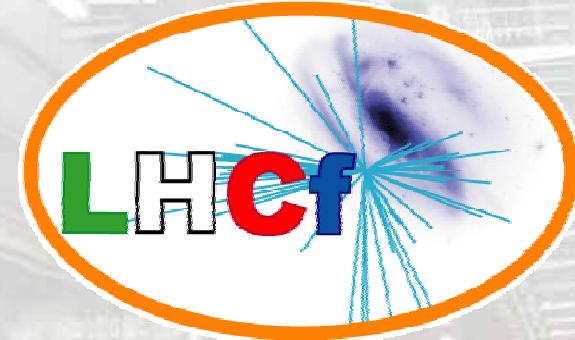


# LHCf status report

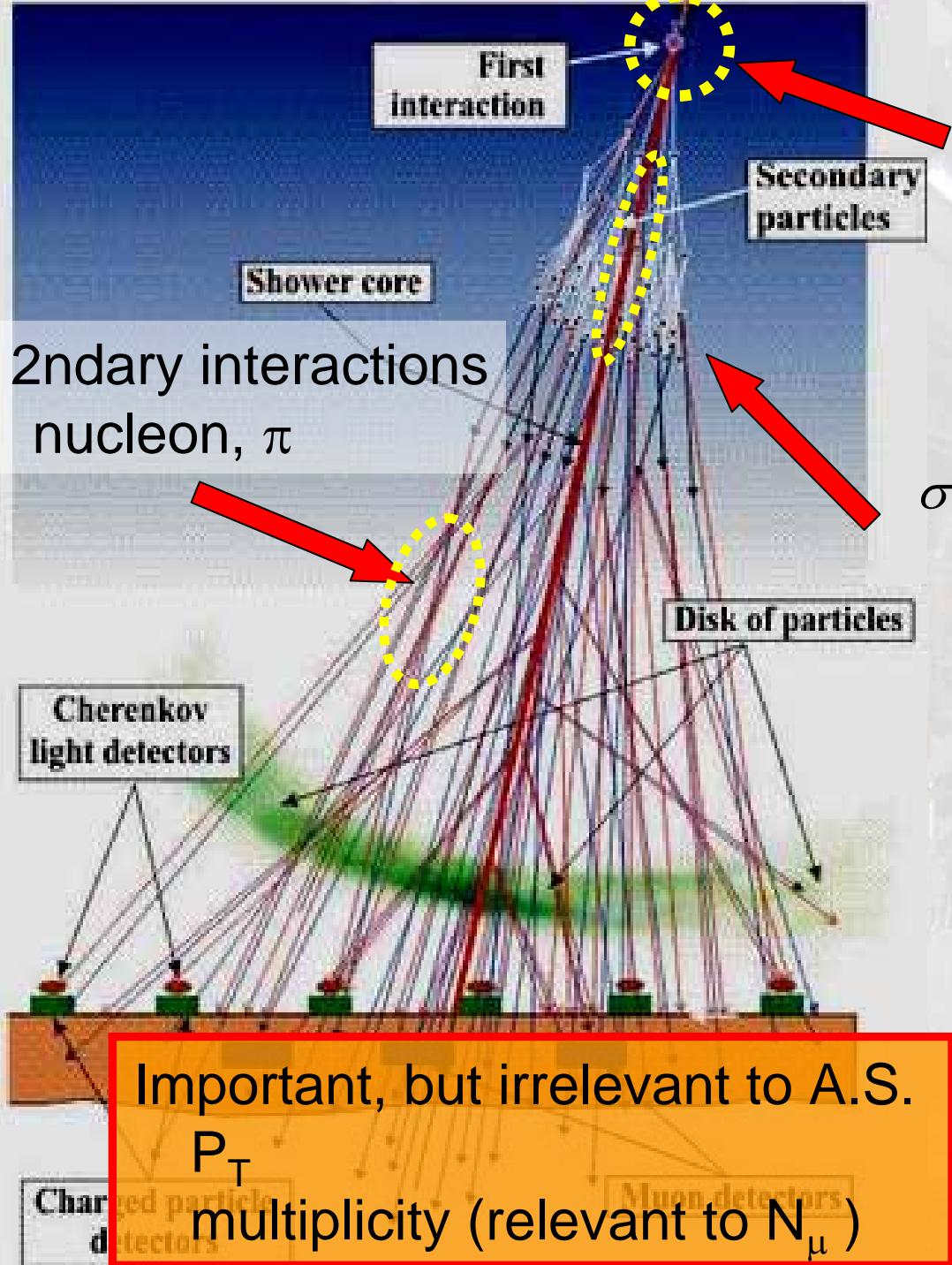


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# LHCf activities 2011 - 2012

- Recent new results
  - 900GeV single photon spectra
  - 7TeV pi0 pT spectra
- Preparation for p-Pb run
- Status of detector upgrade



## Inelastic cross section

If large  $\sigma$   
rapid development  
If small  $\sigma$   
deep penetrating

$$\sigma_{inel} = 73.5 \pm 0.6^{+1.8}_{-1.3} \text{ mb (TOTEM)}$$

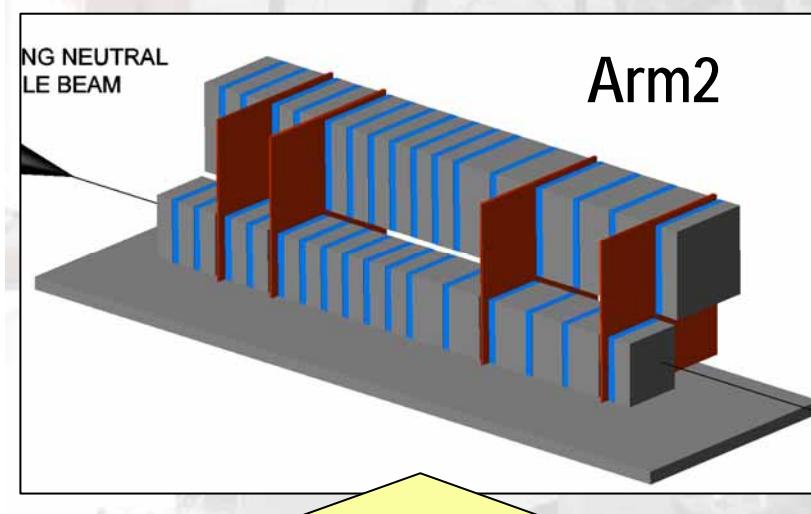
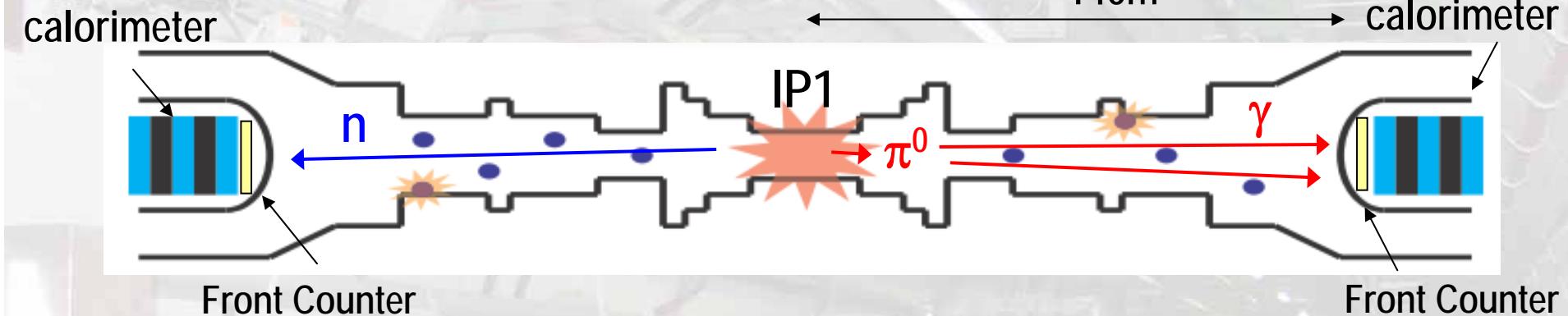
## Forward energy spectrum

If softer  
shallow development  
If harder  
deep penetrating

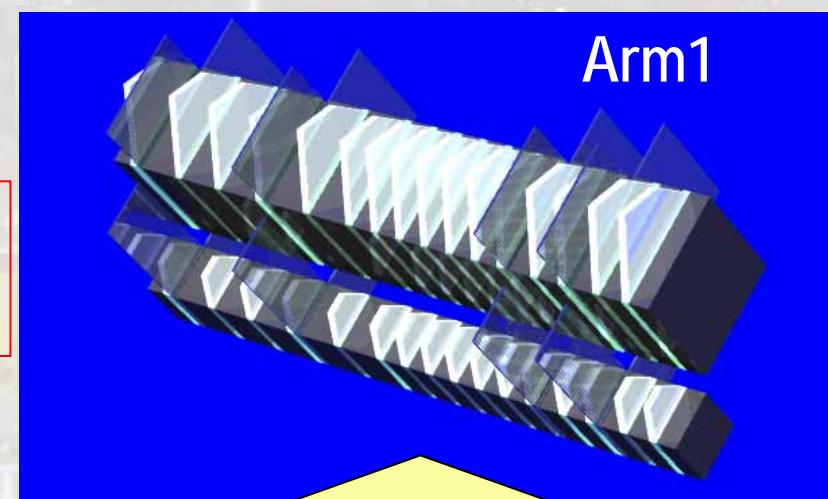
$$\text{Inelasticity } k = 1 - p_{\text{lead}}/p_{\text{beam}}$$

If large  $k$   
rapid development  
If small  $k$   
deep penetrating

# The LHCf experiment



16 tungsten + pl.scinti. layers  
25mmx25mm+32mmx32mm  
4 Silicon strip tracking layers



16 tungsten + pl.scinti. layers  
20mmx20mm+40mmx40mm  
4 SciFi tracking layers

# Summary of 2009-2010 run

**Low luminosity ( $L=2\sim10\text{e}28\text{cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ )**

( $1\sim2.5\text{e}10\text{ppb}$ ,  $\beta^*=2\text{m}$ ,  $N_b=1\sim4$ )

