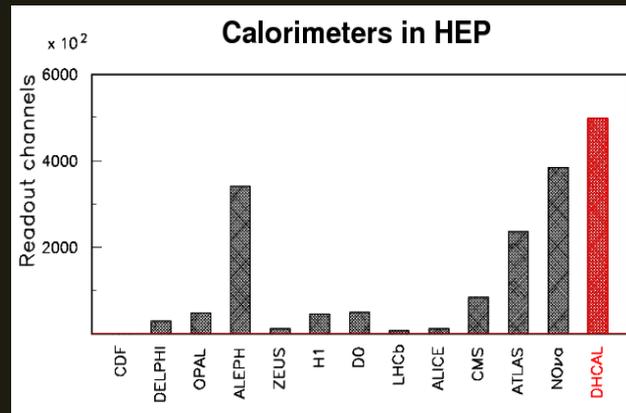


## Imaging calorimetry

Large number of calorimeter readout channels ( $\sim 10^7$ )

Option to minimize resolution on individual channels

Particles in a jet are measured individually



# The DHCAL prototype

## Description

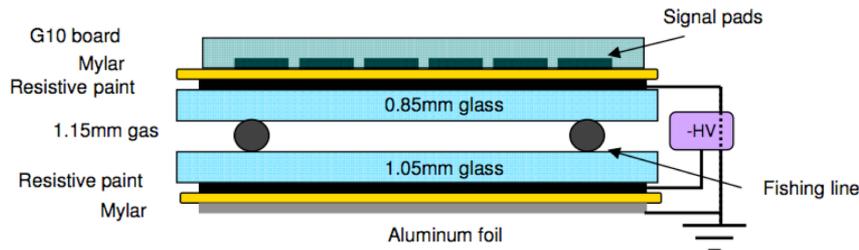
Hadronic sampling calorimeter

Designed for future electron-positron collider (ILC)

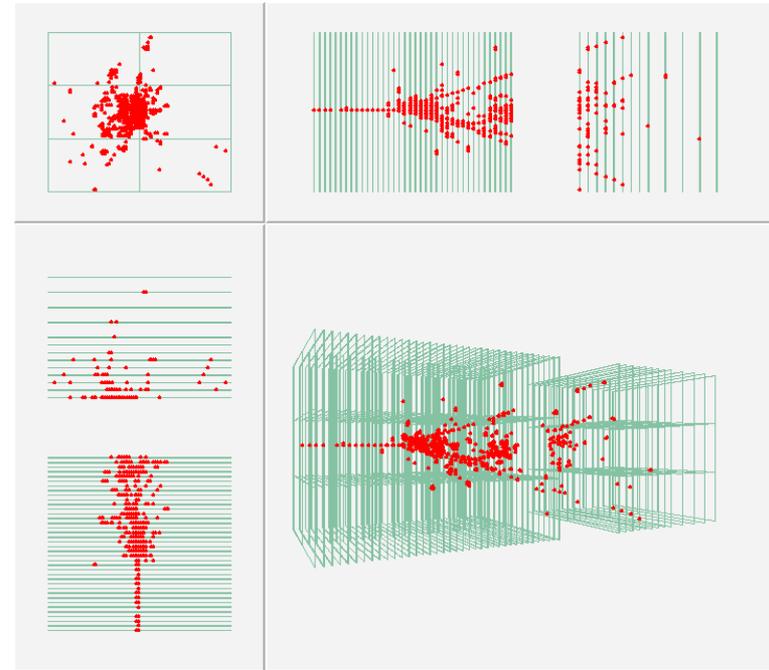
54 active layers ( $\sim 1 \text{ m}^2$ )

Resistive Plate Chambers with  $1 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$  pads

→  $\sim 500,000$  readout channels



60 GeV  $\pi^+$



## Electronic readout

1 – bit (digital)

## Tests at FNAL

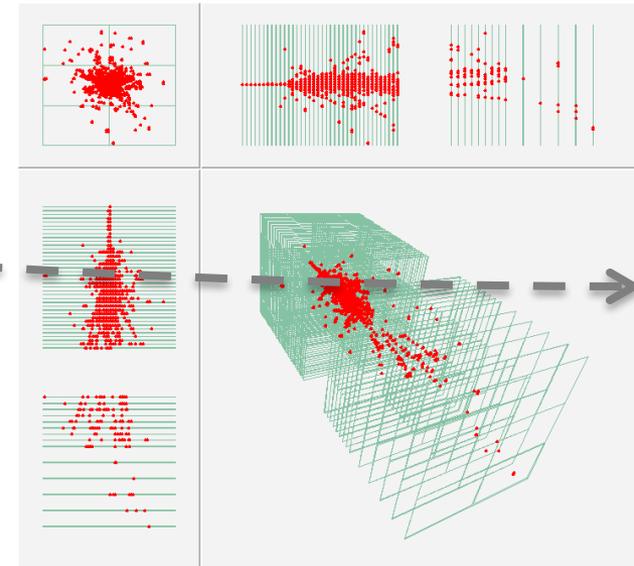
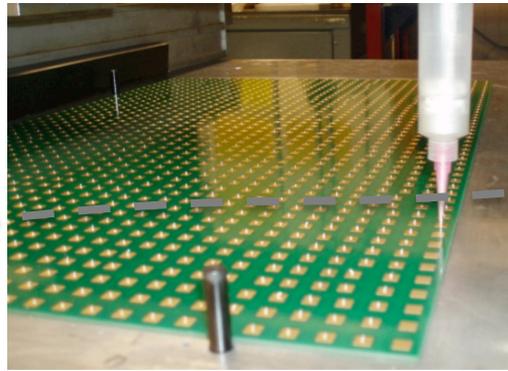
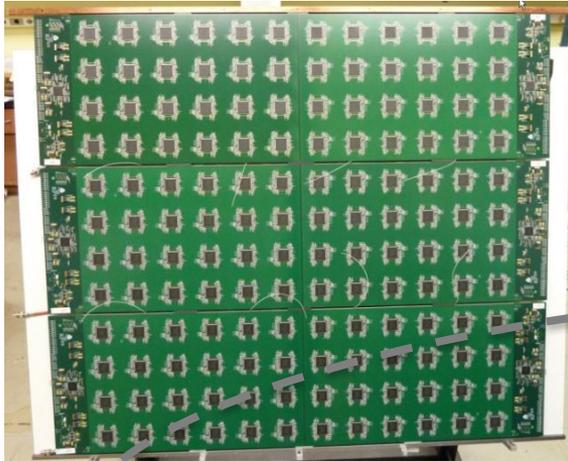
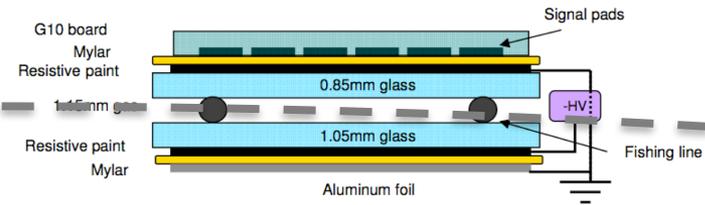
with Iron absorber in 2010 – 2011

with no absorber in 2011

## Tests at CERN

with Tungsten absorber in 2012

# DHCAL Construction



# Fe-DHCAL at Fermilab

## Fermilab Test Beam Facility

Covers 1 – 120 GeV/c

Mixture of pions, electrons and muons (up to 60 GeV/c)

