

# Ultra-fast silicon (LGADs) for EIC detectors

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# LGADs consortium

– collaborative efforts on application of ultra-fast silicon for future HEP/NP detectors

- **EOI for EIC as a first cornerstone ([LINK](#))**

- 14 Institutes: ANL, BNL, OMEGA, FNAL, IFJ PAN, IJLAB, LANL, MIT, ORNL, Rice, Stonybrook, UCSC, UIC, KU

- **Interests in different detector concepts**

- TOF, (4D) Tracker, Roman Pots, Preshower

- **Organize by areas of expertise/interest**

- Physics Performance and Design
- Silicon sensors
- Front-end Electronics
- System Design, Mechanics and Engineering

- **Meetings:** <https://indico.bnl.gov/category/323/>

Expression of Interest (EOI): [LINK](#)  
Fast timing silicon detectors for EIC detectors

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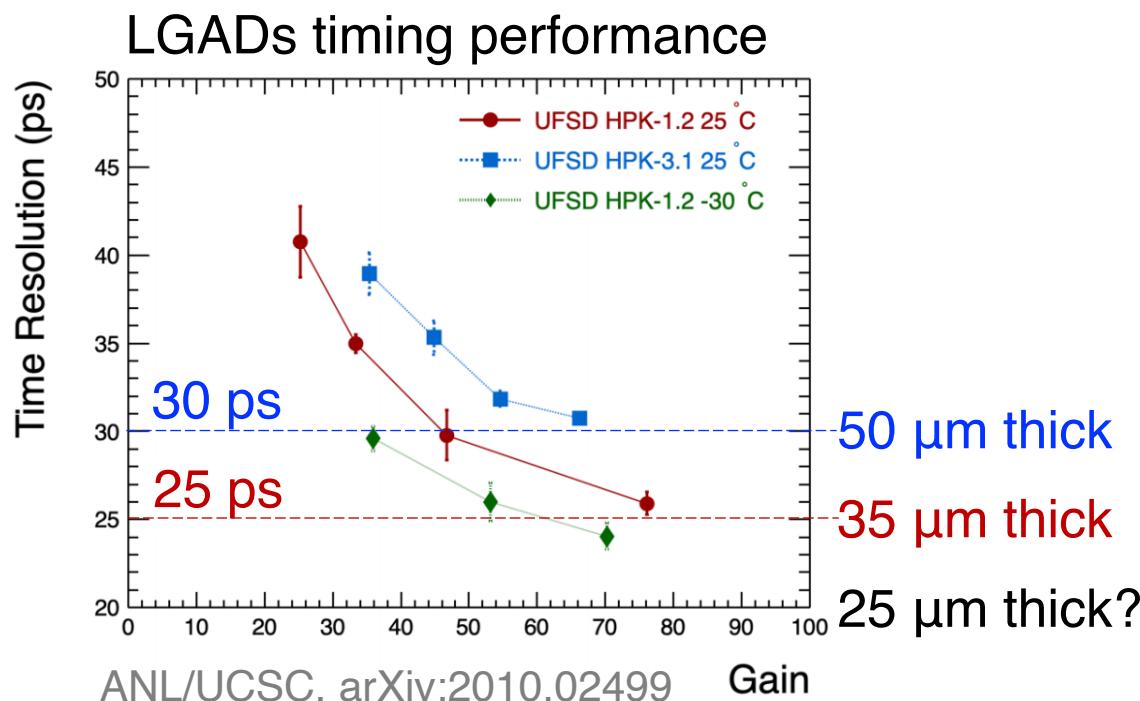
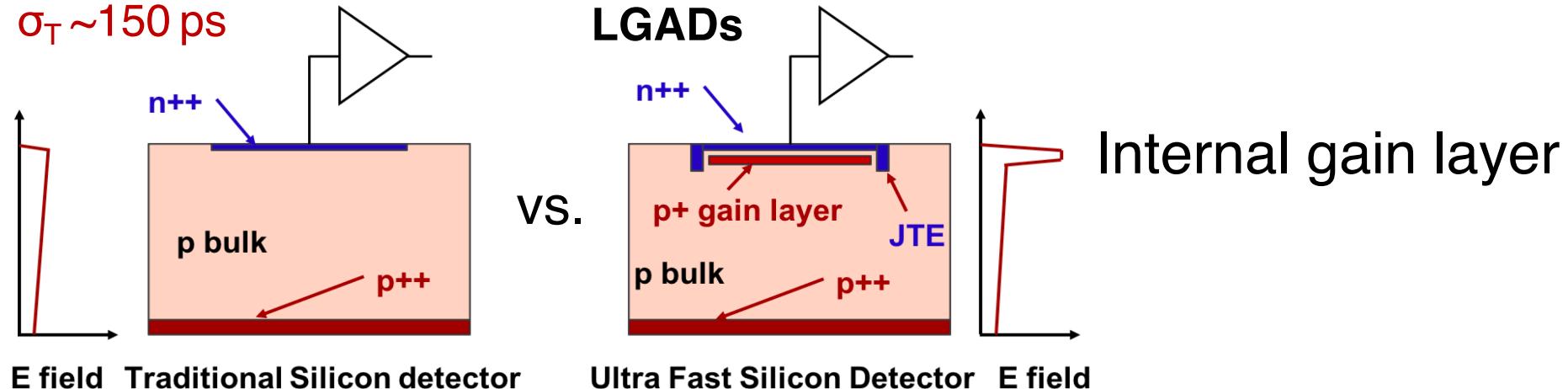
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You are welcome to join!

# Low-gain avalanche diodes (LGADs)

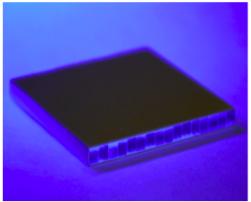


R&Ds for EIC aiming to achieve  
 $\sigma_T \sim 20$  ps with 20-25 μm sensors

# LGADs at the HL-LHC (2028)

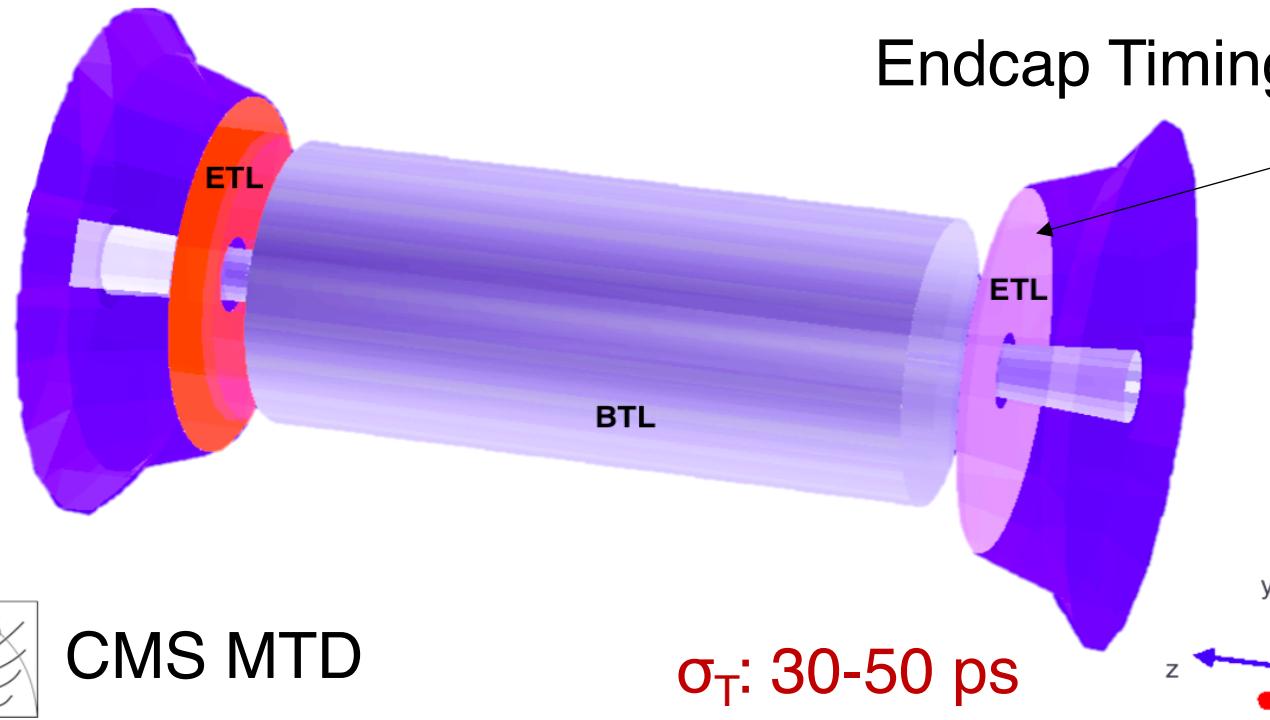
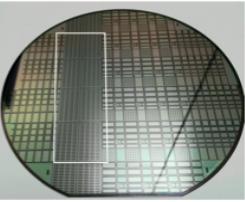
## BTL: LYSO bars + SiPM readout:

