

# LFHCAL Test Beams – The Past, The Present, The Future

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# The Premature Summary

- 2023: mini-LFHCAL @ CERN SPS
  - 10 layers
- 2024: LFHCAL @ CERN PS
  - 65 layers, single full module
  - Single channel CAEN + HGCROC readout
- 2025: LFHCAL @ CERN
  - 8\*65 layers, 8 full modules
  - Summed HGCROC readout

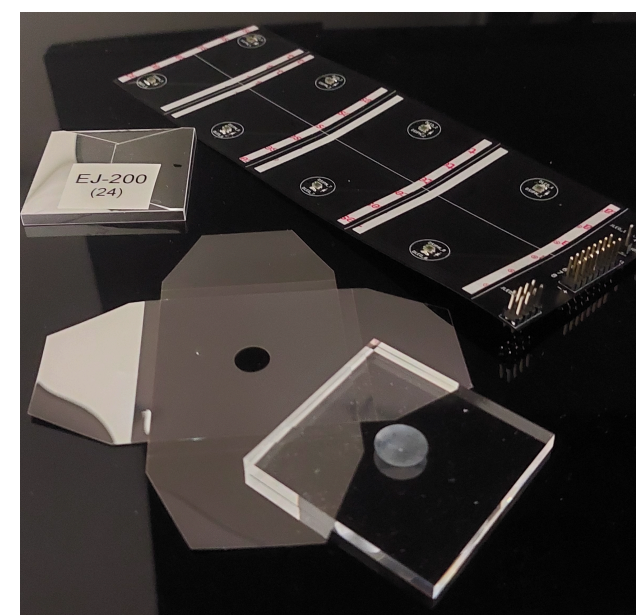
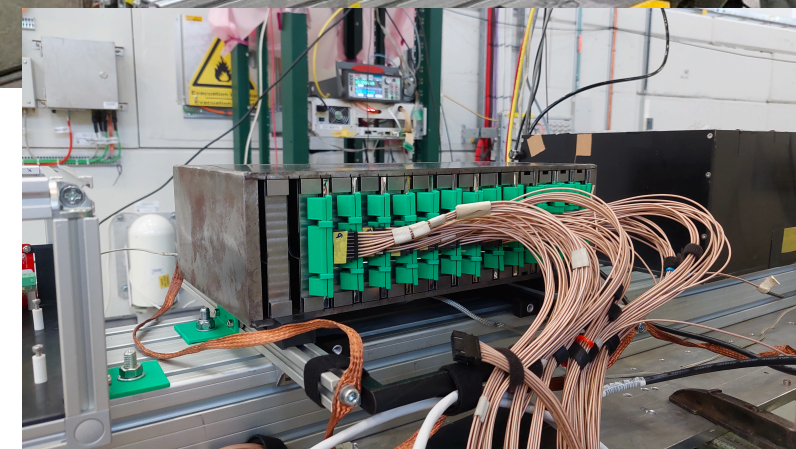
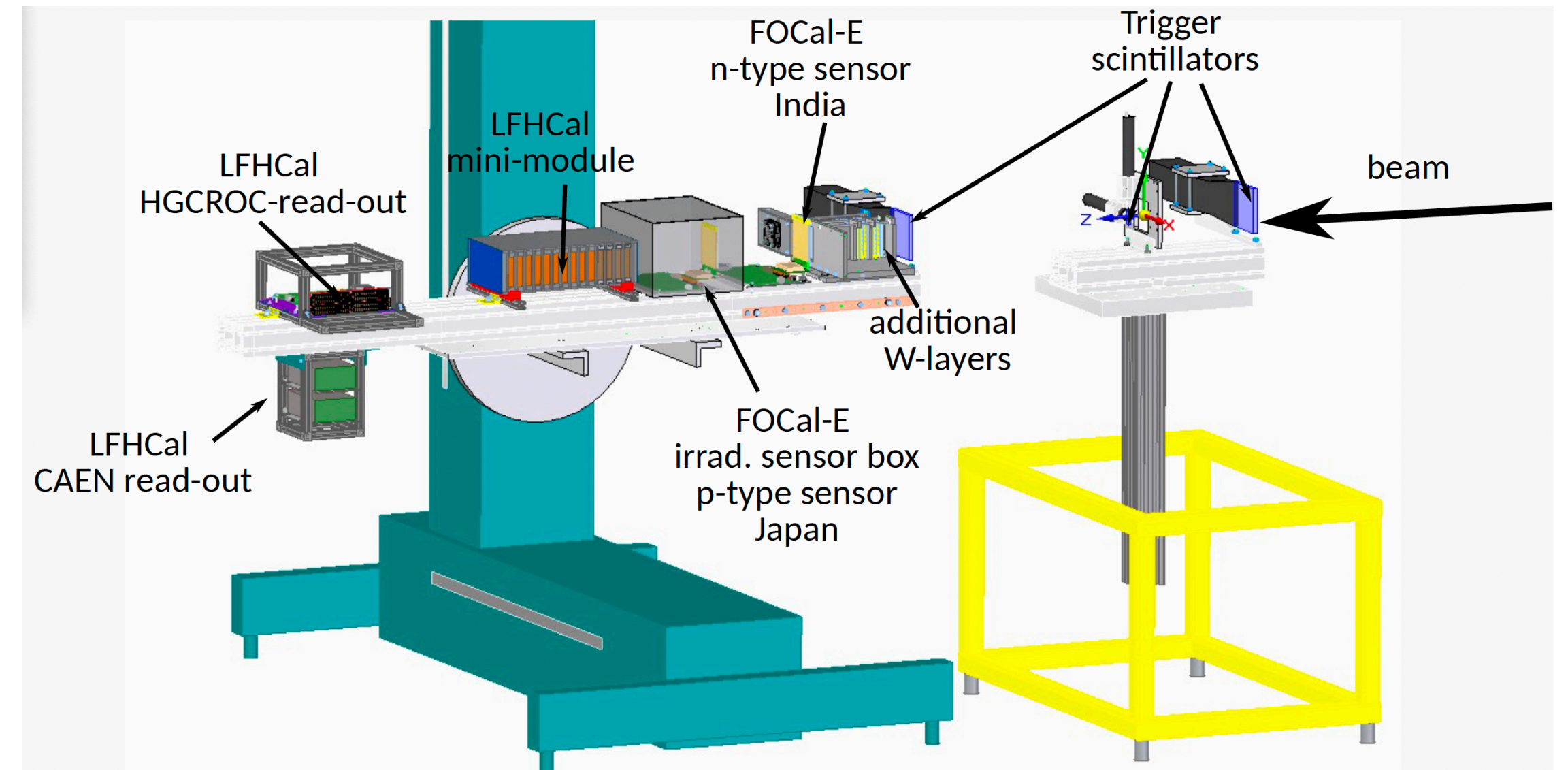
# The 2023 Testbeam

# 2023 LFHCal Test Beams at CERN

- **SPS: September 6th - 13th, 2023**
- **PS: October 11th - 18th, 2023**
  - Parasitic to FoCal-H/FoCal-E
  - Maximum 14 layers of 8M tile assembly
    - September: without absorber layers
    - October: with absorber layers
      - 4 tungsten, 10 steel
  - Read-out: CAEN DT5202 64 channel CITIROC or H2GCROC