**No crossing angle**

**High luminosity ( $L=3\sim20\text{e}29\text{cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ )**

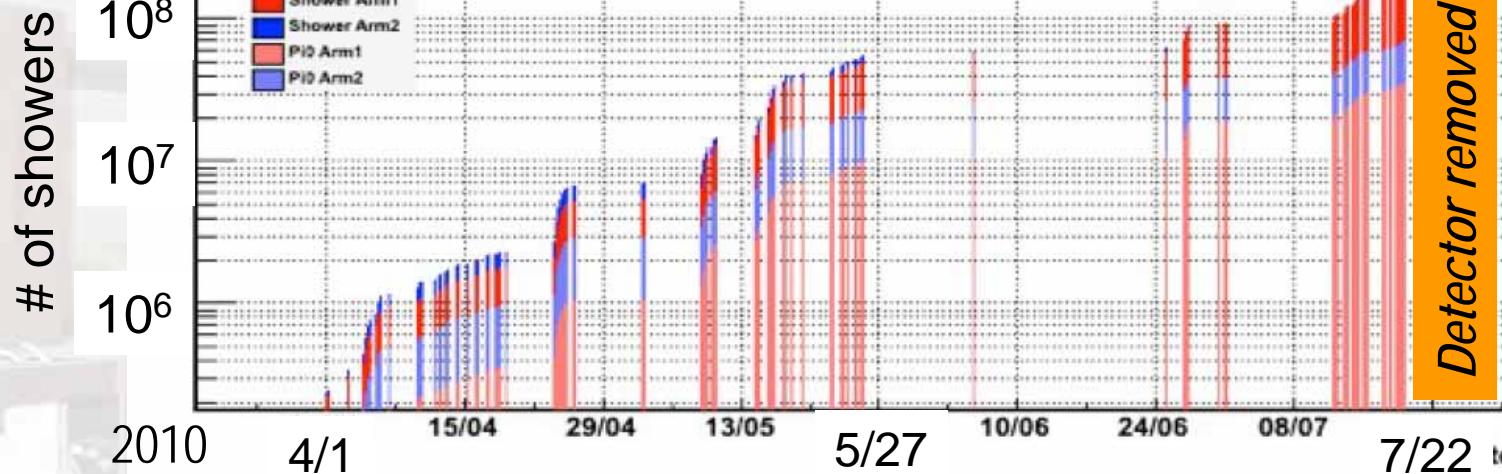
( $1\text{e}11\text{ppb}$ ,  $\beta^*=3.5\text{m}$ ,  $N_b=1\sim8$ )

$100\mu\text{rad}$  crossing



900GeV

Integrated showers at 7TeV



$\sim 350\text{nb}^{-1}$   
collected

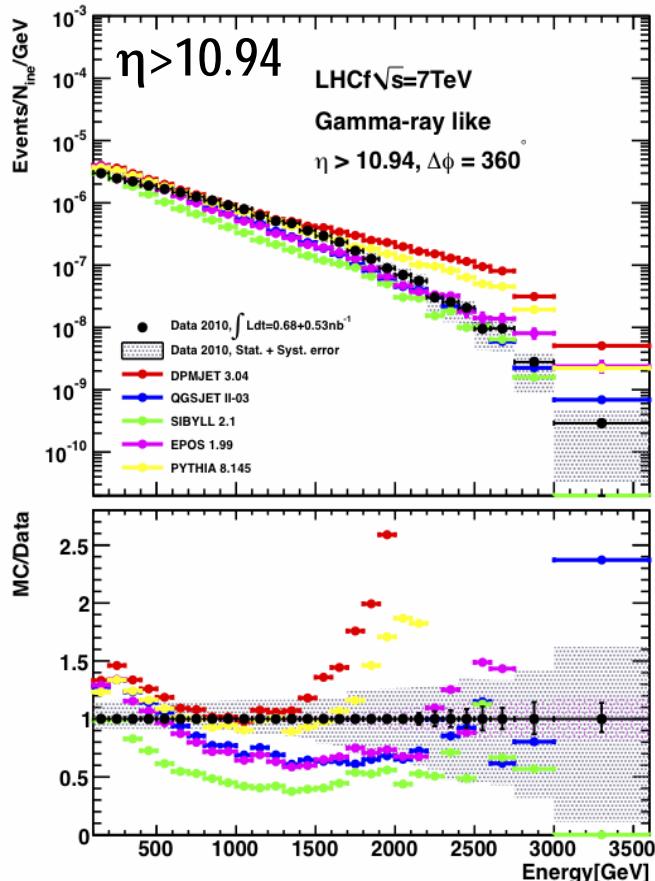


# LHCf single $\gamma$ spectra at 7TeV

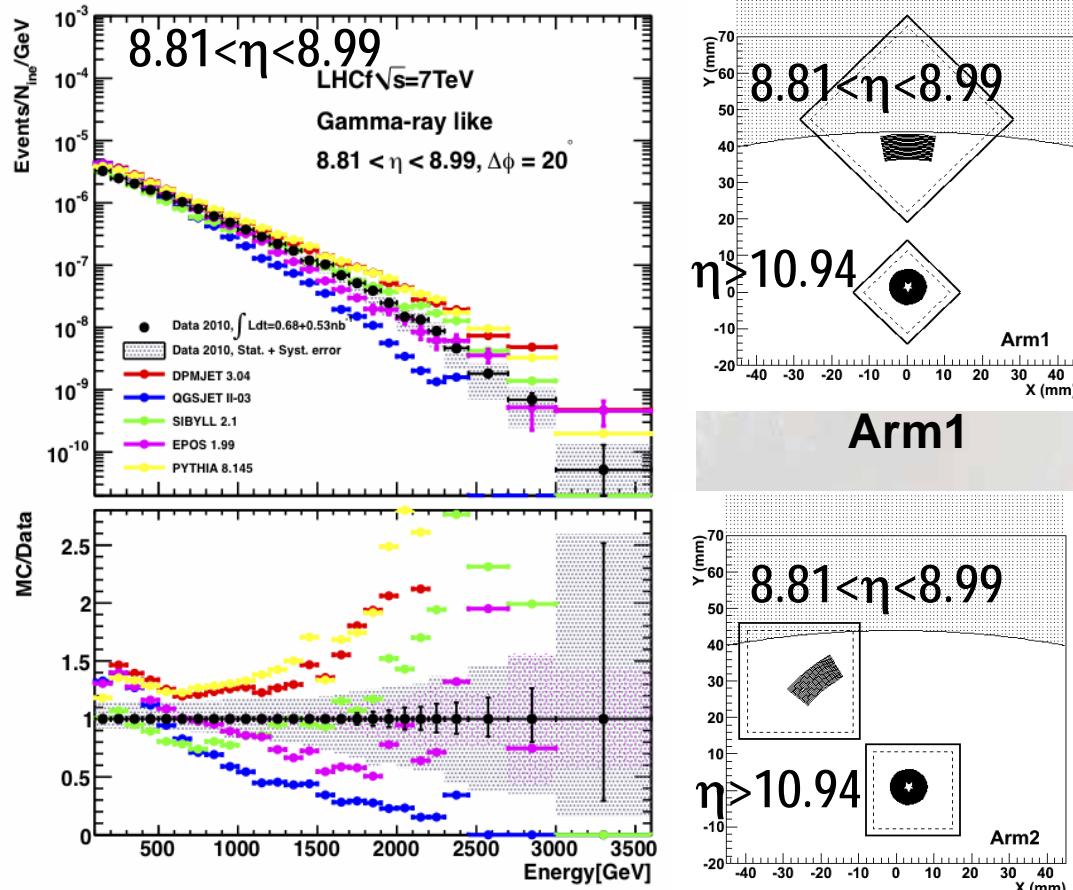
0.68 (0.53)nb<sup>-1</sup> on 15May2010

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Gray hatch : Sys+stat errors



Magenta hatch: Stat errors of MC

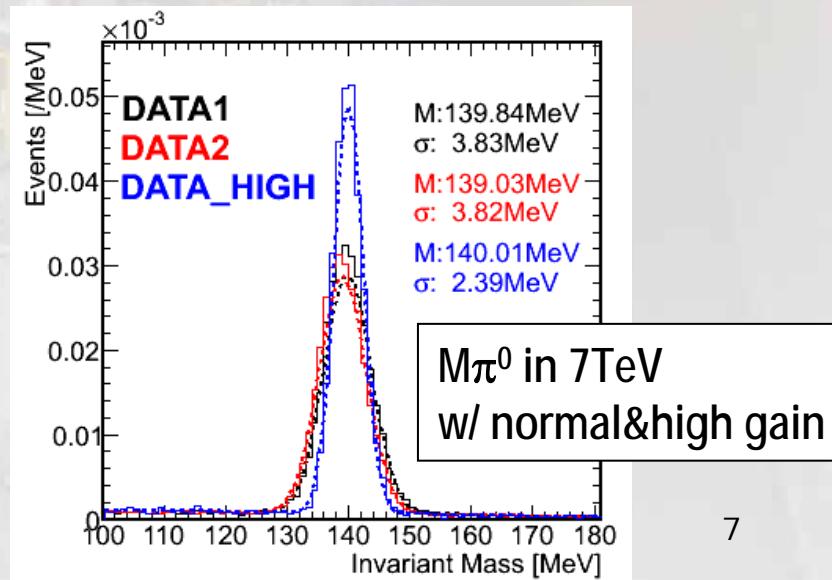
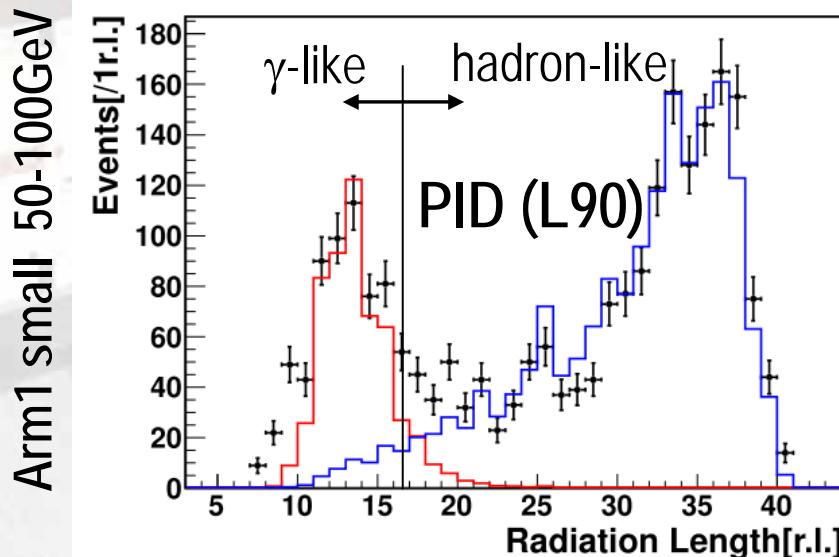


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- None of the models agree with data
- Data within the range of model spread