- TK / ECAL interface:  $|\eta| < 1.45$
- Inner radius: 1148 mm (40 mm thick)
- Length:  $\pm 2.6$  m along z
- Surface  $\sim 38 \text{ m}^2$ ; 332k channels
- Fluence at 4 ab $^{-1}$ :  $2 \times 10^{14} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

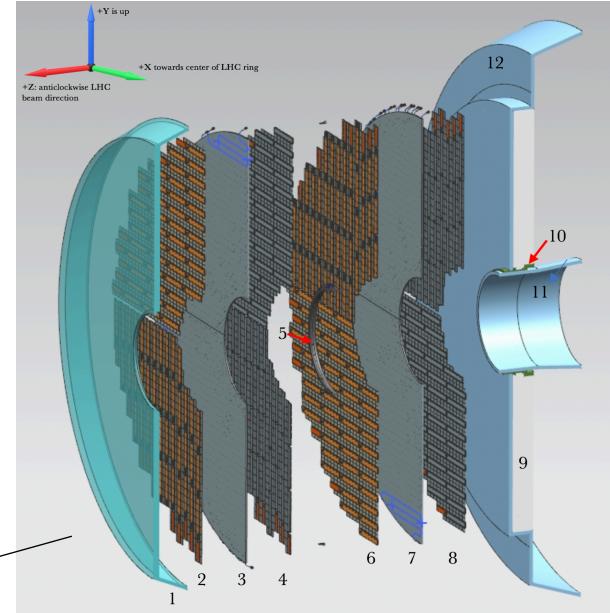


## ETL: Si with internal gain (LGAD):

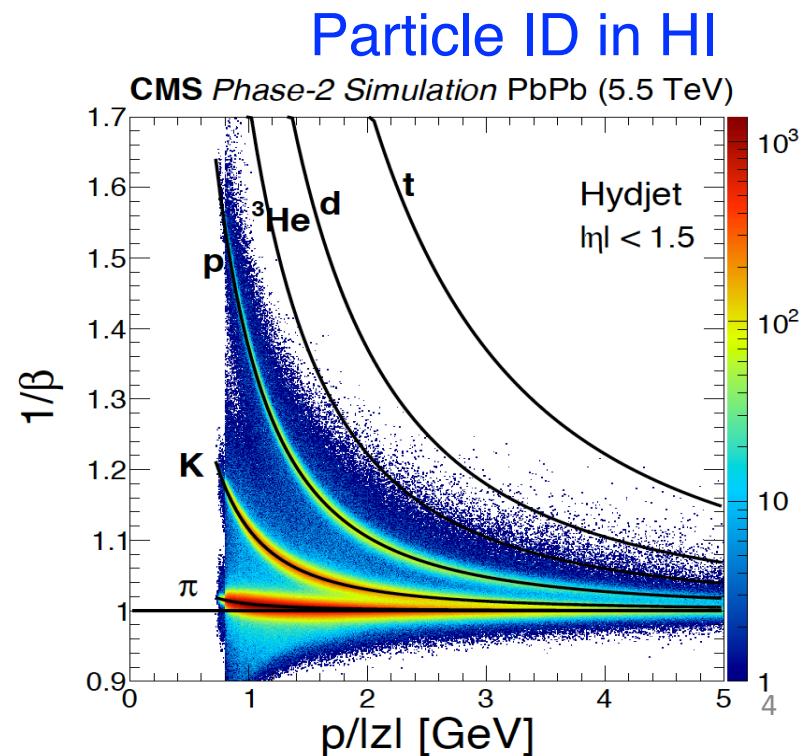
- On the CE nose:  $1.6 < |\eta| < 3.0$
- Radius:  $315 < R < 1200$  mm
- Position in z:  $\pm 3.0$  m (45 mm thick)
- Surface  $\sim 14 \text{ m}^2$ ;  $\sim 8.5 \text{ M}$  channels
- Fluence at 4 ab $^{-1}$ : up to  $2 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$



