

# The Forward Calorimeter Proposal in ALICE

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# Outline

- Introduction
  - ALICE upgrades
  - Small-x physics
- Sensitivity of probes
- Detector design
- Performance simulations
- Conclusions

# ALICE Upgrade Physics

- ALICE physics program until  $\approx 2025$  (endorsed by LHCC)
  - study of strongly interacting matter at very high temperature: the quark-gluon plasma
- measurement of heavy-flavour transport parameters
  - study of QGP properties via transport coefficients
- charmonium states down to  $p_T = 0$ 
  - statistical hadronization vs. dissociation/recombination
  - enhancement of forward measurement (to be endorsed)
- measurement of low-mass and low- $p_T$  dileptons
  - chiral symmetry restoration, thermal radiation
- jet quenching and fragmentation (with PID)
- light anti- and hyper-nuclei

# Main Upgrade Strategy

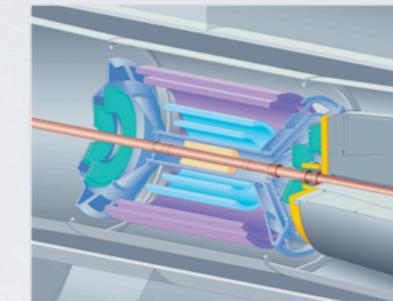
- focus on low  $p_T$ , **untriggerable** probes requiring **high statistics**
  - increase rate capabilities for minimum bias heavy-ion collision
    - upgrade of TPC and ITS, all readout electronics, etc.
    - target: inspection of 50 kHz of minimum bias Pb+Pb
      - factor 100 increase in statistics (for untriggered probes)
    - collect  $> 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity
      - upgrade in LS2, implies running up to  $\approx 2026$
  - ALICE is **unique** in low- $p_T$ /low-mass measurements and particle identification
    - further enhance capabilities, in particular with **upgraded ITS**
      - closer to beam, less material, better resolution

for details see: *ALICE Upgrade Lol, CERN-LHCC-2012-012*

# ALICE Detector Upgrades

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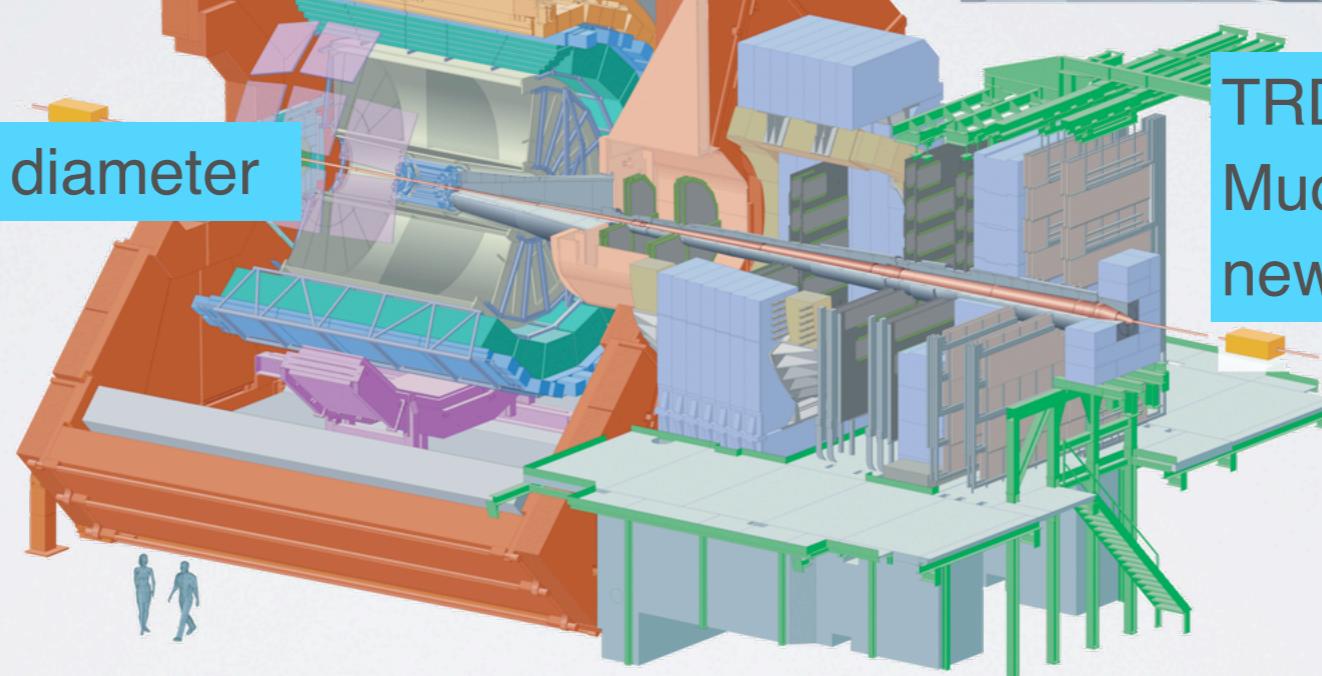
new ITS: high resolution,  
low material budget



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TRD, TOF, PHOS, EMCal,  
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new readout electronics

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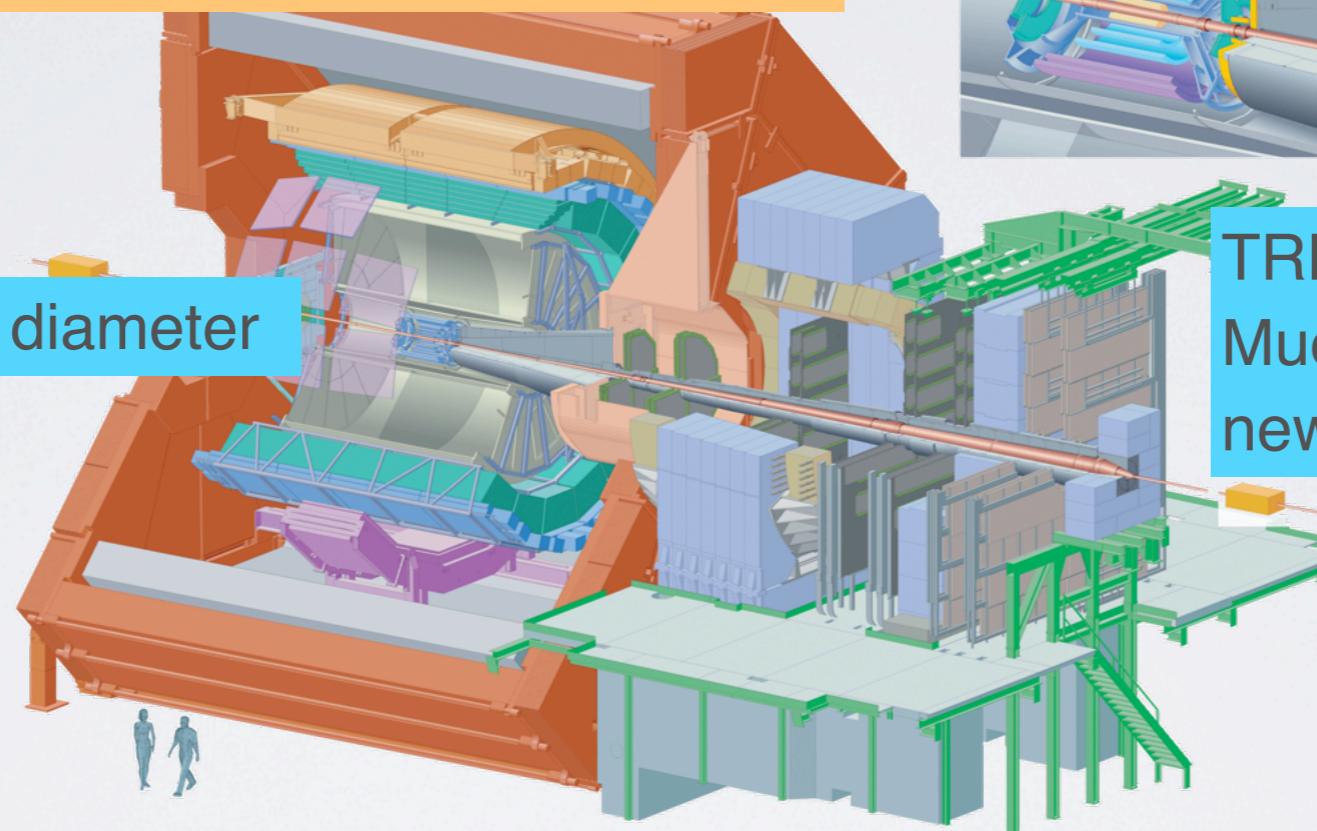
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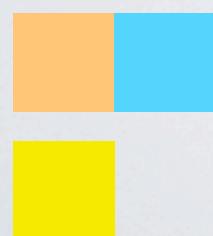
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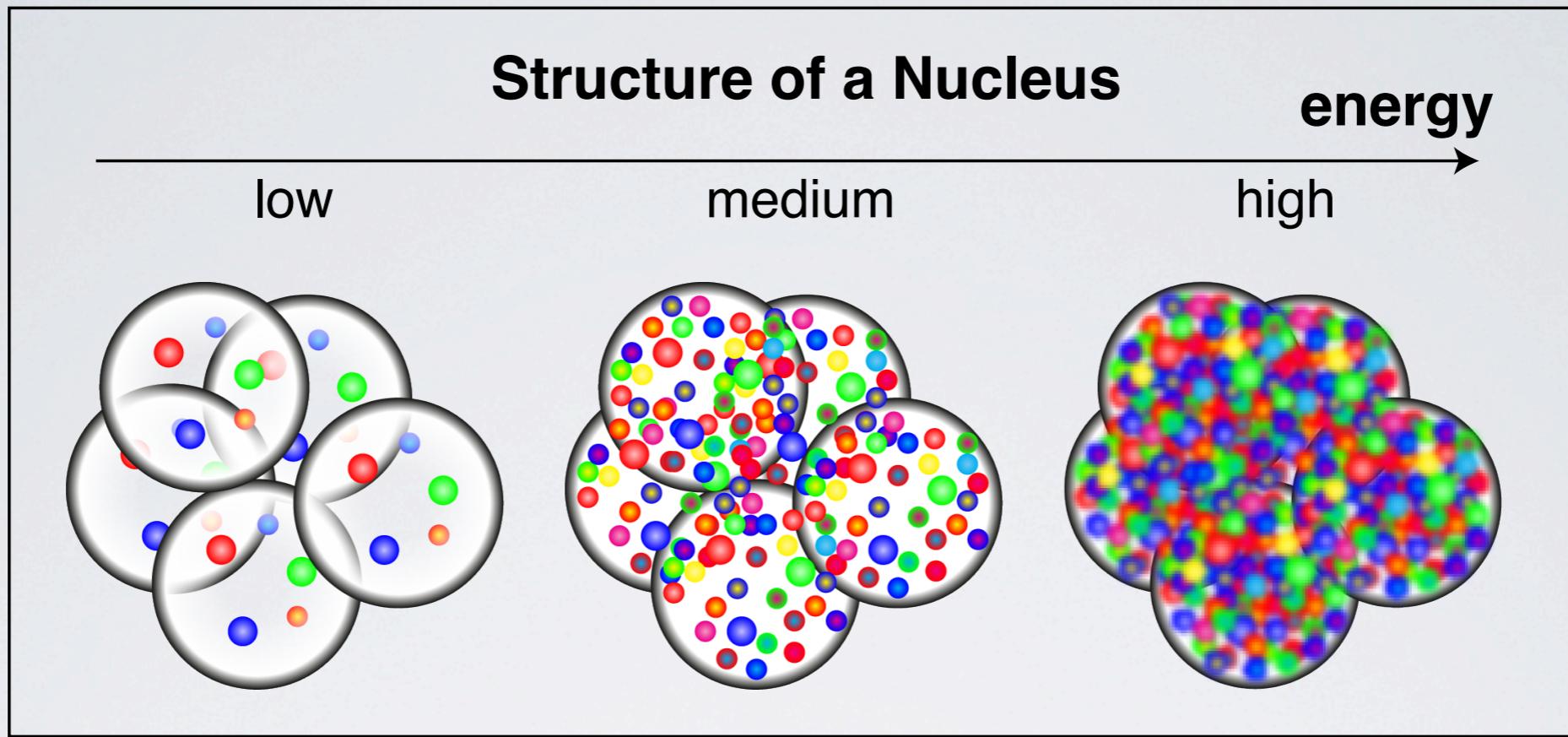
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# Forward Physics in ALICE

- additional physics potential in ALICE: forward/low-x physics
  - fundamental interest in low-x PDFs/gluon saturation
  - information on initial state yields important constraints for interpretation of QGP studies
    - e.g. knowledge of eccentricity for elliptic flow
  - forward detector enhances general physics scope
    - em calorimeter (FoCal): significant increase of coverage for photons, jets compared to existing calorimeters (PHOS, EMCal)
- FoCal: new upgrade project under discussion
  - main objective: measurement of large rapidity direct photons
  - possible installation in LS3

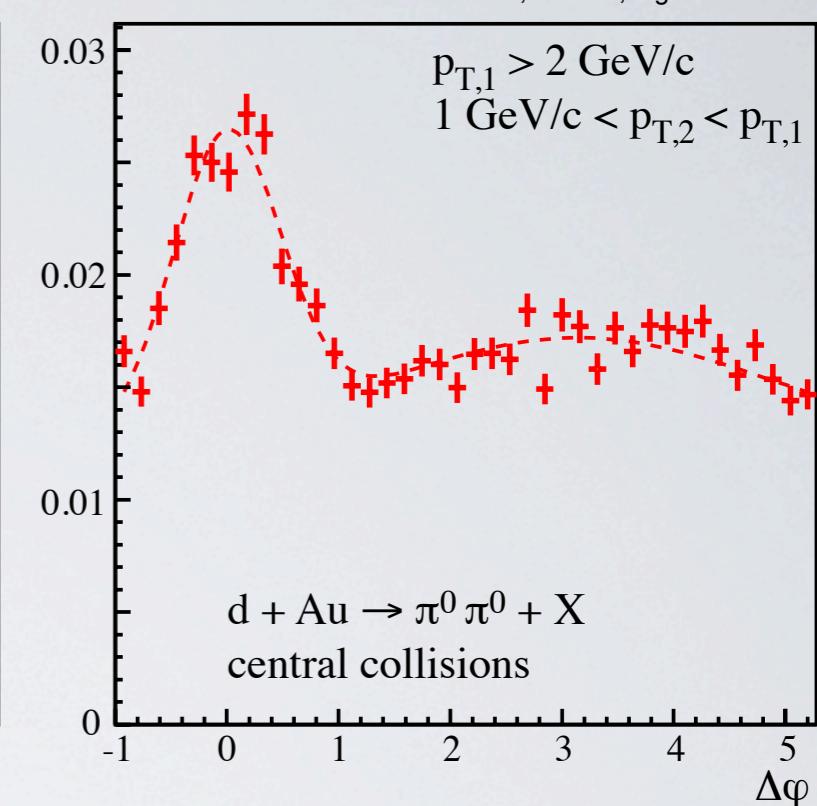
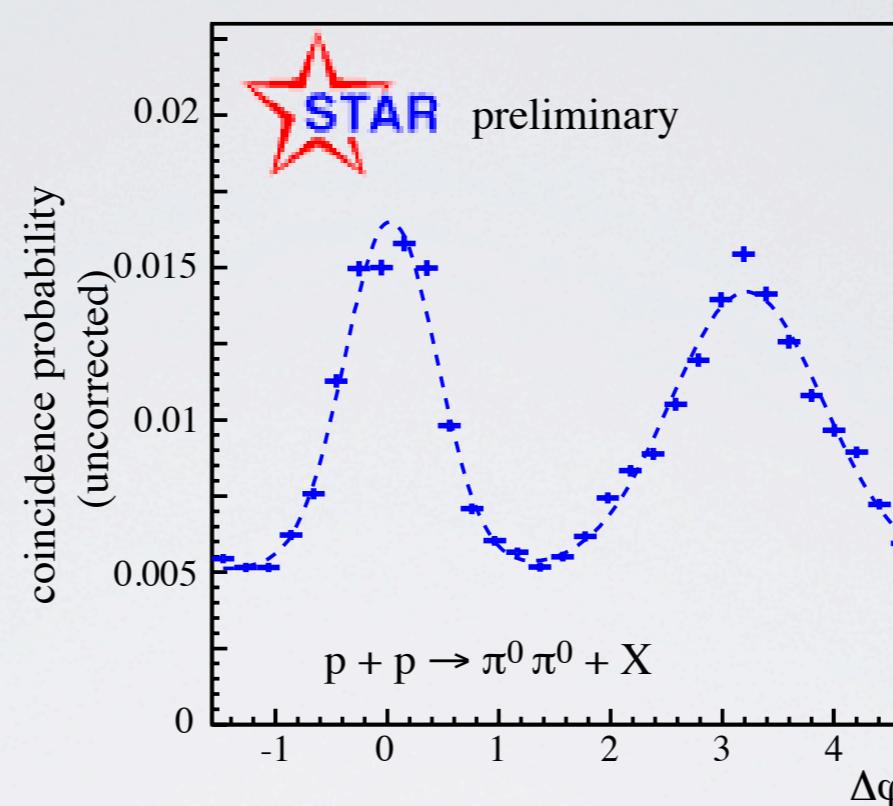
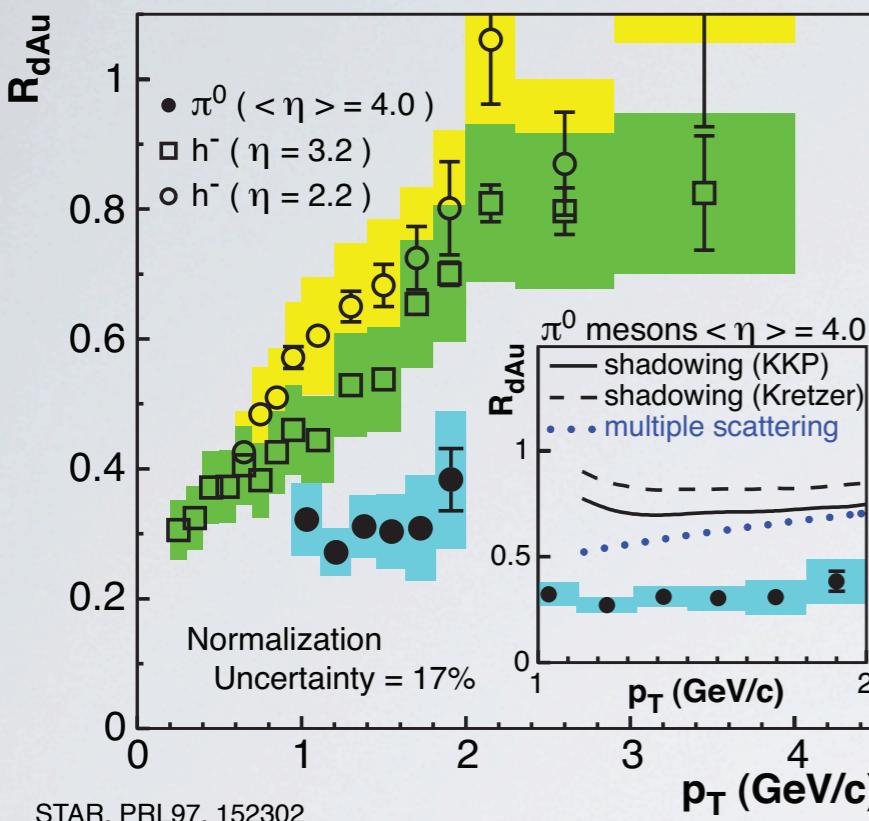
# Gluon Saturation



- low- $x$ , low  $Q^2$ : high gluon occupation number, strong fields
  - classical color fields, theoretically calculable (JIMWLK)
- new phenomena: yield suppression, monojets
  - enhanced in nuclei (stronger color field compared to proton)