Primary protons at 120 GeV/c

Čerenkov counter for particle ID

4 s spill every 60 s

### Muon Trigger:

2 x (1 m x 1 m scintillator)

### Secondary Beam Trigger:

2 x (20 cm x 20 cm scintillator)

### Event:

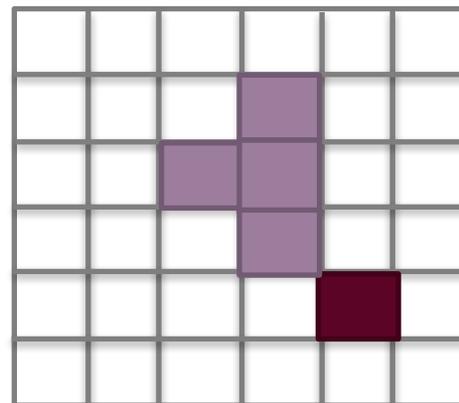
Time stamp, Čerenkov/muon tagger bits

### Hit:

x, y, z, time stamp

### Nearest neighbor clustering:

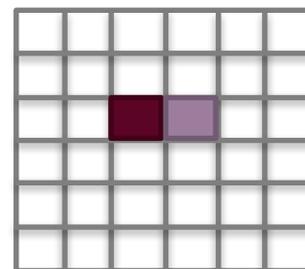
Combine hits with a common edge



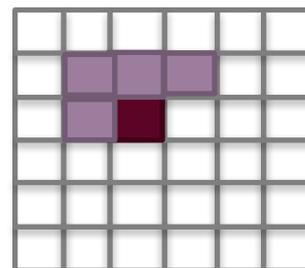
Cluster:  
x, y, z

### Density 3x3:

Number of neighbors in 3x3 pads surrounding the hit



→ 1



→ 4

# Calibration Procedures

## RPC performance

Average efficiency to detect MIP:  $\epsilon_0 \sim 96\%$

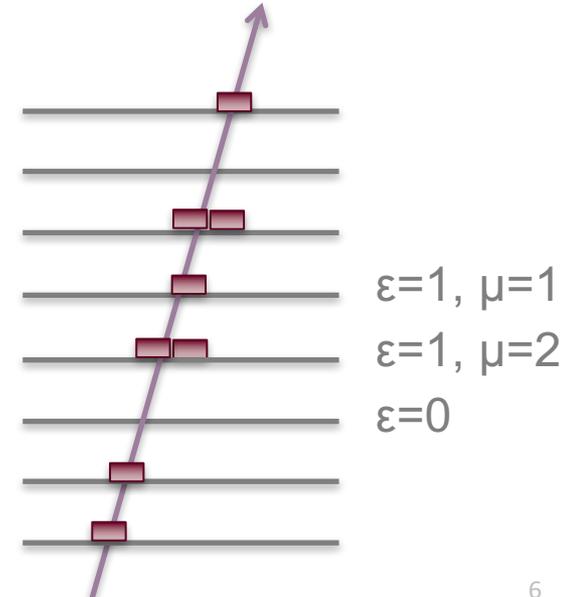
Average pad multiplicity:  $\mu_0 \sim 1.6$

1. **Full Calibration:** 
$$H_{calibrated} = \sum_{i=RPC_0}^{RPC_n} \frac{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}{\epsilon_i \mu_i} H_i$$

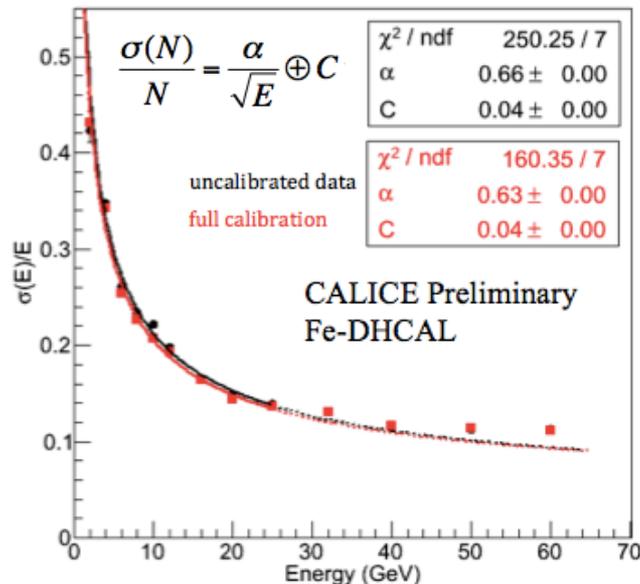
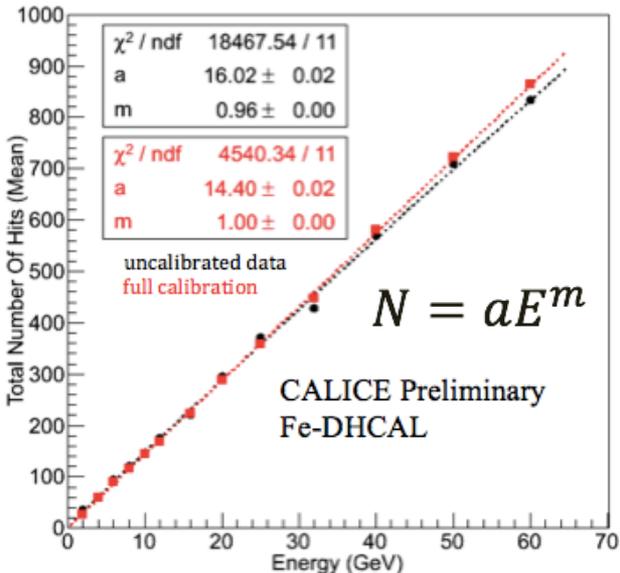
$H_i$ : Number of hits in layer  $i$

2. **Density-weighted Calibration:** Developed due to the fact that a pad will fire if it gets contribution from multiple traversing particles regardless of the efficiency of this RPC. Hence, the full calibration will overcorrect. Classifies hits in density bins (number of neighbors in a 3 x 3 array).