CMS MTD



Endcap Timing Layer

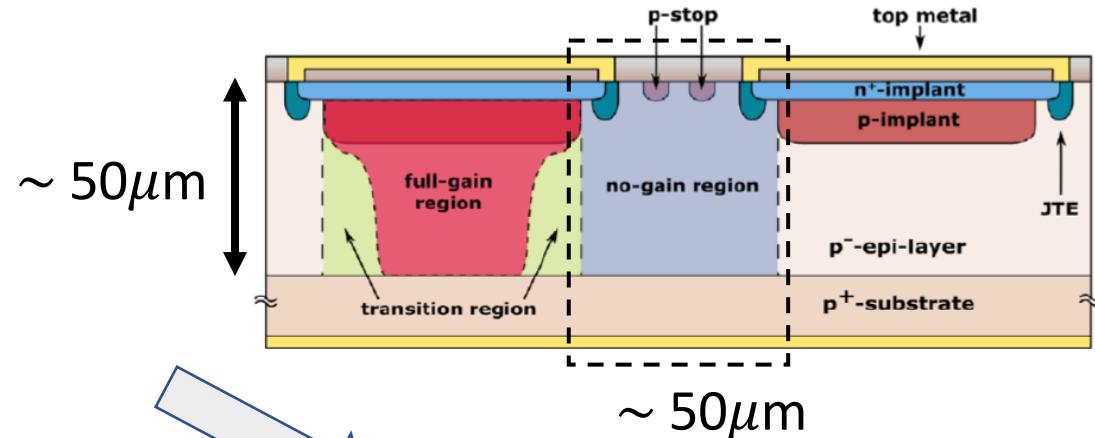


Lots of synergies to leverage for EIC

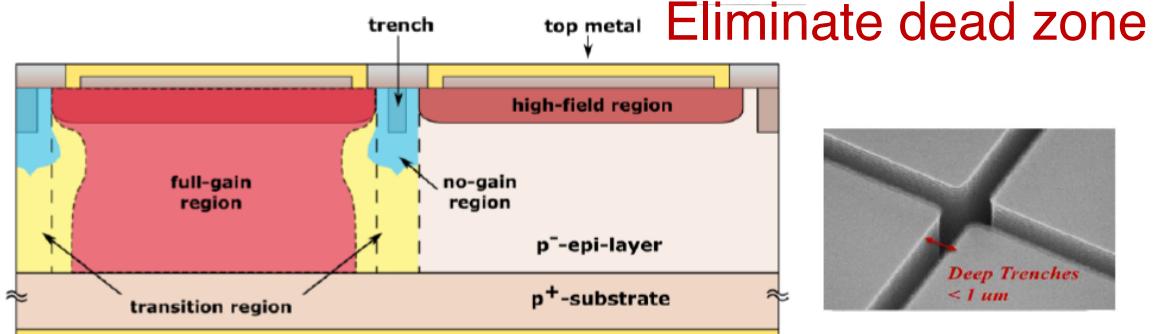
# Position resolution for LGADs

## Standard LGADs at HL-LHC

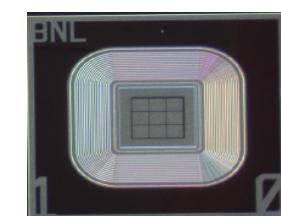
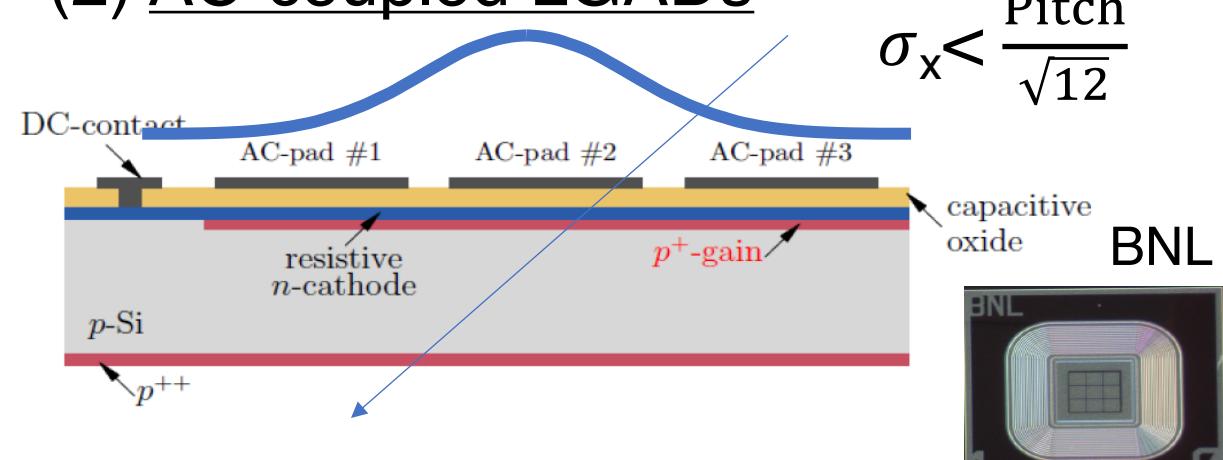
- **Pixel: 1.3x1.3 mm<sup>2</sup>**
- $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$  intrapad dead zone



## (1) Trench-Isolated (TI) LGADs

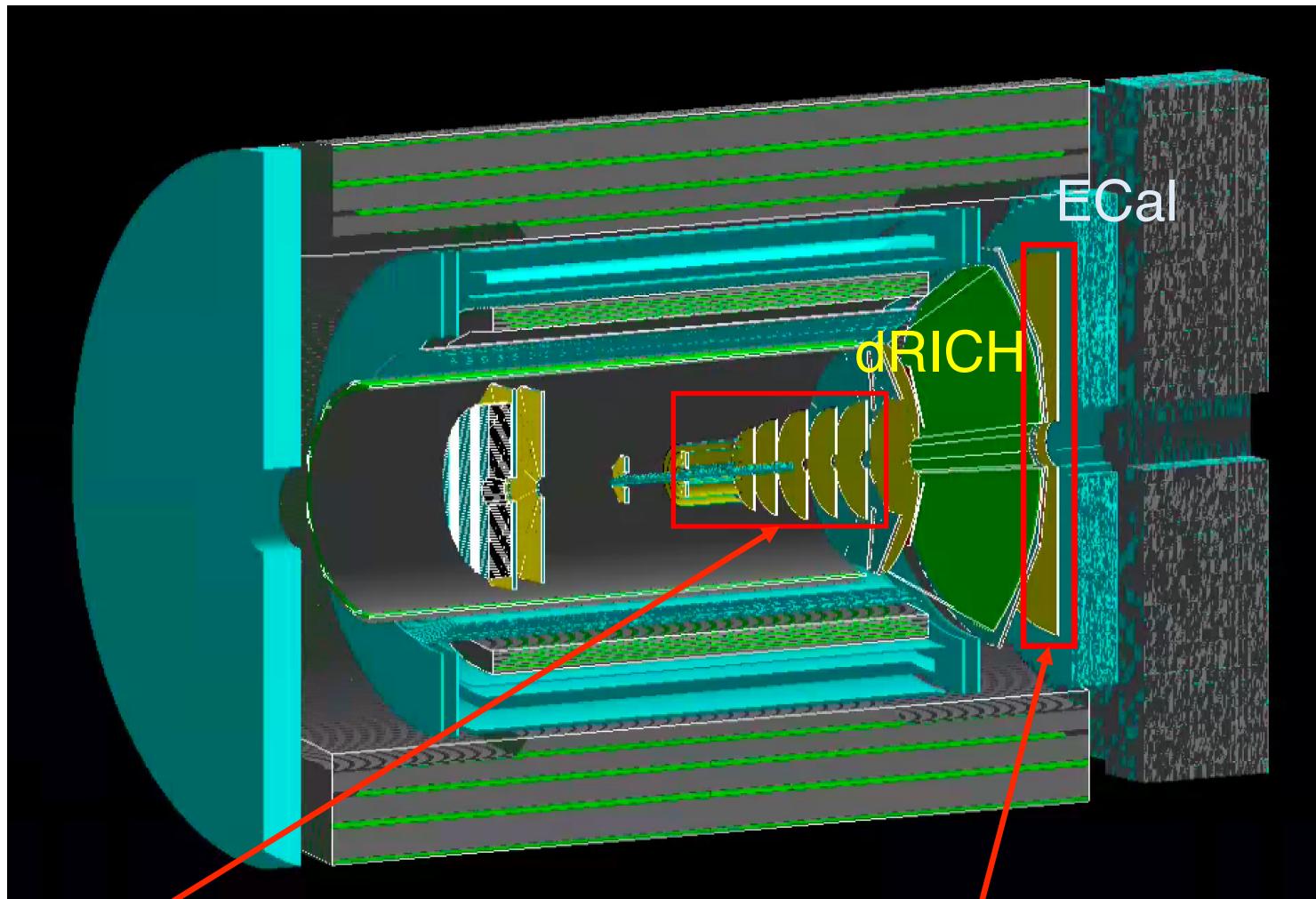


## (2) AC-coupled LGADs



Fine pixelization ( $\sim 100\text{-}200 \mu\text{m}$ ) achievable for tracker

# Performance studies in Fun4All



BNL-eRD29

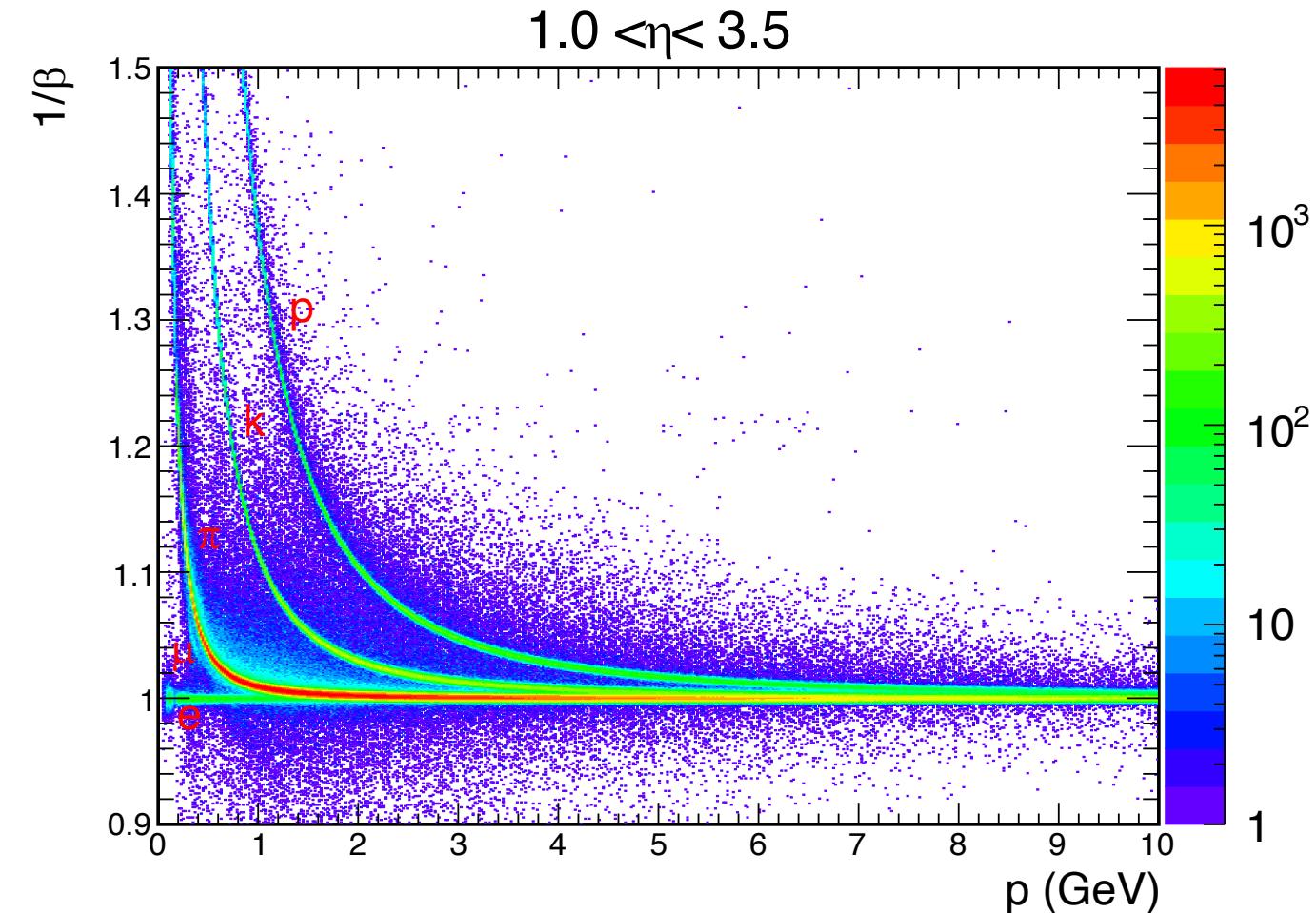
Silicon tracker  
(Barrel + FST from LANL)