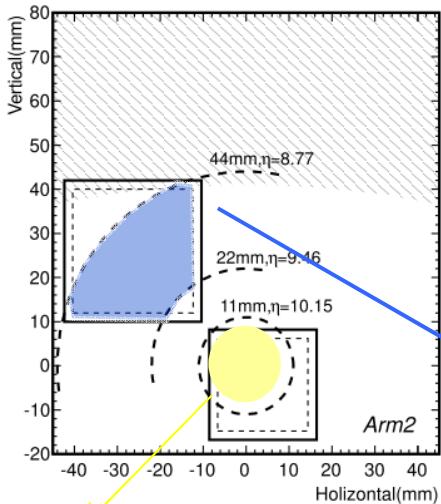
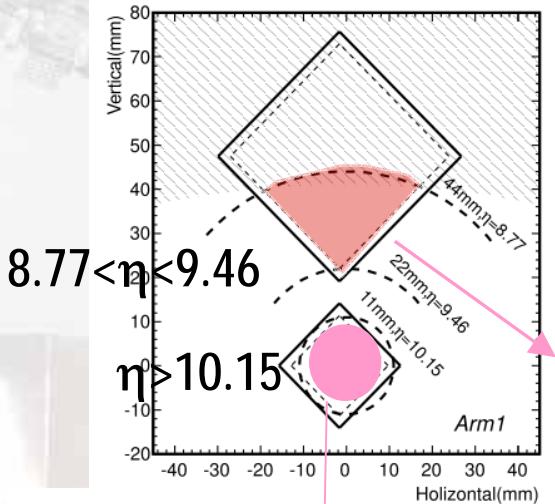
# New 900 GeV single $\gamma$ analysis

- 0.3nb<sup>-1</sup> data (44k Arm1 and 63k Arm2 events ) taken at 2,3 and 27 May, 2010
- Low luminosity ( $L \sim 10^{28}$  typical, 1 or 4 xing), negligible pile up ( 0.05 int./xing ).
- Relatively less  $\eta$ -dependence in the acceptance. Negligible multi-incidents at a calorimeter (~ 0.1  $\gamma$  ( $>50\text{GeV}$ ) /int. )
- Higher gain operation for PMTs. Energy scale calibration by SPS beam, checked with  $\pi^0$  in 7TeV data.



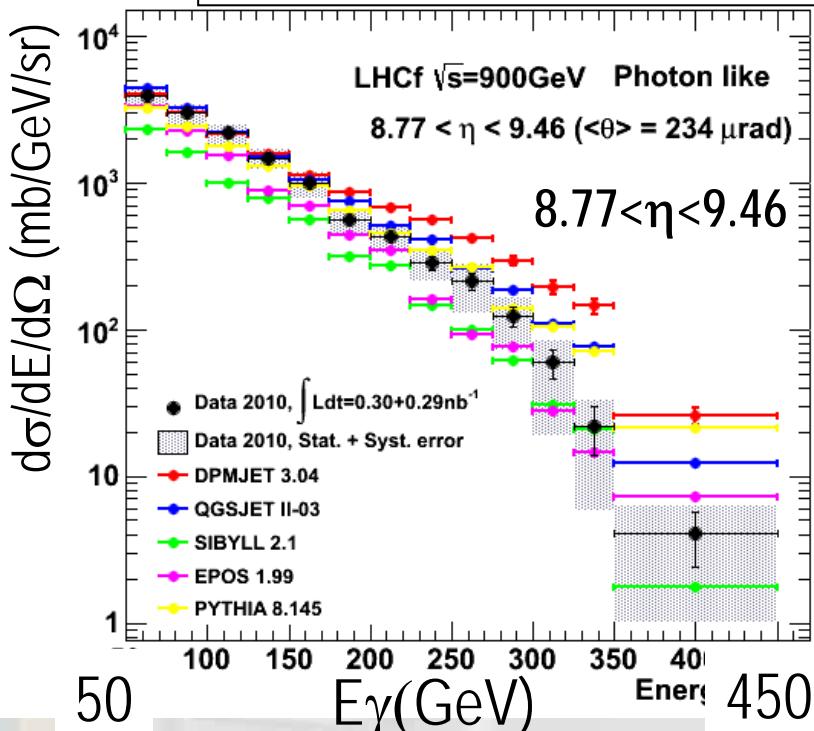
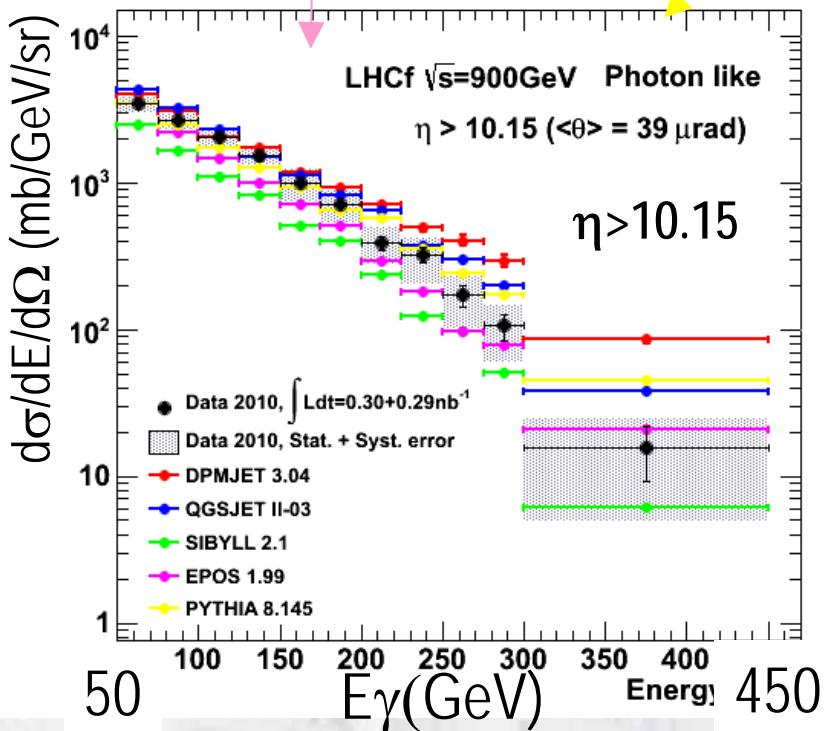
# New LHCf single $\gamma$ spectra at 900 GeV

(submitted PLB)

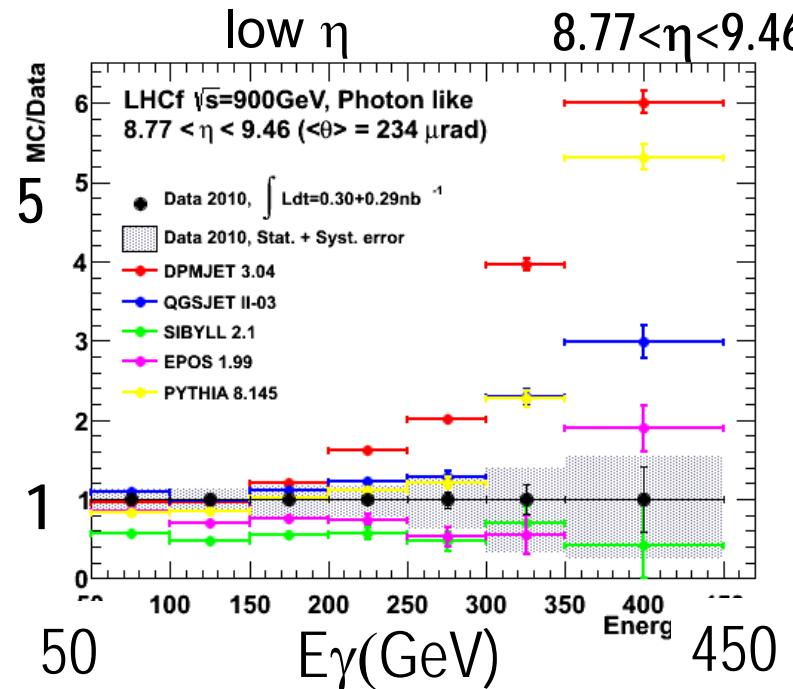
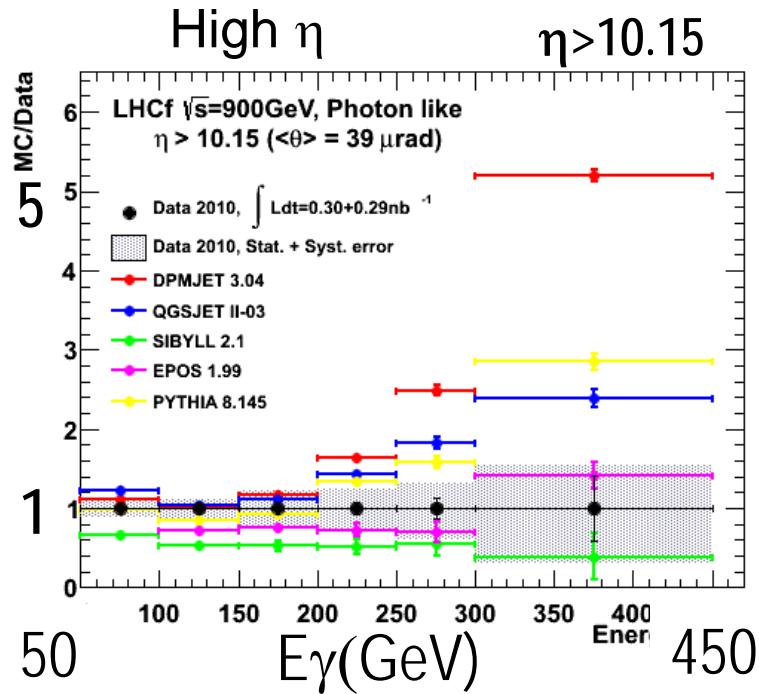


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SIBYLL 2.1    EPOS 1.99  
PYTHIA 8.145    Data**

Arm1 + Arm2 combined  
MC stat err only shown for DPMJET3  
+-21% lumi err is not shown