3. **Hybrid Calibration:** Density bins 0 and 1 receive full calibration.



# Fe-DHCAL Pion Response and Energy Resolution



**Uncalibrated response**

4% saturation

**Full calibration**

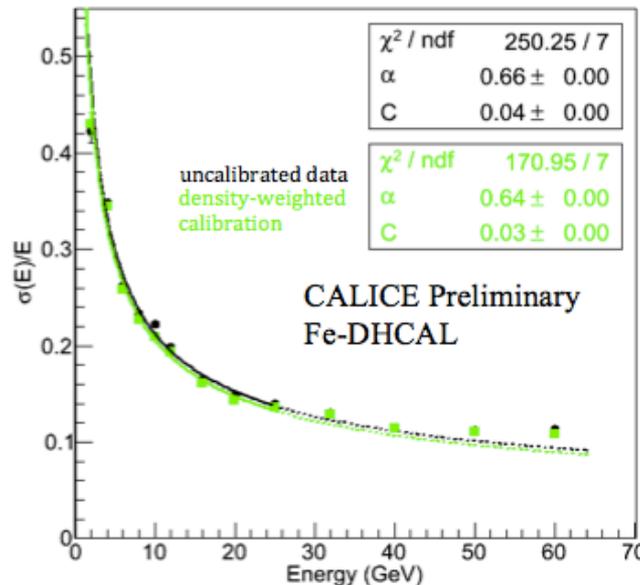
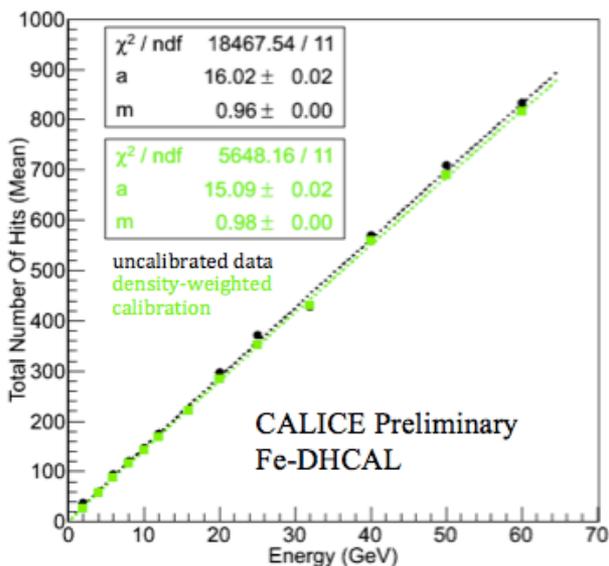
Perfectly linear up to 60 GeV (in contradiction to MC predictions)

**Density-weighted calibration**

1 – 2% saturation (in agreement with predictions)

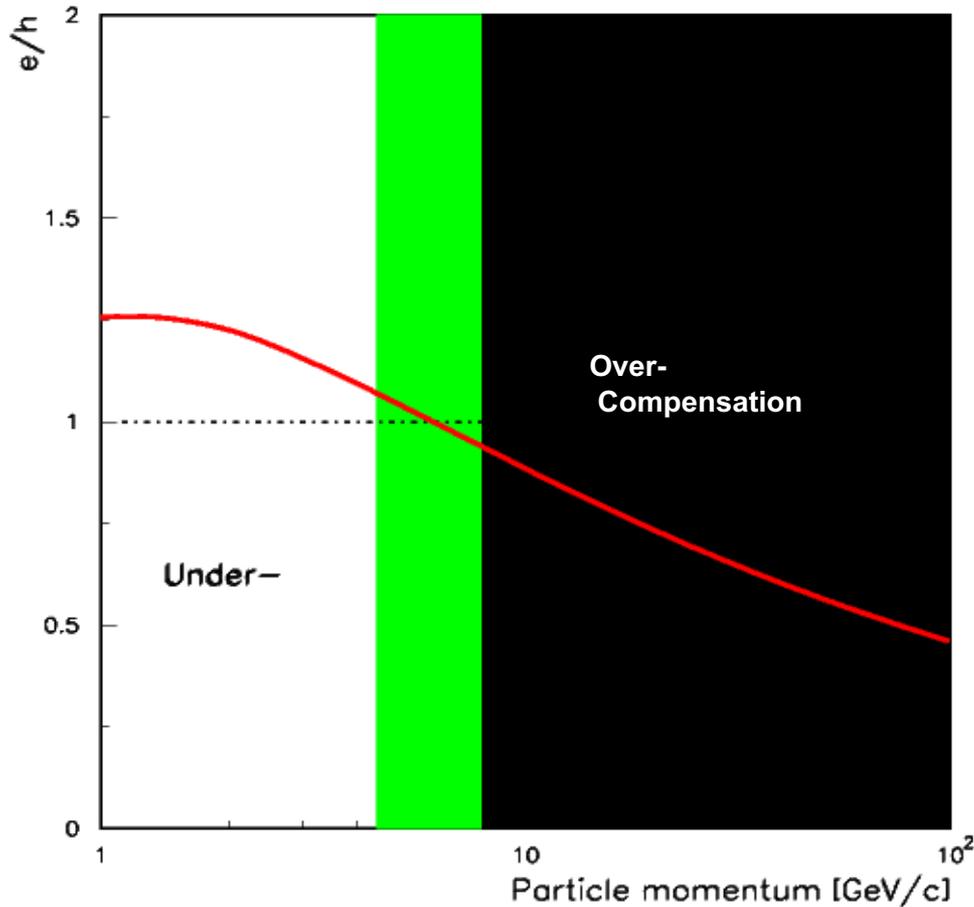
**Monte Carlo prediction**

Around  $58\%/\sqrt{E}$  with negligible constant term



# Fe-DHCAL – Response

DHCAL Response with Fe Absorber



The **DHCAL** is different...