**Forward LGADs layer(s)  
behind dRICH:  $z=2.8m$**

farther the better to  
maximize flight distance

# PID performance $1/\beta$ vs. $p$

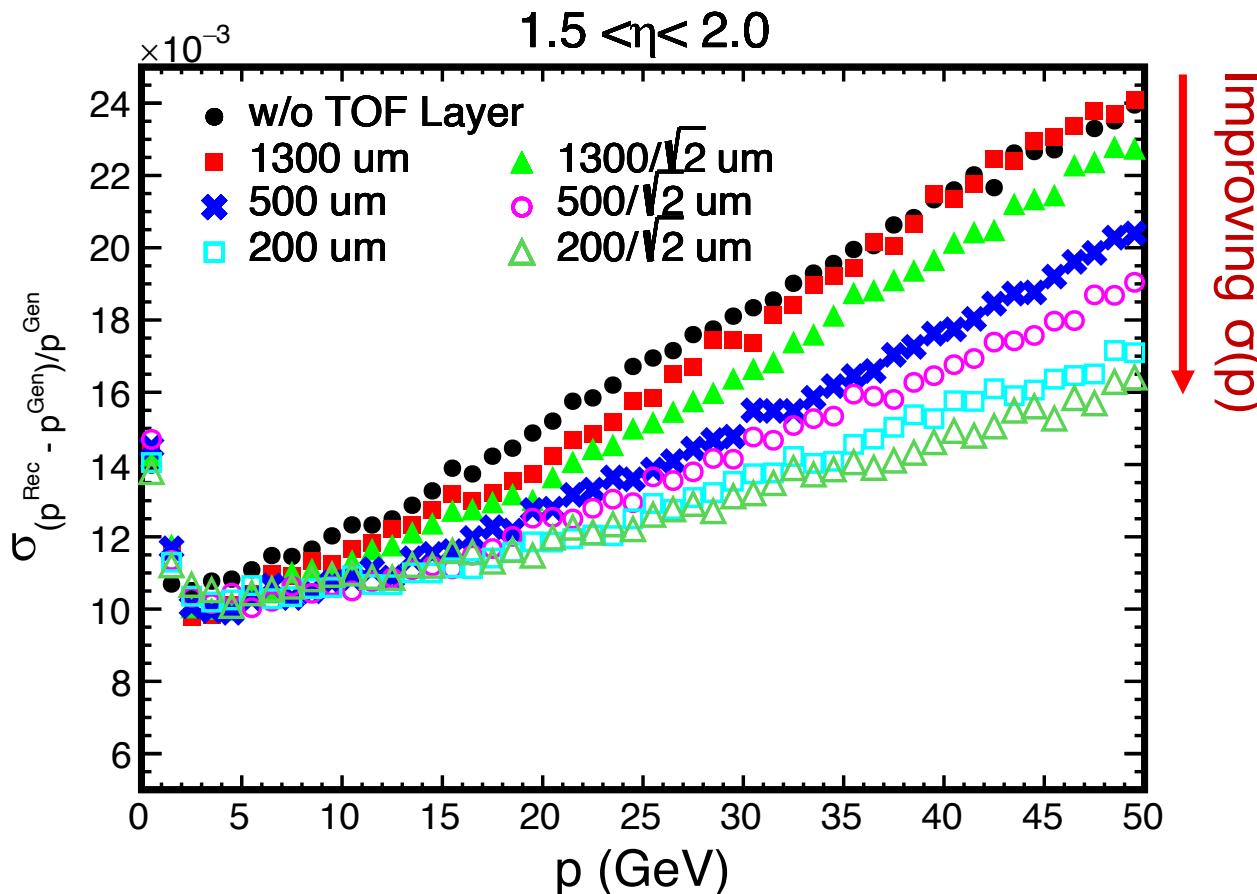
Pythia6: e (10 GeV) + p (250 GeV)



- Two layers:  $\sigma(p_T) \sim 20\text{ps}/\text{layer}$
- $\pi/k: 0.1\sim 4\text{-}5 \text{ GeV}; k/p: 0.1\sim 7\text{-}8 \text{ GeV}$
- Start-time ( $T_0$ ) contribution being studied

Combining with dRICH, PID  
over full  $p$  range covered

# Tracking performance: $p$ resolution



Pitch size:

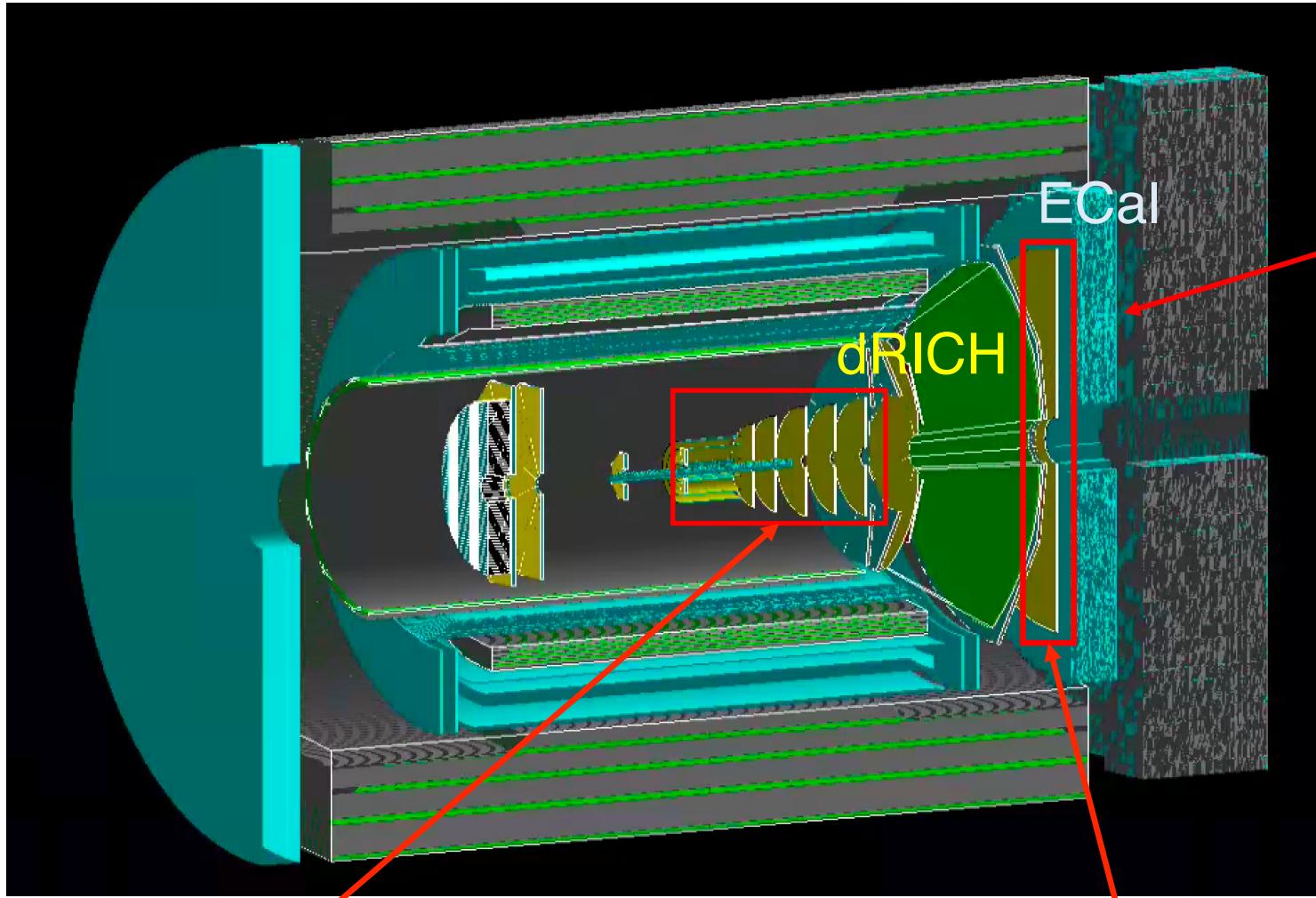
- 1300  $\mu\text{m}$ : CMS/ATLAS
- 500  $\mu\text{m}$ : optimistically achievable
- 200  $\mu\text{m}$ : significant R&Ds on ASICs