# Indications from RHIC

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

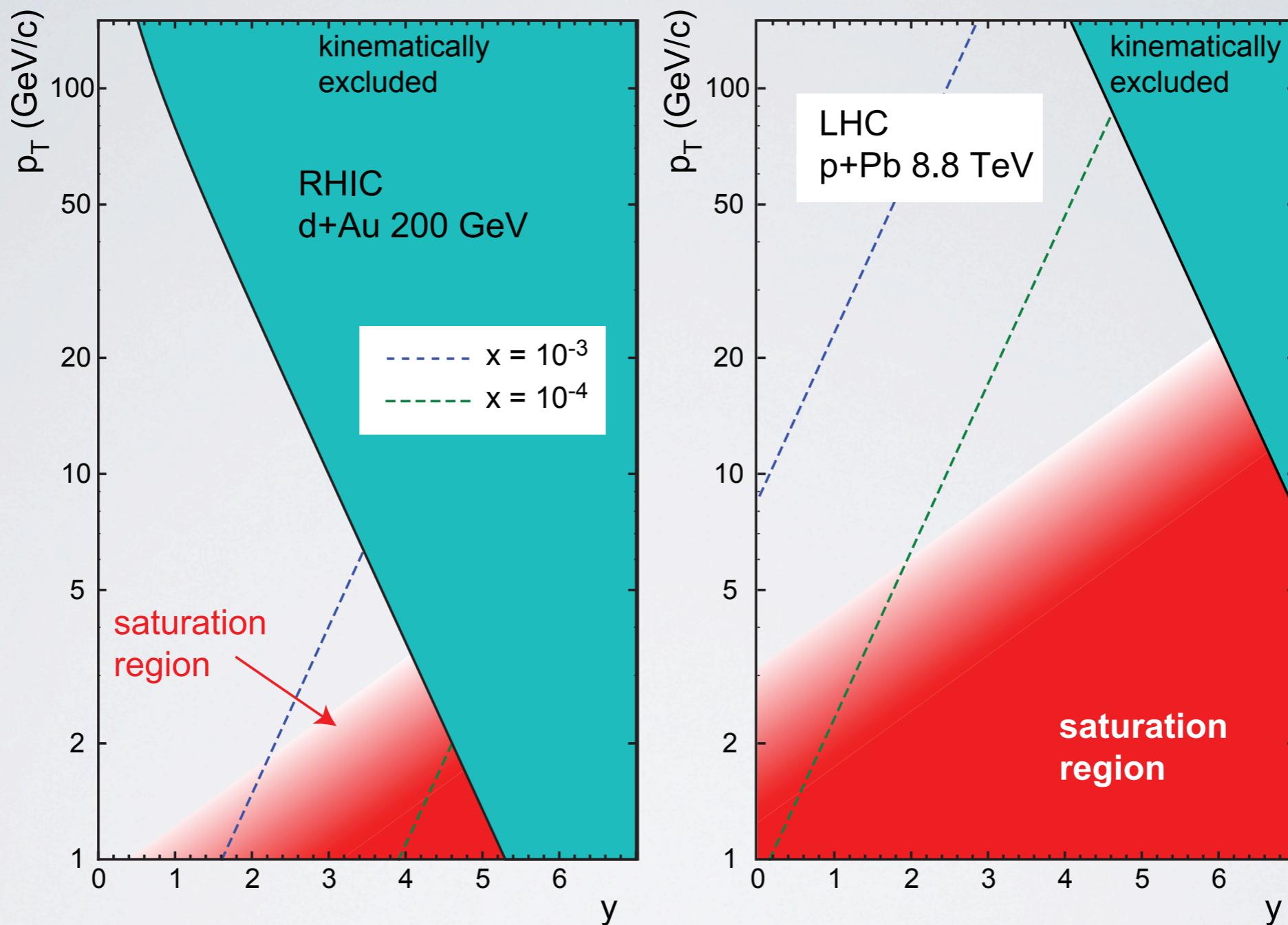


$R_{dA}$ : strong suppression of hadron yield at forward rapidity

di-hadron correlations: broadening/suppression of away-side peak in d-Au

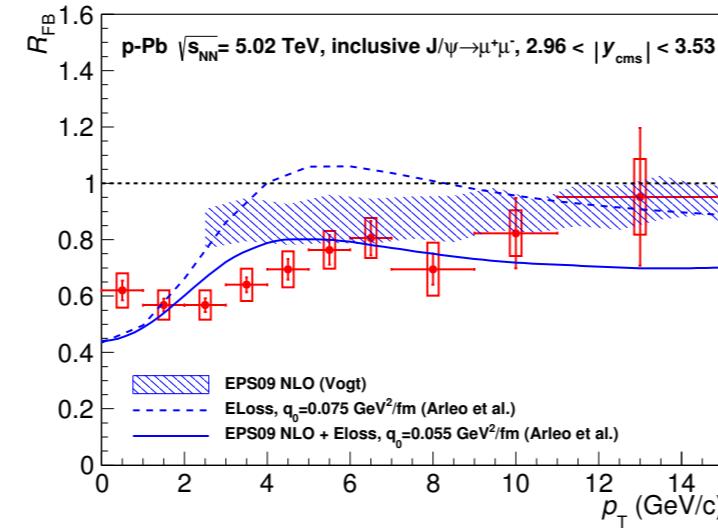
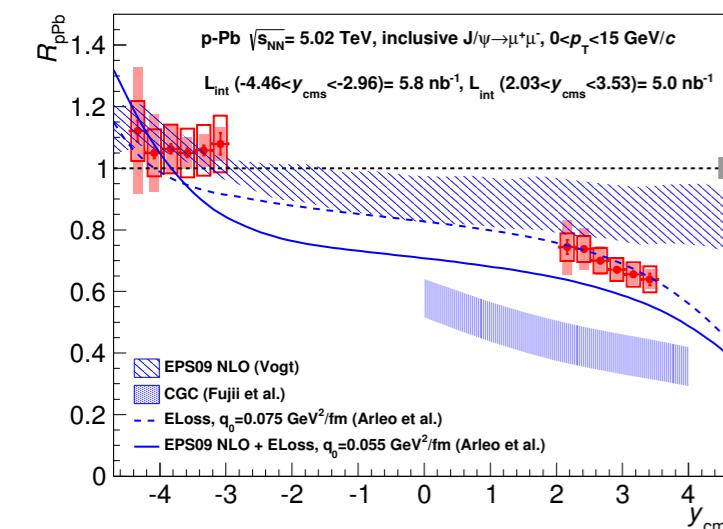
- qualitatively consistent with gluon saturation, but ...
  - very low  $p_T$ , hadron observable (final state interactions)!
- extend  $p_T$  and  $y$  range (not possible at RHIC)
- measure prompt photons

# LHC vs RHIC



- $Q_{\text{sat}}$  larger: saturation in perturbative regime?
- larger energy: lower  $x$  at same rapidity, not constrained by kinematic limit

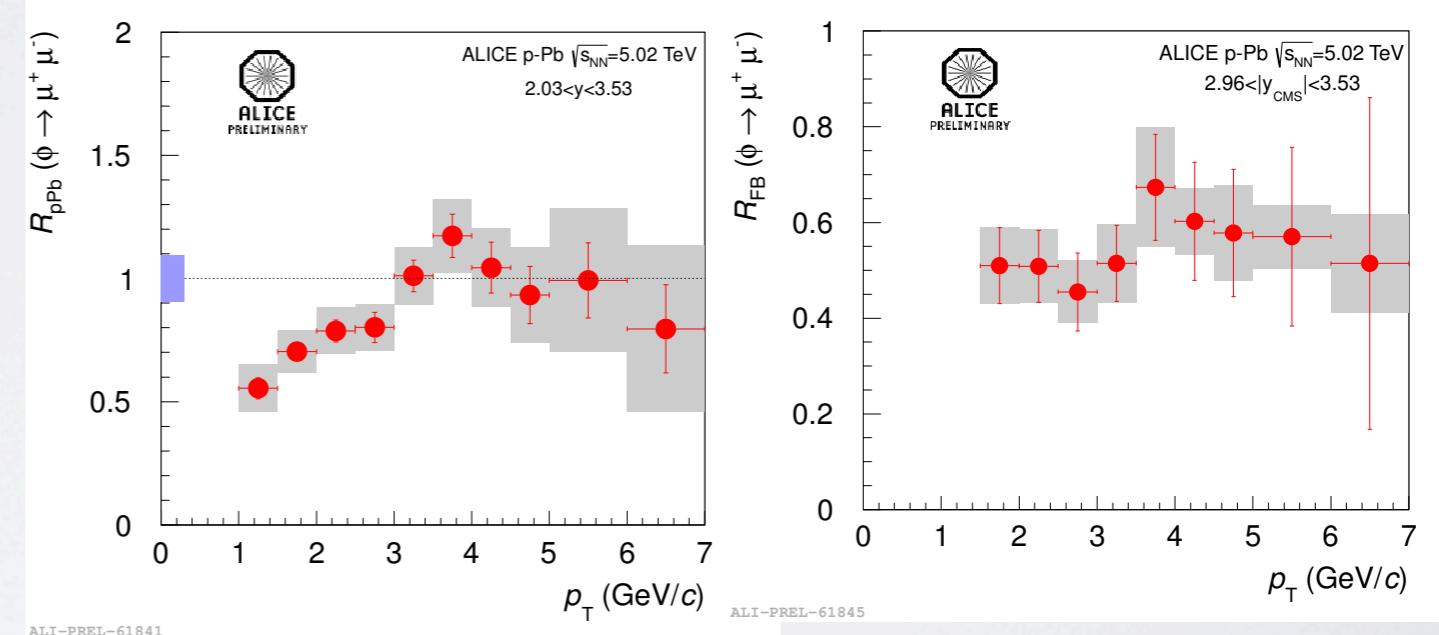
# First Results from p-A at LHC



- $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$
- $R_{pPb}$  compared to models
  - forward/backward ratio

ALICE, [arXiv:1308.6726](https://arxiv.org/abs/1308.6726)

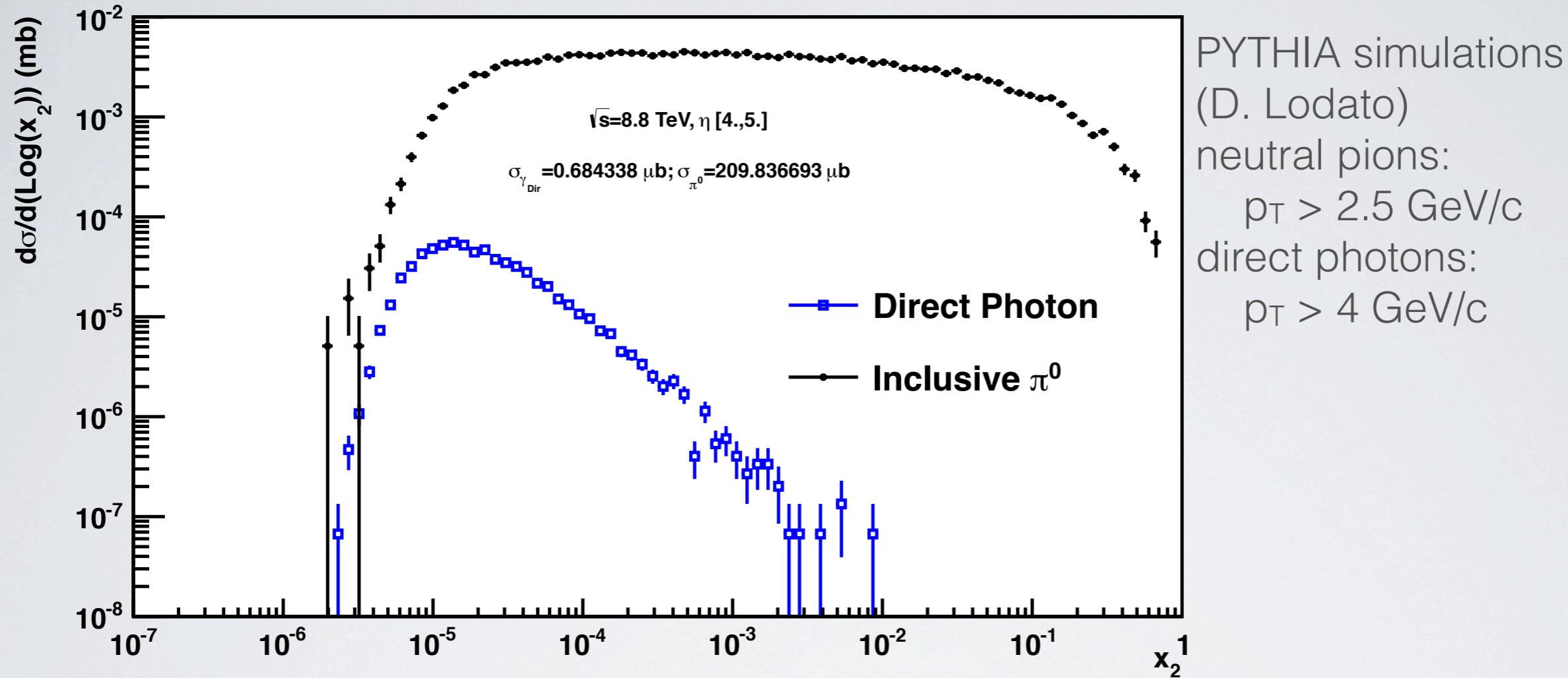
- $\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$
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- hadron suppression on forward (proton-going) side at low  $p_T$ 
  - $J/\psi$  not described by nPDFs nor by a CGC calculation
- uncertainties on
  - production mechanism ( $x, Q^2$ -sensitivity)
  - other nuclear modifications (e.g. energy loss, thermalization in pA?)

# x-Reach with Hadrons

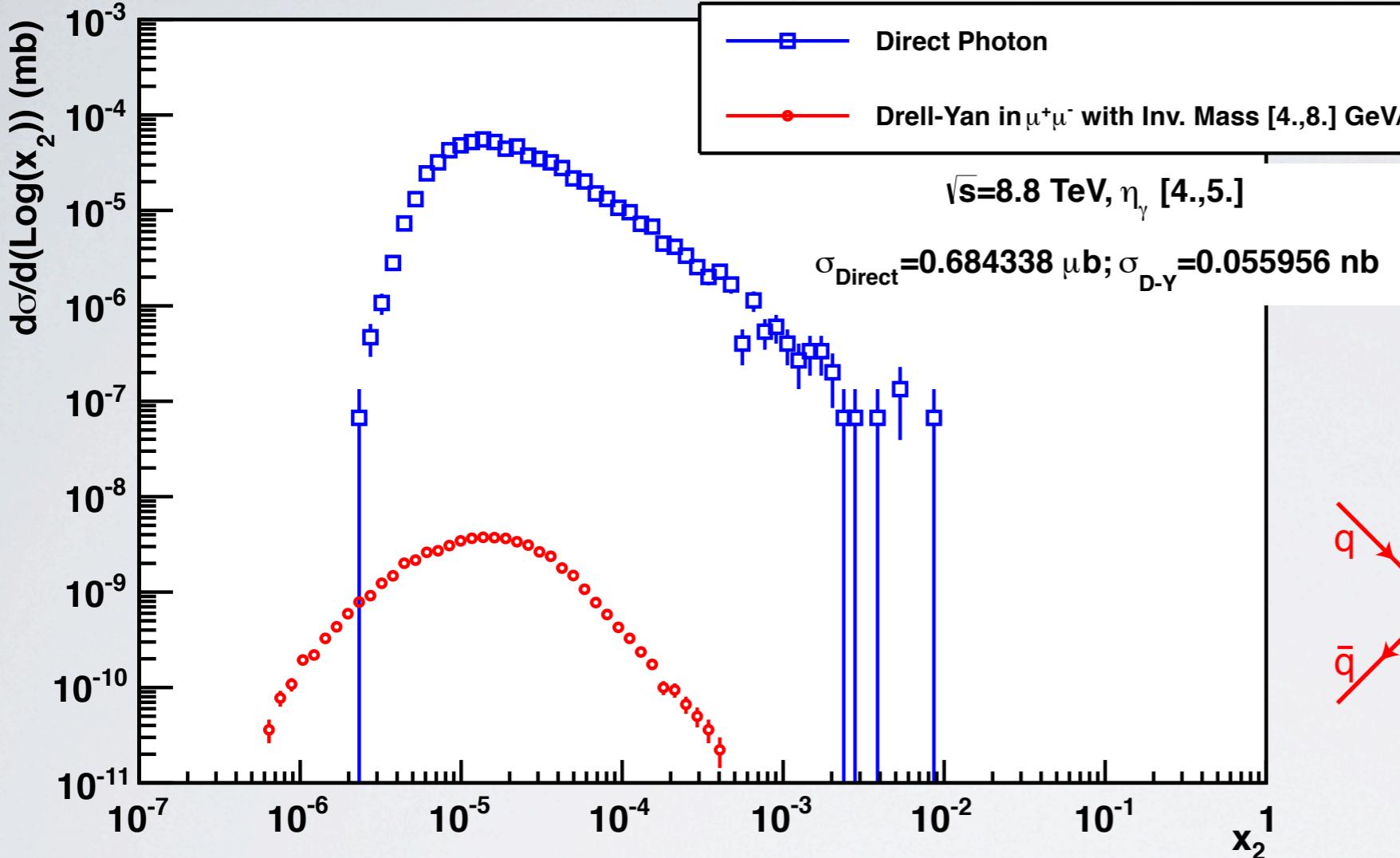
**x<sub>2</sub> distribution in pp collisions @  $\sqrt{s}=8.8$  TeV**



- very limited x-sensitivity with light hadrons
- advantage for direct photons (to be checked with NLO)

# Drell-Yan Production

**$x_2$  distribution in pp collisions @  $\sqrt{s}=8.8$  TeV**



PYTHIA simulations

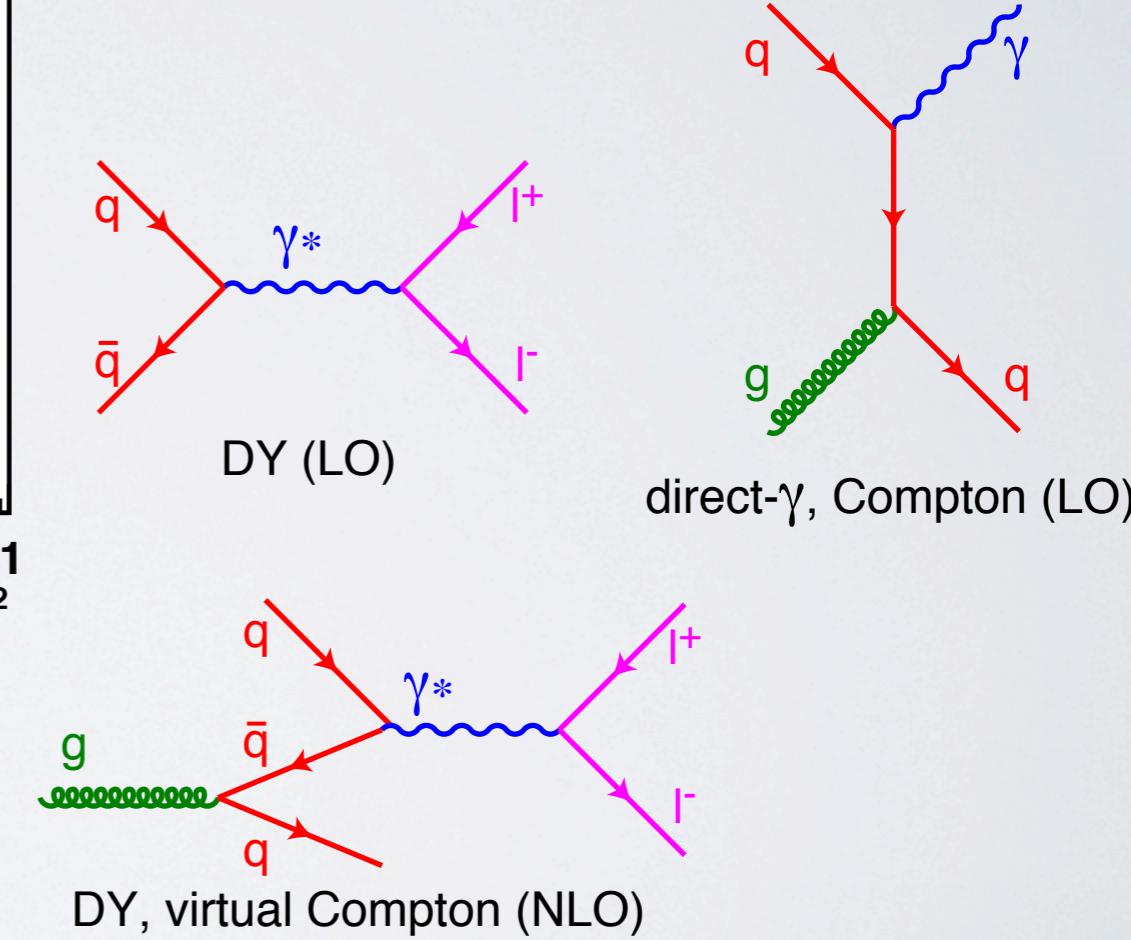
(D. Lodato)

direct photons:

$p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$

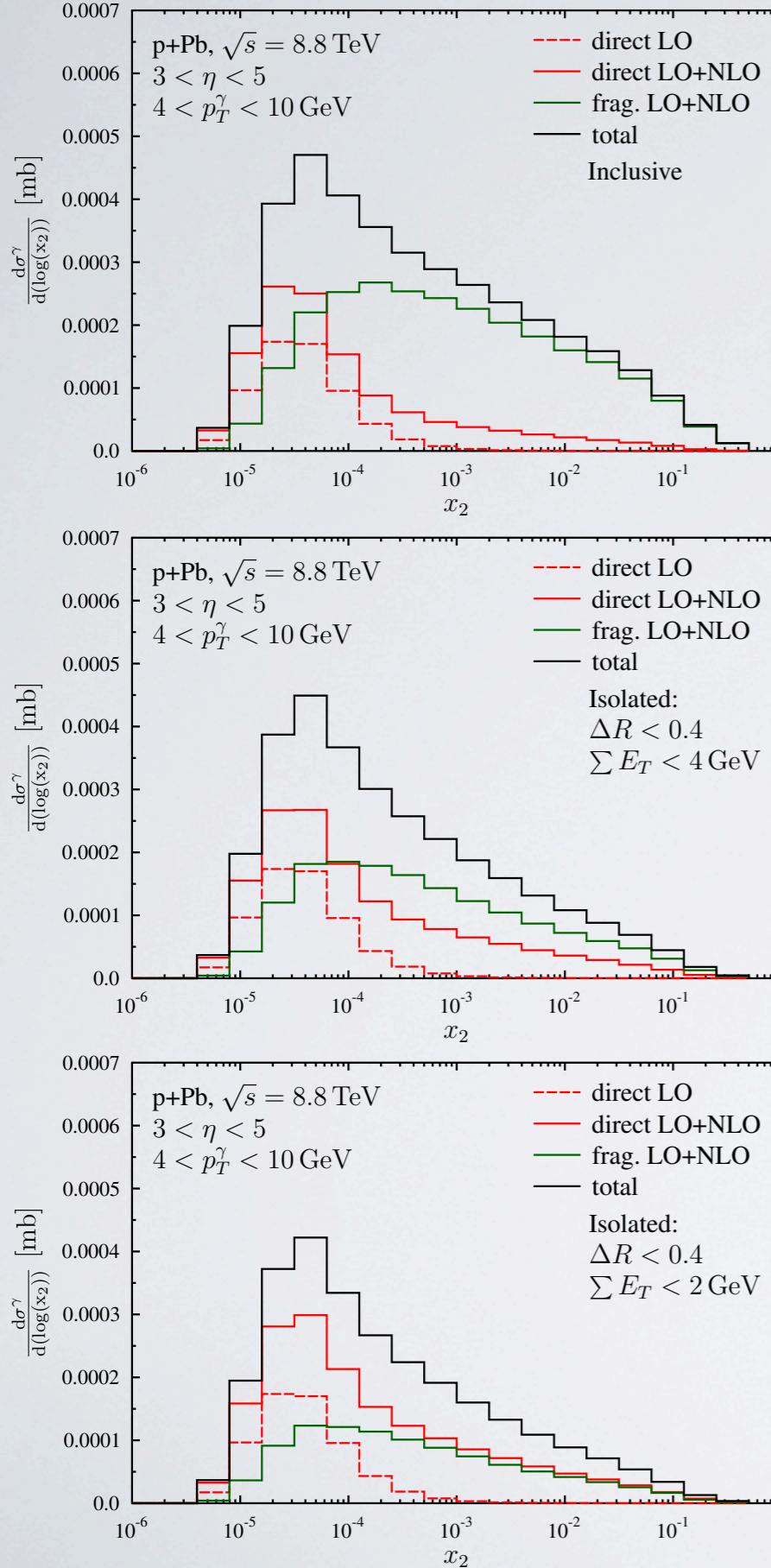
Drell-Yan:

$4 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M < 9 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



- similar  $x$ -sensitivity with Drell-Yan vs. photons
- gluon sensitivity via NLO/DGLAP?
- **very (too?) small cross section**

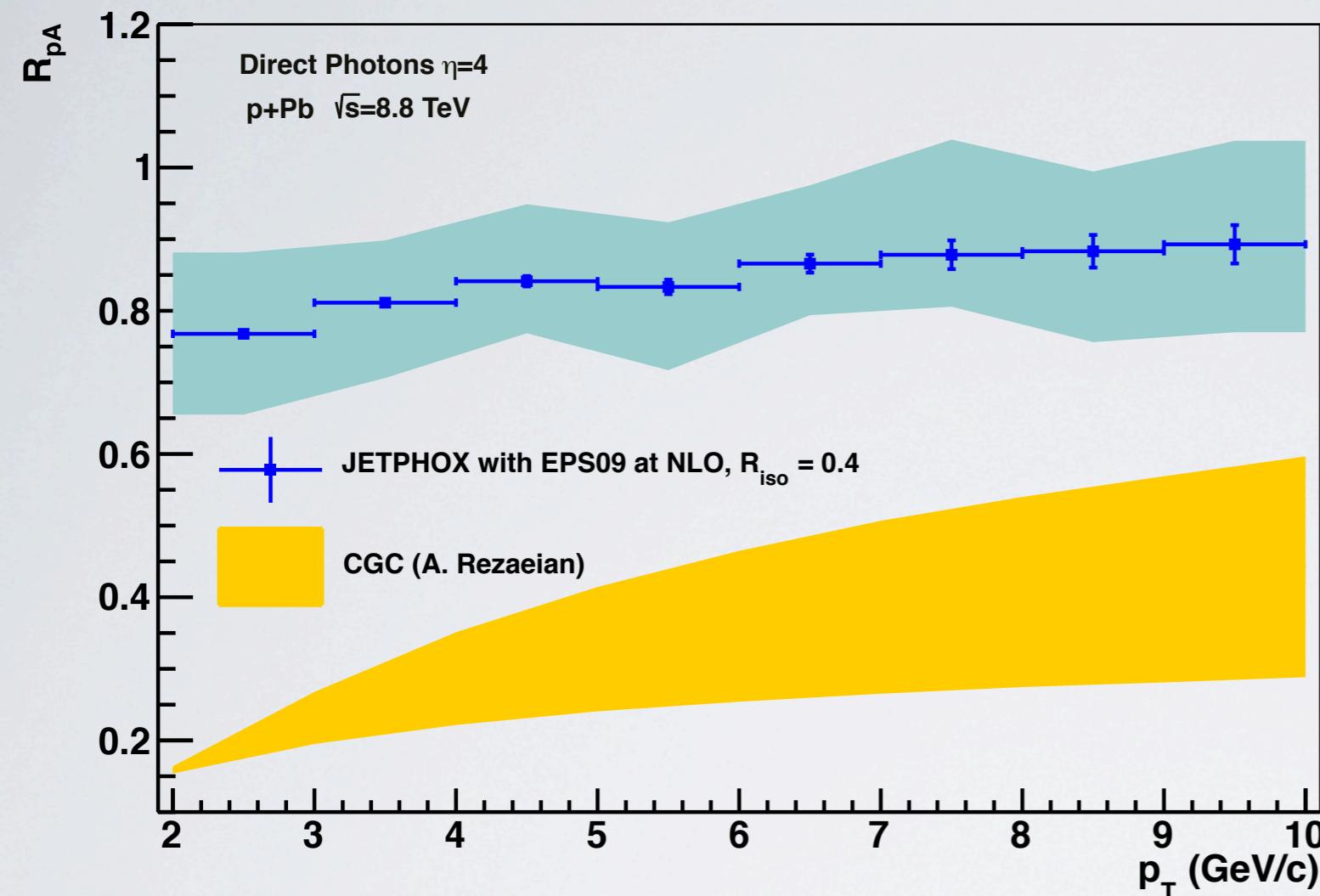
# x-Reach with Direct Photons



- still reasonable x-sensitivity at NLO
  - significant contribution from fragmentation
- **isolation cuts effective to suppress fragmentation**
  - **can obtain very good x-sensitivity**
  - continue to optimize isolation cuts

Helenius, Paukkunen, Eskola  
work in progress

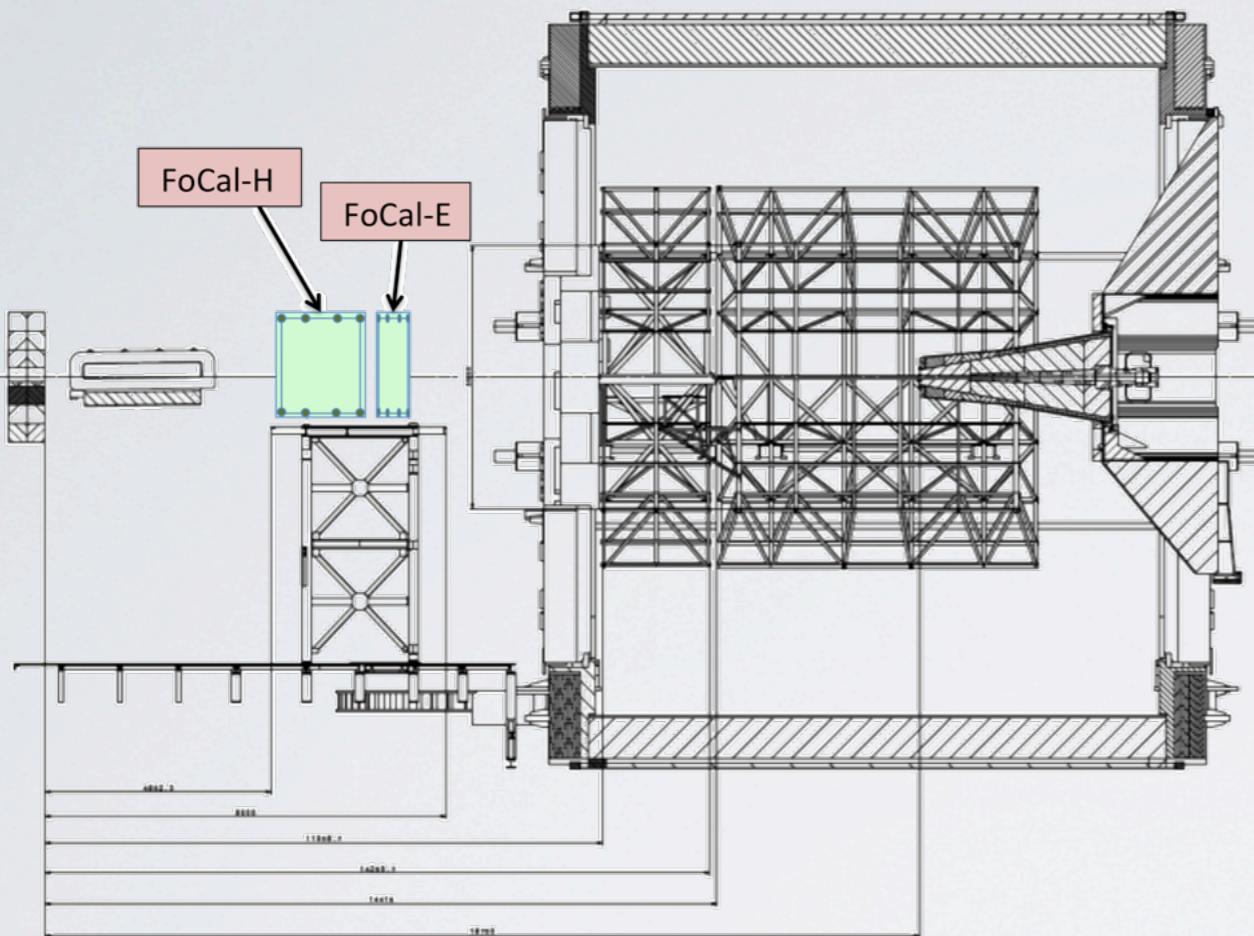
# nPDF/DGLAP vs CGC



- two scenarios for forward  $\gamma$  production in p-A at LHC:
- normal nuclear effects  
linear evolution, shadowing
  - saturation/CGC  
running coupling BK evolution

- strong suppression in direct  $\gamma$   $R_{pA}$
- signals expected at forward  $\eta$ , low-intermediate  $p_T$
- transition expected - where?

# FoCal in ALICE

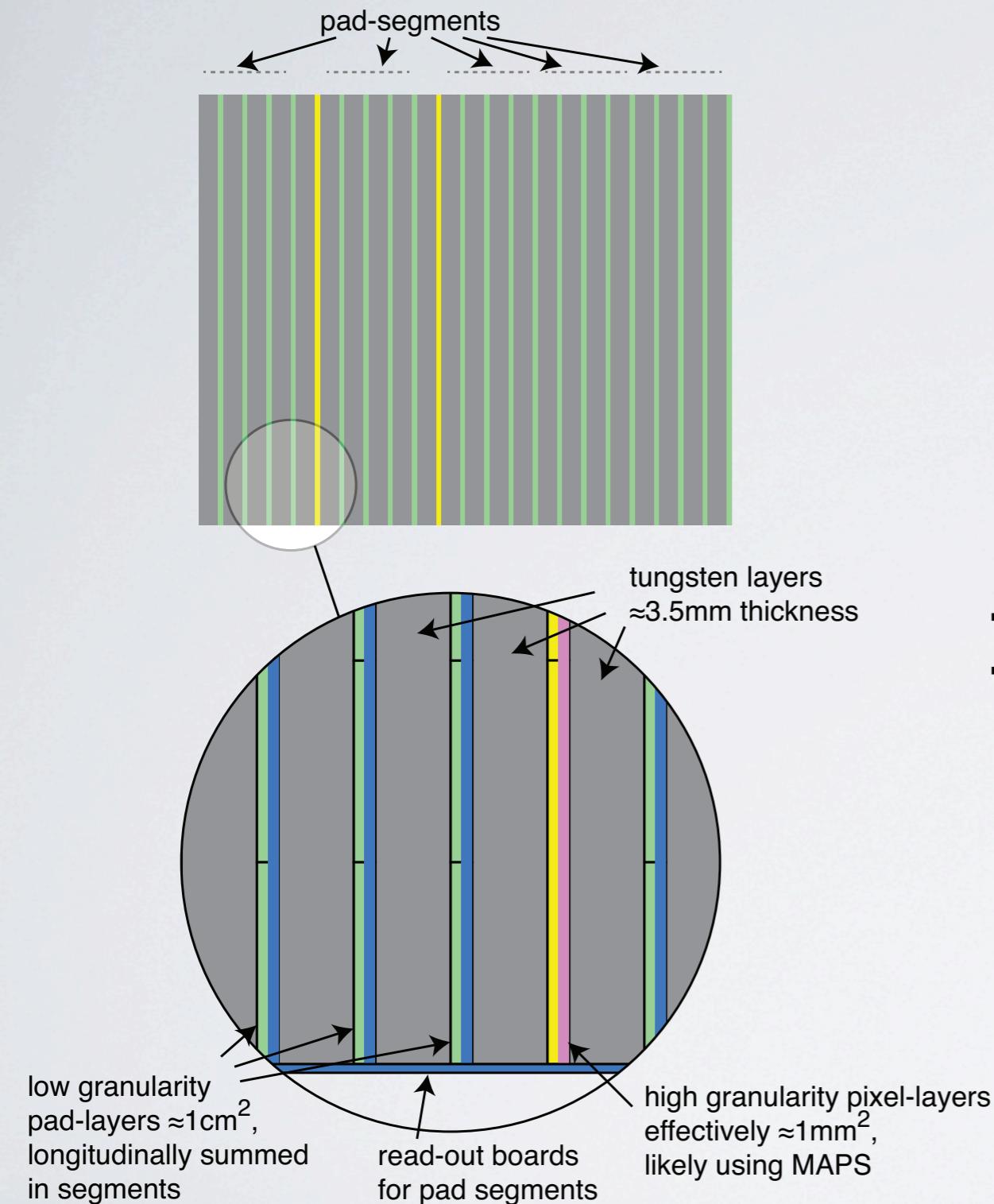


electromagnetic calorimeter for  $\gamma$   
and  $\pi^0$  measurement  
+ hadronic calorimeter for  
isolation and jet measurement

baseline scenario:  
at  $z \approx 7\text{m}$  (outside magnet)  
 $3.3 < \eta < 5.3$

- main challenge: separate  $\gamma/\pi^0$  at high energy
- need small Molière radius, high-granularity read-out
  - Si-W calorimeter, granularity  $\approx 1\text{mm}^2$

# Strawman Design

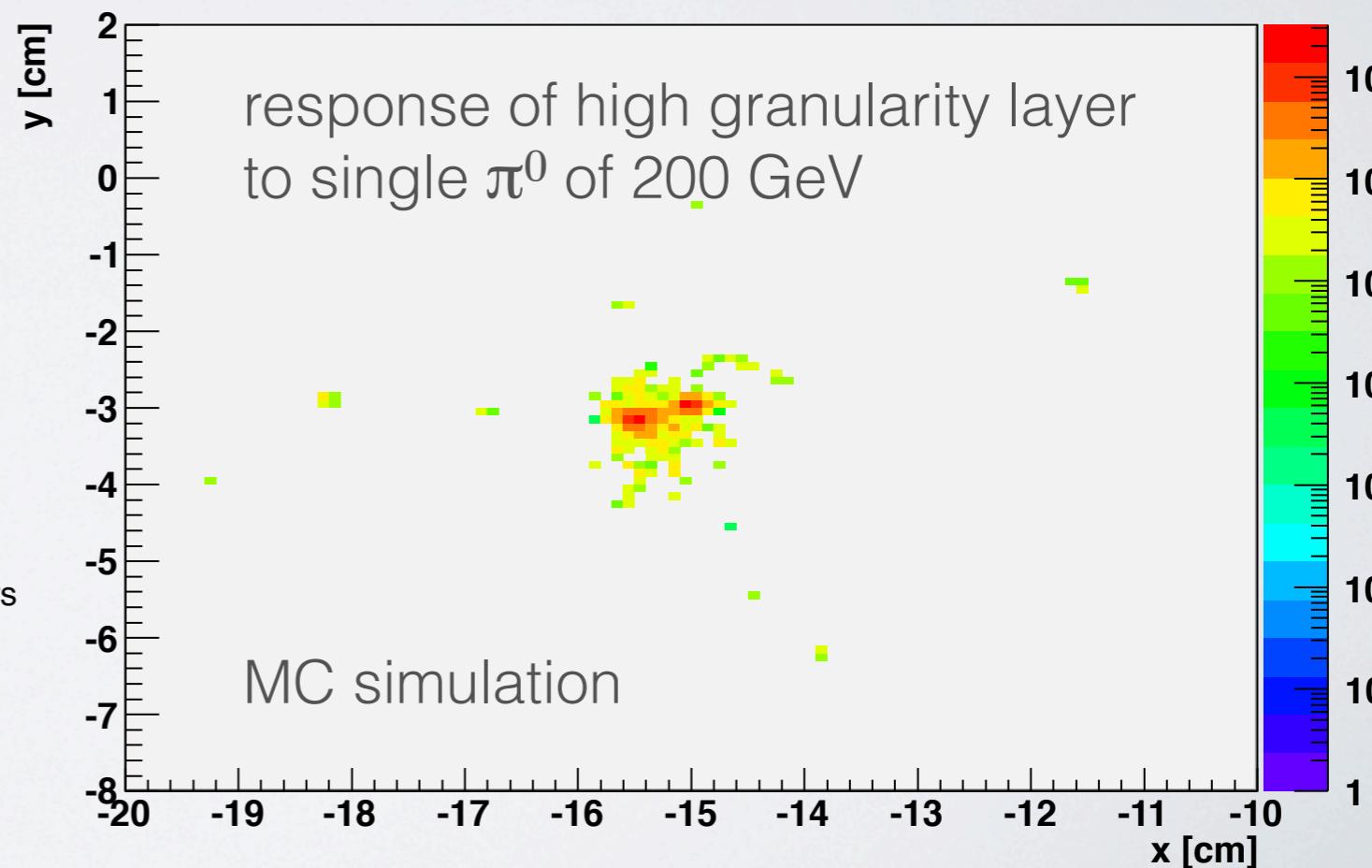


studied in performance simulations:

24 layers:

W (3.5mm  $\approx 1 X_0$ ) + Si-sensors (2 types)