Higher order corrections  
(Software compensation) might  
increase the **range of compensation**

e: Response to electromagnetic  
interactions

h: Response to hadronic interactions

$e/h=1 \rightarrow$  compensating

# W-DHCAL at CERN

## PS

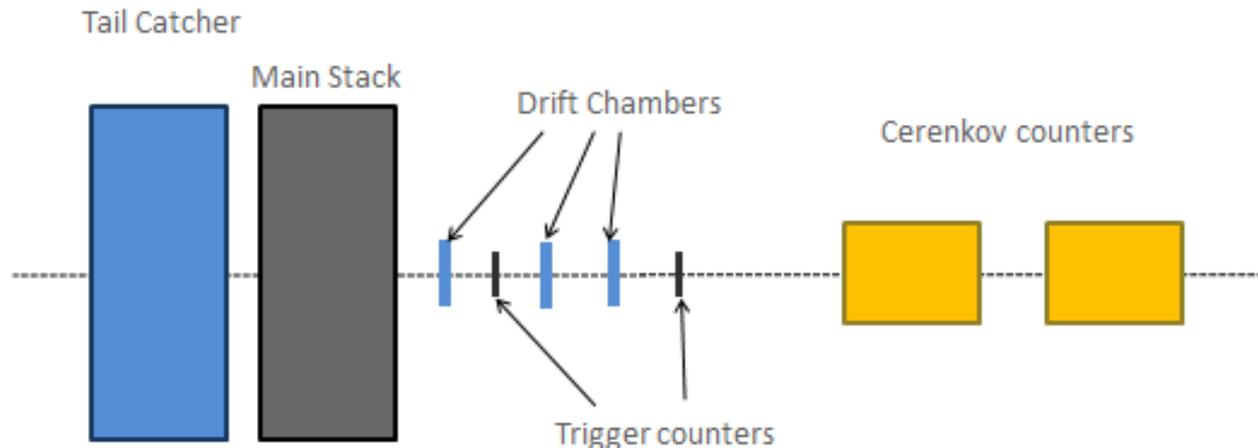
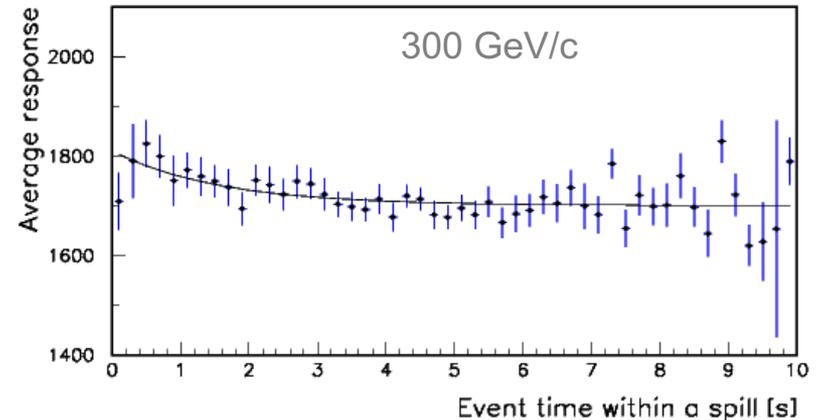
Covers 1 – 10 GeV/c  
Mixture of pions, electrons, protons, (Kaons)  
Two Cerenkov counters for particle ID  
1-3 400-ms-spills every 45 second (RPC rate capability OK)  
Data taking with ~500 triggers/spill

## SPS

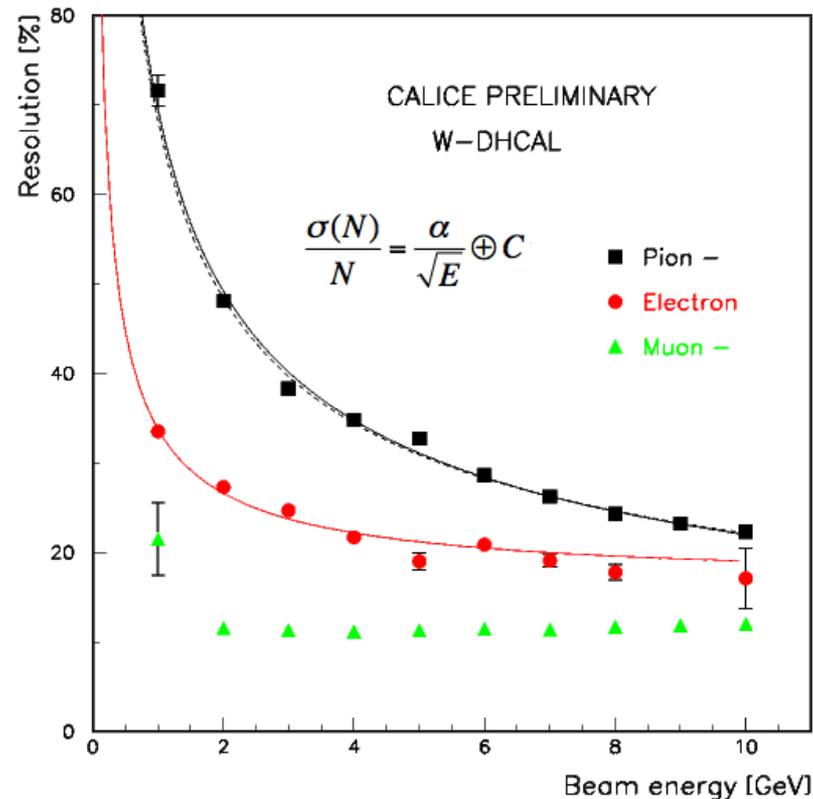
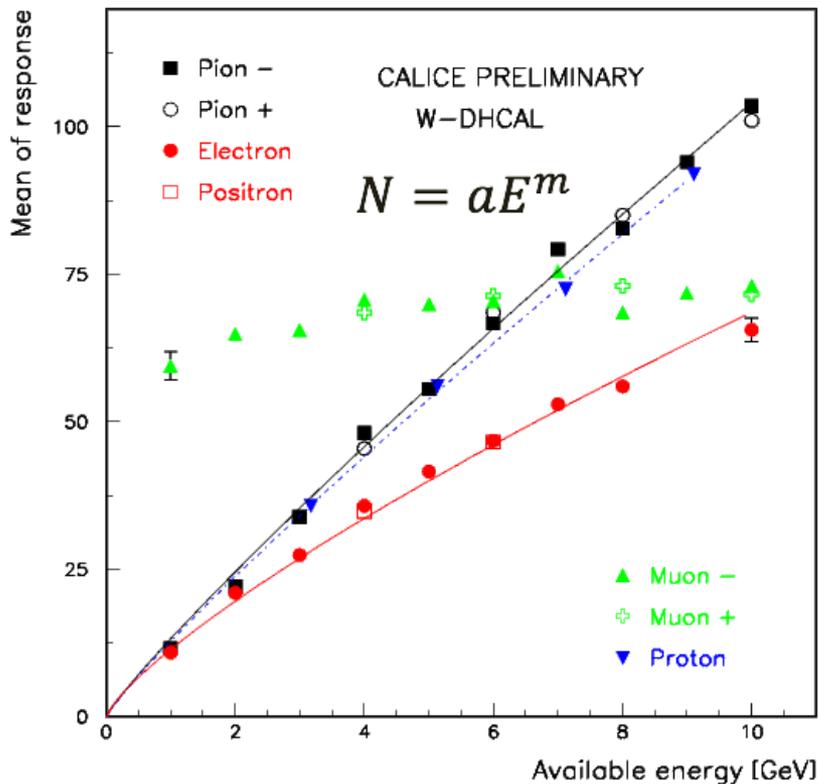
Covers 12 – 300 GeV/c  
Mostly set-up to either have electrons or pions (18 Pb foil)  
Two Cerenkov counters for particle ID  
9.7-s-spills every 45 – 60 seconds  
RPC rate capability a problem  
(running with limited rate: 250 – 500 triggers/spill)