$\sigma_{x(y)}$ : (pitch) /  $\sqrt{12}$  per layer

- Better than  $1/\sqrt{12}$  using AC-LGADs

Improved  $p$  resolution with LGADs as outer tracker (after dRICH)

# Future development in progress



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(Barrel + FST from LANL)

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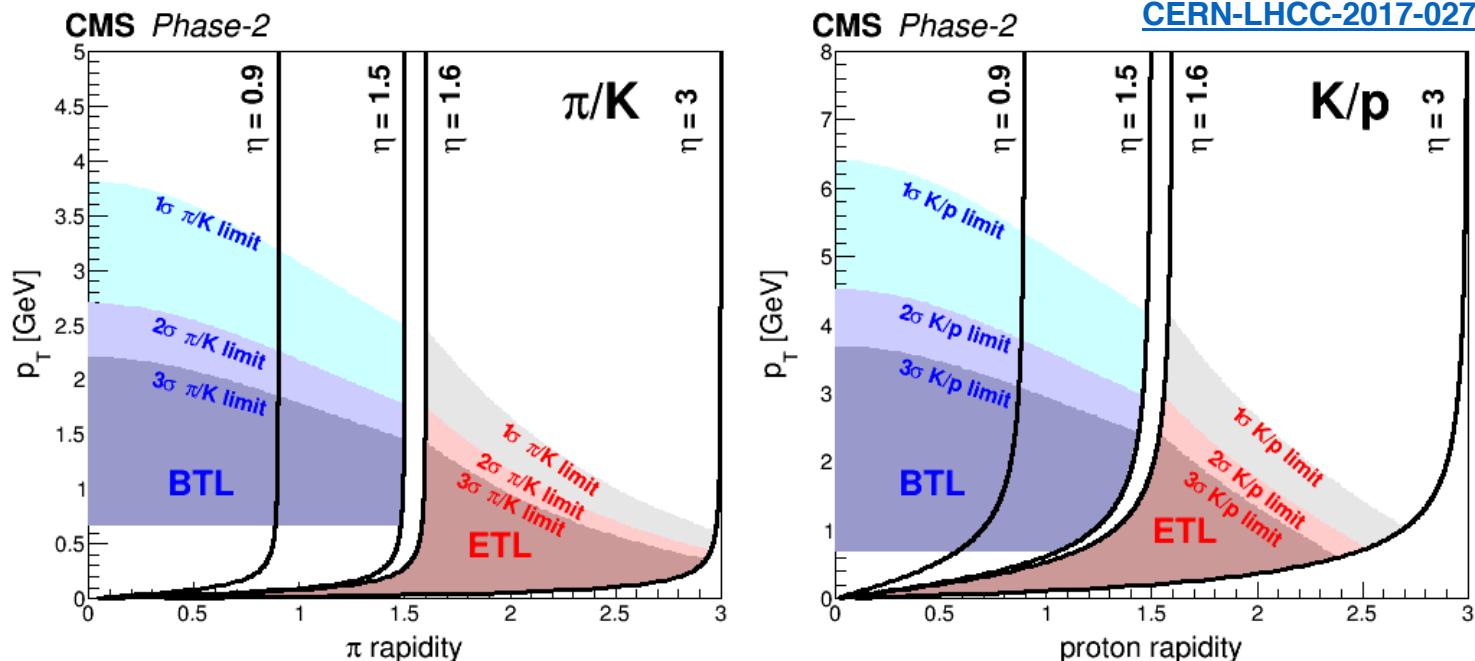
## Performance and design

- Layers between ECal and Hcal?
- Add backward/central coverage
- Test with different tracker design (e.g., LBNL)
- $T_0$  determination strategy

Targeted R&Ds being planned in the consortium

# Backups

# Performance for PID with CMS-MTD



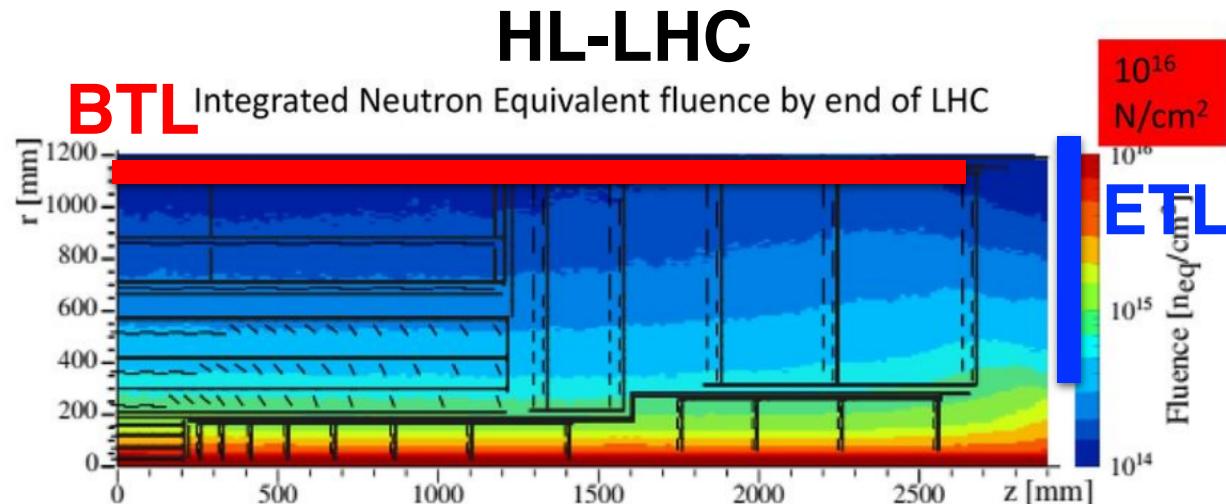
- $p_T$  coverage comparable to STAR/ALICE
- **Unique wide  $\eta$  coverage**

**A large coverage, LGAD-based TOF(-track) at EIC**

- Significant synergies to leverage with the HL-LHC upgrade
- Advantage of no radiation constraints at the EIC

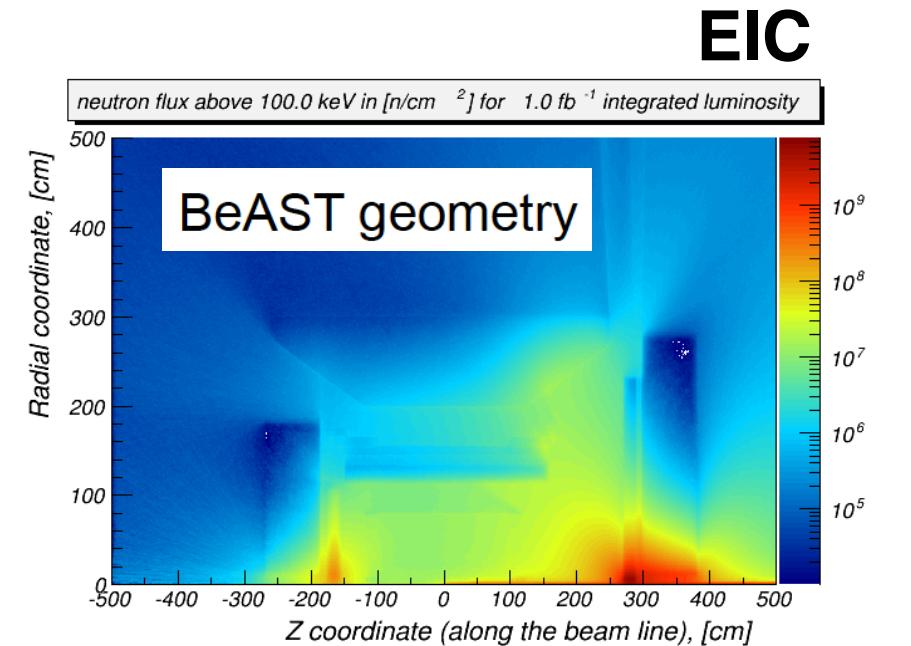
# EIC: the next QCD frontier

Radiation fluence



$\sim 2 \times 10^{14} n_{eq}/cm^2$  for BTL

$\sim 2 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$  for inner radius of ETL