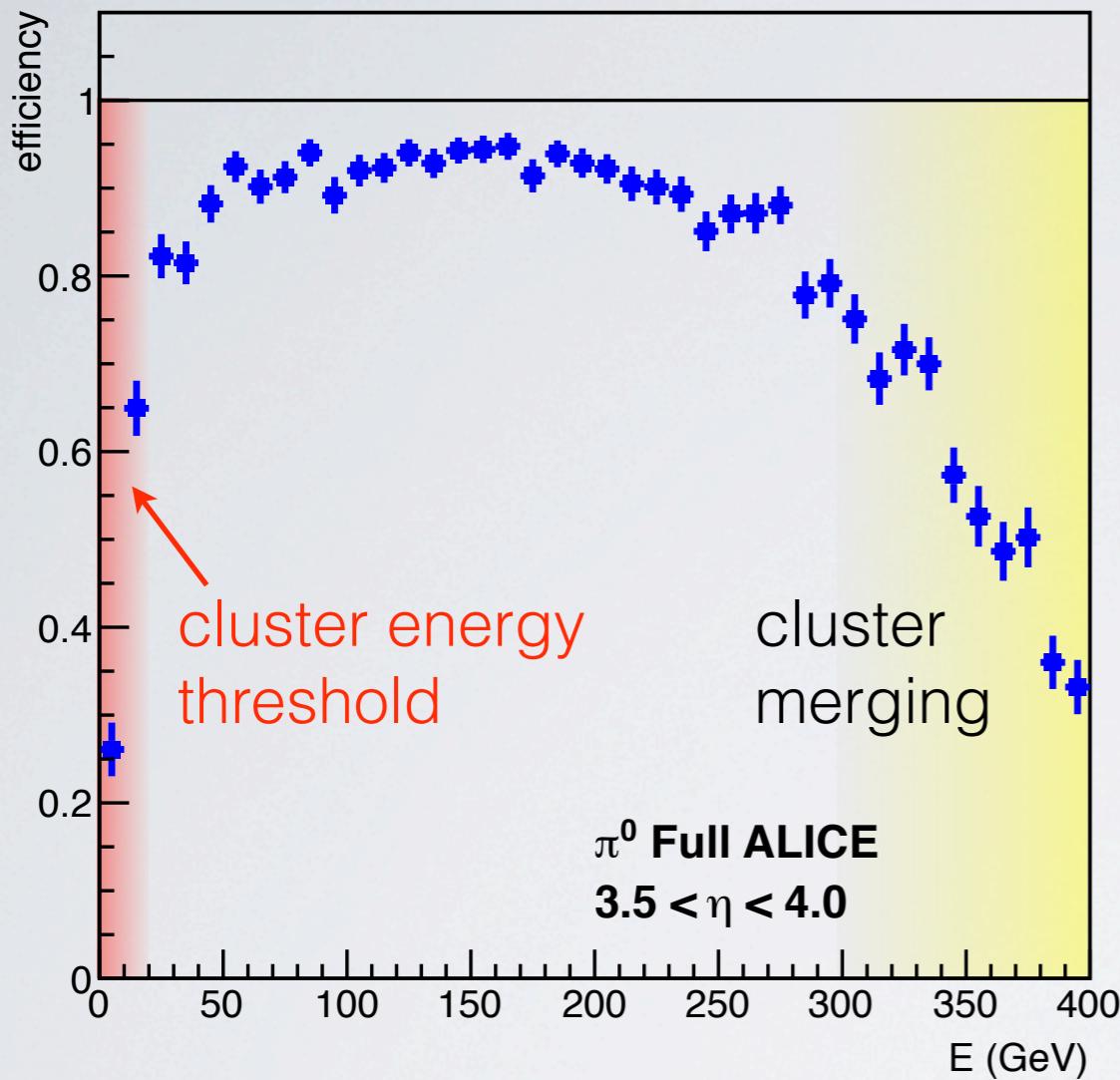
- low granularity ( $\approx 1 \text{ cm}^2$ ), Si-pads
- high granularity ( $\approx 1 \text{ mm}^2$ ), obtained with pixels (e.g. CMOS-MAPS)



# FoCal Physics Program

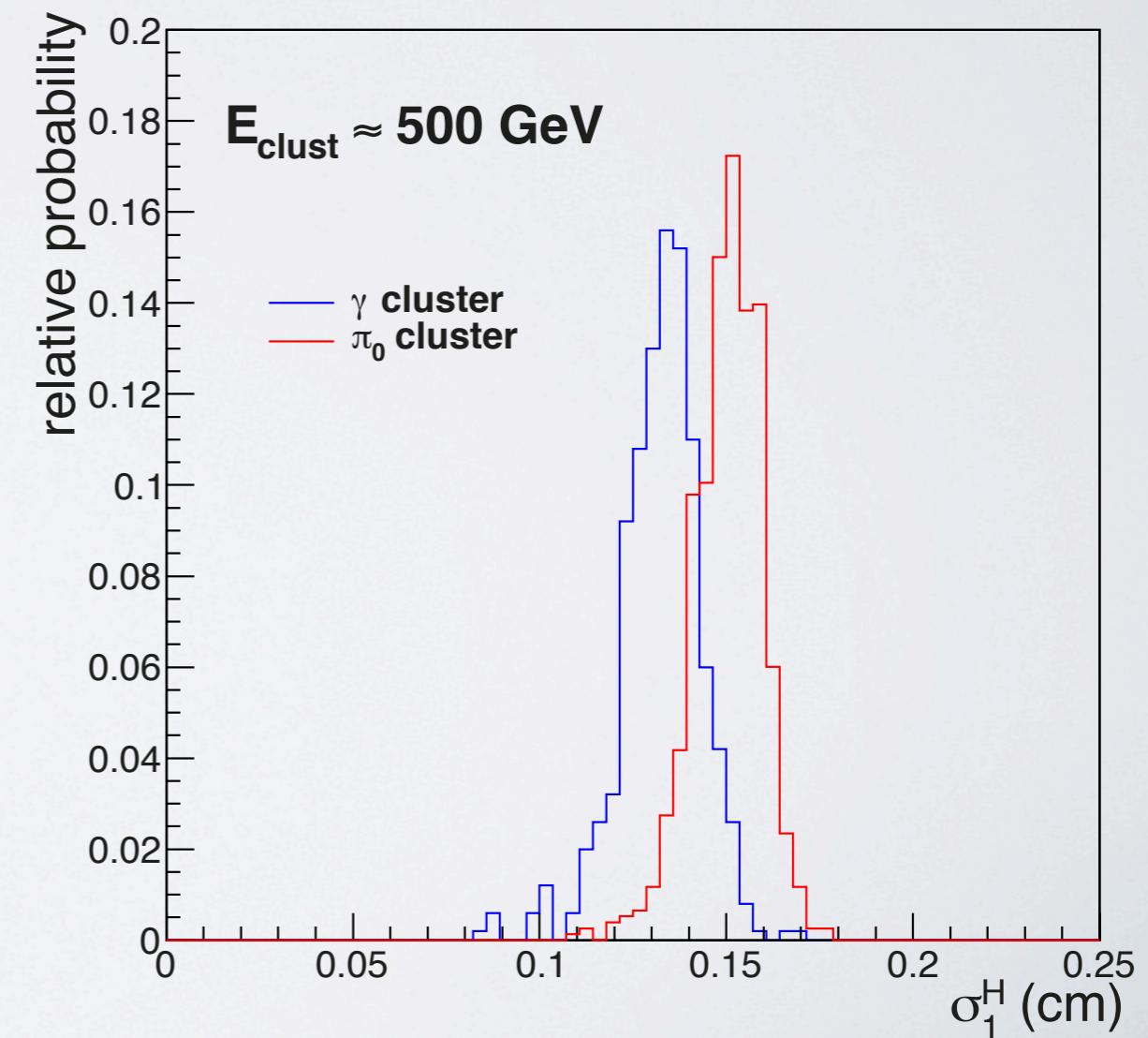
- p-Pb: saturation/CGC effects
  - forward direct  $\gamma$  spectra,  $\gamma$ -hadron/jet correlations (unique!)
  - $\pi^0$  spectra,  $\pi^0$ - $\pi^0$  correlations, possibly jets (had. calorimeter!)
- p+p: reference measurements
  - constraints on PDFs?
- Pb-Pb: QGP studies
  - extend acceptance for  $\gamma$ -hadron/jet,  $\pi^0$ - $\pi^0$  correlations
  - $\pi^0 R_{AA}$  forward
    - longitudinal density profile, compare to forward J/ $\psi$
  - event plane determination, ...

# $\pi^0$ Efficiency



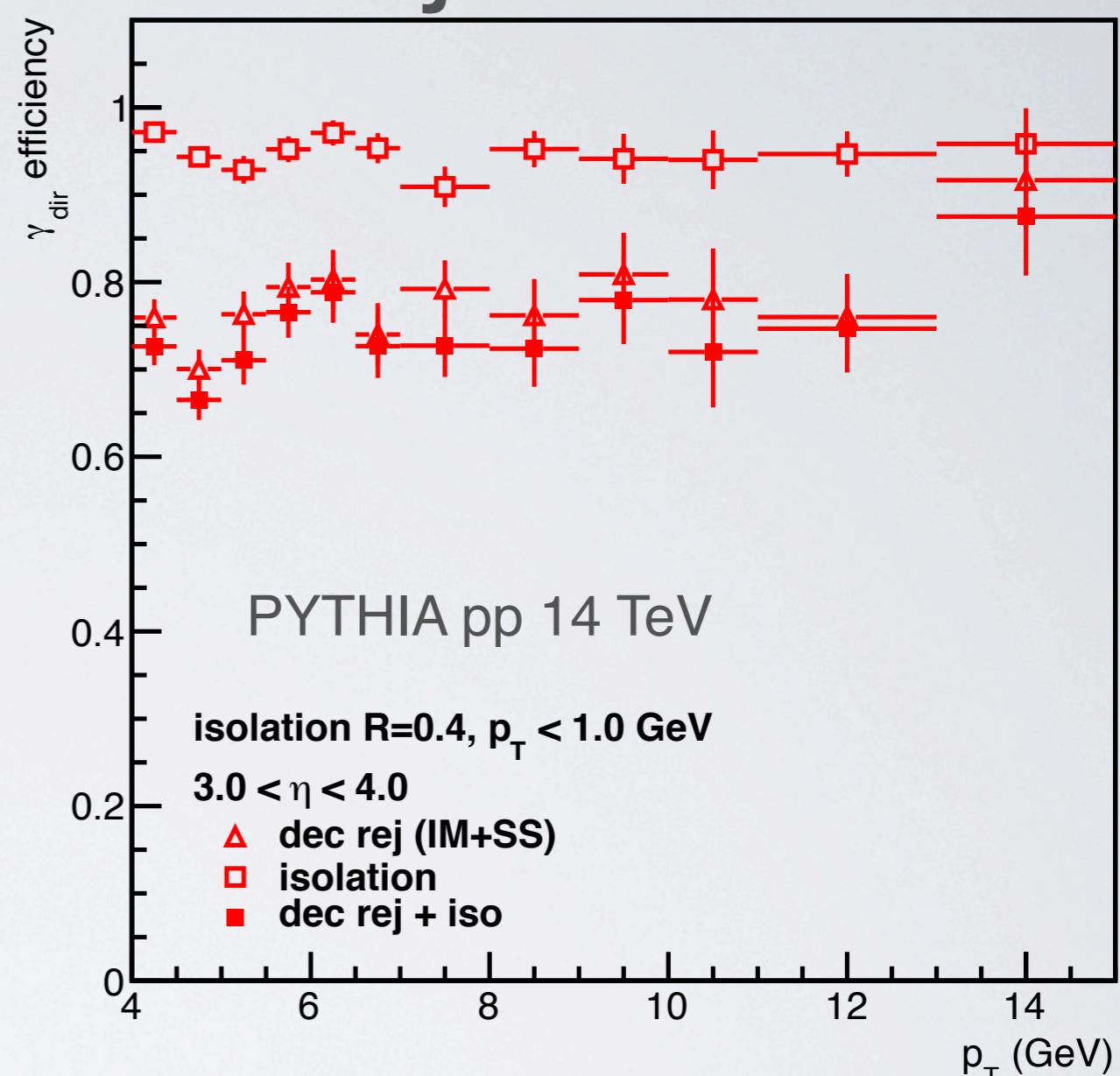
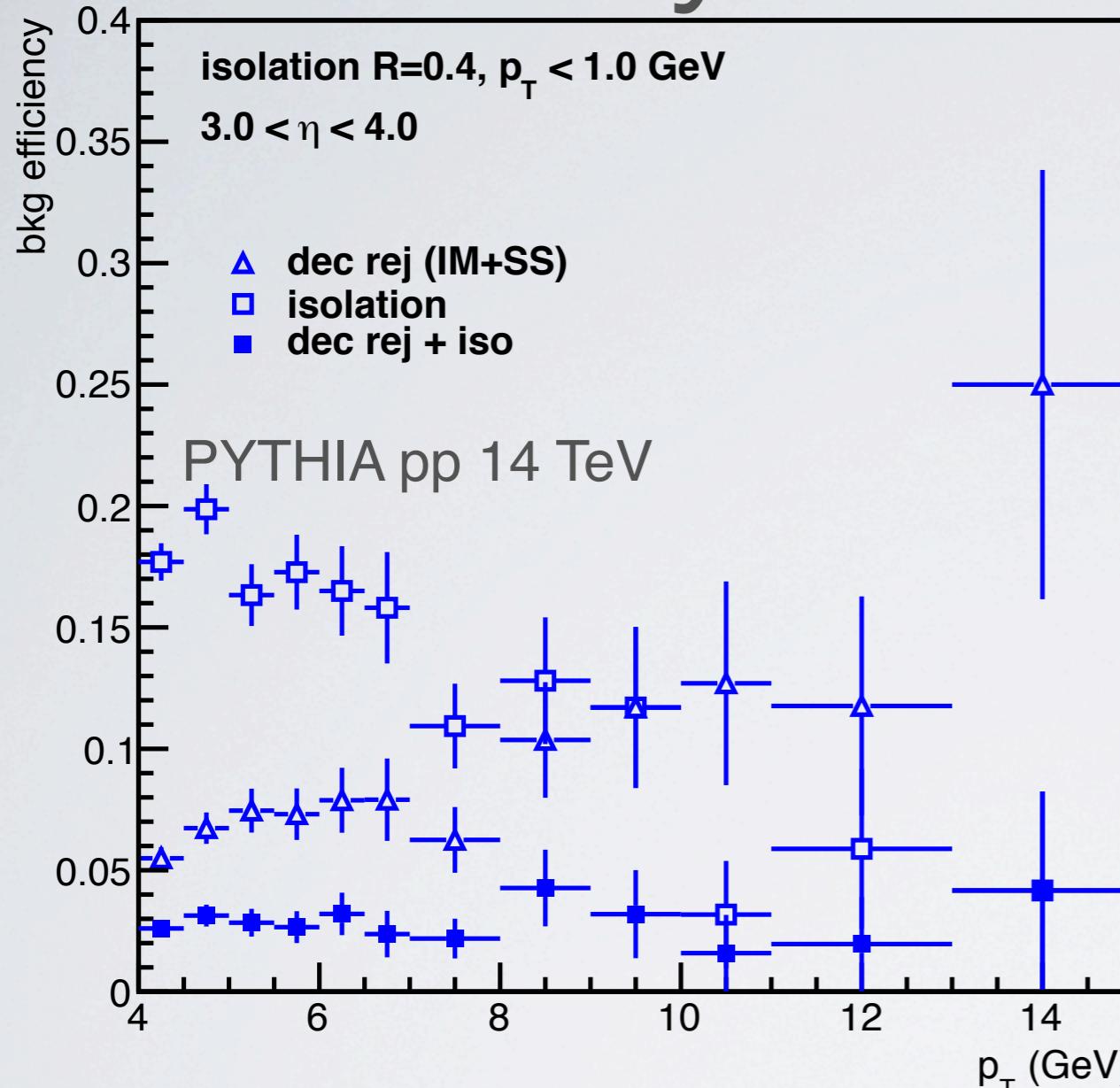
single particle simulation in full ALICE setup, good efficiency up to  $E \approx 300$  GeV ( $p_T \approx 10$  GeV/c)

can still be improved by shower shape analysis in HGL



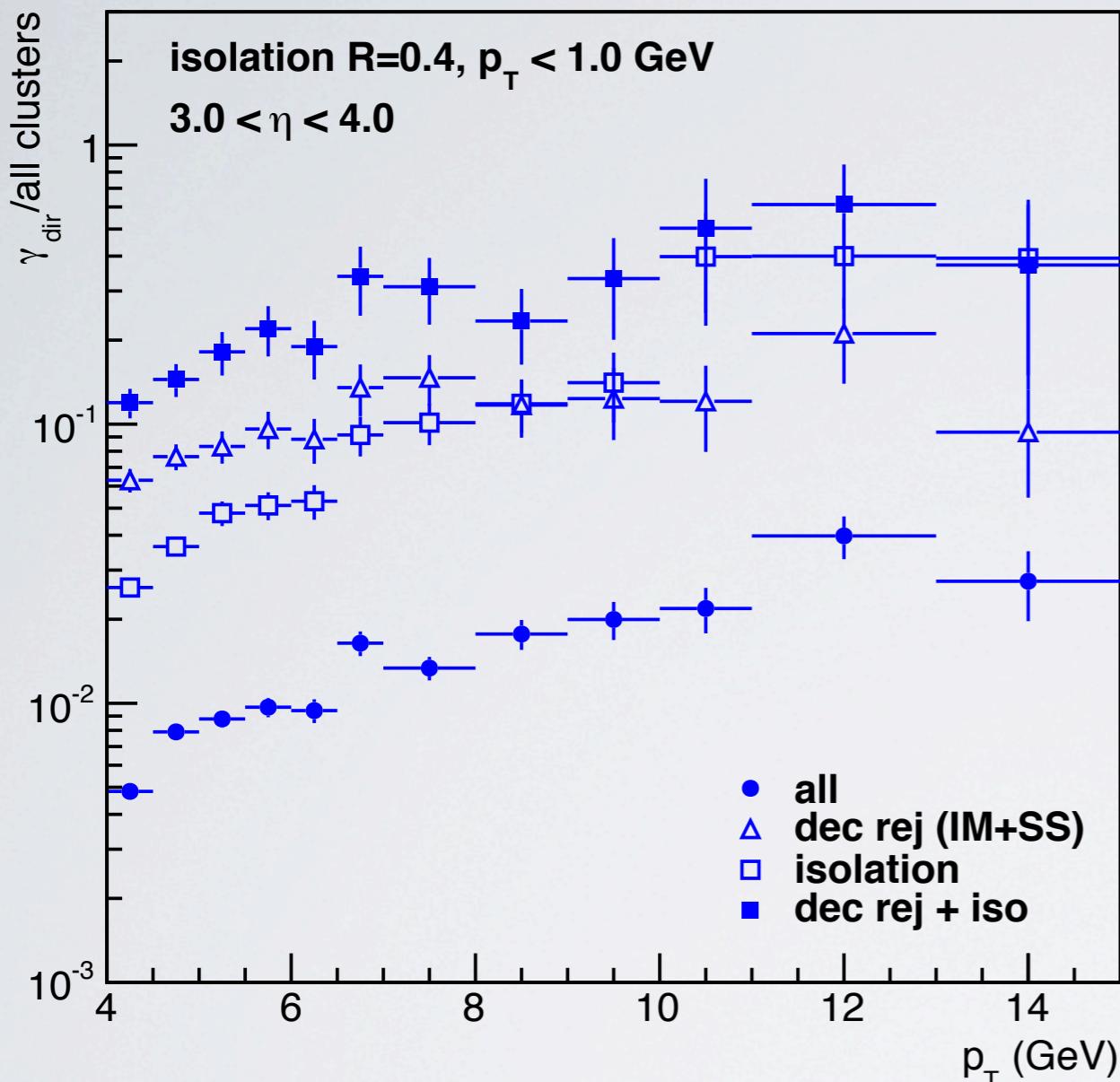
expect good discrimination from HGL info up to  $E \approx 500$  GeV

# Decay Photon Rejection

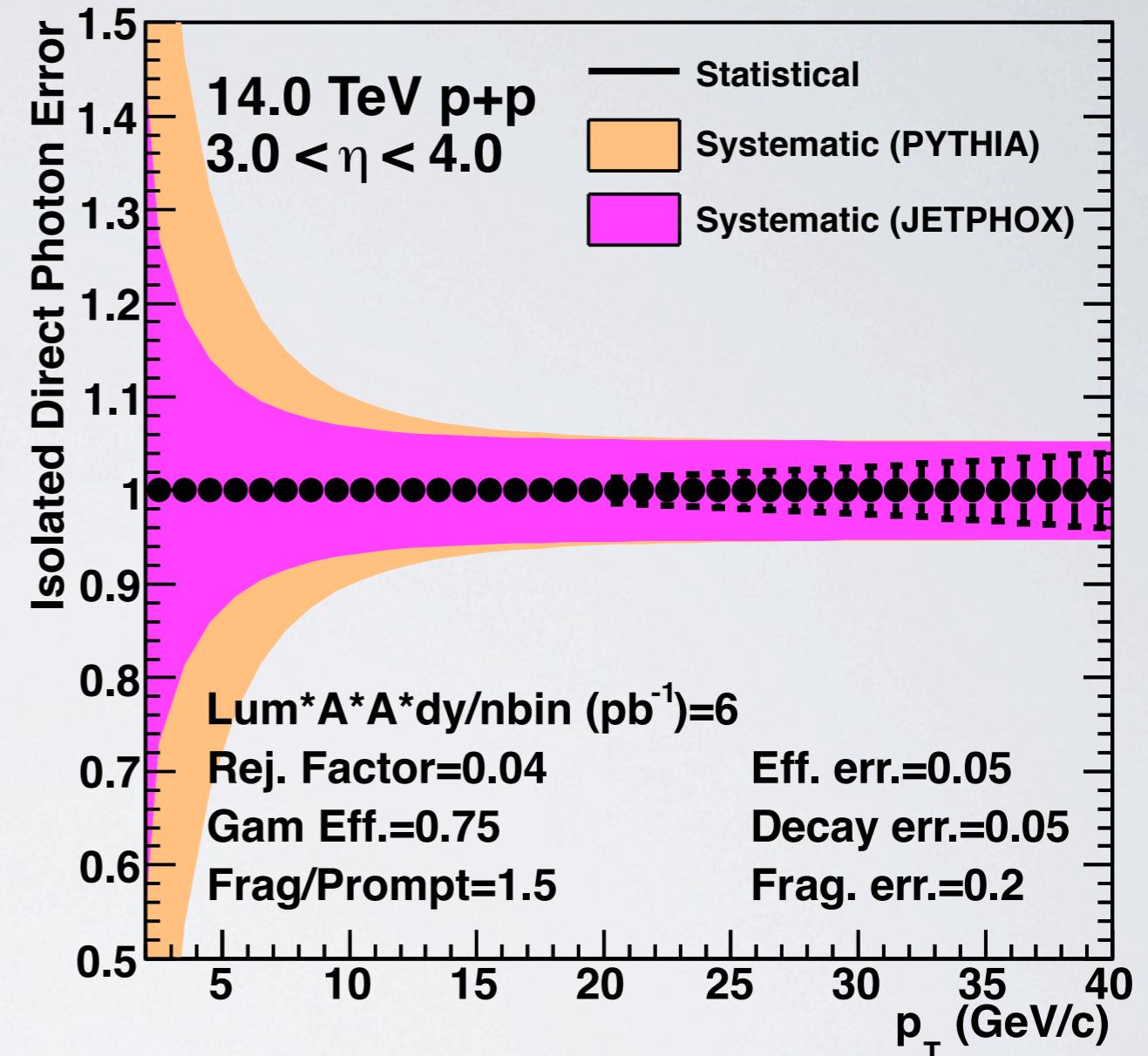


- combined rejection (invariant mass + shower shape, isolation)
- rejection factor  $\approx 30$ , direct photon efficiency  $\approx 75\%$ 
  - largely  $p_T$ -independent