## RPC rate limitations

~6 % loss of hits  
(in the following not yet corrected)  
Time constant ~ 1 second



# W-DHCAL Response at the PS (1 – 10 GeV)



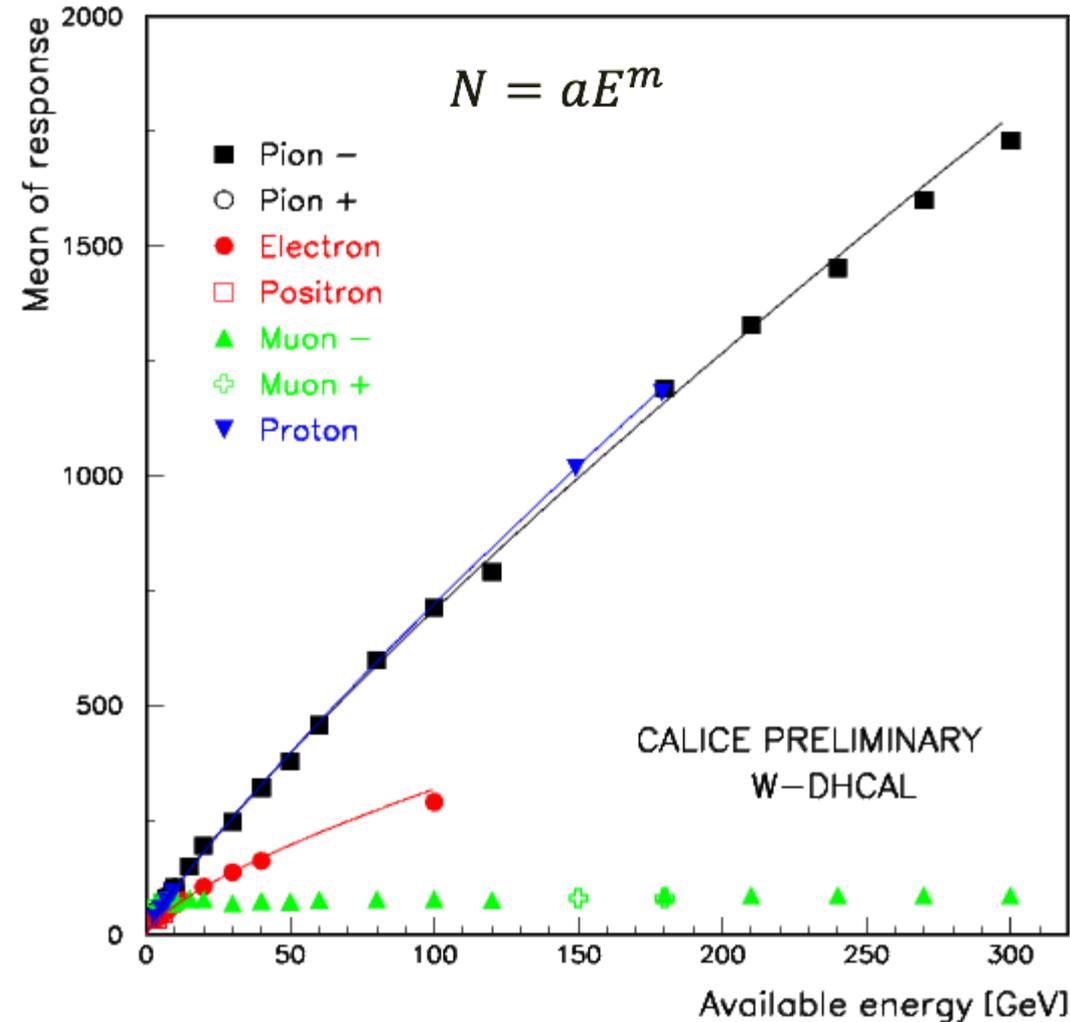
**Fluctuations in muon peak**  
 Data not yet calibrated

**Response non-linear**  
 Data fit empirically with  $aE^m$   
 $m = 0.90$  (hadrons),  $0.78$  (electrons)

Resolutions corrected for non-linear response

Particle	$\alpha$	$c$
Pions	$(68.0 \pm 0.4)\%$	$(5.4 \pm 0.7)\%$
Electrons	$(29.4 \pm 0.3)\%$	$(16.6 \pm 0.3)\%$