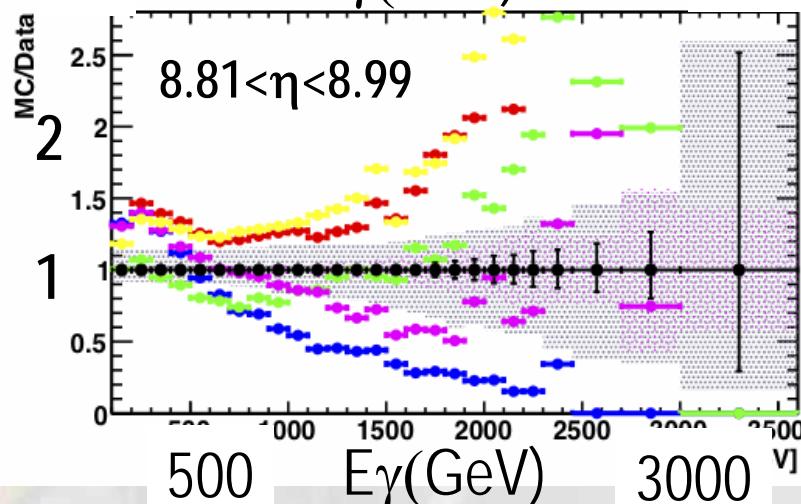
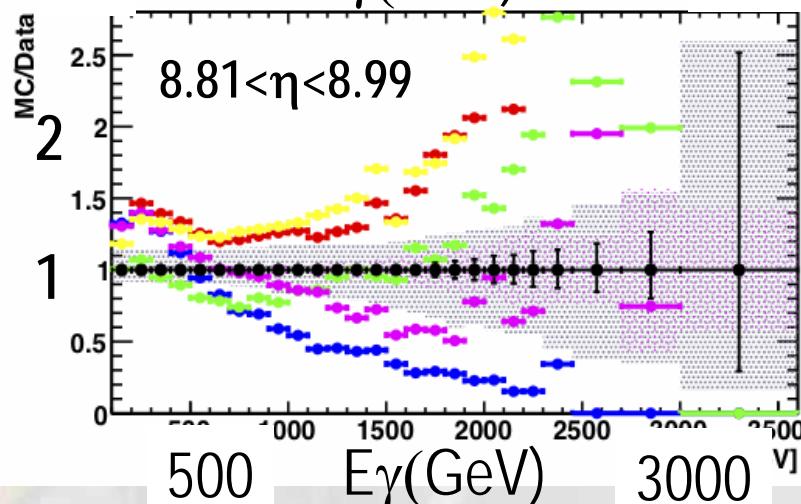
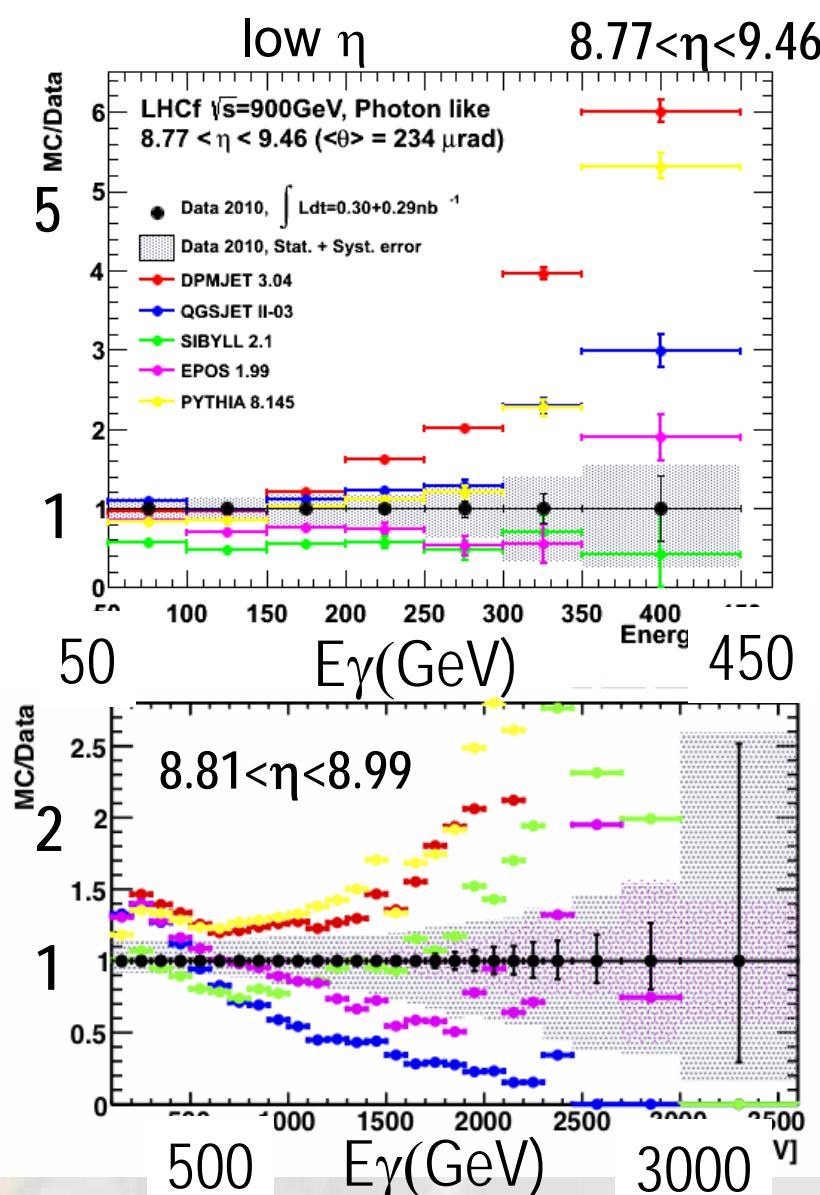
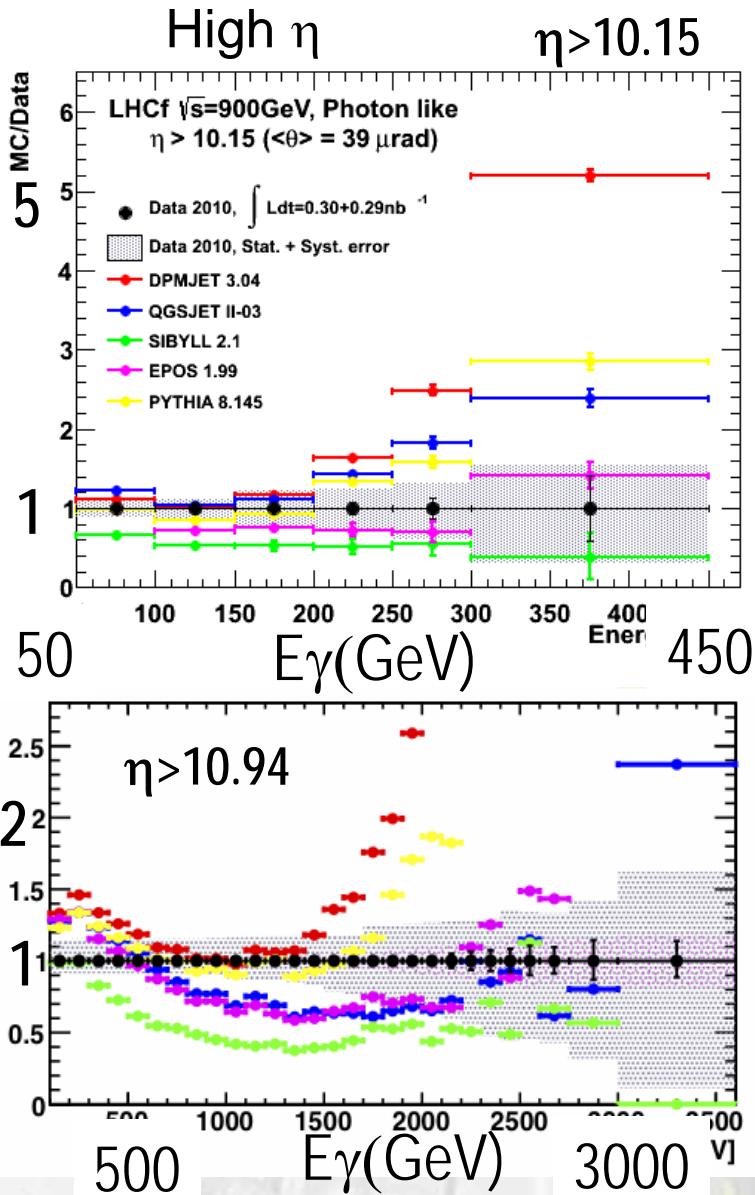


# LHCf 900GeV single $\gamma$ spectra: MC/Data

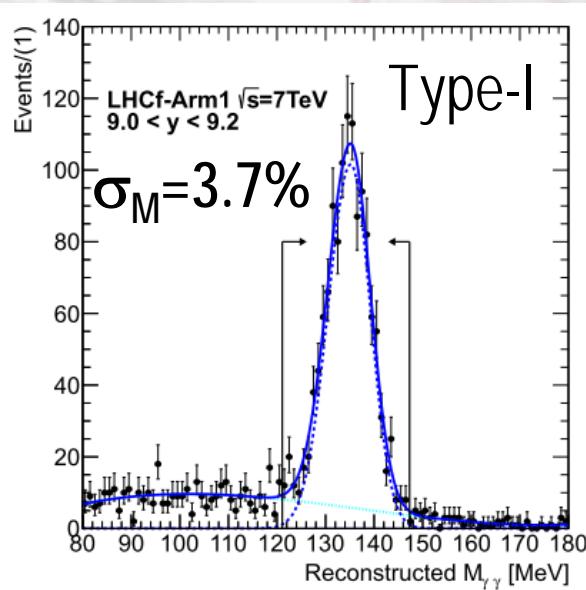


Error bars show stat errs for the samples.  
Hatched areas show data stat+sys errs.