# Direct $\gamma$ Performance in pp

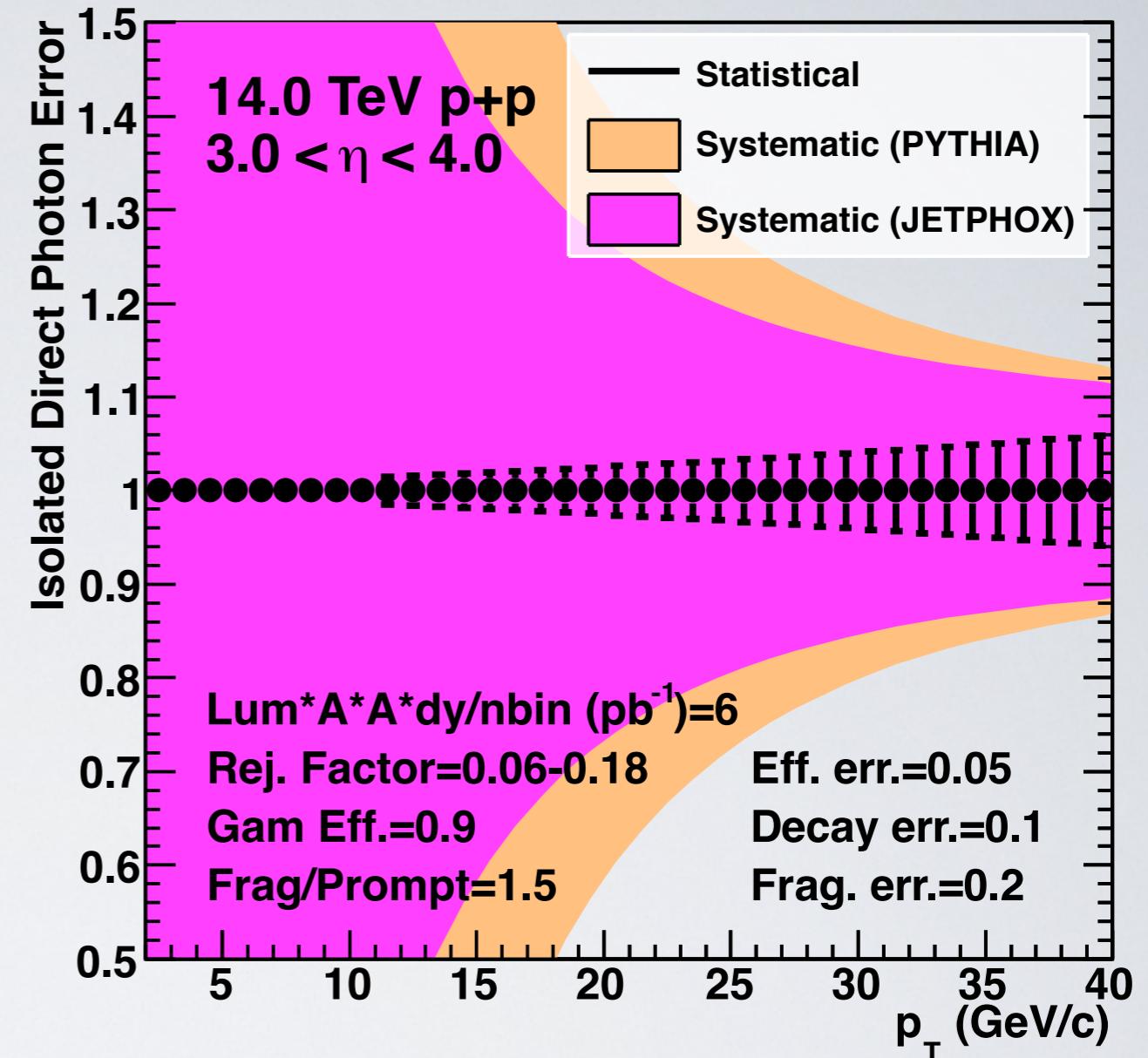
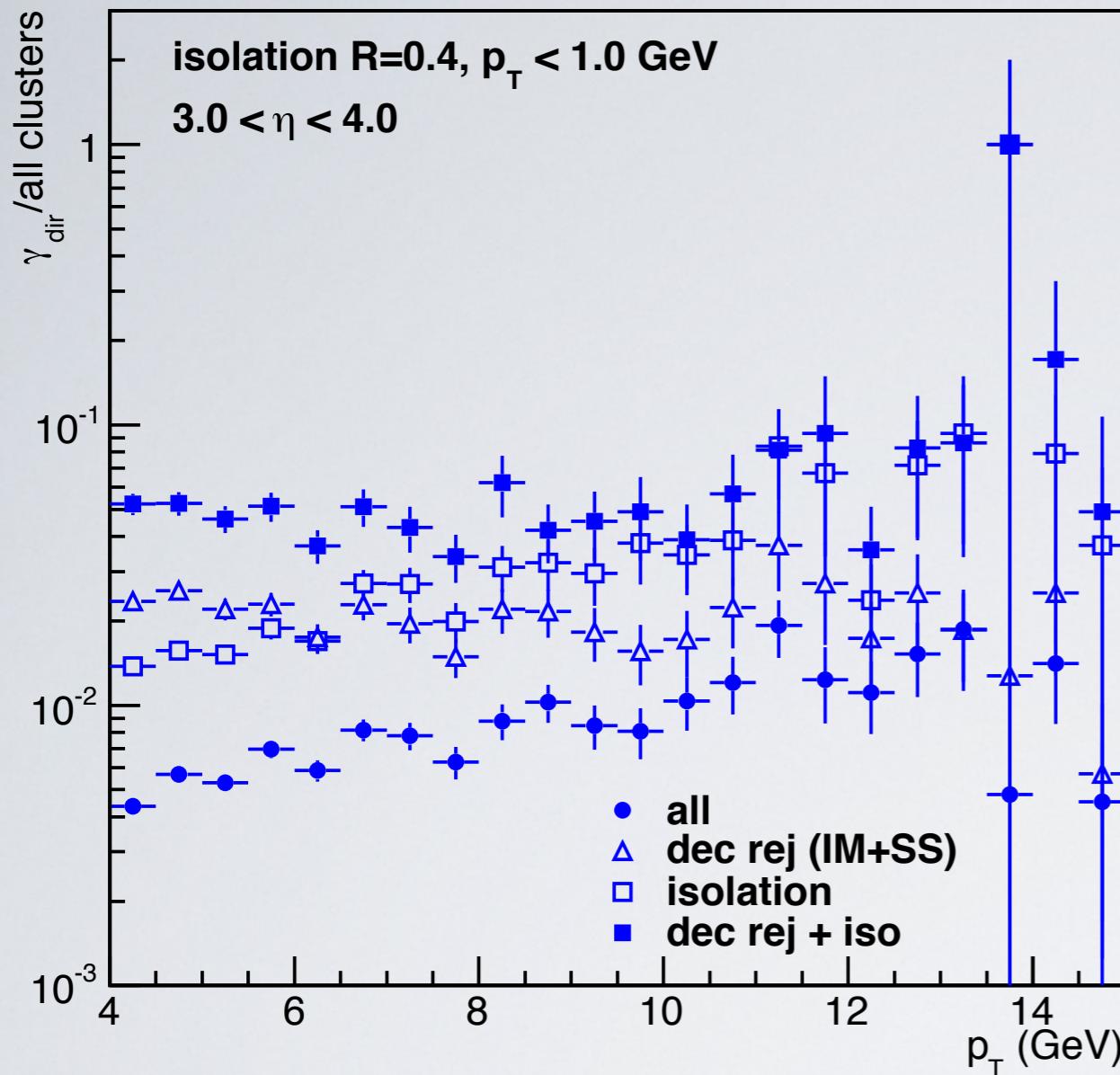


direct photon/all > 0.1  
for  $p_T > 4$  GeV/c



20-40% uncertainty  
at  $p_T = 4$  GeV/c  
decreases with increasing  $p_T$

# Low Granularity Measurement

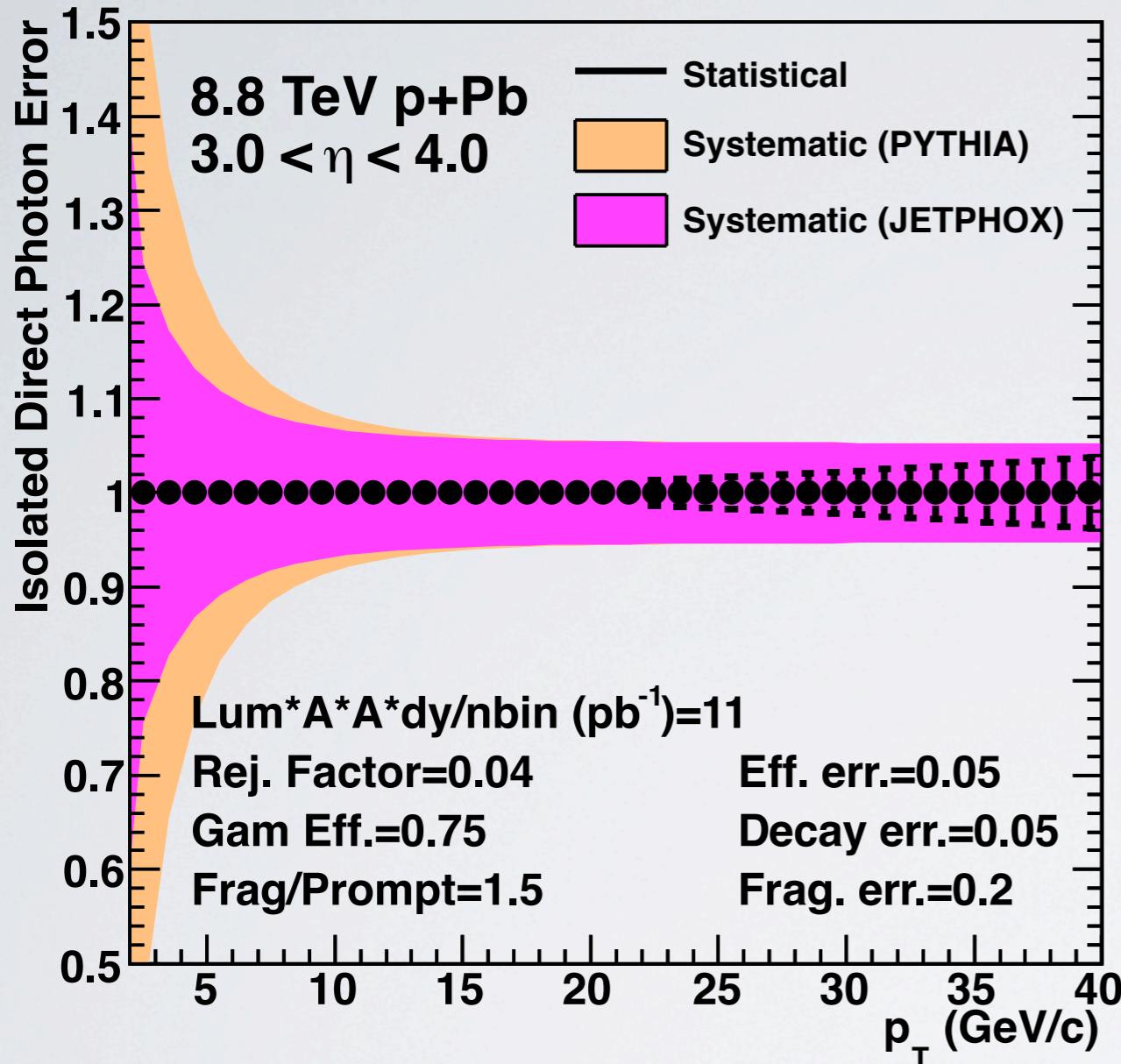


- low granularity ( $1\text{cm}^2$ ) does not allow efficient decay rejection
- direct photon/all  $\approx 0.05$  for all  $p_T$

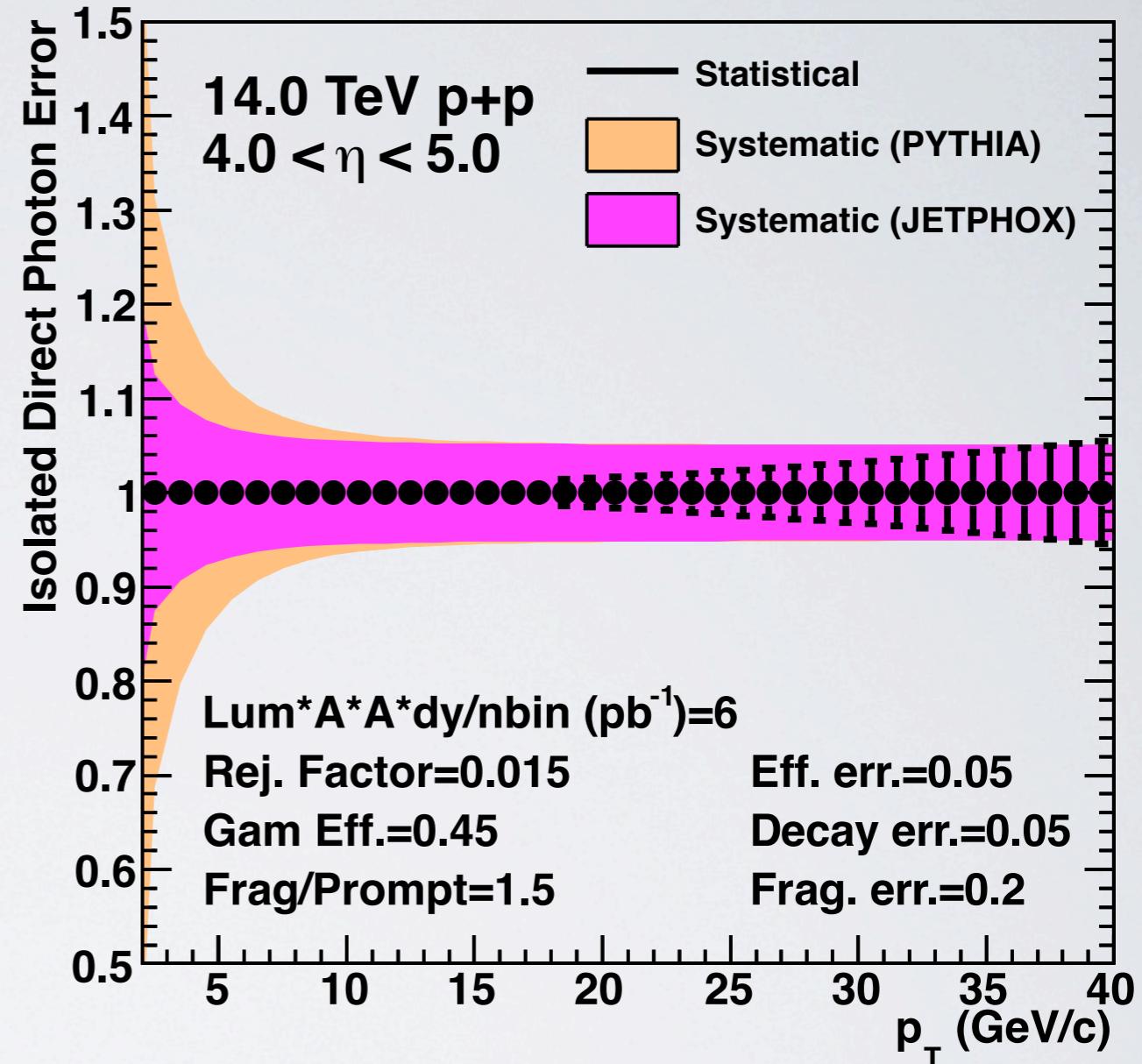
significant measurement not possible at low  $p_T$