- **Expected Measurements**

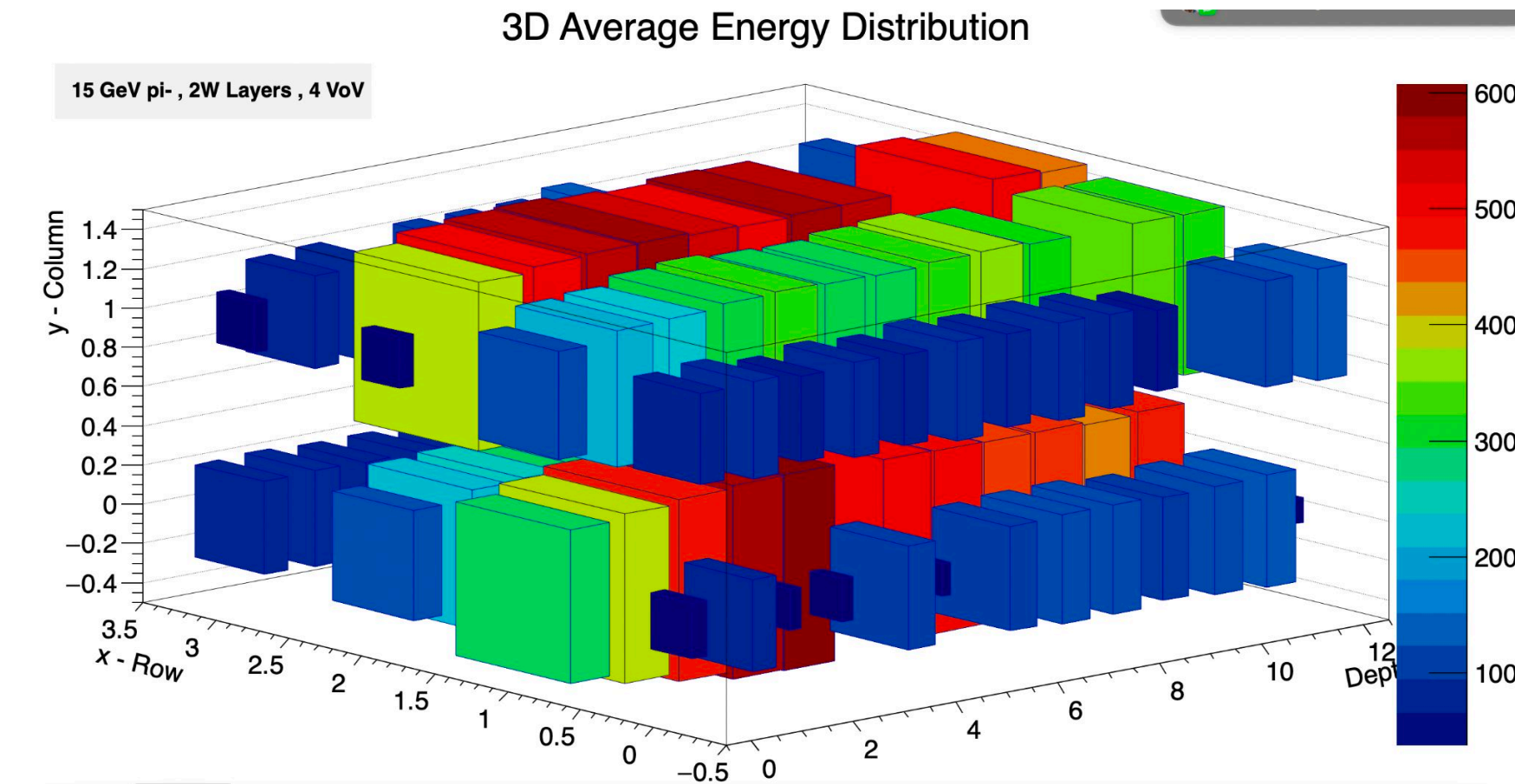
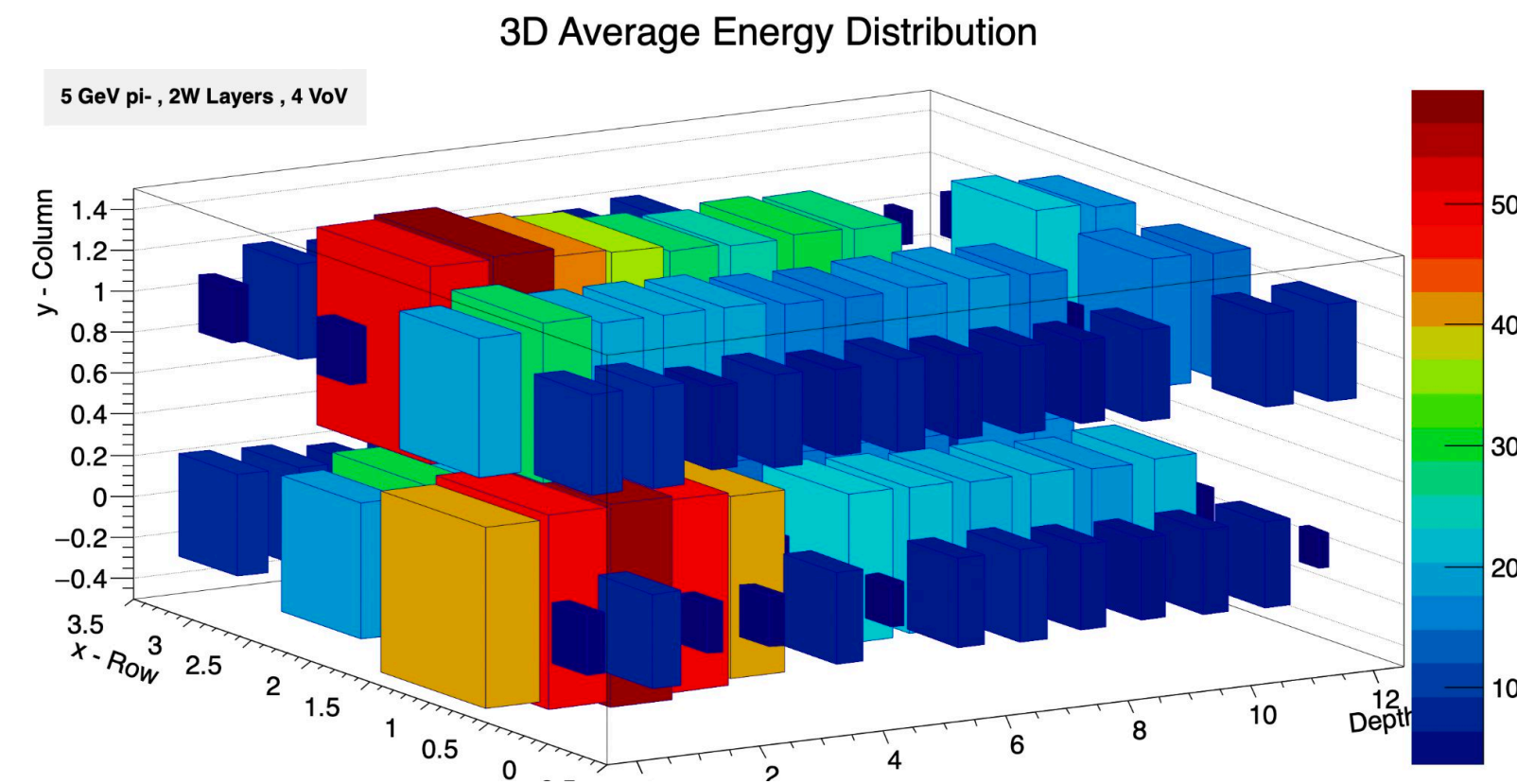
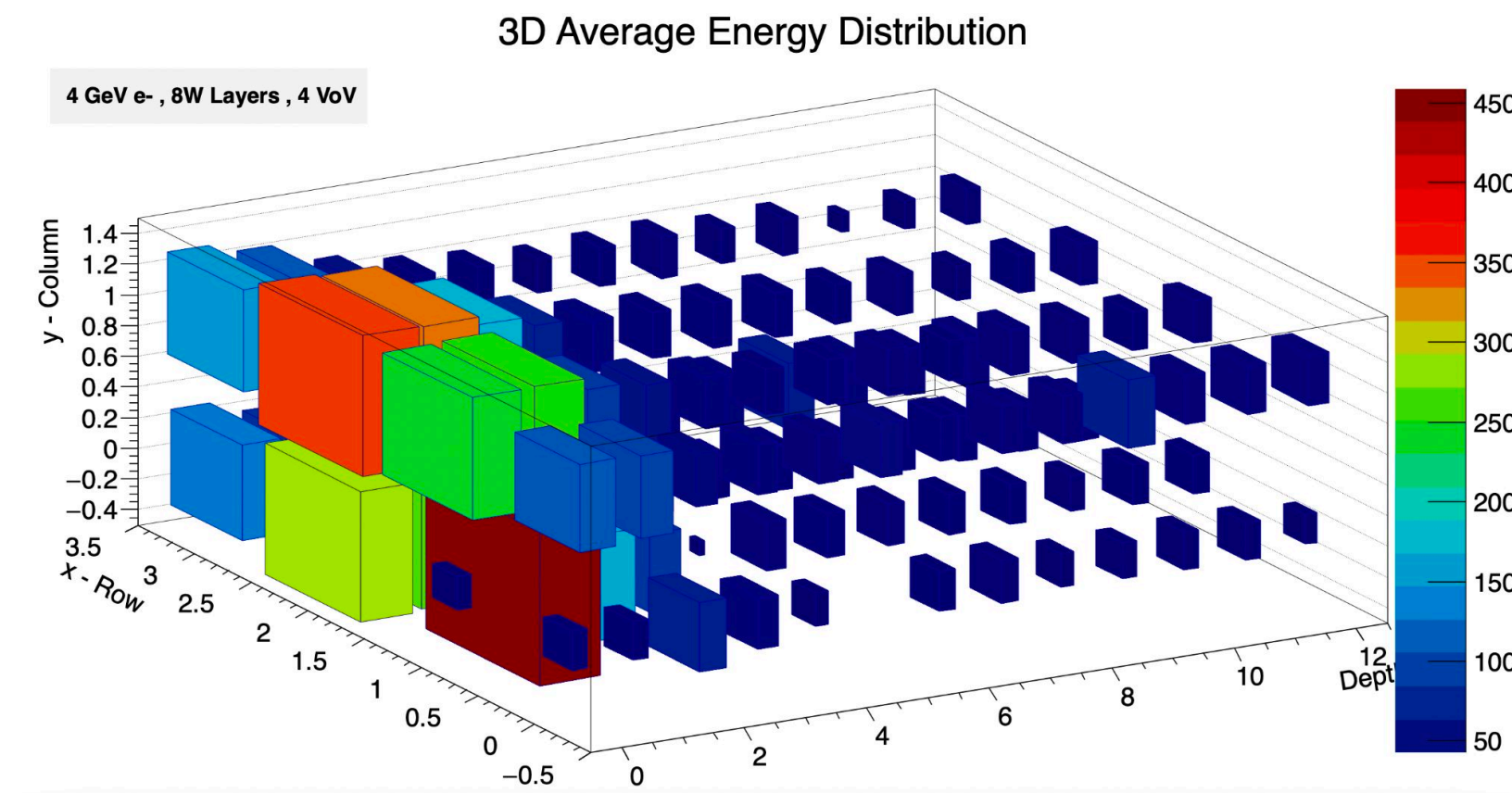
- Per tile light yields
- Shower profile measurements with different absorber
- Tile cross-talk estimates
- Testing SiPM-H2GCROC setup
- Leakage measurements (when placed behind FoCal-H)