# W-DHCAL Response at the PS (1 – 10 GeV) and SPS (12 – 300 GeV) Combined



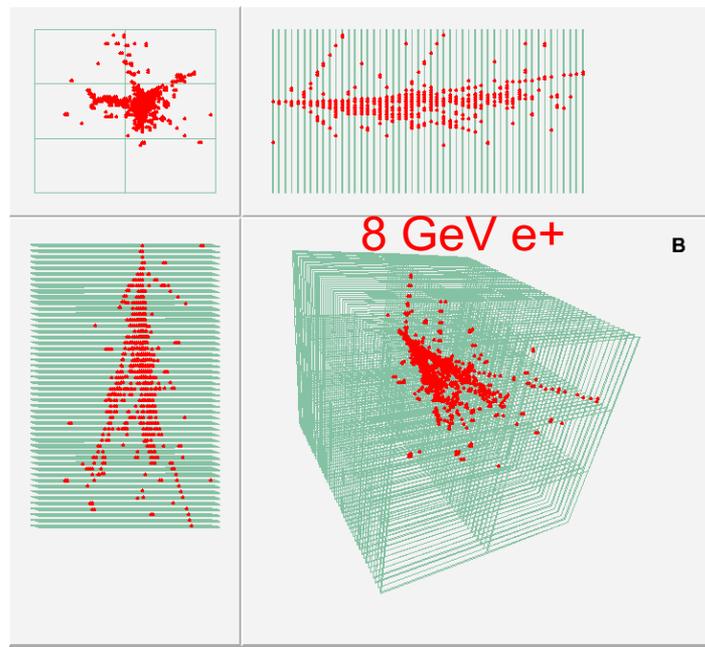
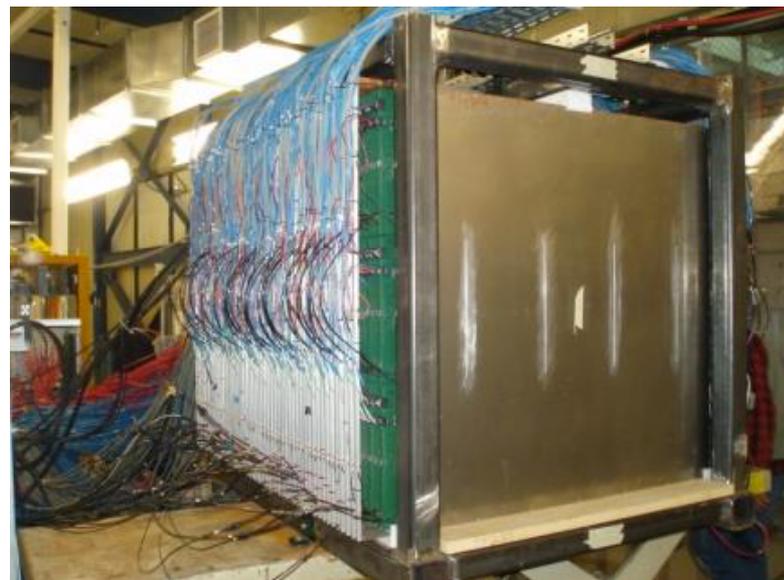
## W-DHCAL with 1 x 1 cm<sup>2</sup>

Highly over-compensating  
(smaller pads would increase the  
electron response more than the  
hadron response)

Particle	a	m
Pions	14.7	0.84
Protons	13.6	0.86
Electrons	12.7	0.70

# DHCAL with Minimal Absorber: Min-DHCAL

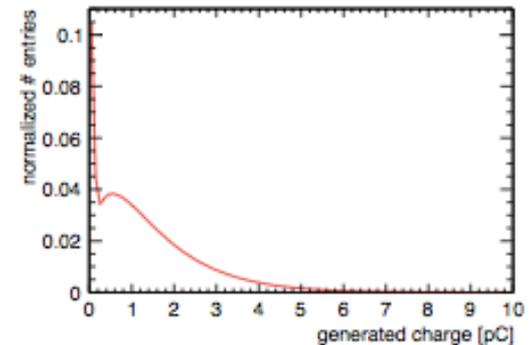
- Special testbeam taken at Fermilab in November 2011 in minimal absorber configuration without absorber plates
  - 2.54 cm spacing between each layer which feature a front-plate (2 mm copper) and rear plate (2 mm steel)
  - Each cassette has a thickness of 12.5 mm corresponding to
    - 0.29 radiation lengths ( $X_0$ )
    - 0.034 Interaction lengths ( $\lambda_I$ )
- ➔ Total thickness:  $15 X_0$   
Or  $1.7\lambda_I$



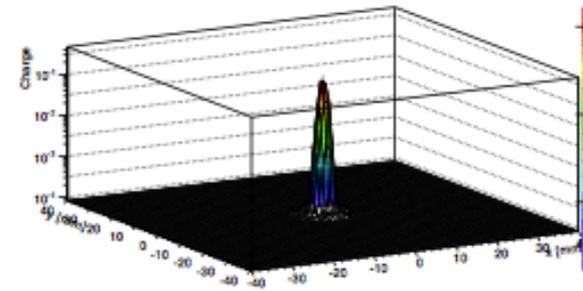
Unprecedented details of low energy electromagnetic showers!

# DHCAL Simulation

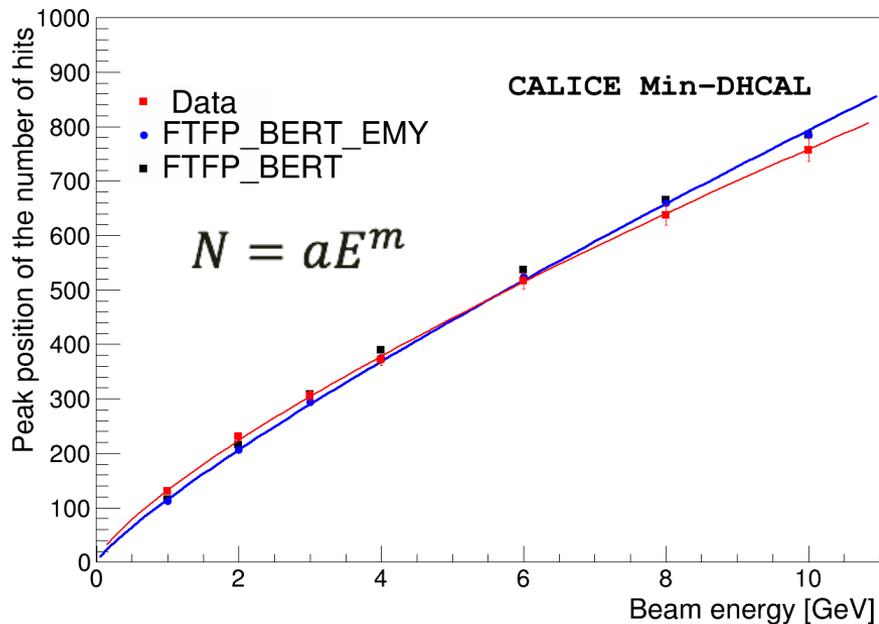
- GEANT4 based simulation gives raw points of ionisation
- Simulation of RPC charge avalanche & read-out by standalone program (RPC\_sim)
  - Charge generated randomly following parametrization (taken from analog RPC tests)
  - Radial charge distribution modeled by double-Gaussian
$$f(r) = (1 - R) * e^{-\frac{r^2}{(2\sigma_1)^2}} + R * e^{-\frac{r^2}{(2\sigma_2)^2}}$$
  - Close-by avalanches suppression ( $d_{cut}$ )
  - Threshold to convert charge to hits (TT)
- Tuning
  - $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, R$  and TT tuned using muons
  - $d_{cut}$  tuned using positrons (3 & 10 GeV)
- Initially FTFP\_BERT physics list was used
  - Led to unsatisfactory agreement (see later)
- Now using 'Option 3' or '\_EMY' (optimized for low energies)
  - Main differences:
    - Reduced range size in computation of the step limit by ionization process and improved treatment of multiple scattering