Up to  $10^{11} n_{eq}/cm^2$  over 10 yrs

Synergies between LHC and EIC but also different challenges:

- No radiation constraints for EIC – good for the entire lifetime
- Optimize for better time and position resolutions

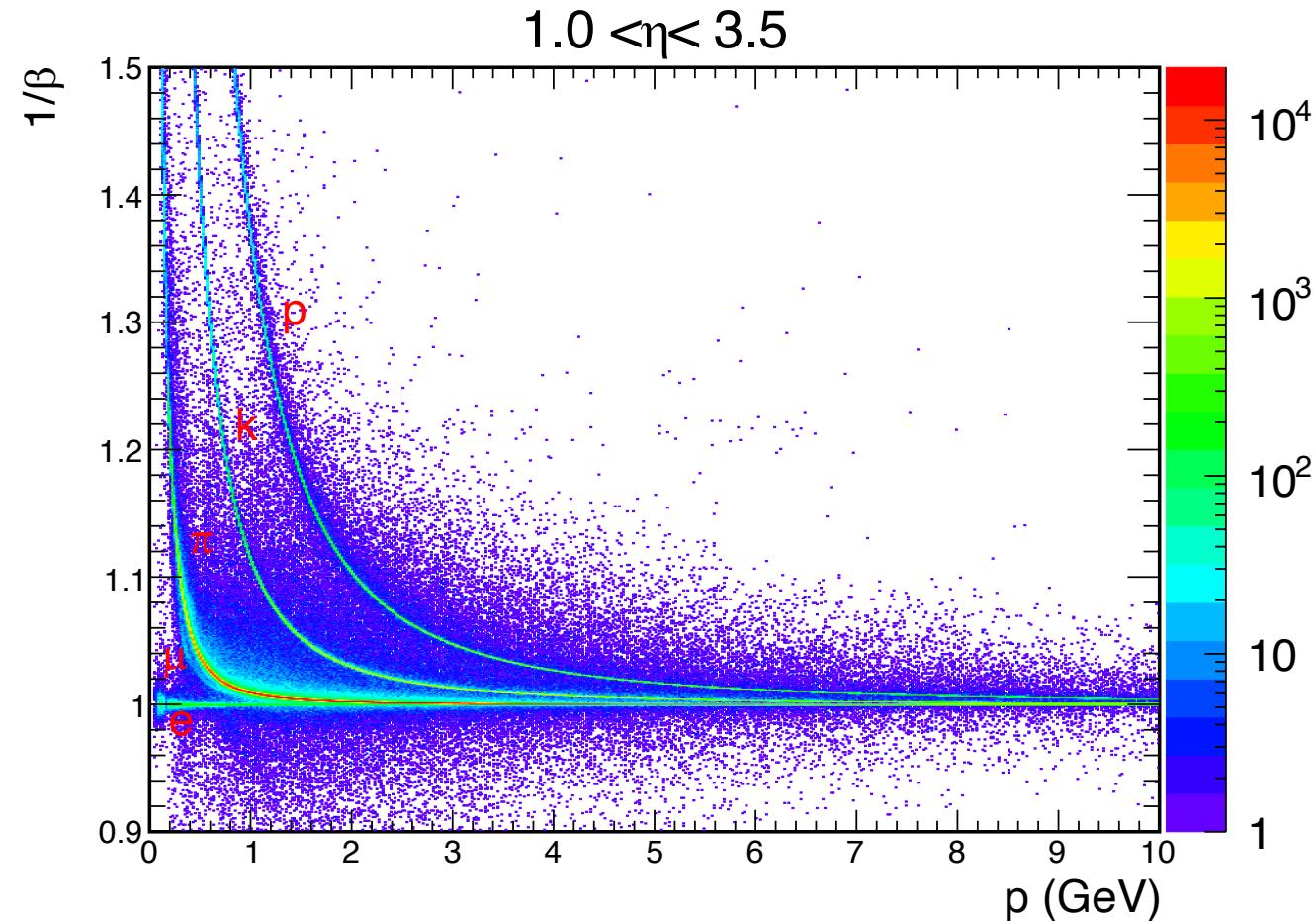
## EIC Detector Requirements

*Table 2: Physics requirements for a an EIC detector*

$\eta$	Nomenclature	Tracking			Electrons		$\pi/K/p$ PID		HCAL	Muons						
		Resolution	Allowed $X/X_0$	Si-Vertex	Resolution $\sigma_E/E$	PID	p-Range (GeV/c)	Separation	Resolution $\sigma_E/E$							
-6.9 – -5.8		low- $Q^2$ tagger	$\delta\theta/\theta < 1.5\%$ ; $10^{-6} < Q^2 < 10^{-2}$ GeV $^2$													
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-4.5 – -4.0	Auxiliary Detectors		Instrumentation to separate charged particles from photons													
-4.0 – -3.5																
-3.5 – -3.0	Central Detector	Backwards Detectors		$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.1\% \times p + 2.0\%$	TBD	2%/ $\sqrt{E}$	$\pi$ suppression up to 1:10 <sup>4</sup>	$\leq 7$ GeV/c	$\sim 50\%/\sqrt{E}$	TBD						
-3.0 – -2.5																