# LFHCal Test Beams at CERN



- October:



- September Campaign:

- Full  $V_{ov}$  scan
- Gain scan
- Position scan
- FoCal-H Leakage measurement

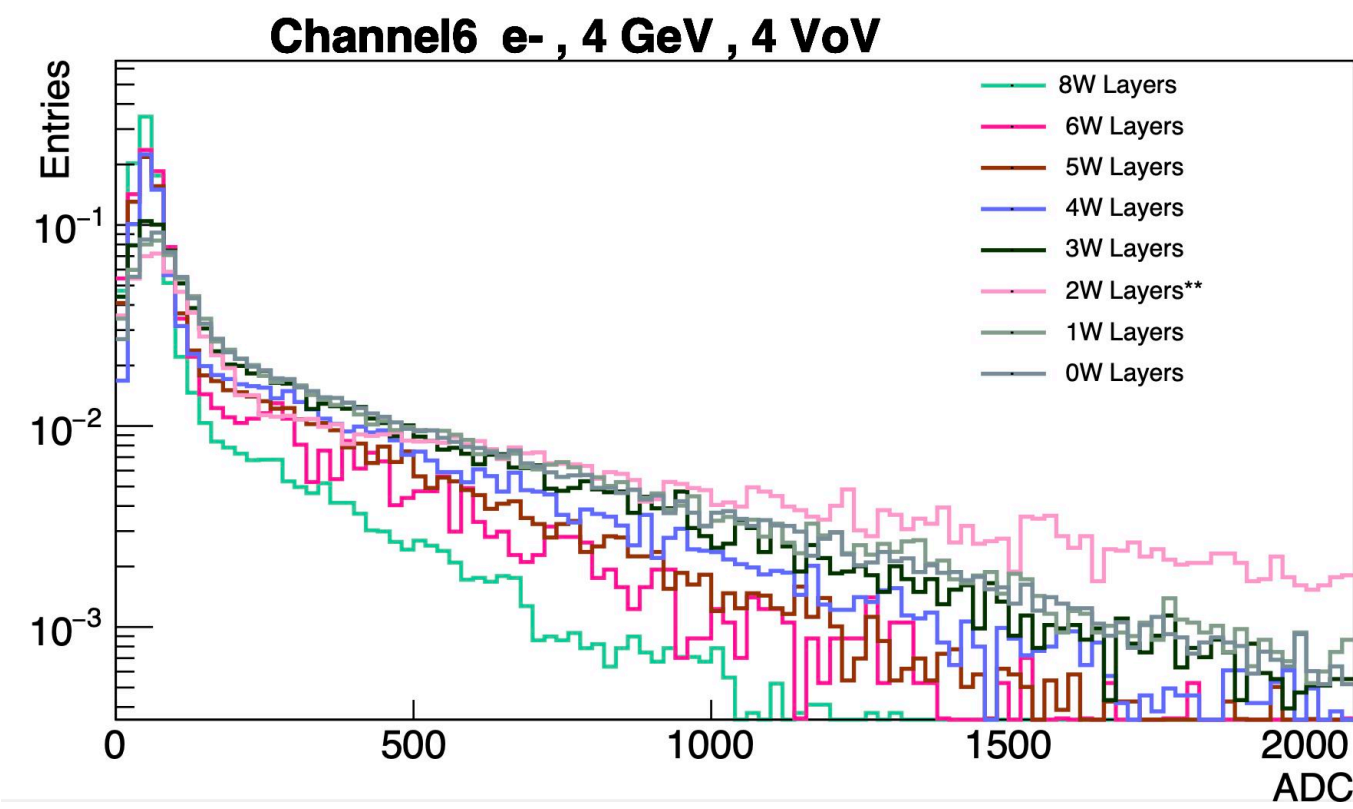
- October Campaign:

- Full  $V_{ov}$  scan ( $e^-/\pi^-$ )
- Gain scan
- Scan with additional tungsten plates in front ( $e^-$ )
- $e^-$  shower (1 - 5 GeV)
- $\pi^-$  shower (5, 10, and 15 GeV)

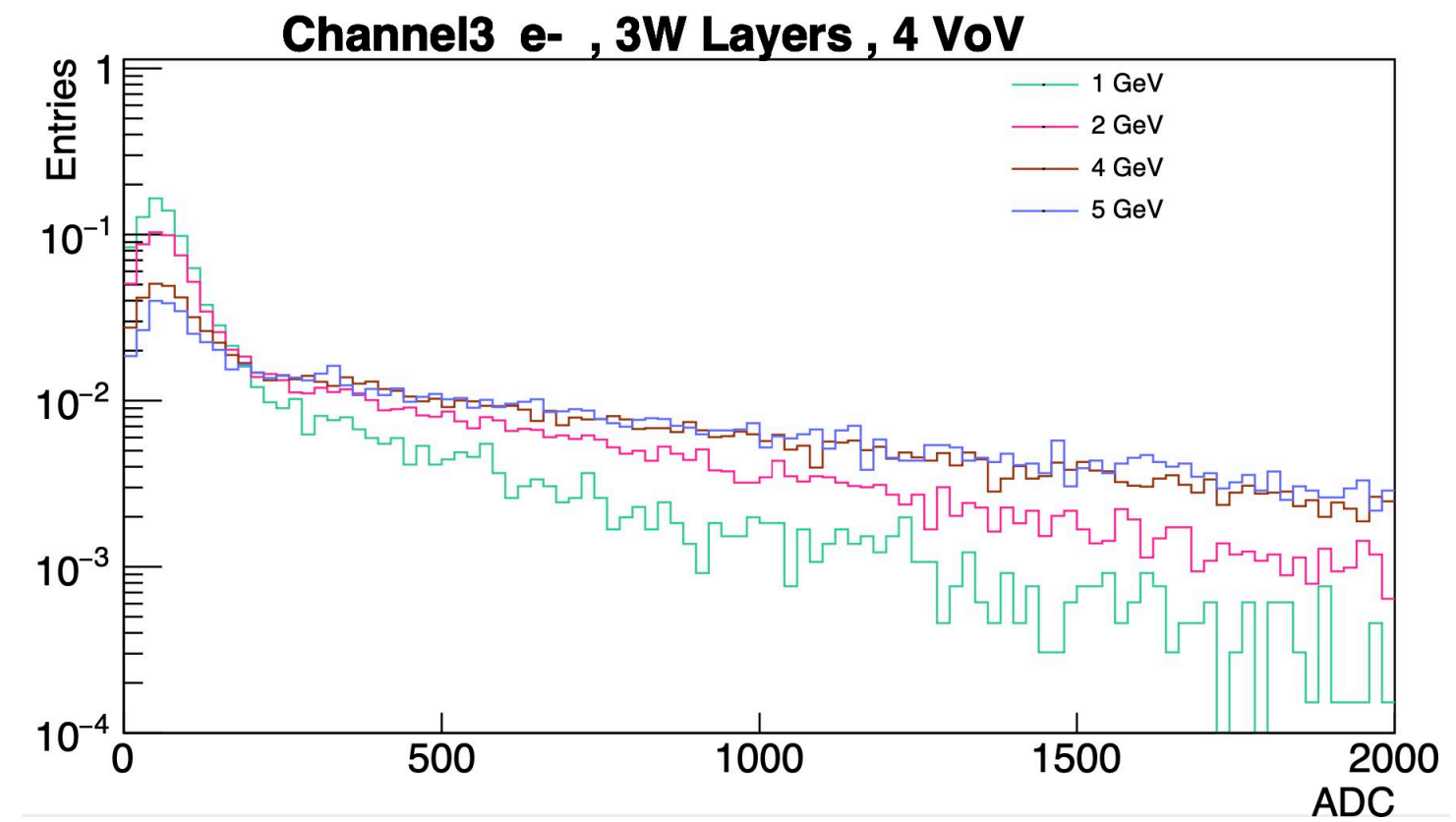
# LFHCaI Test Beams at CERN (CAEN Readout)