NB: conditions similar to LHCb

# More Performance ...

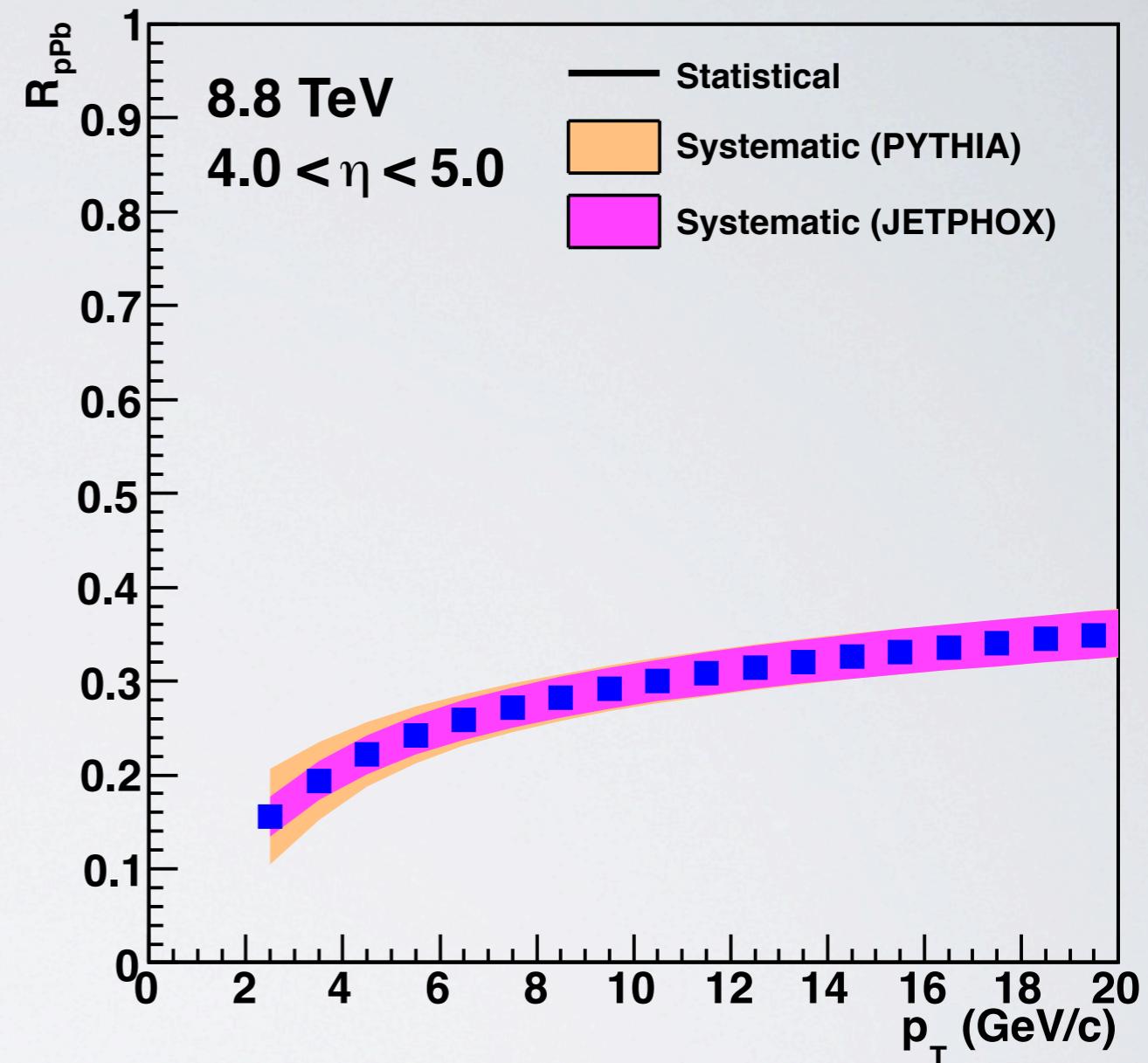
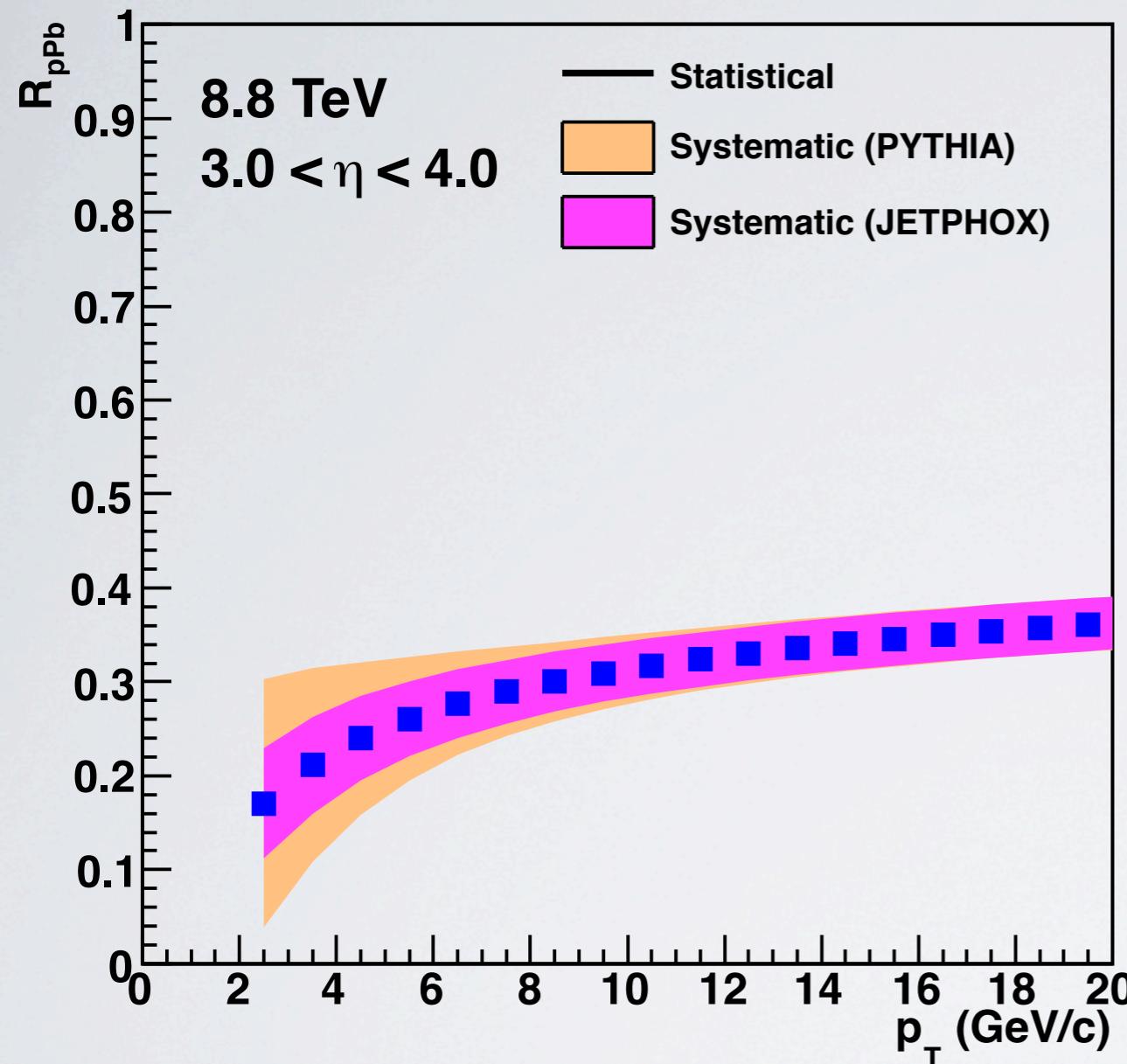


better performance for 8.8 TeV  
(p-A equivalent to pp)



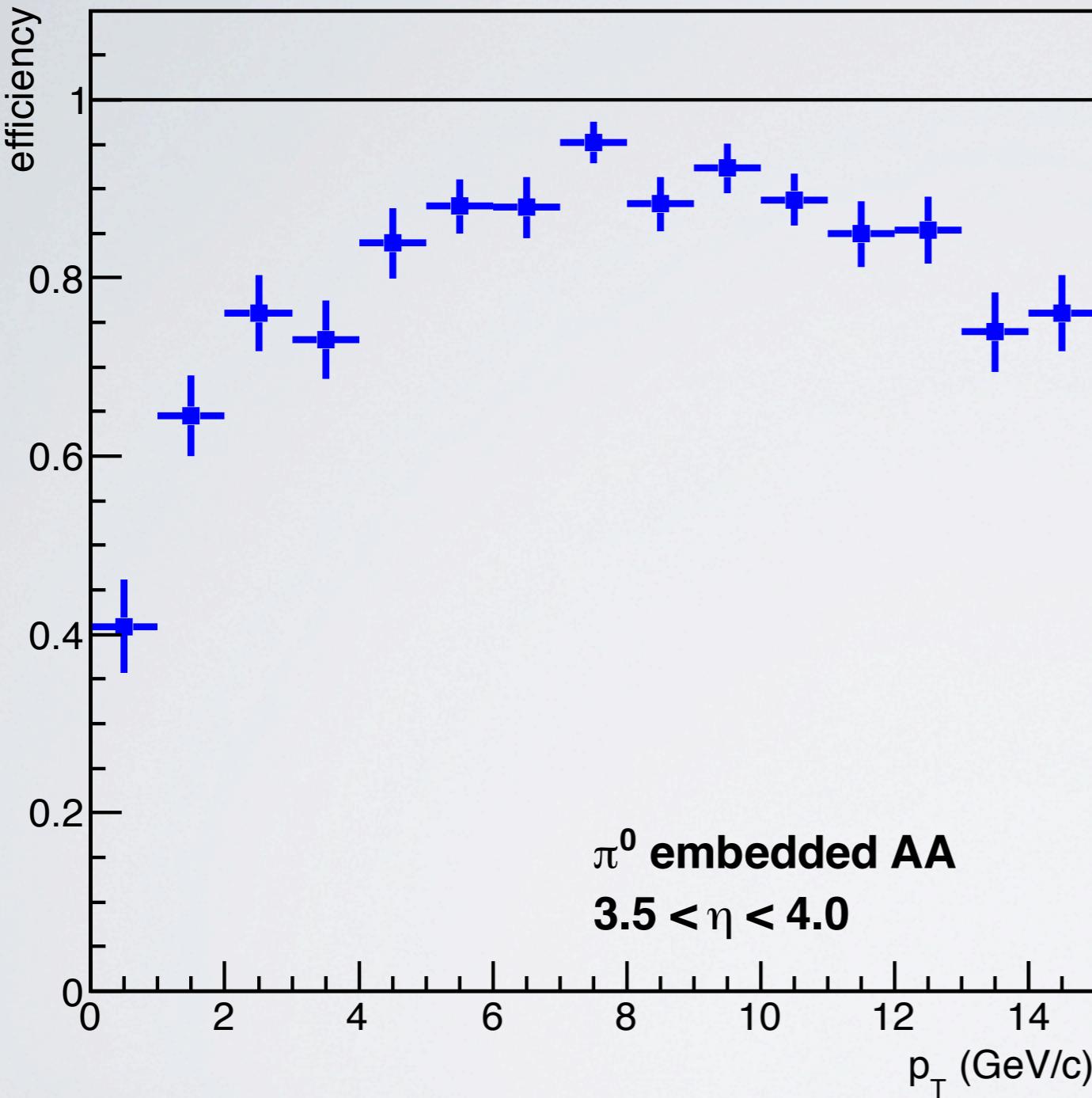
better performance for larger  $\eta$   
(only possible for  $z=8m$ ,  
requires more integration work)

# Performance on $R_{\text{pPb}}$



- expect significant constraint on direct photon  $R_{\text{pPb}}$
- confirm or refute CGC effects, constrain nPDF

# Performance in Pb-Pb



first studies of  $\pi^0$  efficiency only:

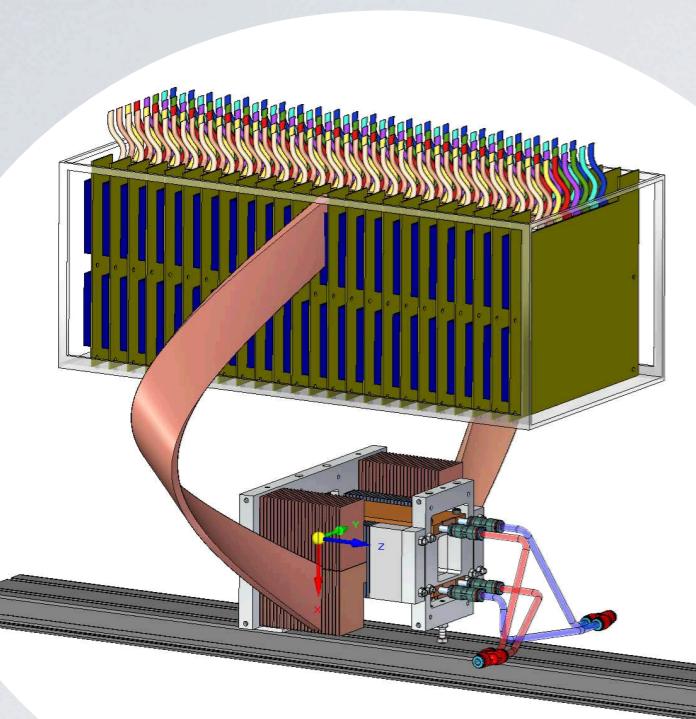
- good efficiency, slight deterioration at low  $p_T$  (overlap with underlying event)
- expect larger uncertainty from larger background in invariant mass

direct photon measurement difficult

- should be possible in limited  $p_T$  range

work in progress!

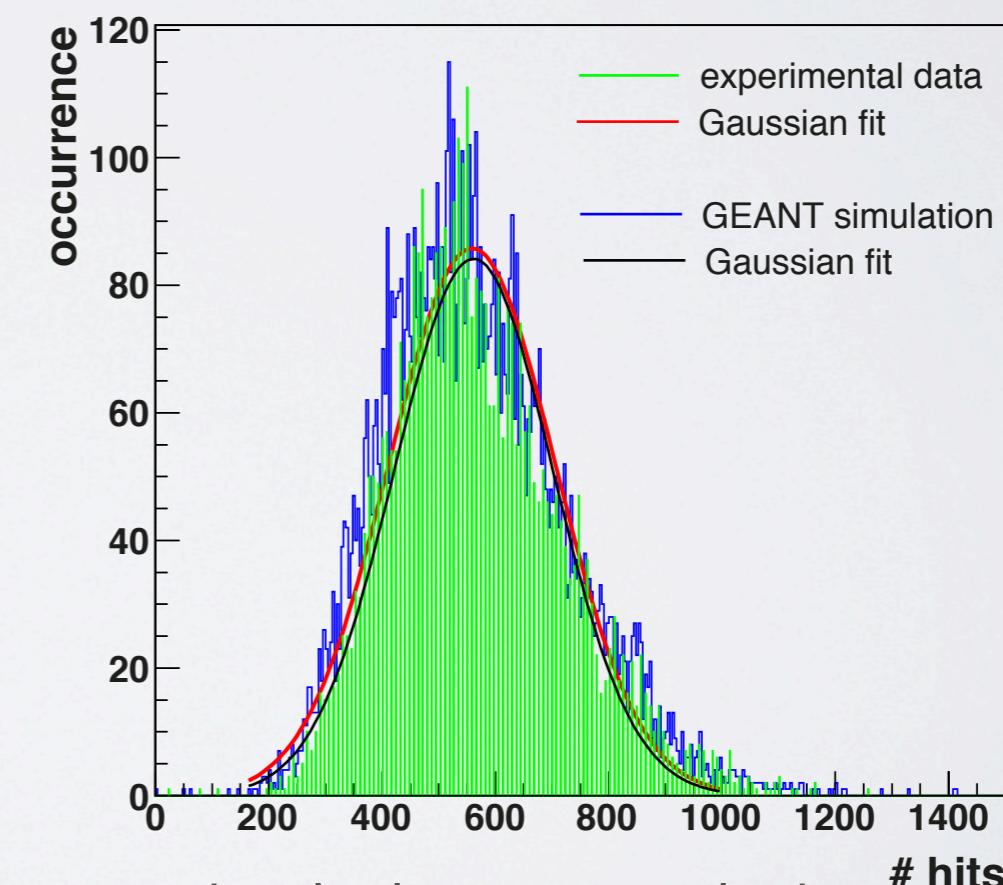
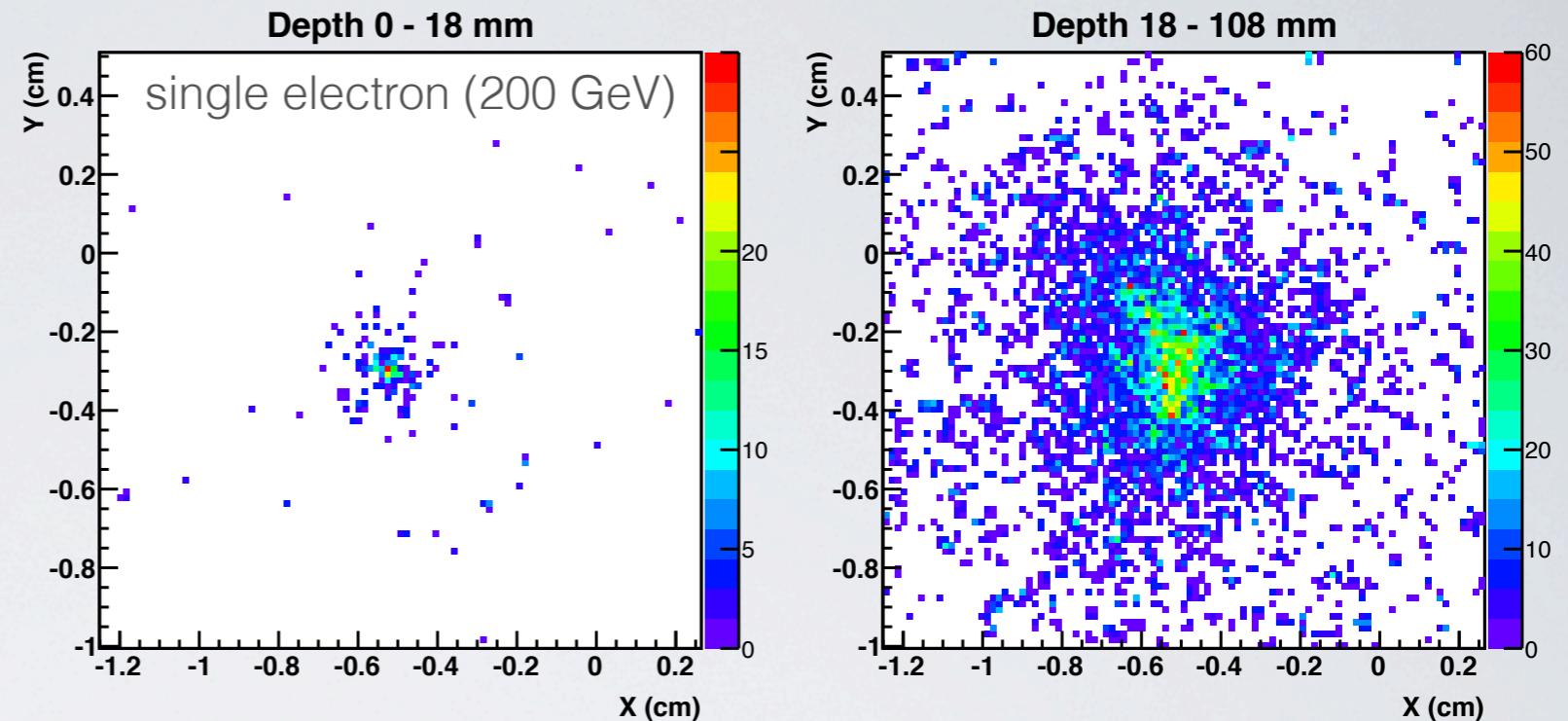
# Prototypes and Test Beams



R&D ongoing  
(Utrecht/Nikhef, Bergen, Tokyo,  
ORNL, Kolkata, Prague, ...)

e.g. full MAPS prototype  
• 39 M pixels in  $4 \times 4 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3$  !

first results from test beams  
encouraging



single layer resolution  
agrees with simulation

# Conclusions

- Isolated photons at forward rapidity are the best probe for low-x gluons
  - too many uncertainties in hadrons
  - too low cross section in Drell-Yan
- FoCal should allow unique direct photon measurements in pp and p-Pb at forward rapidity
  - Uncertainty  $\approx 30\%$  at low  $p_T$
  - High granularity is crucial (competitiveness)
  - Technology should be feasible
- Rich additional physics program (also in Pb-Pb)

# Backup Slides

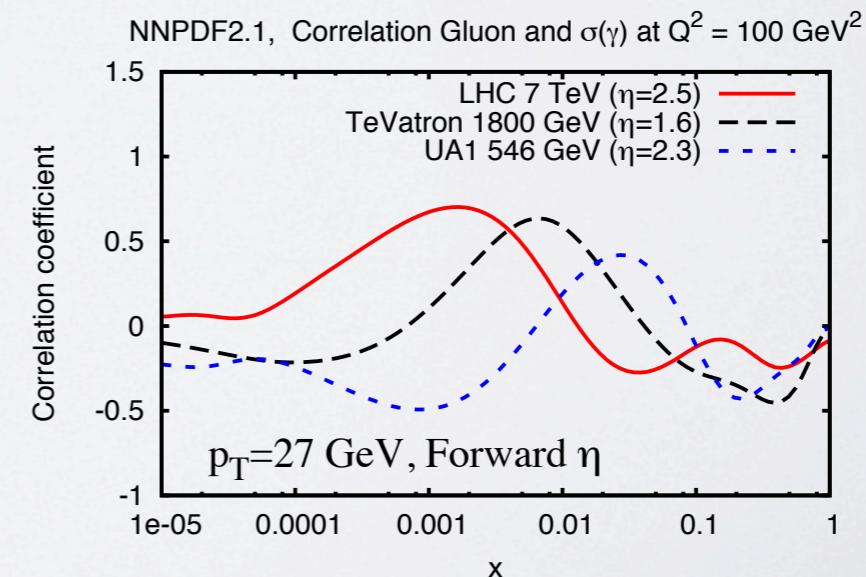
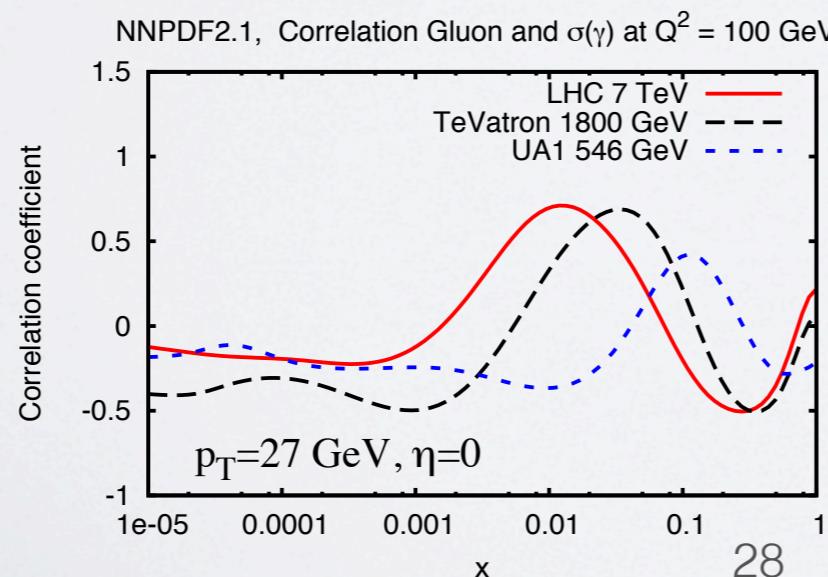
# Kinematic Constraints

- large  $y$  prompt photons effective to constrain kinematics to low  $x$ 
  - obvious in LO (PYTHIA)

- NLO studies in JETPHOX:

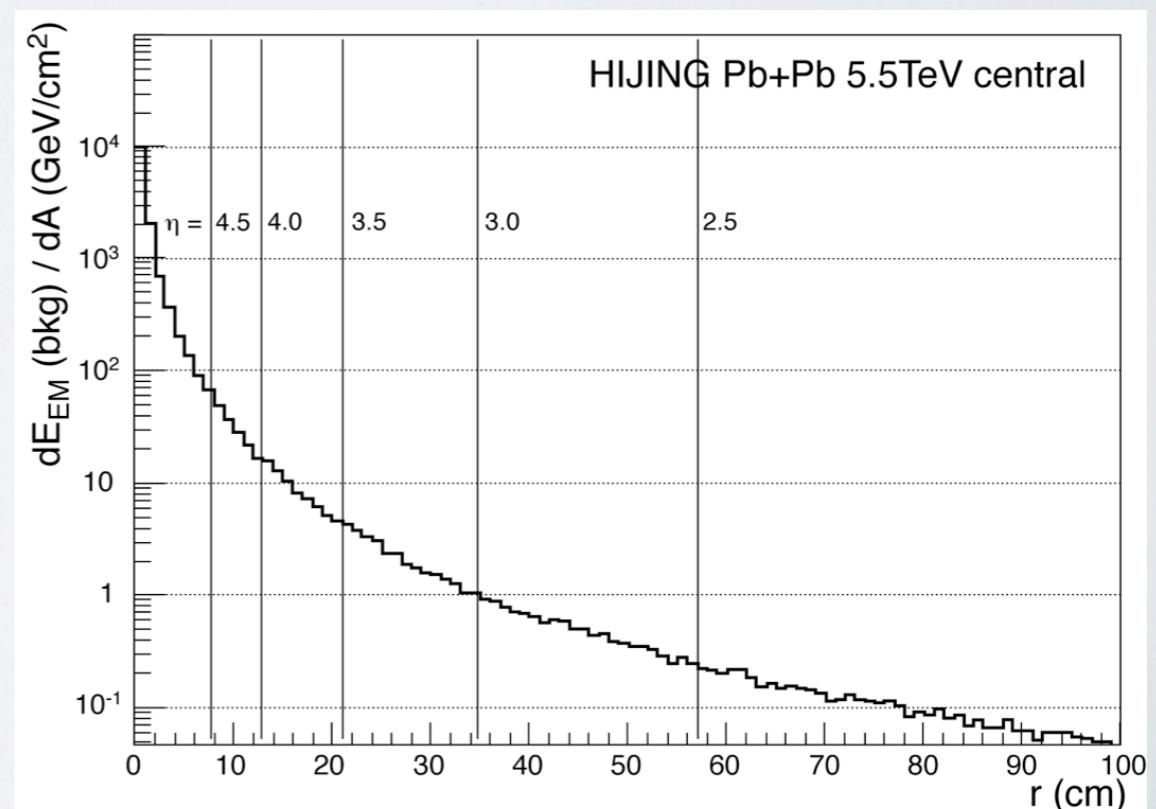
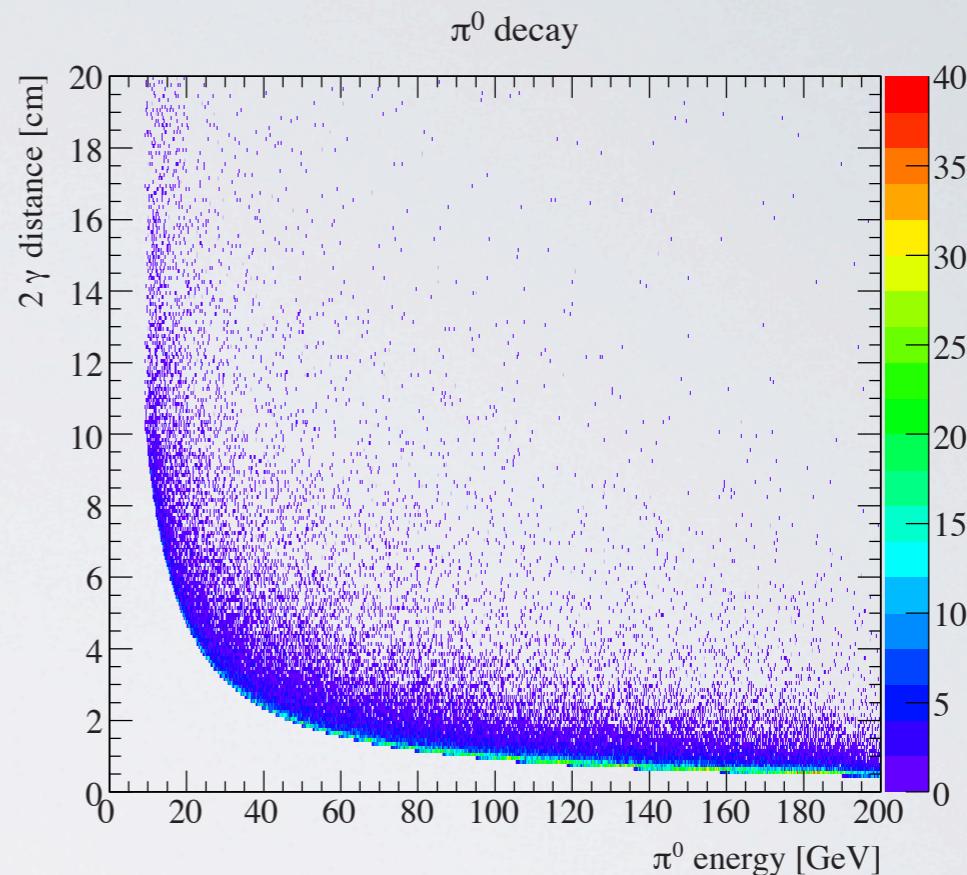
- indicate clear sensitivity of isolated photons, dedicated calculations under way

from D. d'Enterria and J. Rojo, arXiv:1202.1762

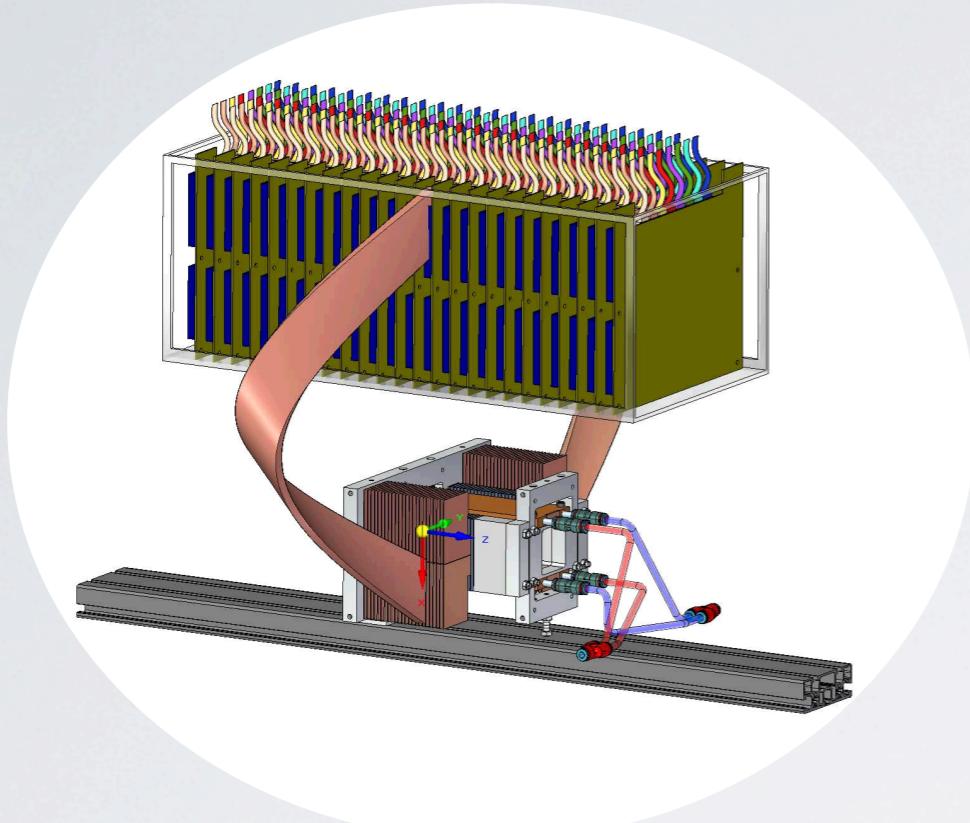


# Main Design Issue: Granularity

- $\pi^0/\gamma$  discrimination
  - separation of decay gammas < 1 cm at high energy
  - requires adequate granularity of *some* layers
- particle density in Pb+Pb
  - even stronger requirements on granularity
  - optimum: high granularity ( $\approx 1\text{mm}^2$ ) for all layers
- realistic compromise?



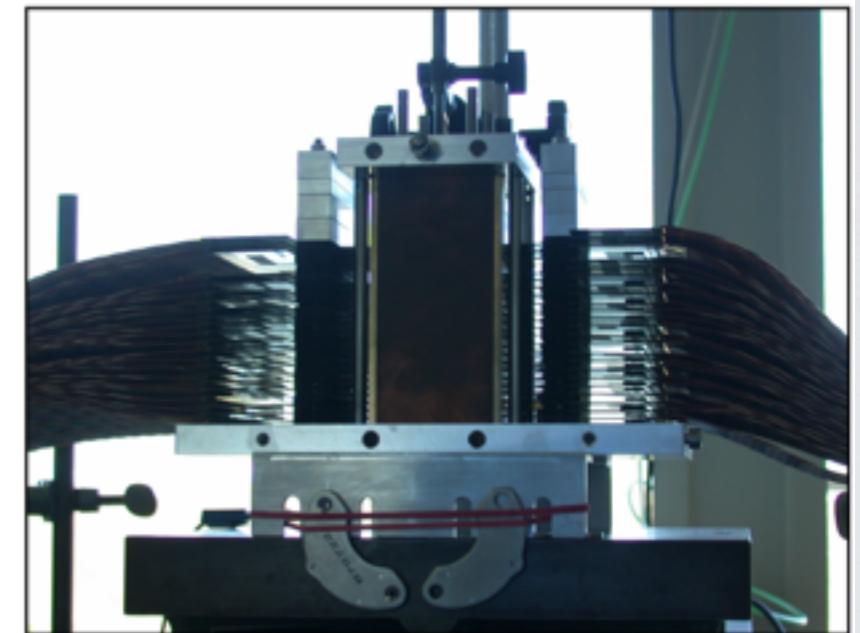
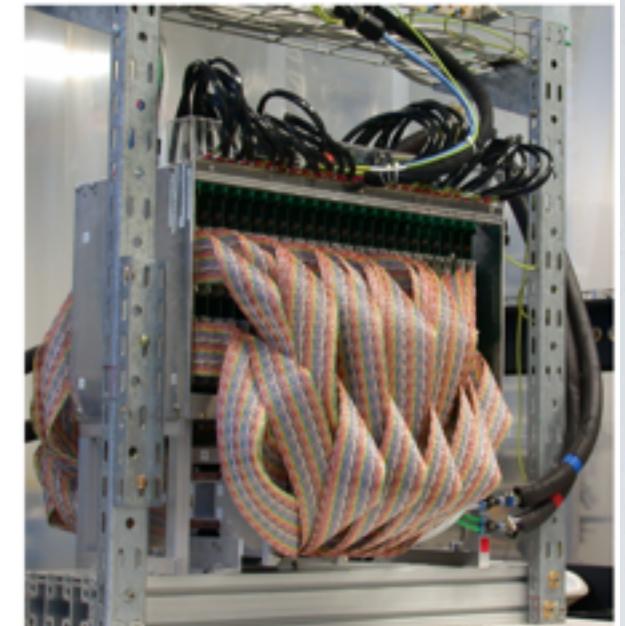
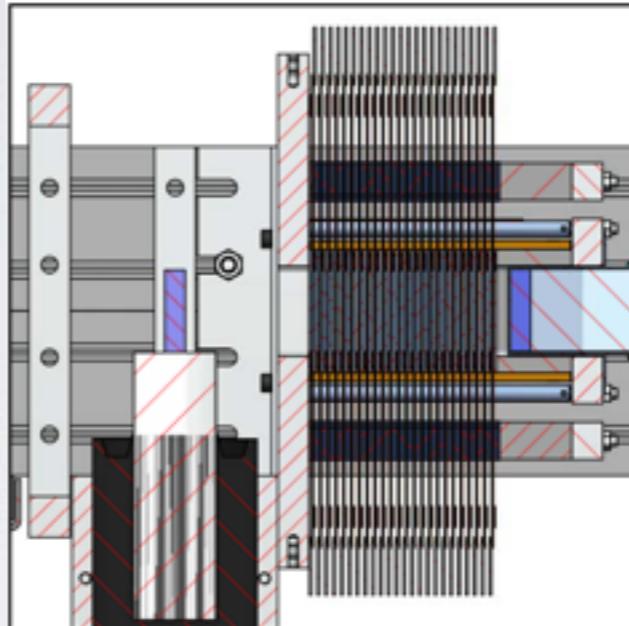
# Pixel Calorimeter Prototype



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full MAPS prototype

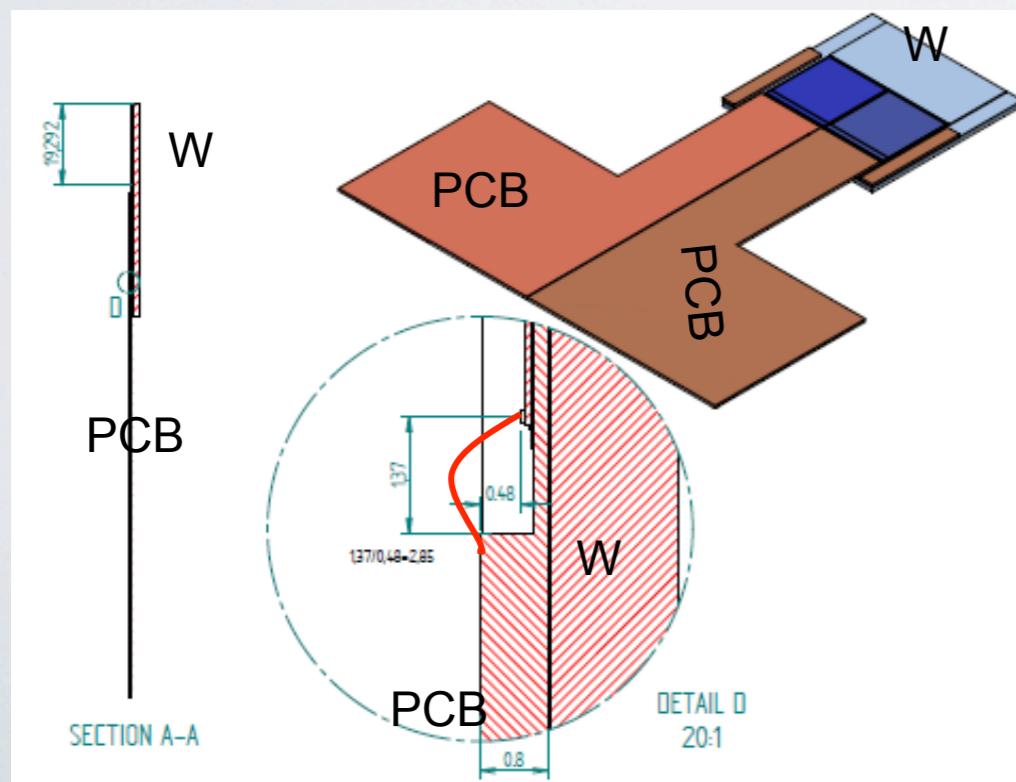
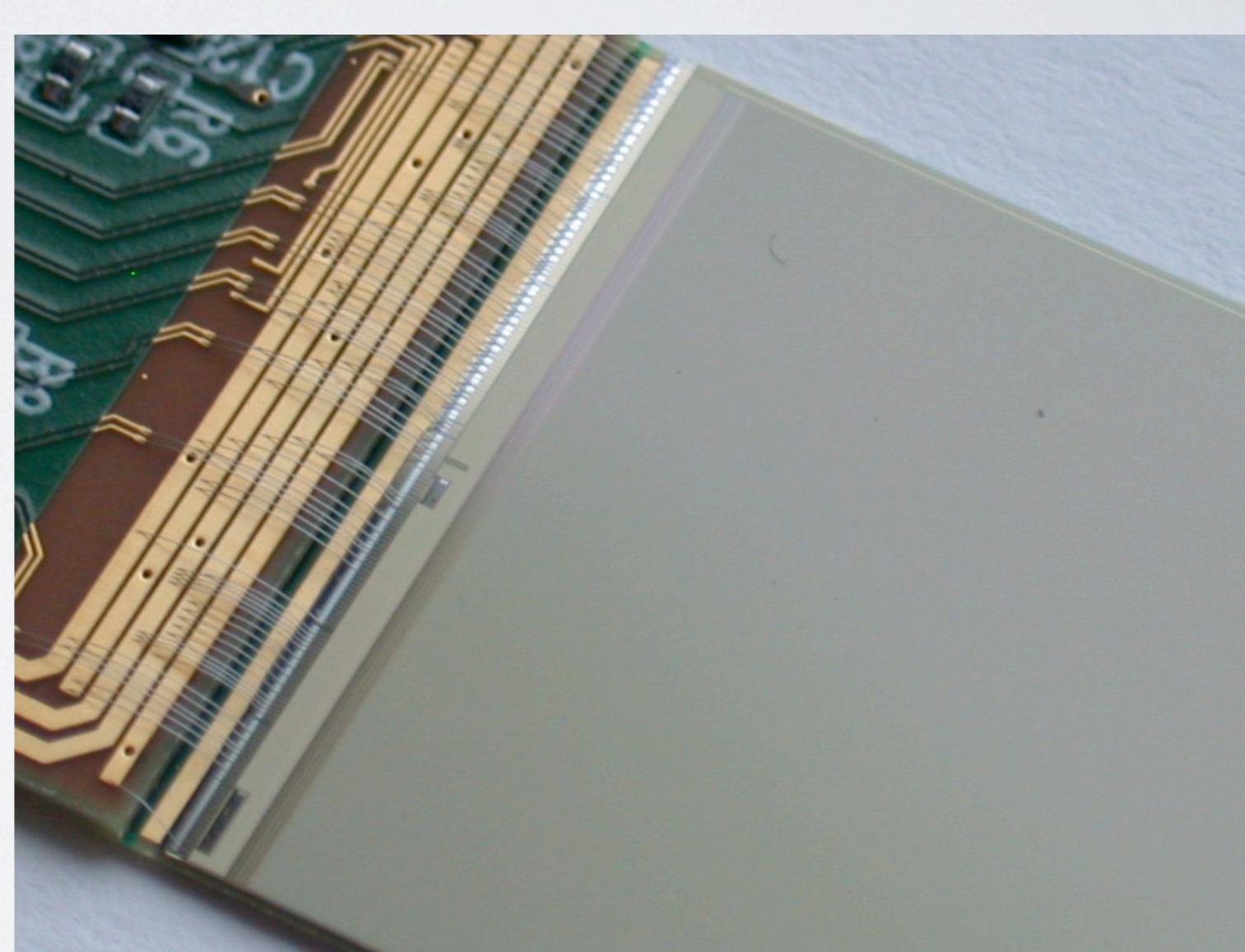
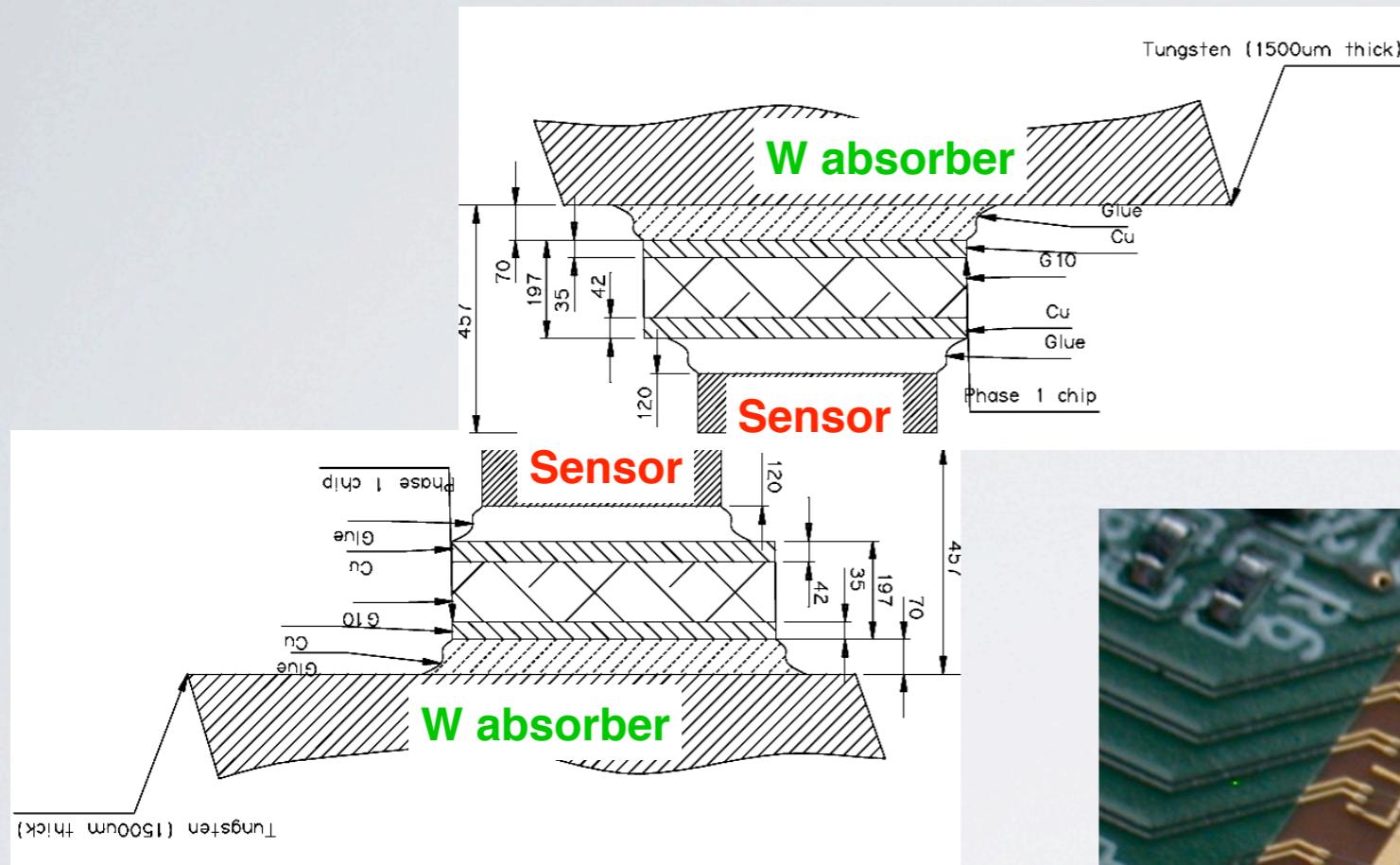
24 layers

- 3mm W
- 1mm sensor layer
  - 120 $\mu$ m sensor (2x2 chips) + PCB, glue, air, ...
- 39 M pixels in 4x4x10 cm<sup>3</sup> !