# LHCf 900GeV single $\gamma$ spectra: MC/Data

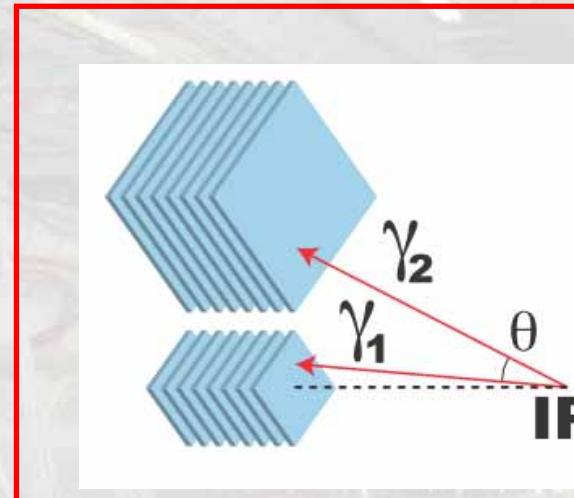


# LHCf 7TeV $\pi^0$ analysis



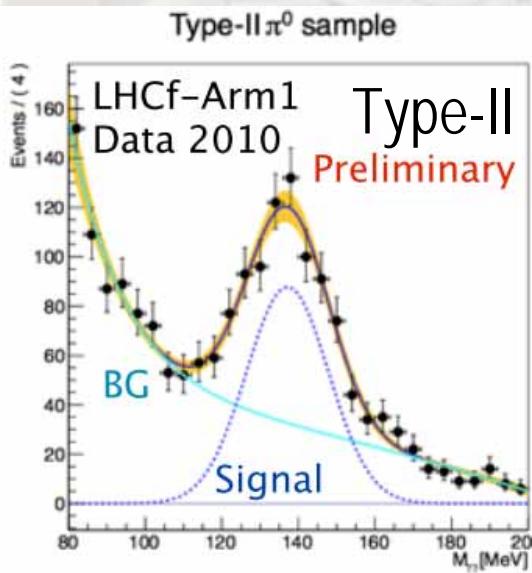
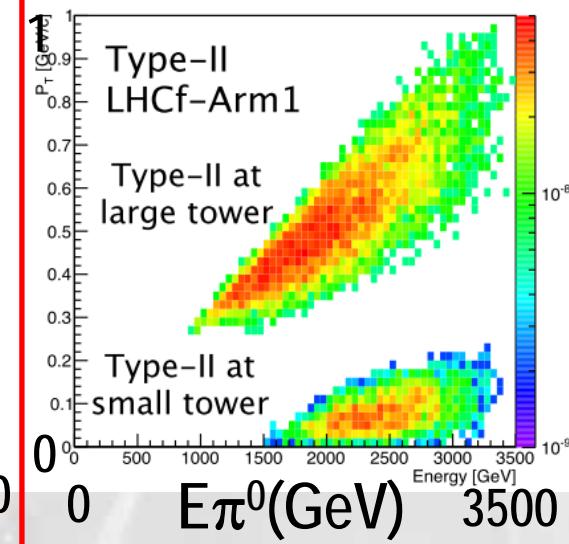
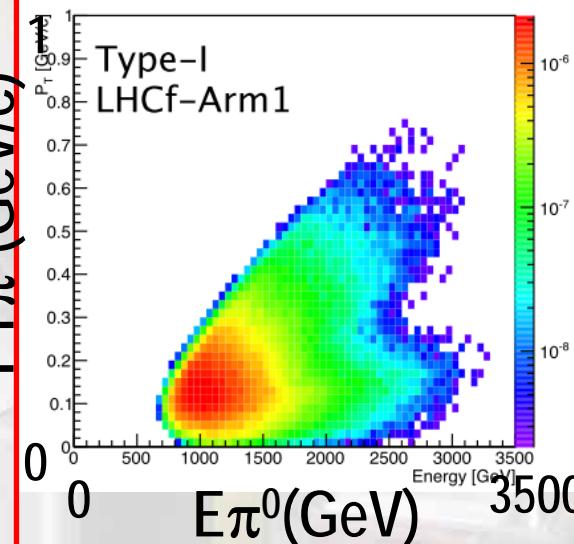
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Type-II



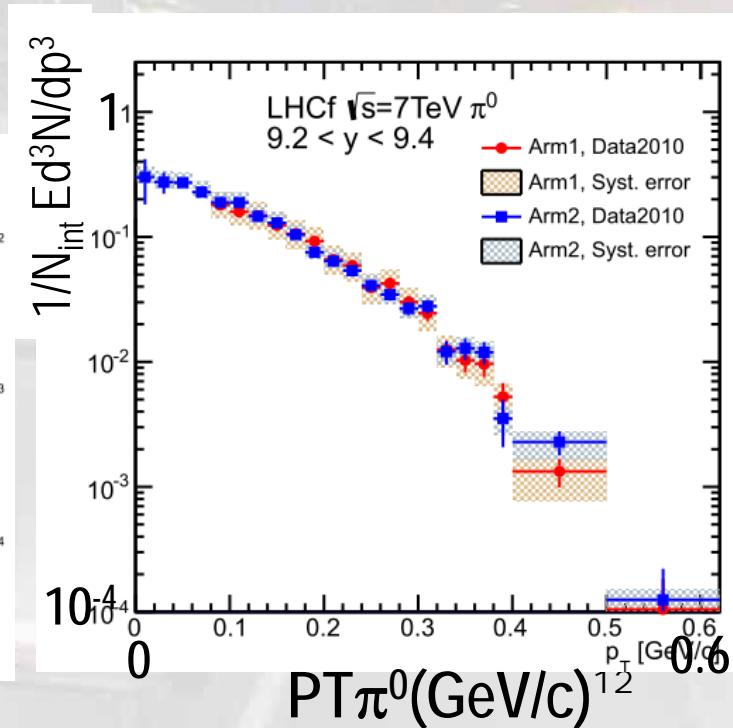
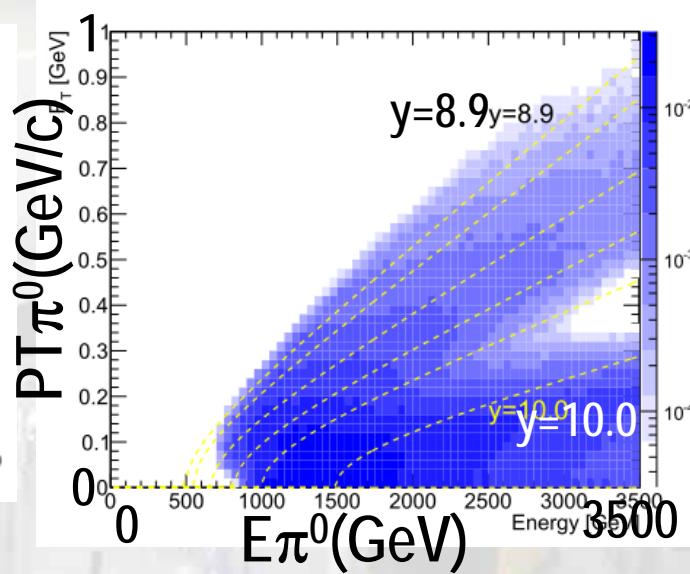
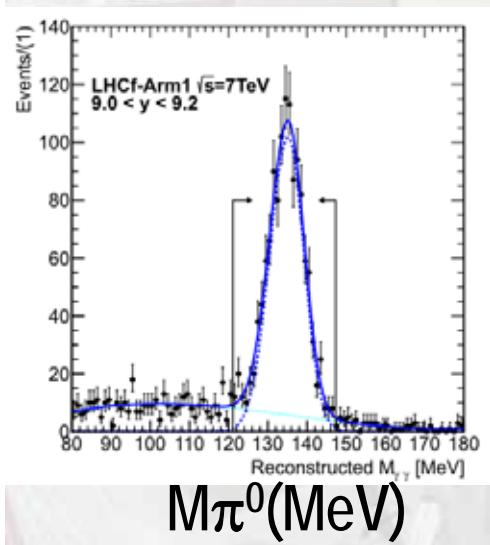
Type-I sample

Type-II sample



# LHCf type-I $\pi^0$ analysis

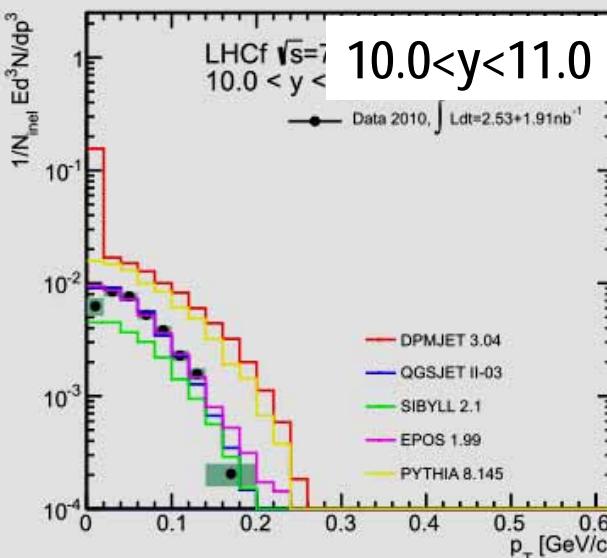
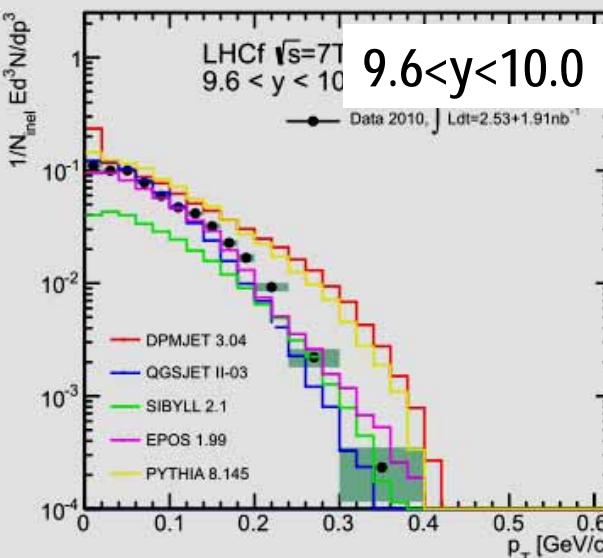
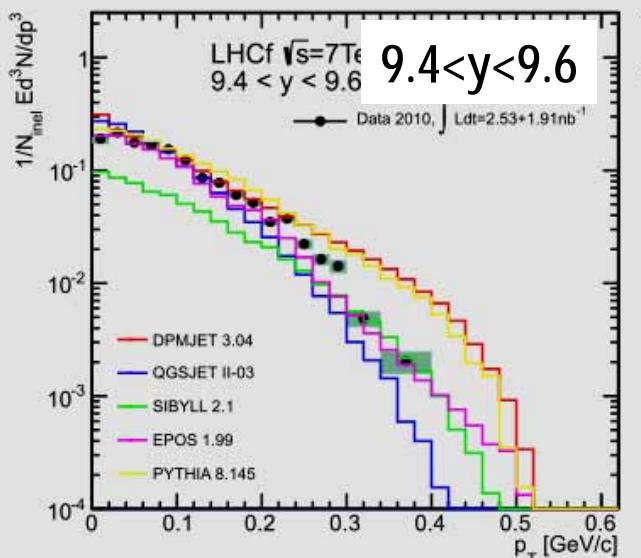
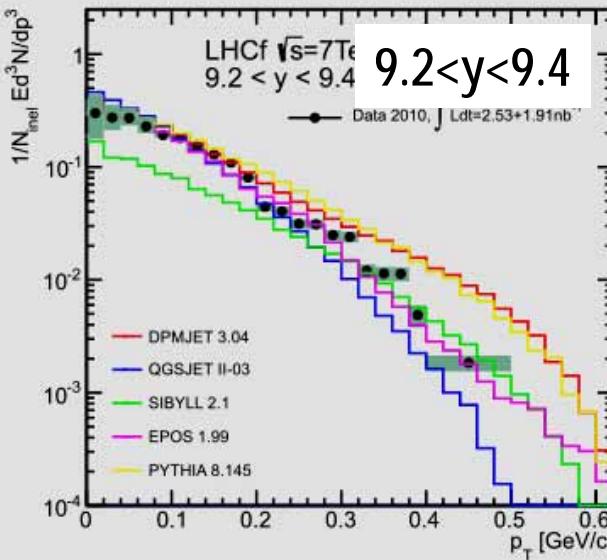
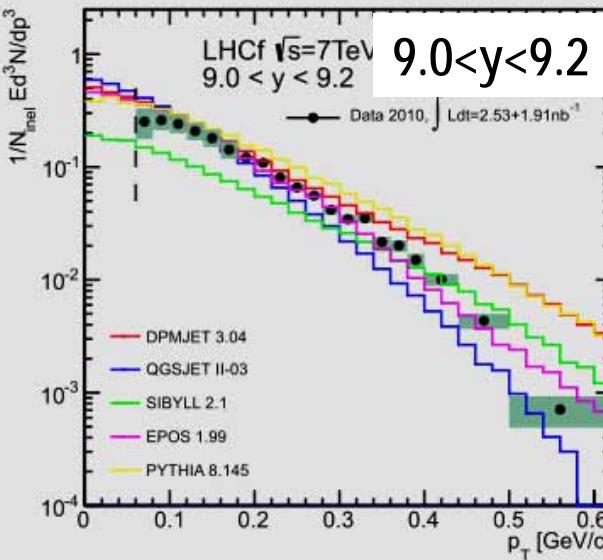
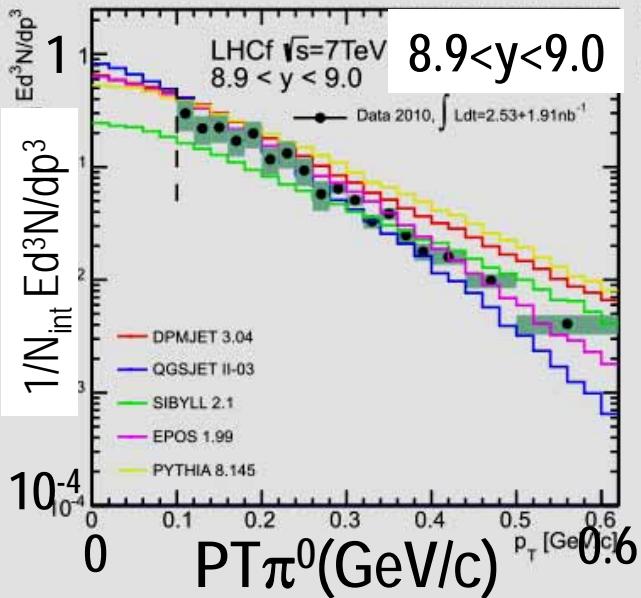
- Low lumi ( $L \sim 5 \text{e}28$ ) on 15-16 May,  $2.53(1.91) \text{ nb}^{-1}$  at Arm1 (Arm2). About 22K (39K)  $\pi^0$  for Arm1(Arm2) w/ 5%BG.
- For  $E_\gamma > 100 \text{ GeV}$ , PID ( $\gamma$  selection), shower leakage correction, energy rescaling (-8.1% and -3.8% for Arm1&2).
- ( $E, P_T$ ) spectra in  $+3\sigma$   $\pi^0$  mass cut w/ side band subtracted.
- Unfolding spectra by toy  $\pi^0$  MC to correct acceptance and resolution