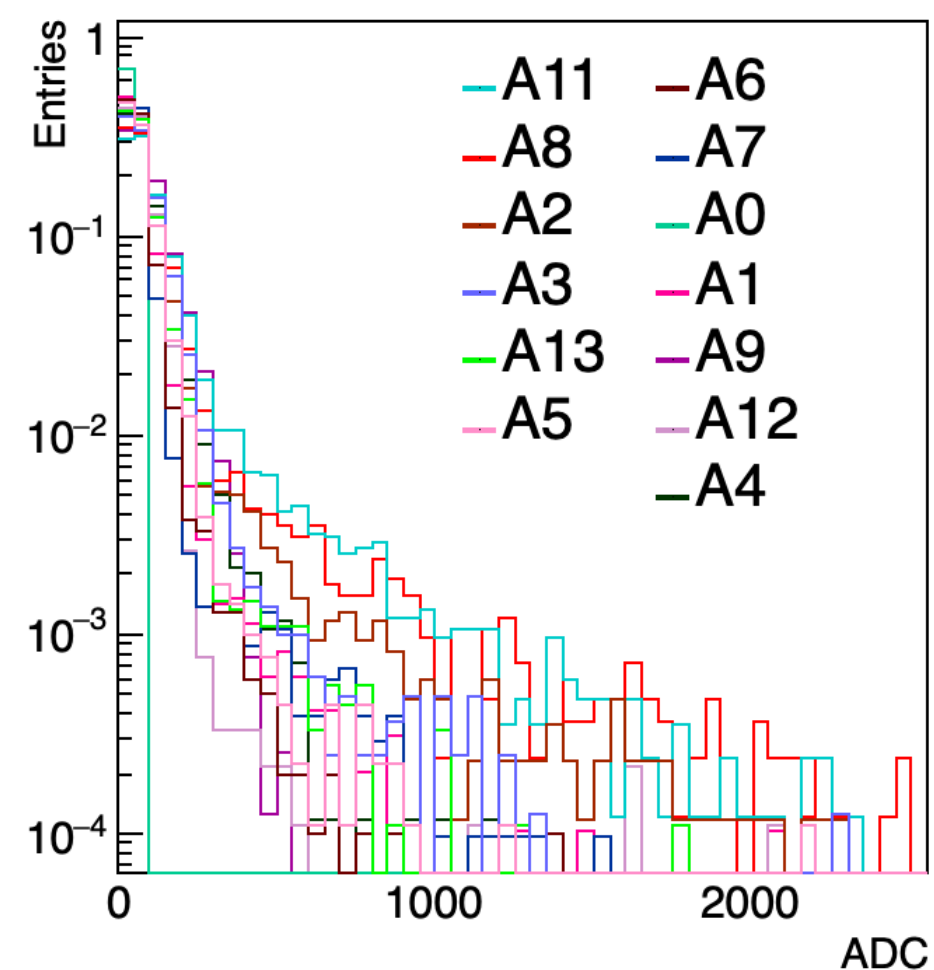
## Tungsten layer scan



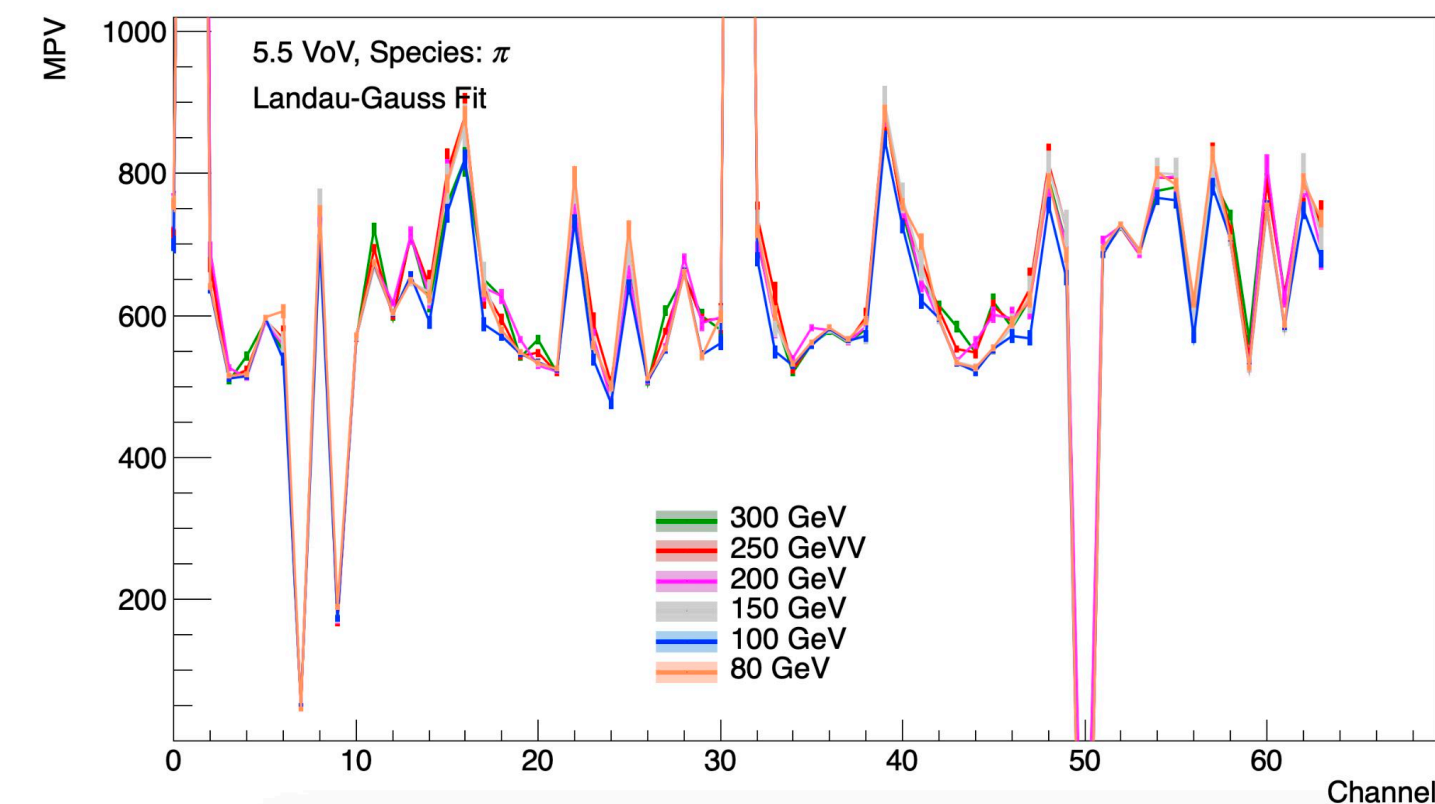
## e<sup>-</sup> energy