Charge distribution in x-y

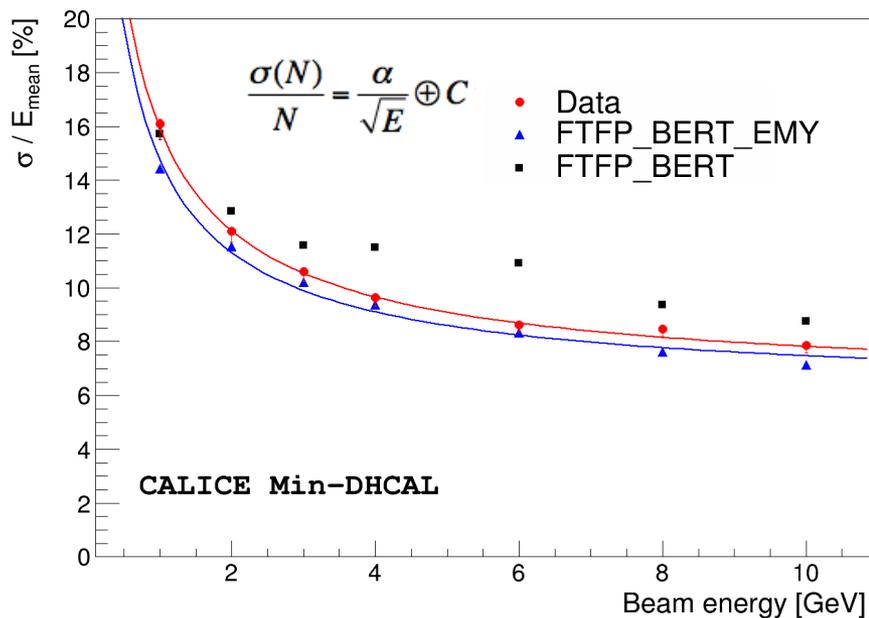


# Min-DHCAL Response to Positrons



Data and MC agree reasonably well for all energies

	a	m
Data	$131.8 \pm 2.8$	$0.76 \pm 0.02$
FTFP_BERT_EMY	$115.8 \pm 0.1$	$0.84 \pm 0.00$

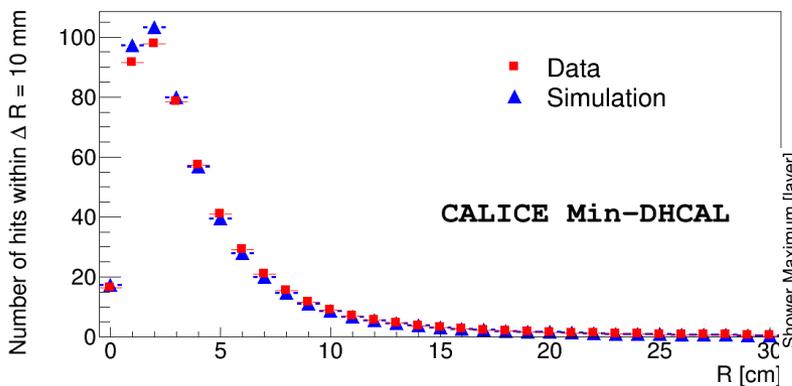
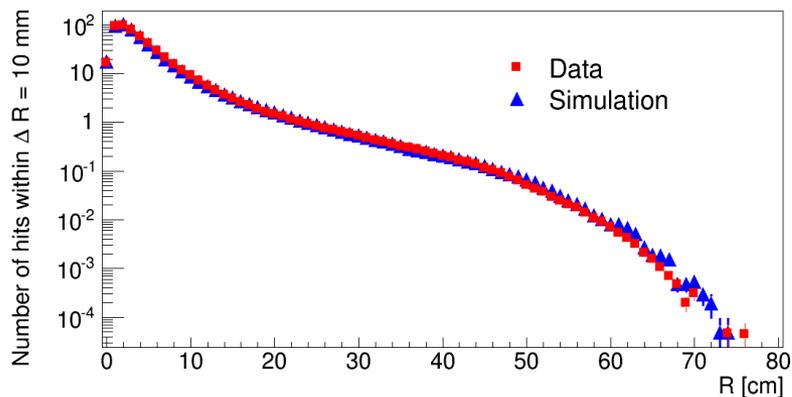


Data and MC agree well only for EMY physics list

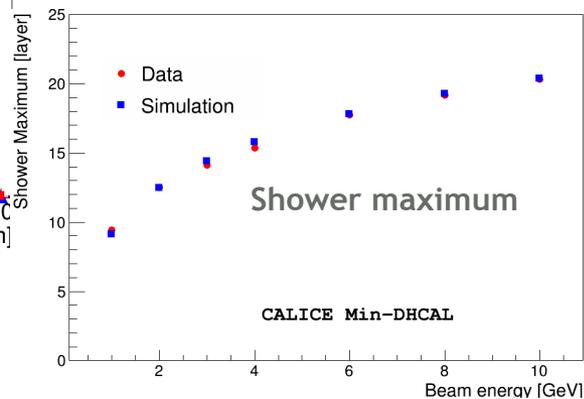
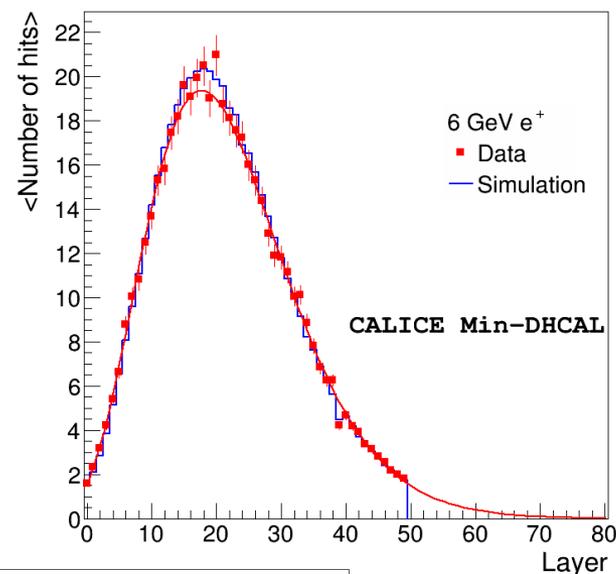
	C [%]	$\alpha$ [%]
Data	$6.3 \pm 0.2$	$14.3 \pm 0.4$
FTFP_BERT_EMY	$6.2 \pm 0.1$	$13.4 \pm 0.2$