# Combined type-I $\pi^0$ $p_T$ spectra

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Sys+stat



# On-going analysis activity and plan

## ■ On going activity

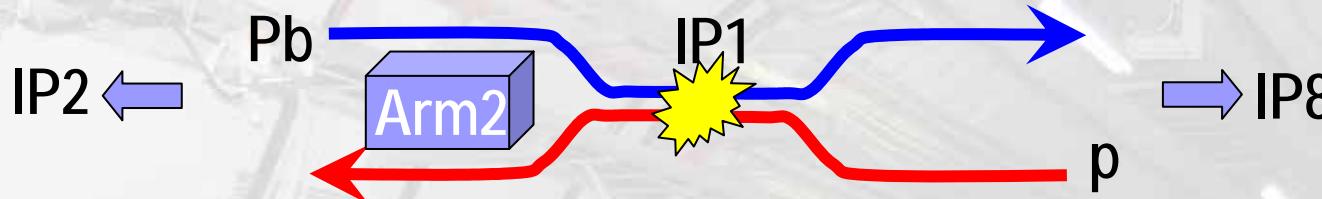
- 7TeV hadron energy spectra → Inelasticity
- Full analysis of single  $\gamma$  (larger  $\eta$ ,  $p_T$ )
- Full analysis of  $\pi^0$  (Type-II  $\pi^0$ )

## ■ Plan

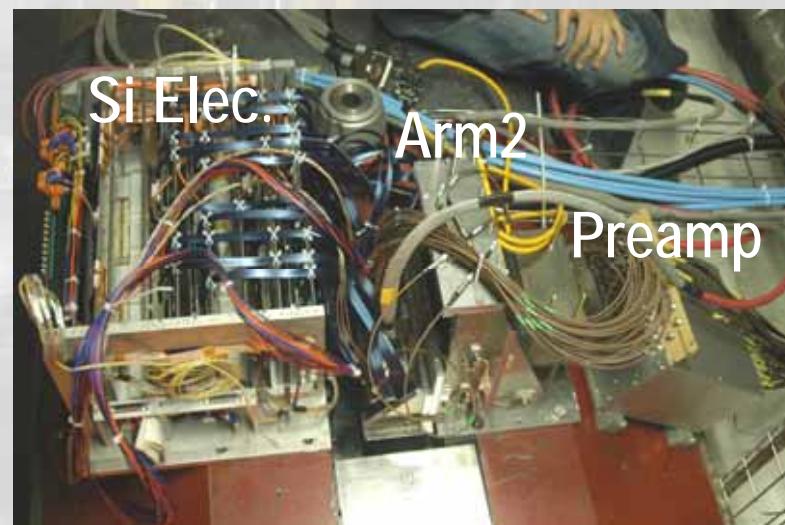
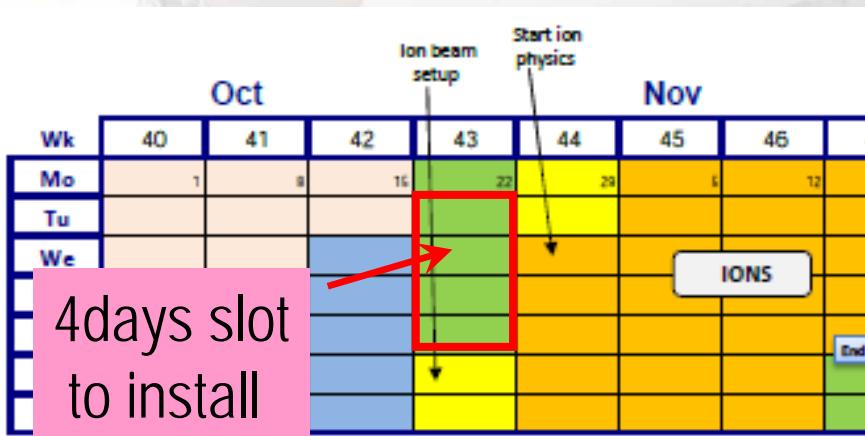
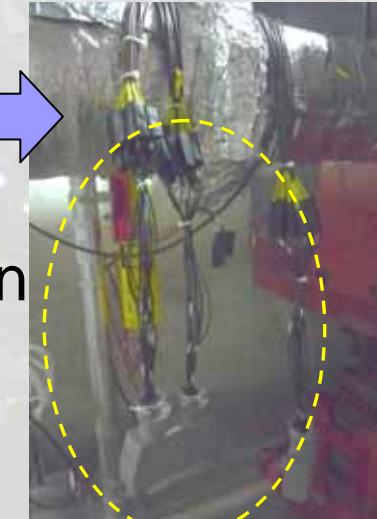
- Strangeness particles ( $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^0 n$ ,  $K_s \rightarrow 2\pi^0(4\gamma)$ )
- Feed back to the models and air shower experiments

Now we have established analysis methods  
Great progress in understanding detector

# Preparation for 2012 p-Pb run

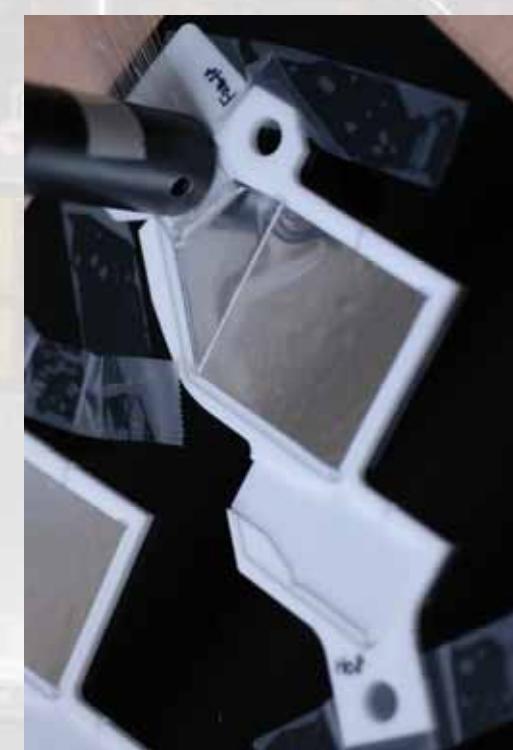
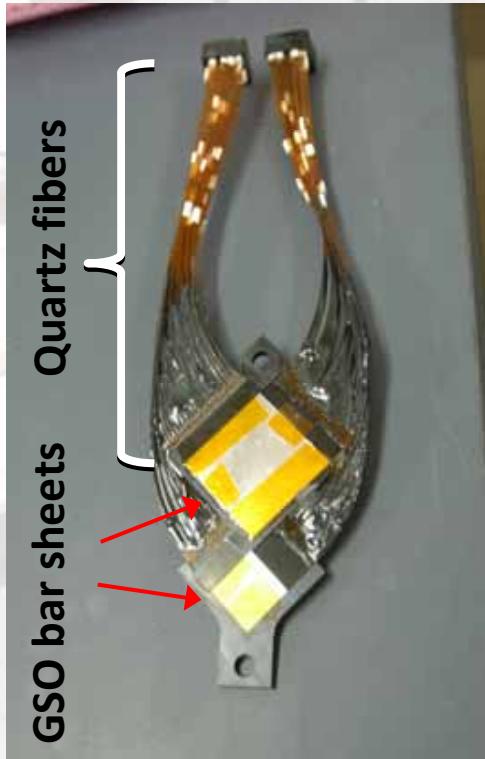


- Installed multi-pole connectors in tunnel (Feb) 
- Transportation frame for Arm2+electronics
- Discussion with experts and prepare documentation (DIMR in Apr)
- 1-2 experts will stay at CERN from Sep for DAQ commissioning