scan



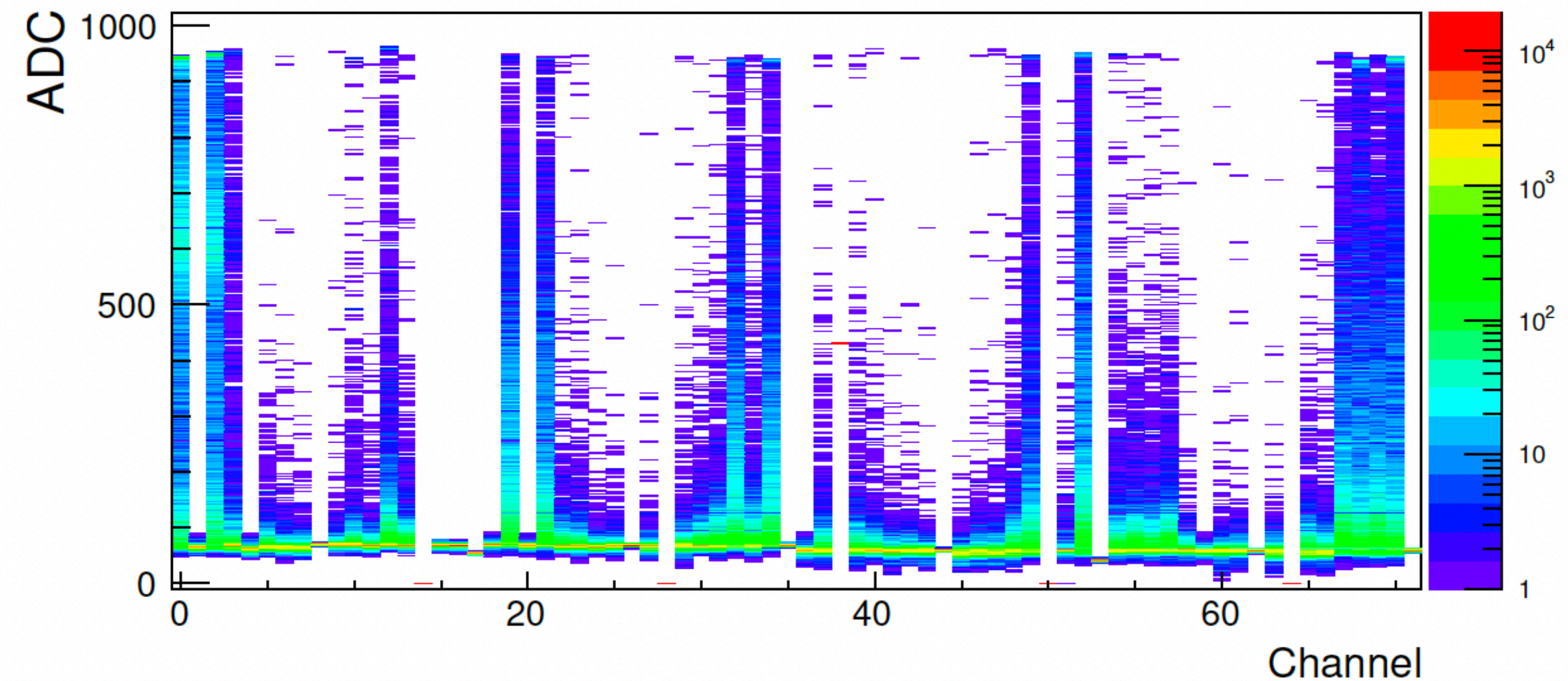
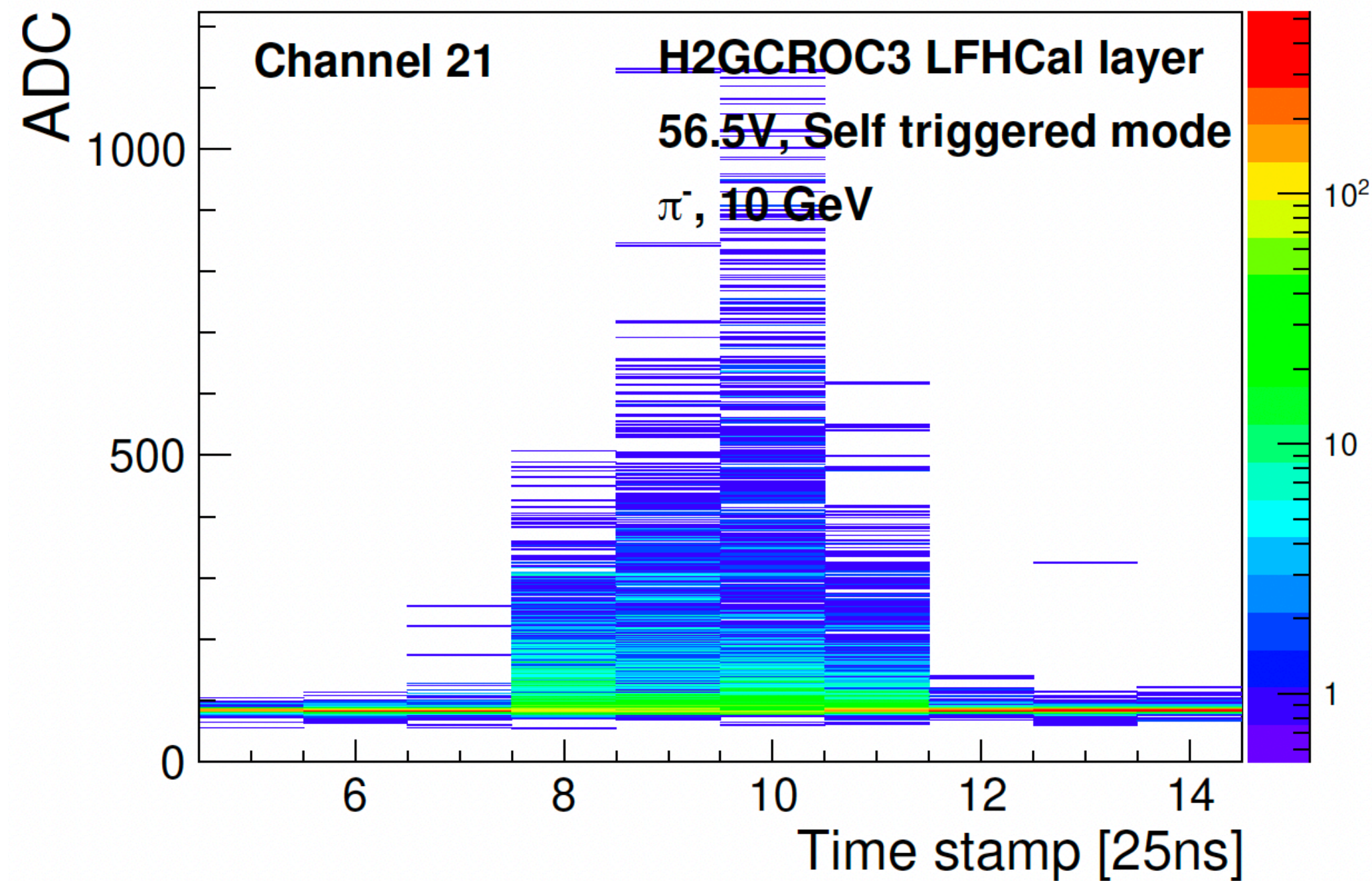
## e<sup>-</sup> shower development