-2.5 – -2.0						7%/ $\sqrt{E}$										
-2.0 – -1.5																
-1.5 – -1.0						$\sigma_{xyz} \sim 20$ $\mu\text{m}$ , $d_0(z) \sim d_0(r\phi) \sim 20/p_T$ GeV $\mu\text{m}$ + 5 $\mu\text{m}$	$\leq 5$ GeV/c	$\geq 3\sigma$	TBD	TBD						
-1.0 – -0.5																
-0.5 – 0.0						(10-12%)/ $\sqrt{E}$	$\leq 8$ GeV/c		$\sim 50\%/\sqrt{E}$							
0.0 – 0.5																
0.5 – 1.0						TBD	$\leq 20$ GeV/c									
1.0 – 1.5																
1.5 – 2.0						$\leq 45$ GeV/c										
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3.5 – 4.0	Auxiliary Detectors		Instrumentation to separate charged particles from photons													
4.0 – 4.5																
...			Proton Spectrometer	$\sigma_{intrinsic}( t )/ t  < 1\%$ ; Acceptance: $0.2 < p_T < 1.2$ GeV/c												
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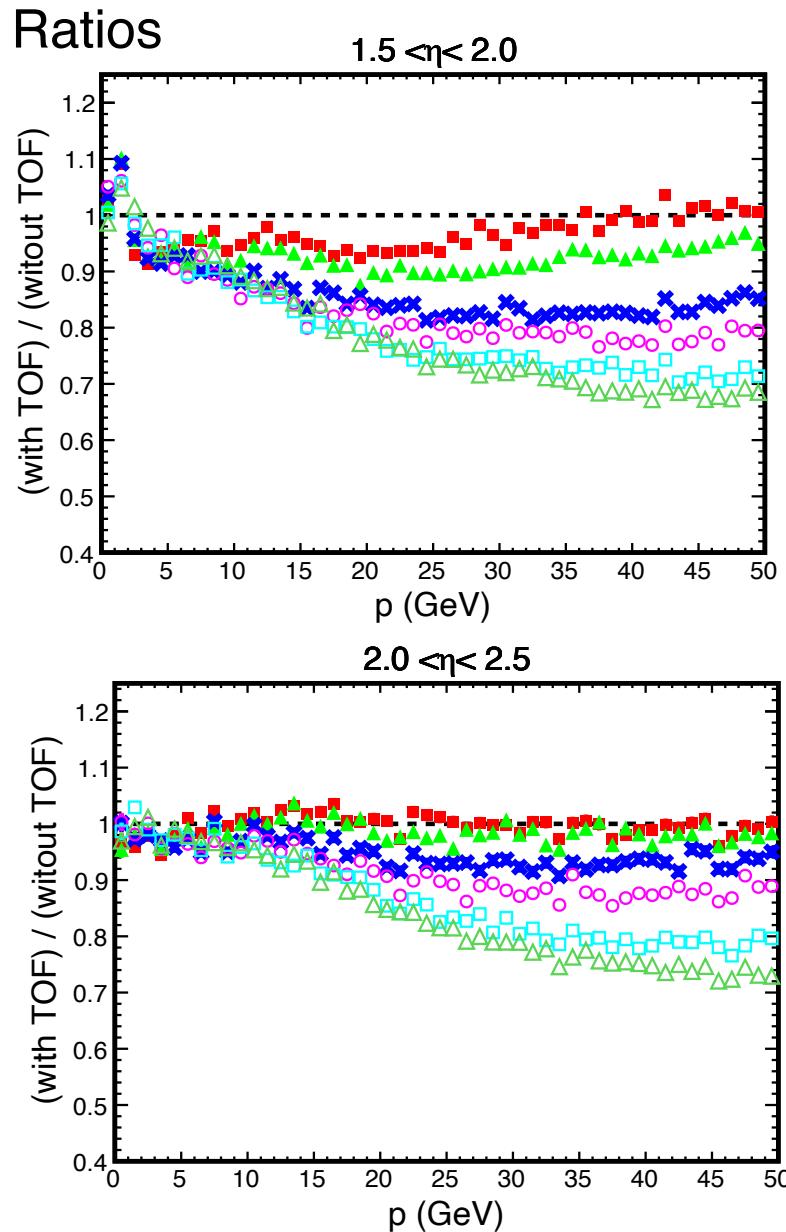
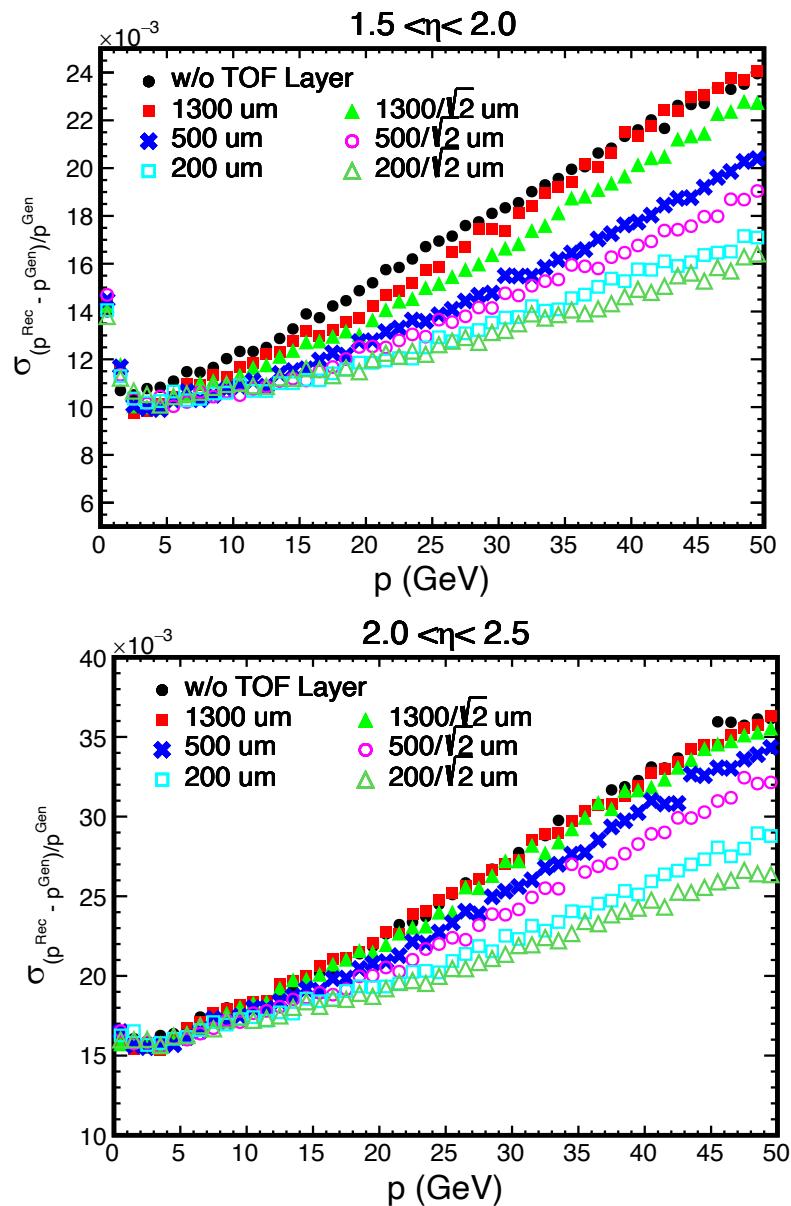
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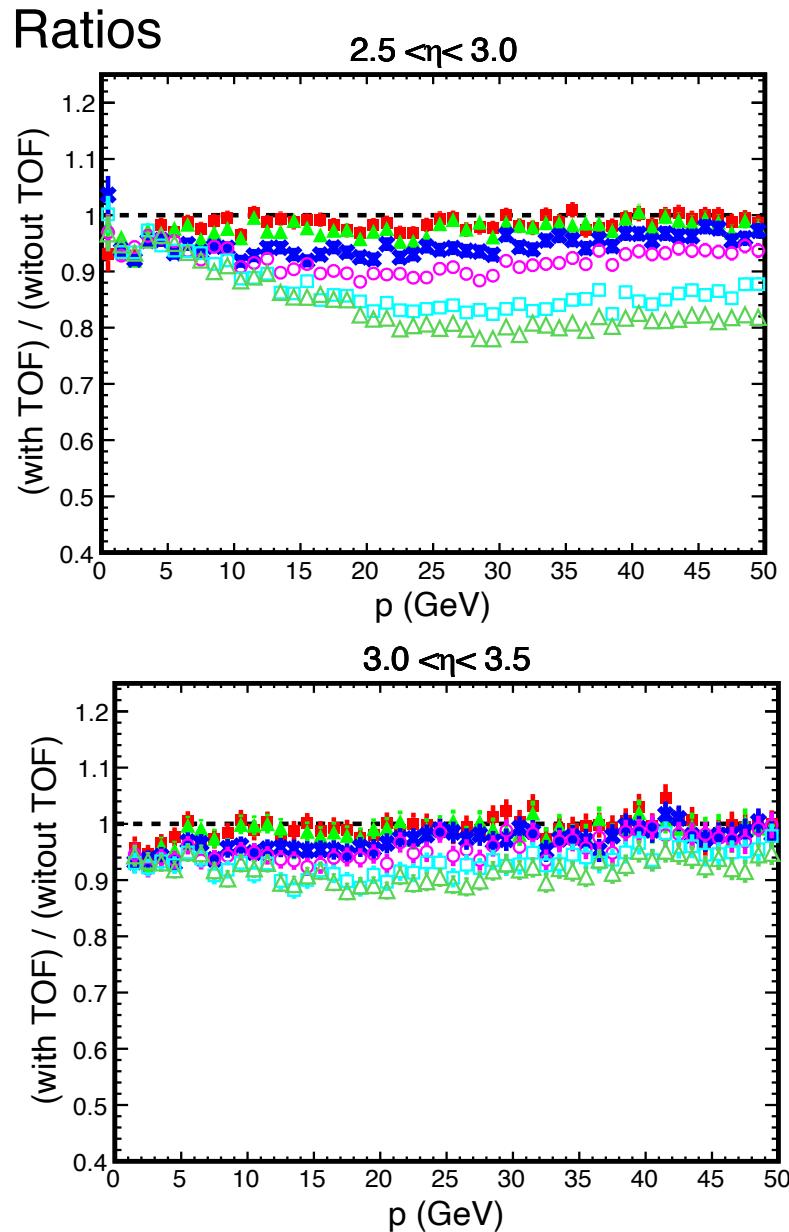
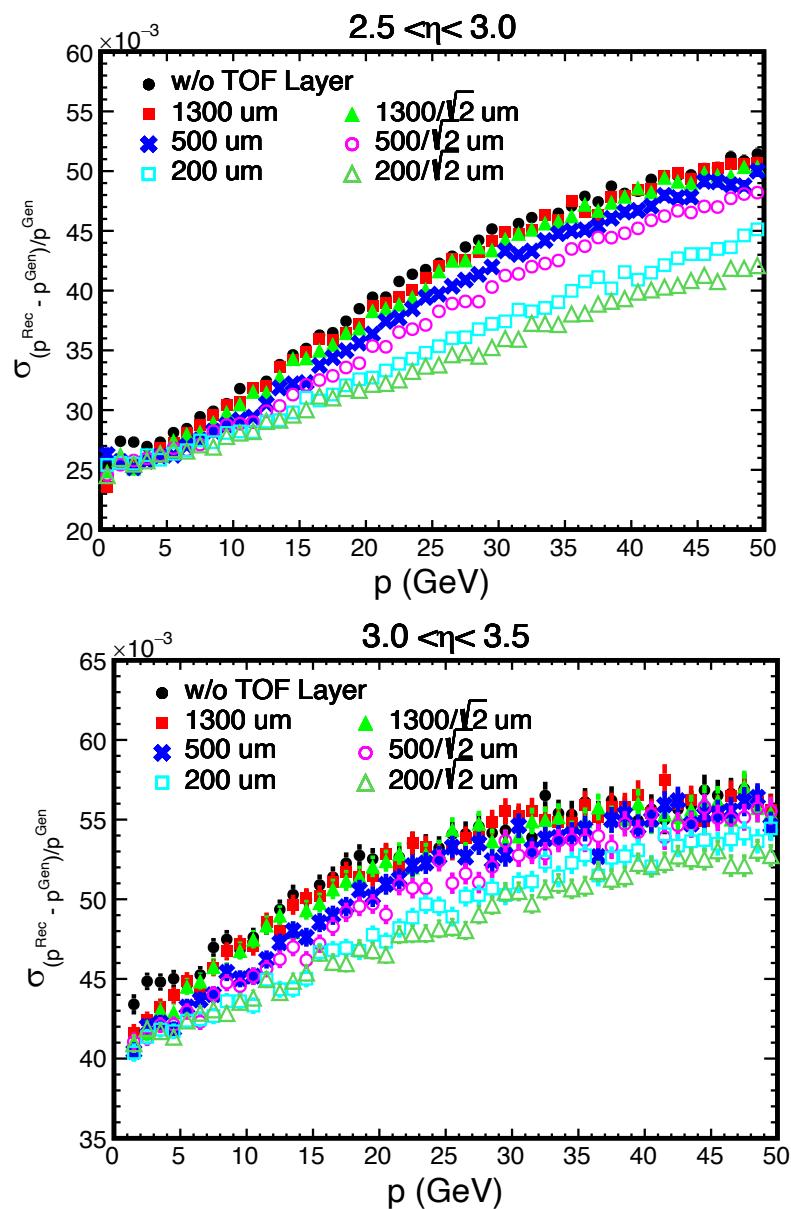
- Velocity with **ONLY** pathlength uncertainty
  - non-negligible effect from tracking