# Status of Arm1 upgrade

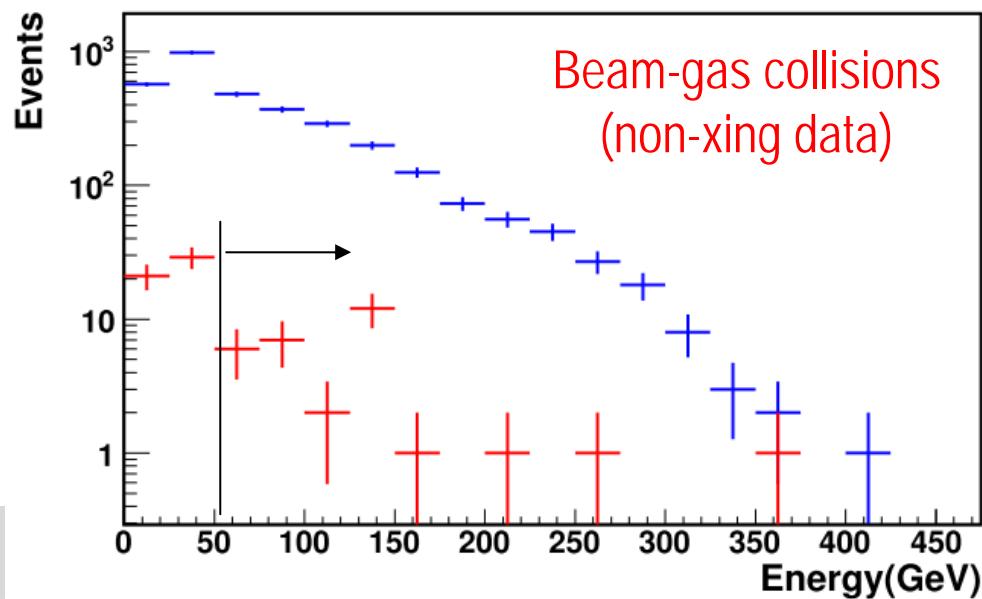
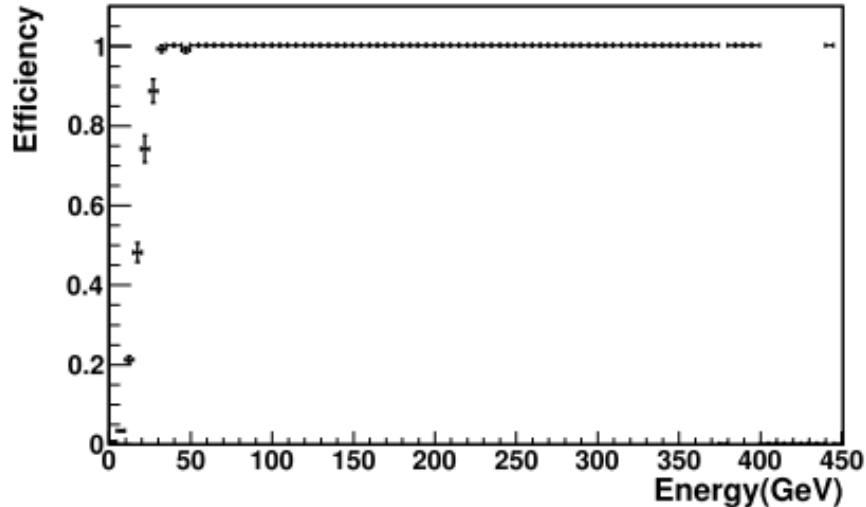
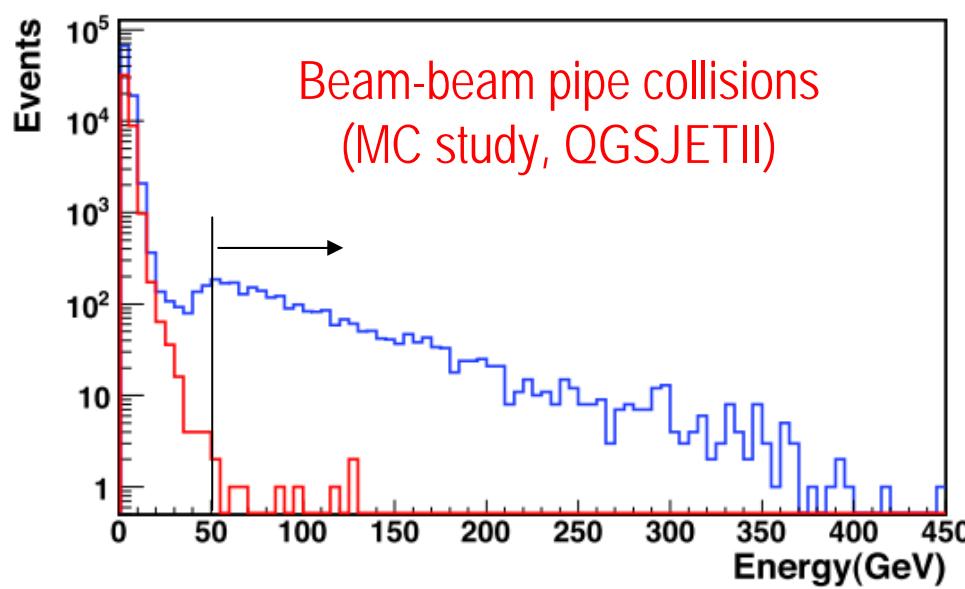
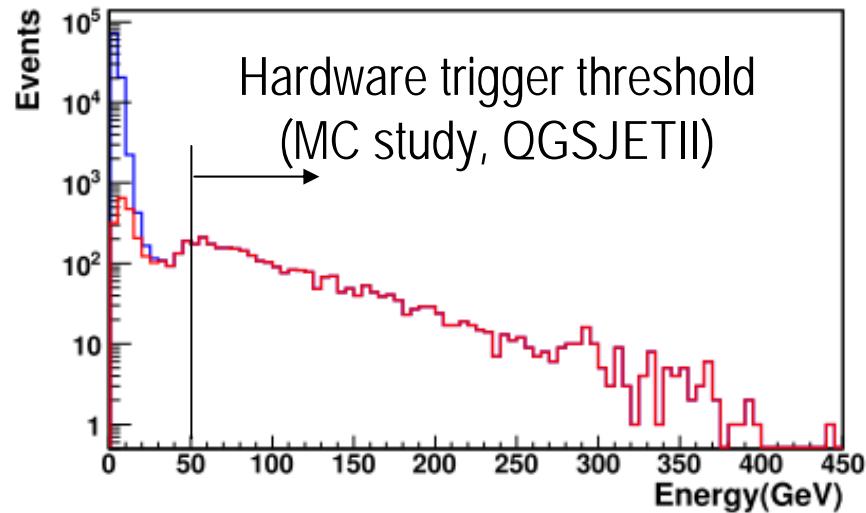
- GSO position dependence calibrated by a 400MeV/c  $^{12}\text{C}$  beam in Nov 2011.
- Final  $^{12}\text{C}$  test of GSO bars by a C beam in this June
- Arm1 full reassembly in this July
- First SPS beam test of upgraded Arm1 in this Aug
- Upgrade Arm2 in 2013, need SPS beam in 2013



# Summary

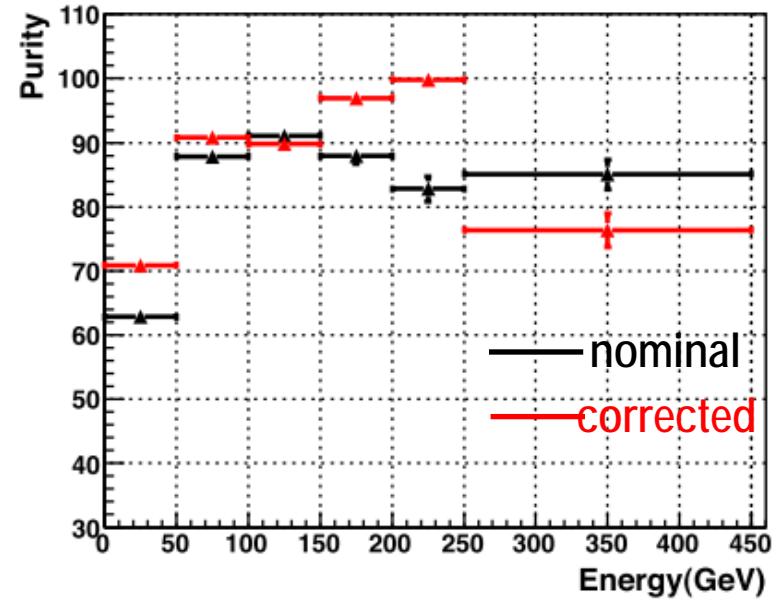
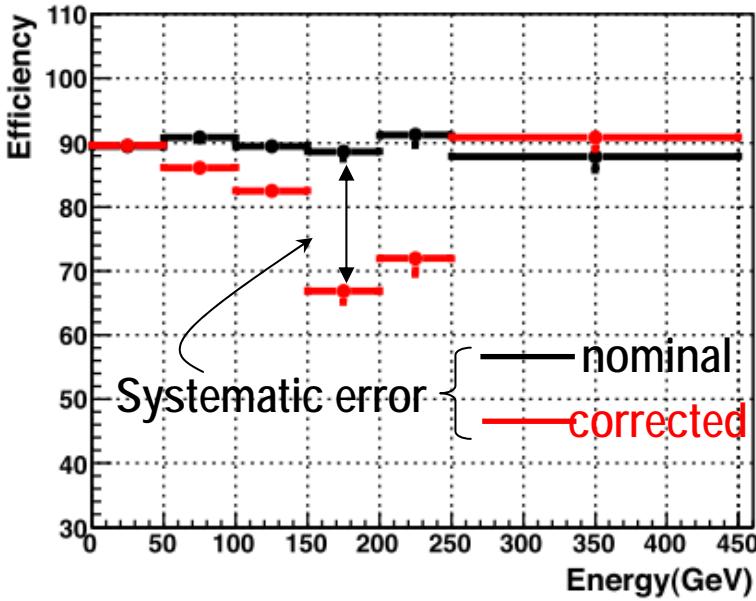
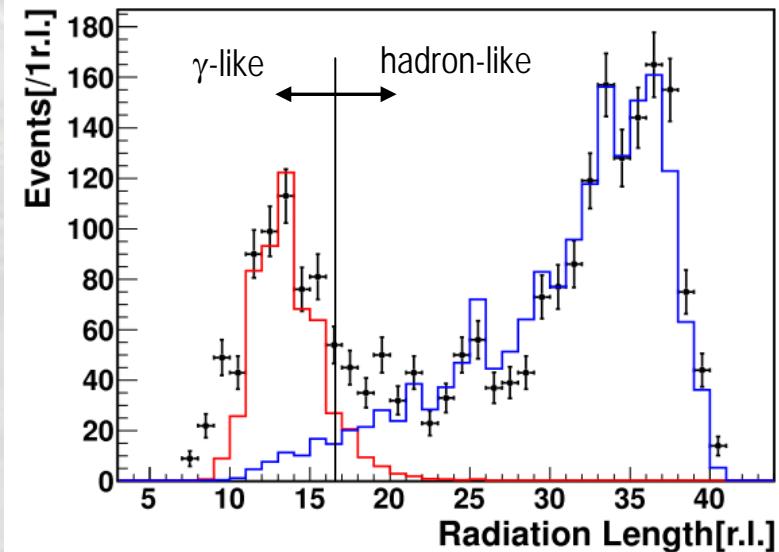
- Many thanks to LHC for these precious data indispensable for UHECR physics.
- LHCf new results (published soon)
  - 7TeV  $\pi^0$   $p_T$  spectra in  $8.9 < y < 11.0$ .
  - 900GeV single  $\gamma$  energy spectra in  $8.77 < \eta < 9.46$ ,  $\eta > 10.95$ .
  - Analysis framework established. Full data analysis next.
  - Progress in detector understanding, squeezing sys errors.
- Preparation for p-Pb run
  - Preparation for quick installation of Arm2.
- Detector upgrade of Arm1
  - Completed R&D of GSO layers and bars.
  - Pre-calibration finishes in June, SPS test beam in Aug.
  - Upgrading Arm2 detector in 2013 (Need one more SPS).