## Scintillator MIP response



# LFHCAL Test Beam: H2GCROv3a First Results

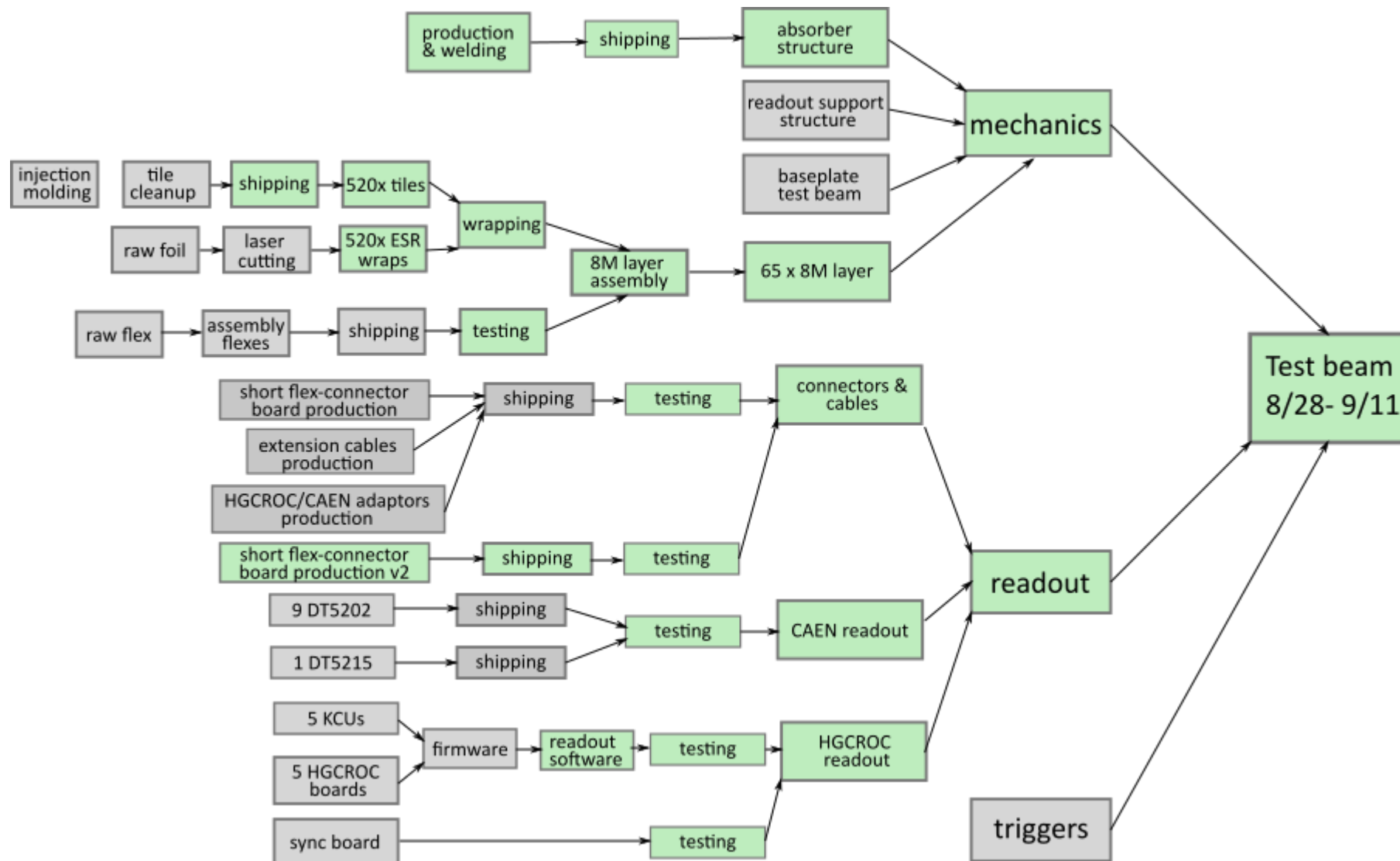


- H2GCROC read-out ready by last 1.5 days of October campaign
- Self-triggered data was acquired
- PS beam stop during last evening kept externally triggered setup from operating

# The 2024 Testbeam



# LFHCAL Prototype: Status at a glance



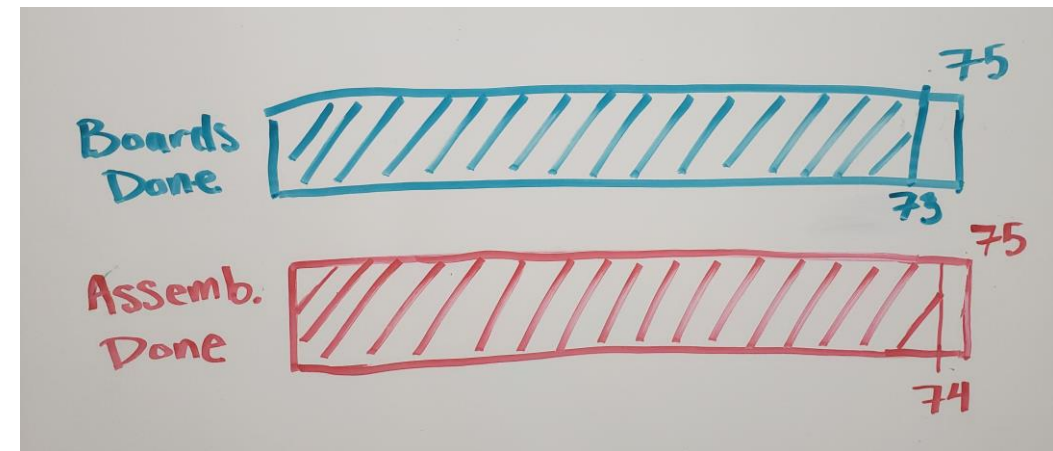
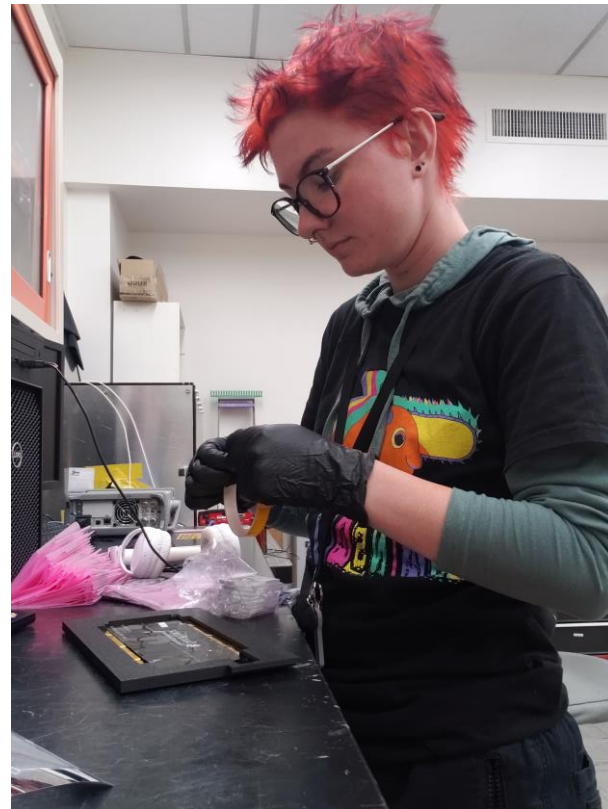
# LFHCAL Prototype: Mechanics

- First mechanics module available, almost on its way to CERN



# LFHCAL Prototype: Scintillator Layers

- All files available at ORNL (with many thanks to Valpo!)
- ORNL summer interns Droc and Hagen (both UTK) have assembled and tested 73 scintillator layers