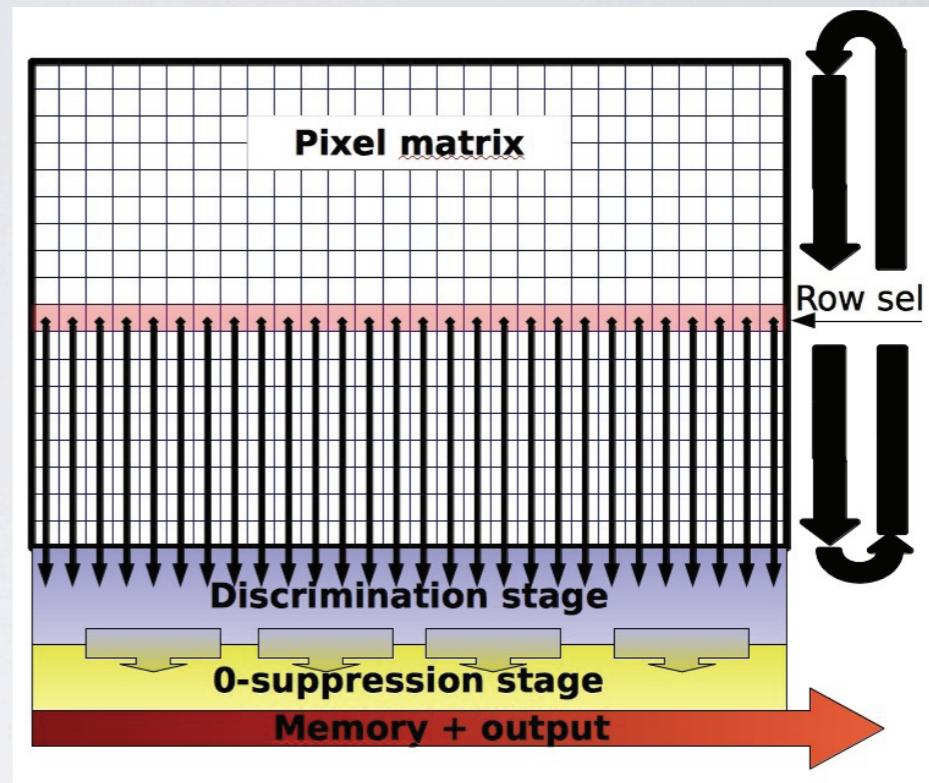
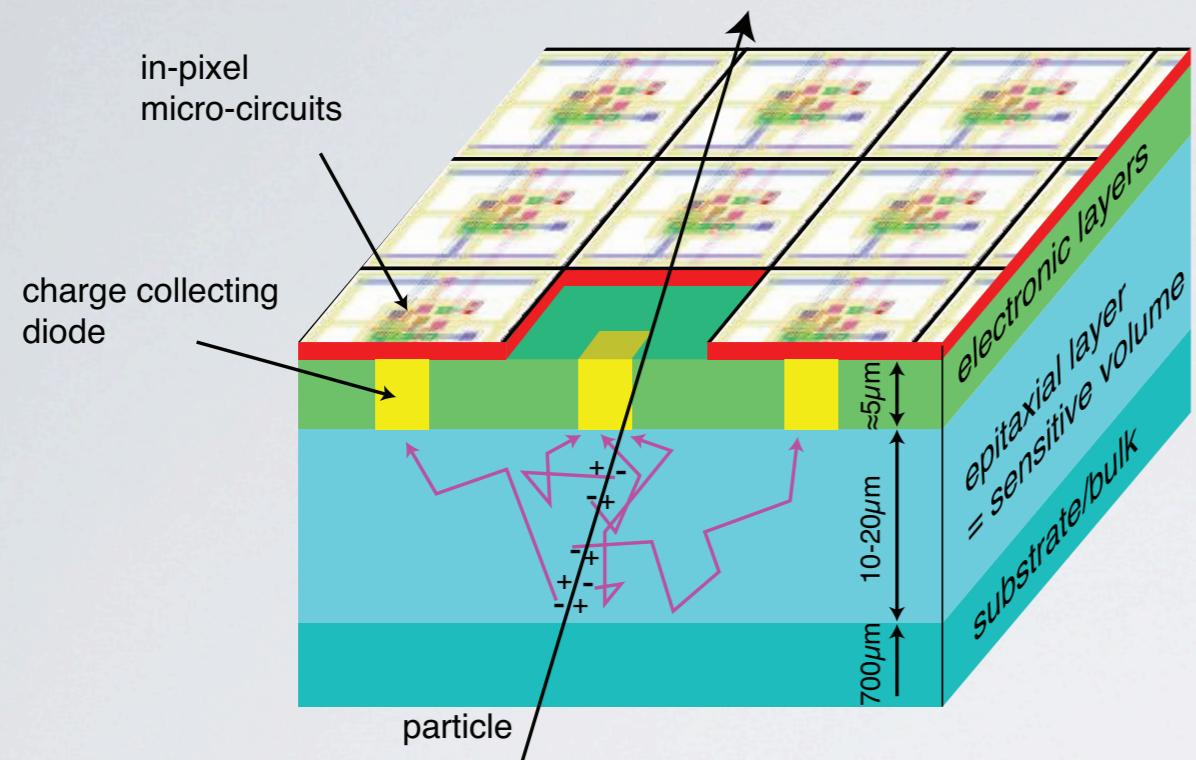


other R&D with prototypes ongoing at Tokyo, ORNL, Kolkata, Prague, ...

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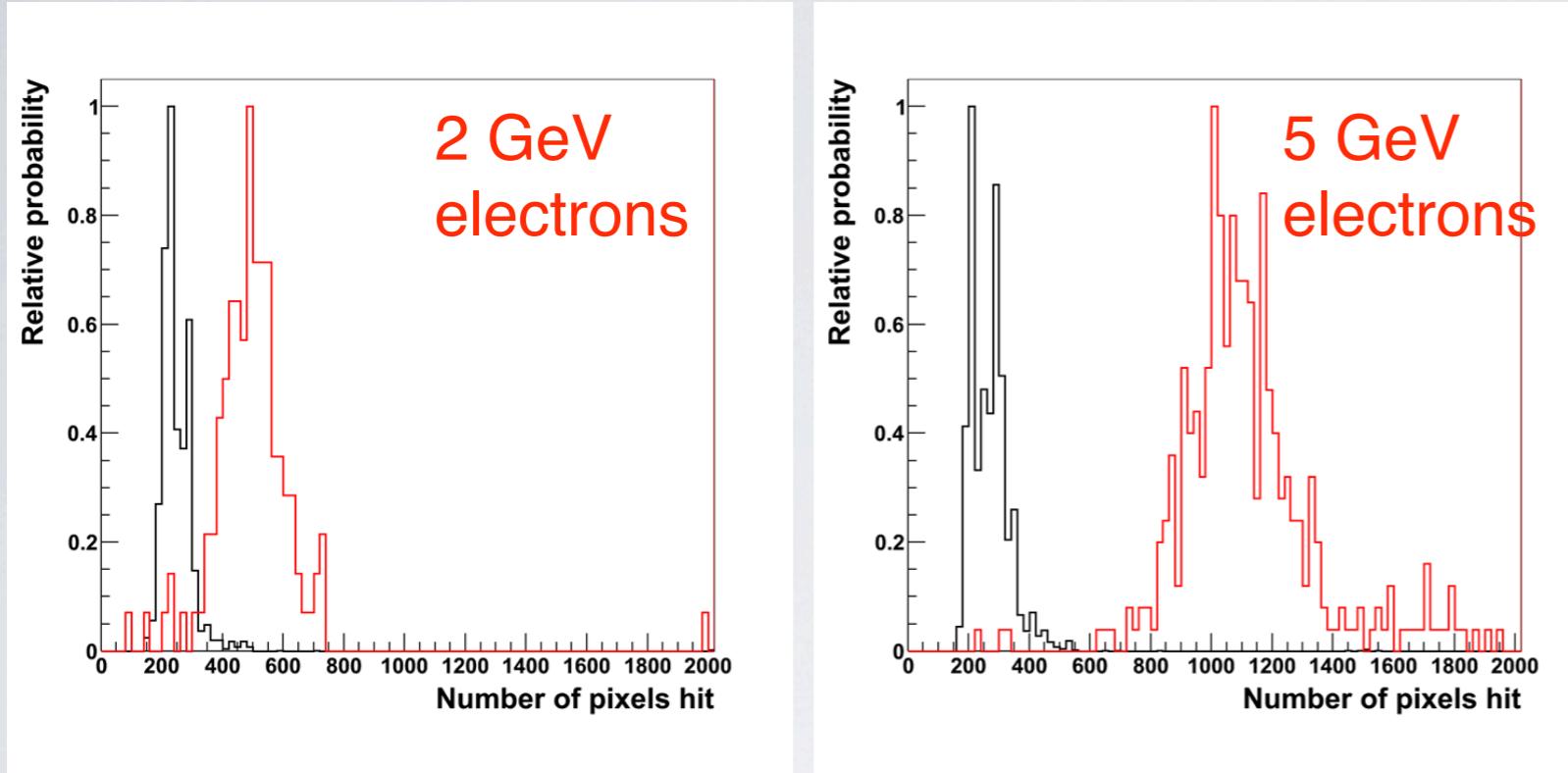
# CMOS Sensor



- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors: Mimosa (IPHC Strasbourg)
  - here: MIMOSA23 (PHASE 2)
  - rolling shutter: 640  $\mu$ s total RO time
  - digital readout
  - likely algorithm for real detector:  
on-chip hit count in macro pixel of 1 mm $^2$ ,  
for 30  $\mu$ m pixels equivalent to 10bit analog value

chip size	19.5 x 21 mm $^2$
active area	19.2 x 19.2 mm $^2$
pixels	640 x 640
pitch	30 x 30 $\mu$ m

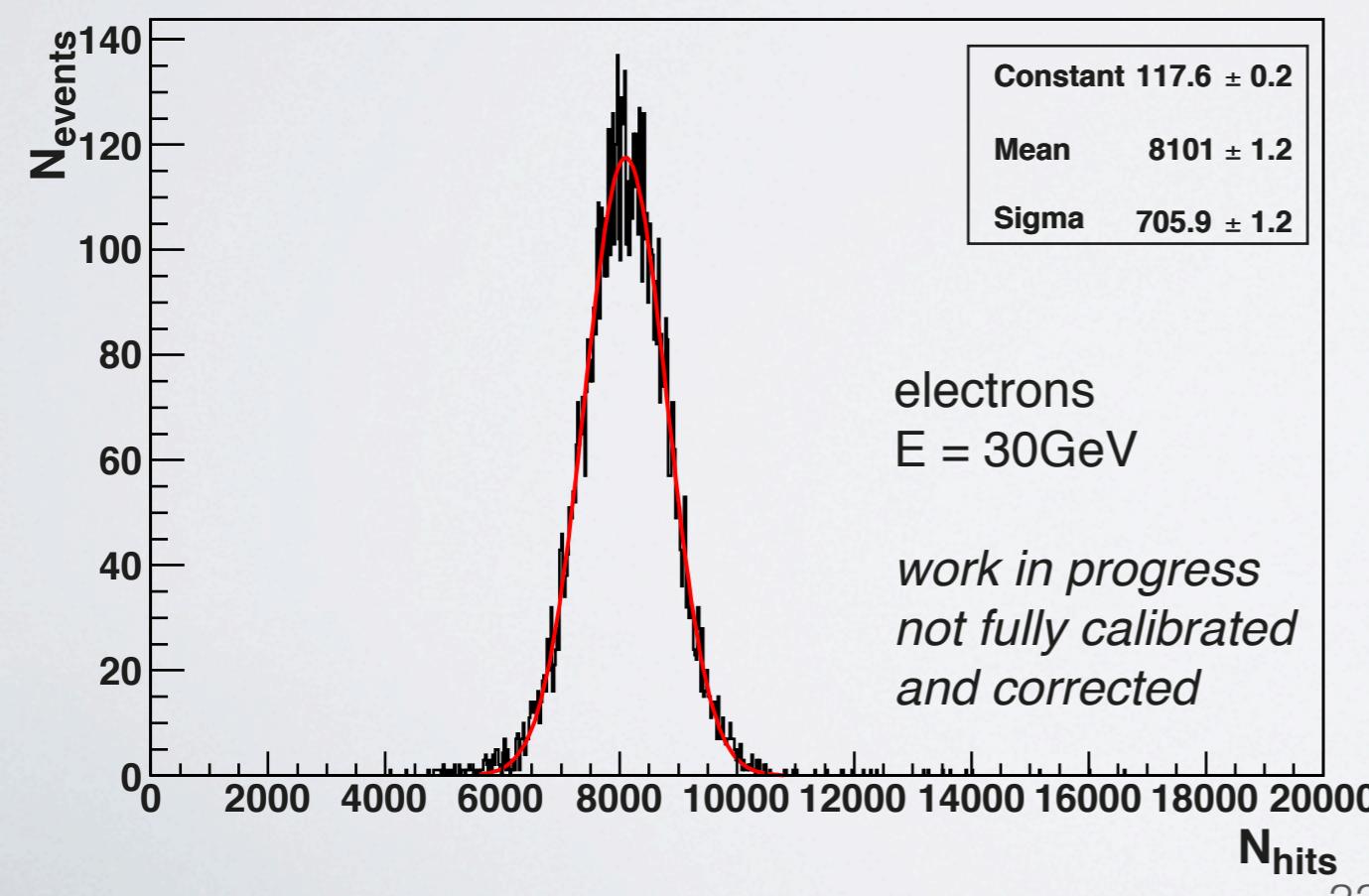
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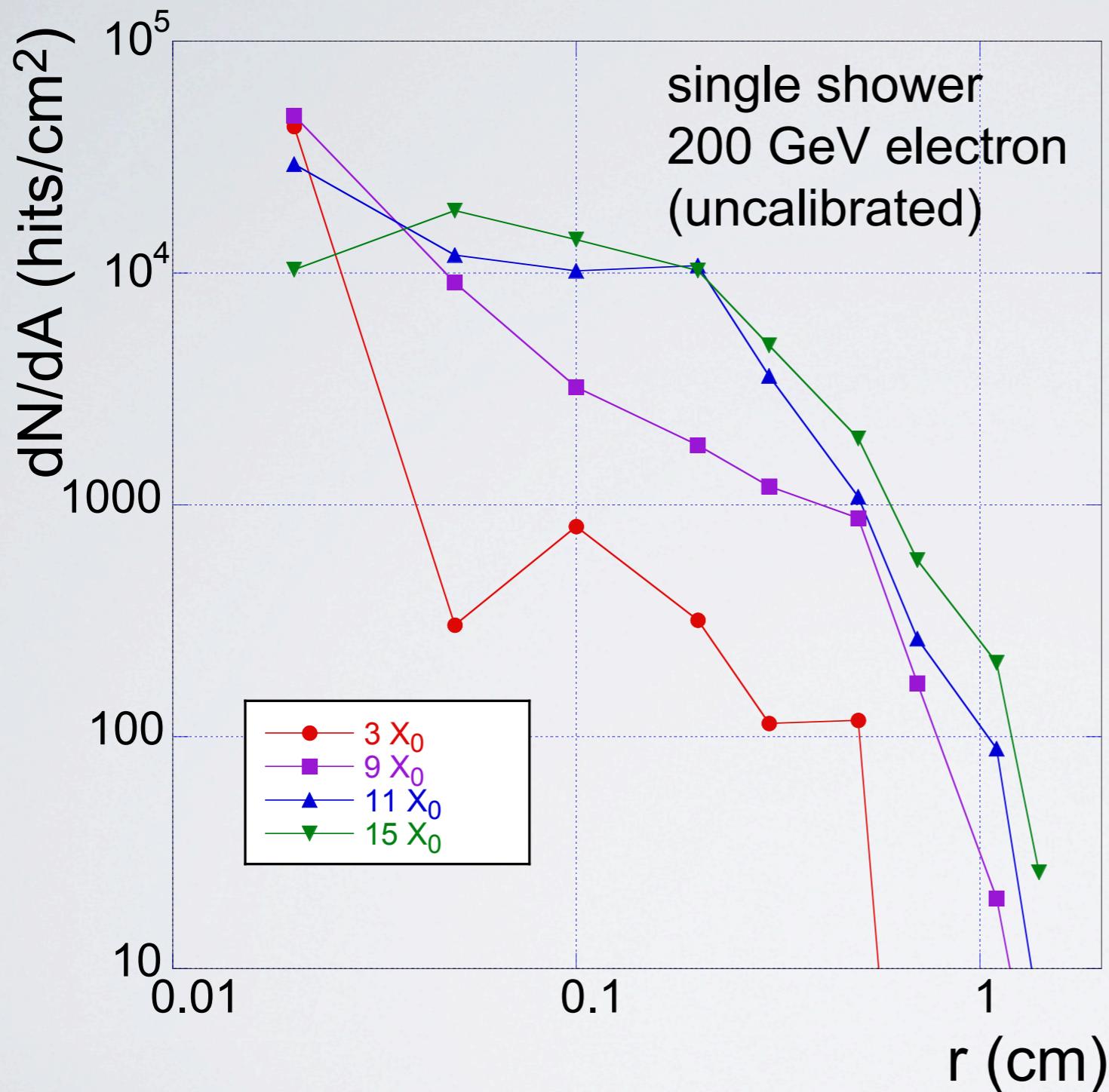
raw hit counts:  
reasonable linearity and  
energy resolution

current resolution  $\approx 2x$  ideal  
value from simulation

- more corrections under way
  - calibration (what level?)
  - alignment
  - dead chips/channels
  - particle ID
- energy resolution of fine layers does not limit full resolution of calorimeter



# Shower Profiles



high granularity allows detailed measurements of shower distribution below the mm scale

narrow shower in front layers, significantly broadening during shower development

systematic studies require precise alignment

*work in progress*

# MIMOSA: Next Steps

- modifications under way (current production):
  - move from  $0.35\mu\text{m}$  technology to  $0.18\mu\text{m}$  (TOWER)
    - lower power consumption, better radiation hardness
  - in-pixel discriminator
    - rolling shutter for digital signals: higher frequency
    - readout time possible:  $\approx 10\mu\text{s}$
  - other pixel sizes (currently  $30\times 30\mu\text{m}^2$ ) for performance checks
- digital part needs very different algorithms for calorimetry
  - need data reduction for  $\approx 50\% (?)$  occupancy (much higher than for tracking)
  - current idea: digital sum of # of pixels in “macro-pixel”