# Min-DHCAL Electromagnetic Shower Shapes

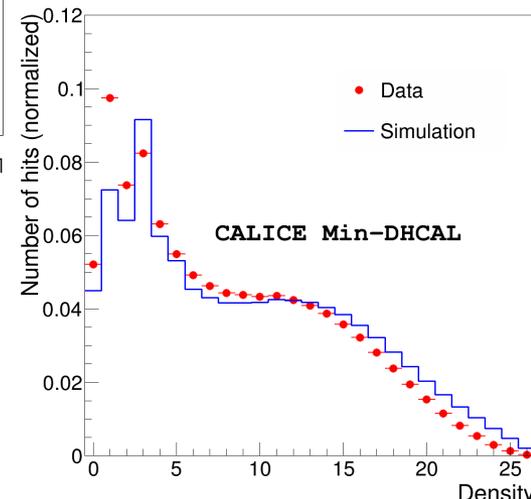
## Transverse shower shape



## Longitudinal shower shape



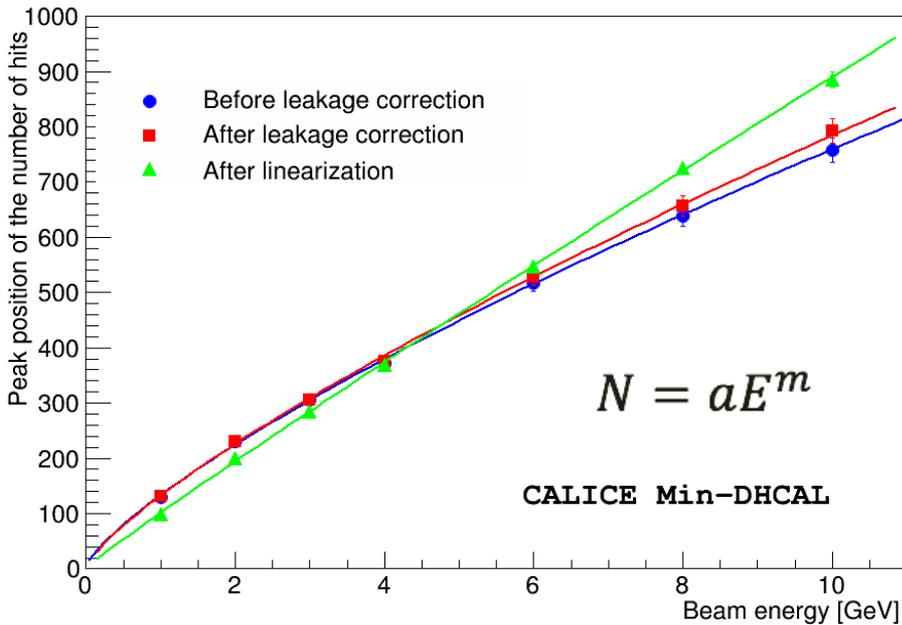
## Hit density (3x3x3)



Good agreement between data and MC for longitudinal and radial shower shapes

Comparison of hit densities indicates that some limitations in the simulation still persist.

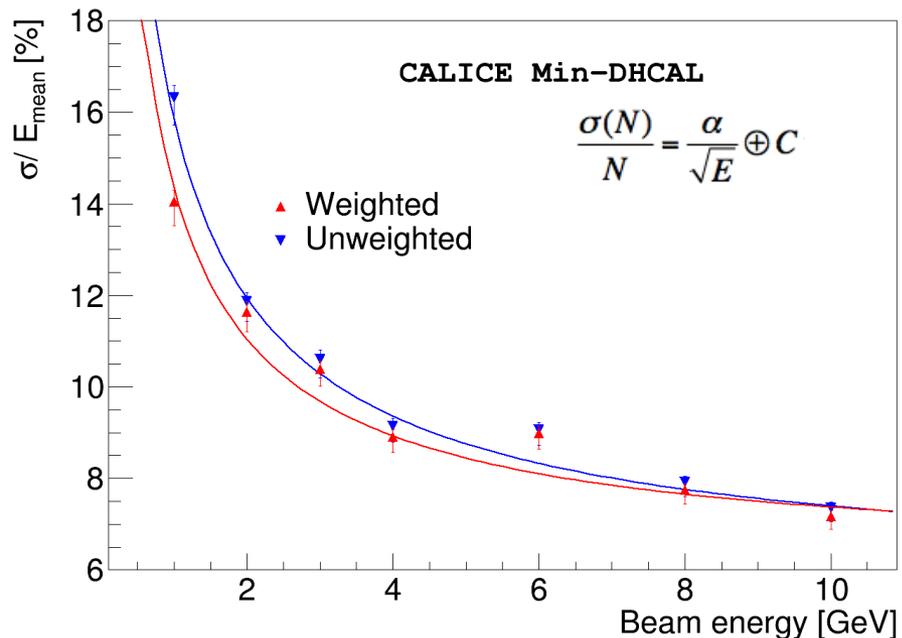
# Min-DHCAL Electromagnetic Response Linearization



Leakage correction is from longitudinal shower shapes; linearization is using 3x3x3 hit densities ( $D_j$ ) to minimize

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^7 \frac{\left( \sum_{j=0}^{26} w_j D_{ij} - \alpha E_i^{beam} \right)^2}{E_i^{beam}}$$

	Before Leakage Corr.	After Leakage Corr.	After Linearization
a	$131.8 \pm 3.5$	$132.1 \pm 3.5$	$100.2 \pm 2.2$
m	$0.76 \pm 0.02$	$0.78 \pm 0.02$	$0.95 \pm 0.02$



Linearization improves the resolution by 2-10 %.

Weights can then be used to linearize the electromagnetic subshowers in pion interactions  
➔ expect significantly improved resolution.

	Constant term [%]	Stochastic term [%]
Unweighted	$6.4 \pm 0.2$	$14.5 \pm 0.4$
Weighted	$6.5 \pm 0.2$	$12.8 \pm 0.3$

# Conclusions

- ❑ The first Digital Hadron Calorimeter was built and tested successfully. By construction, the DHCAL was the first large-scale calorimeter prototype with embedded front-end electronics, digital readout, pad readout of RPCs and extremely fine segmentation.
- ❑ Fine segmentation allows the study of electromagnetic and hadronic interactions with unprecedented level of spatial detail, and the utilization of various techniques not implemented in the community so far (software compensation, leakage correction, ...).
- ❑ Standard Geant4 simulation package fails to reproduce data well. Some optional packages allow big improvement in the agreement. The disagreements are at the very fine level of detail which is not available in conventional calorimeters.

The concept of Digital Hadron Calorimetry is validated.