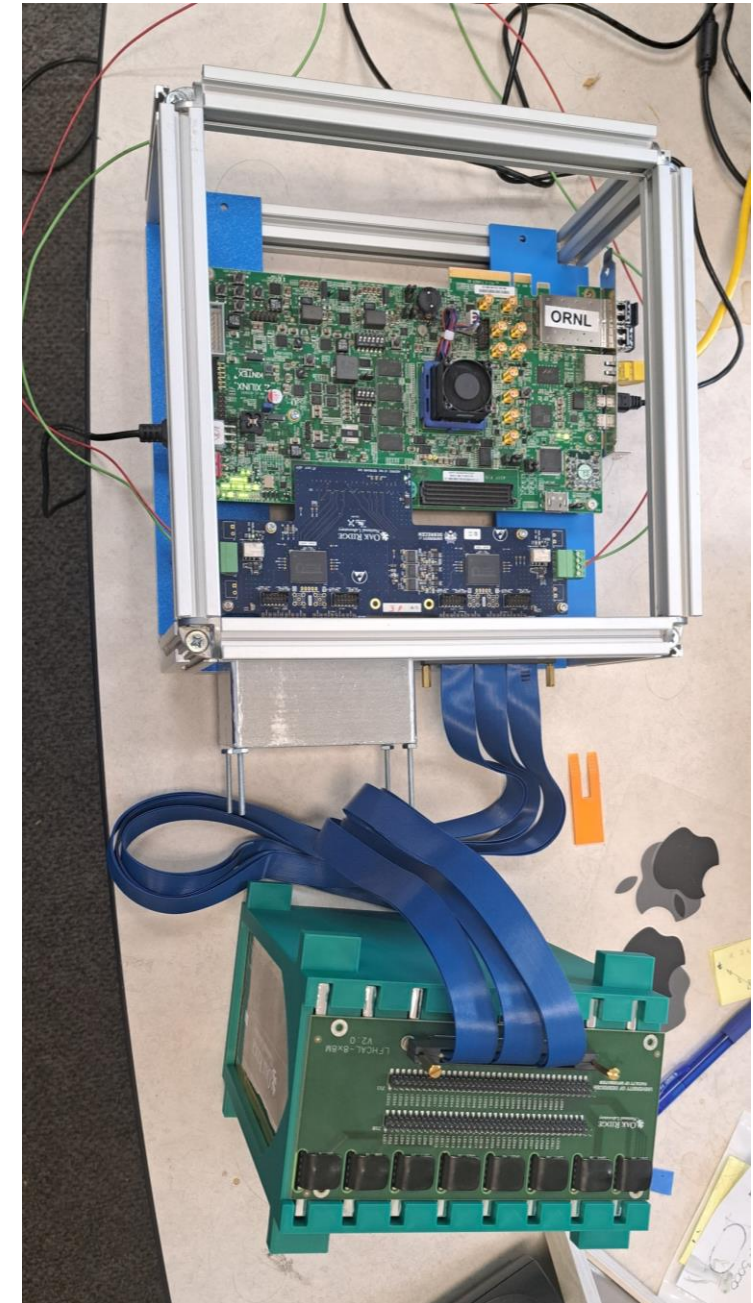
# LFHCAL Prototype: CAEN Readout

- Have 9 DT5202 on hand:
  - 5 at ORNL, x at Yale, x at CERN, x at Valpo
- DT5215 data concentrator available at ORNL
  - Have tested various chain configurations of up to 4 DT5202 units successfully.
  - The usual software and firmware woes, but seems stable.



# LFHCAL Prototype: HGCRROC Readout

- HGCRROC readout works.
  - HGCRROC tested in May beam time with FOCAL modules, working well!
- (Most) necessary hardware ready and available



# LFHCAL Prototype: Status Summary

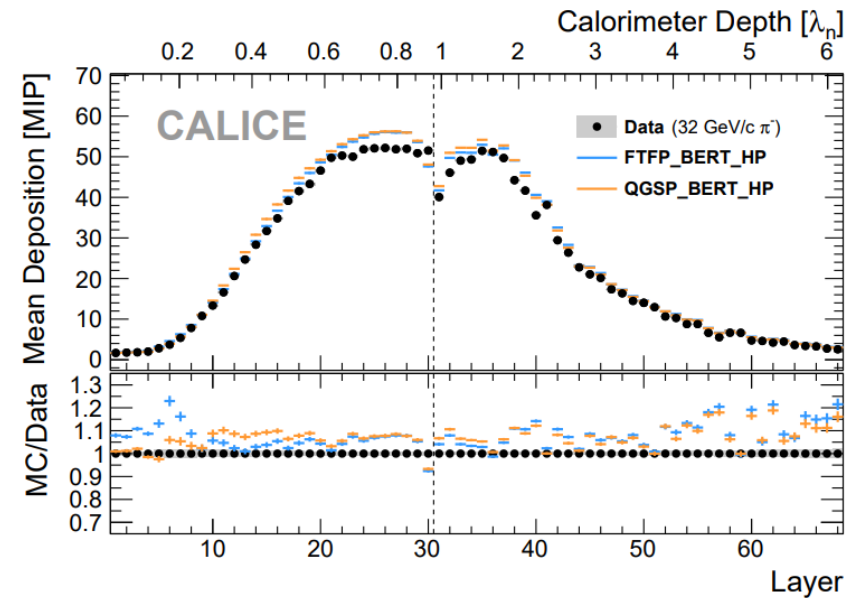
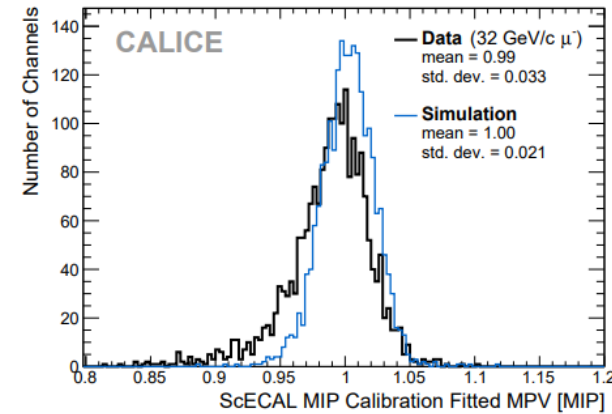
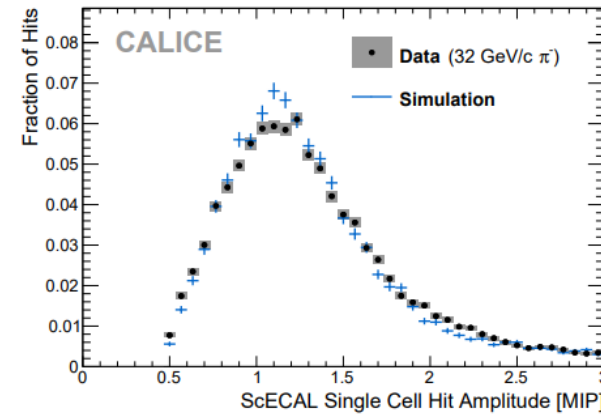
- All the showstoppers that lead to the cancellation of the last beam time have been rectified.
- Let's go to CERN!

# LFHCAL Prototype: The Plan

- Two continuous weeks of beam time at CERN PS.
- **August 28-September 11**
- First week: HGCRROC Readout
- Second week: CAEN DT5202 Readout

# LFHCAL Prototype: The Goal

- Expose LFHCAL module to muons, electrons, pions in energy range 1-10GeV
- Muons: Cell-by-cell MIP calibration
- Electrons: Response, resolution
  - Single cell hit spectra, SiPM saturation effects
  - + Geant4 comparison
- Pions: no chance to laterally contain pion showers
  - Longitudinal shower profiles, hit spectra
  - + Geant4 comparisons
- Publish in NIM/JINST:
  - Single paper?: construction, beam analysis?
  - Two papers?: construction, lab tests, 2023 beam + 2024 beam





# Shifters at CERN

- Lots of people already committed to support
- Can use more folks to join especially in second week
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PhS-cNn\\_RaXAg-ve5m3gGgDljovNYcPcVOQ3fz5\\_kqo/edit?pli=1&gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PhS-cNn_RaXAg-ve5m3gGgDljovNYcPcVOQ3fz5_kqo/edit?pli=1&gid=0#gid=0)
- Testbeams are exciting fun!
  - Come and join us!

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# The 2025 Testbeam

- May (?) 2025: 8 fully equipped LFHCAL modules
  - 40cmx40cm, almost enough for a hadron shower...
  - Full readout scheme test: HGCROC, summing boards
- 8x more of everything
  - Challenge in construction, setup, QA...
  - ... and then we need to do two more order of magnitude steps up towards full ePIC LFHCAL
- Software and simulation efforts from 2024 beam will enable 2025 analysis...
  - Should really move towards implementing test beam analysis in eicrecon

# Summary

- We will have the first full LFHCAL module in the CERN PS beam from August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Come and join us there!
  - It's a great time to get involved, things are getting very real very fast!