# Track $p_T$ resolution with pion guns



$1.5 < \eta < 2:$   
 $\sim 50\%$  of disk area

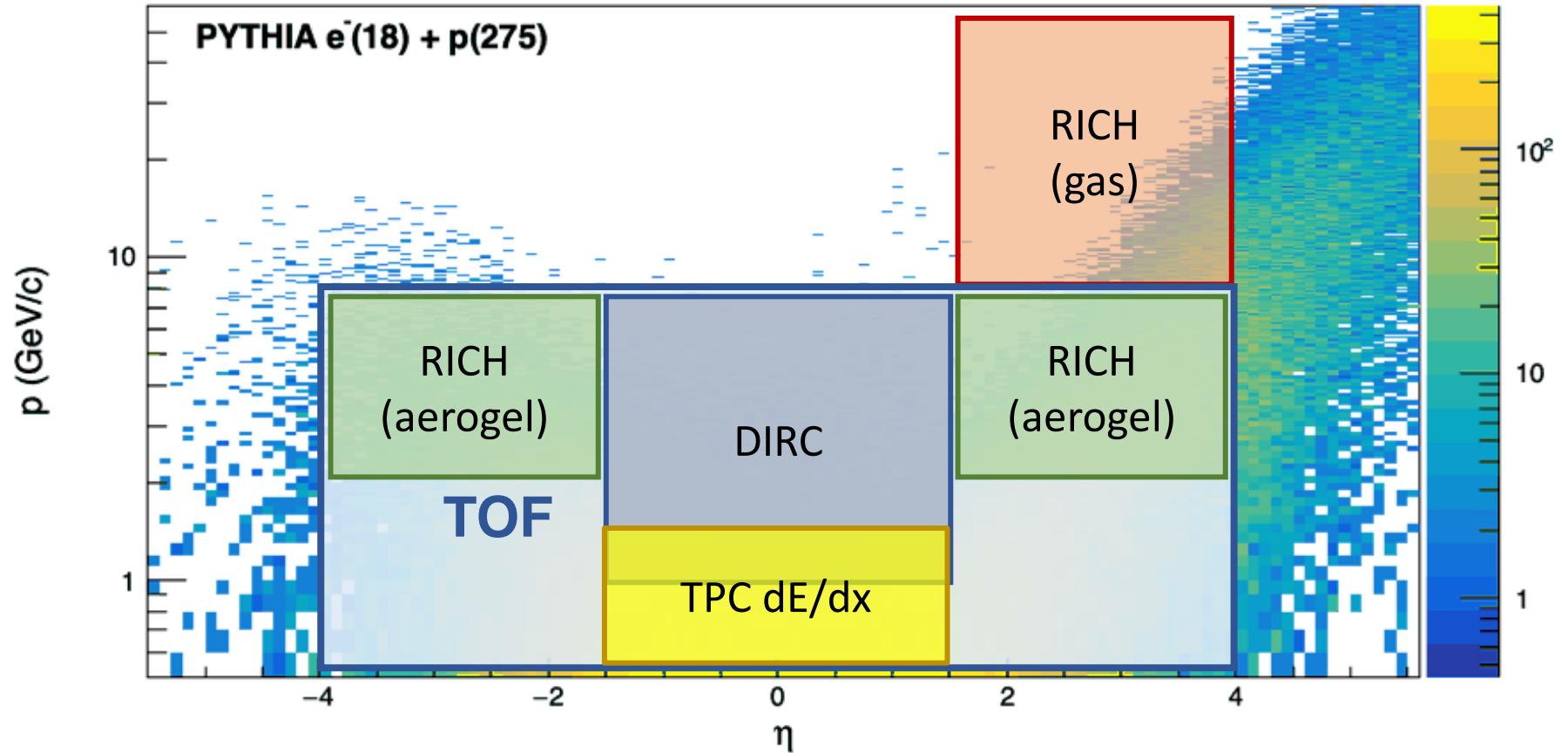
# Track $p_T$ resolution with pion guns



# Particle identification (PID) at EIC

Physics:

- SIDIS
- Heavy flavor
- **Collectivity**
- ...



[EIC Handbook](#); PID YR WG;  
R&Ds at eRD6 and 14

	Backward ( $-4 < \eta < -1.5$ )	Central ( $ \eta  < 1.5$ )	Forward ( $1.5 < \eta < 4$ )
Low $p$ ( $< 3$ GeV)	TOF	TOF, TPC, DIRC	TOF
Intermediate $p$ (3-8 GeV)	TOF, RICH	TOF, DIRC	TOF, RICH
High $p$ (8-50 GeV)			RICH

# Particle identification (PID) at EIC – TOF

## (b) Complementarity of different TOF technologies

	LGADs	MRPC	LAPPD
Time resolution	20ps	20 ps	5ps
Spatial resolution	a few to hundreds $\mu\text{m}$	a few mm to 1 cm	1 mm
Overall thickness	2cm	10cm	2cm
High B field tolerant	Yes	Yes	No
Cost	High	Low	High

### **LGADs silicon sensor: low gain avalanche diodes**

- Potential to combine TOF and (partially) tracker in one system
- Lots of R&Ds at the HL-LHC to synergize