# 900 GeV trigger/analysis threshold



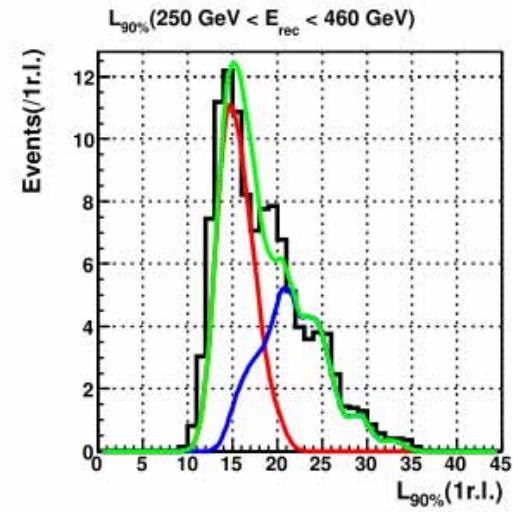
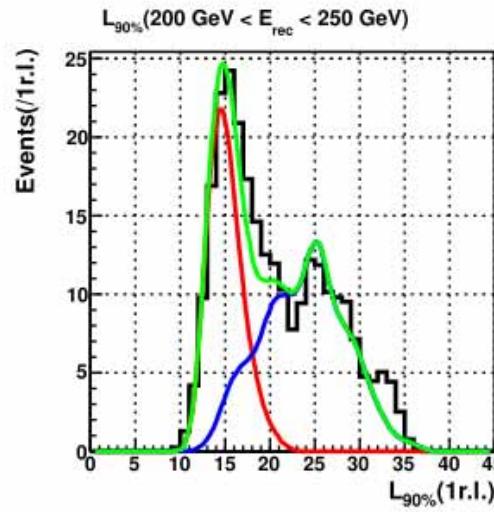
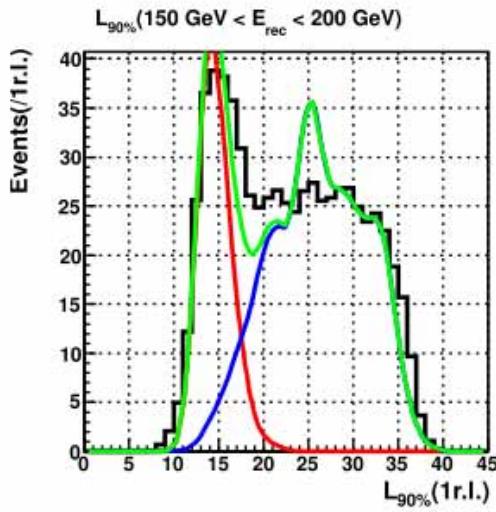
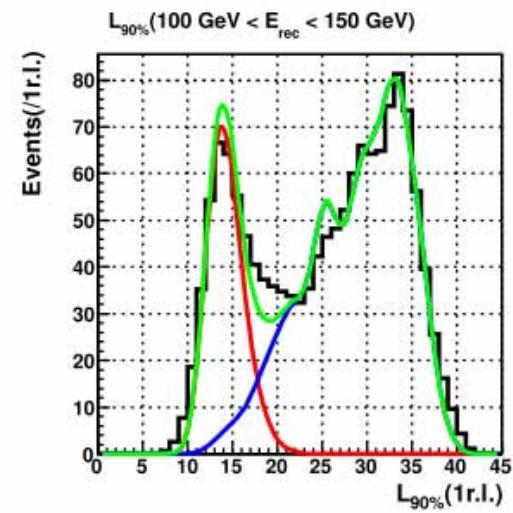
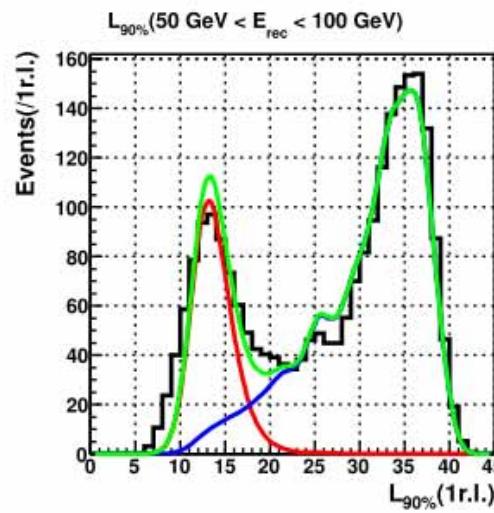
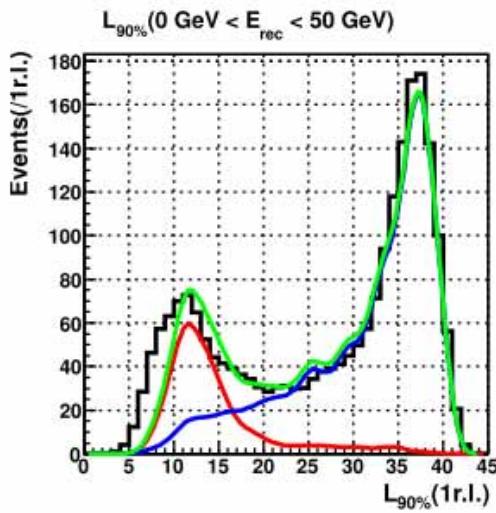
# PID ( $\gamma/\text{had}$ ) by L90

Arm1 small 50-100GeV

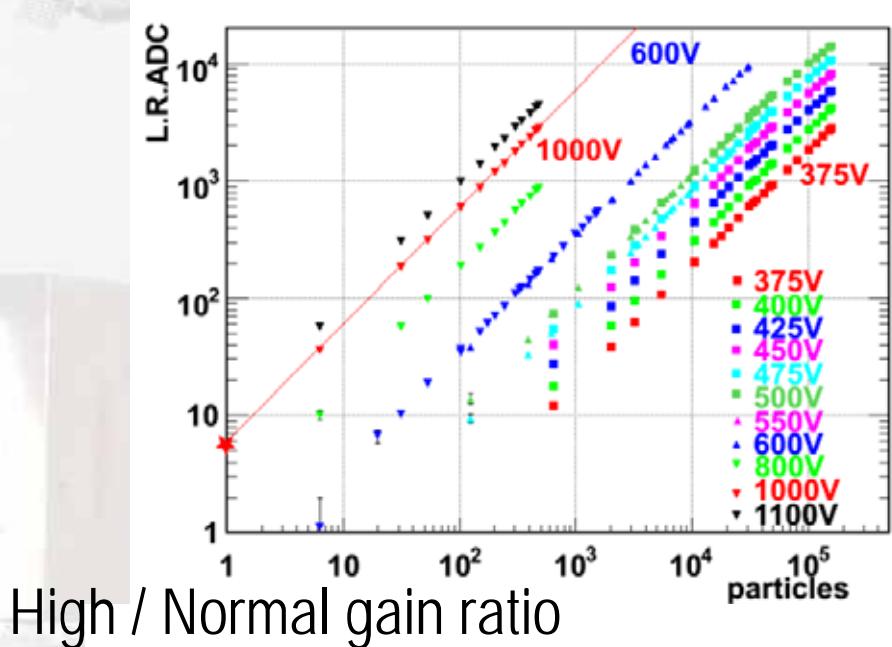


# 900 GeV PID (L90)

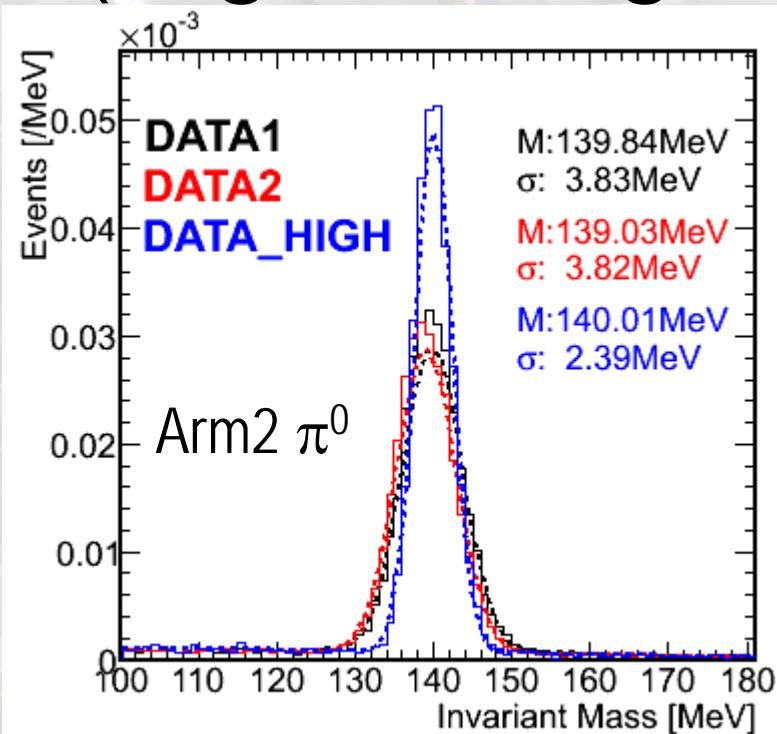
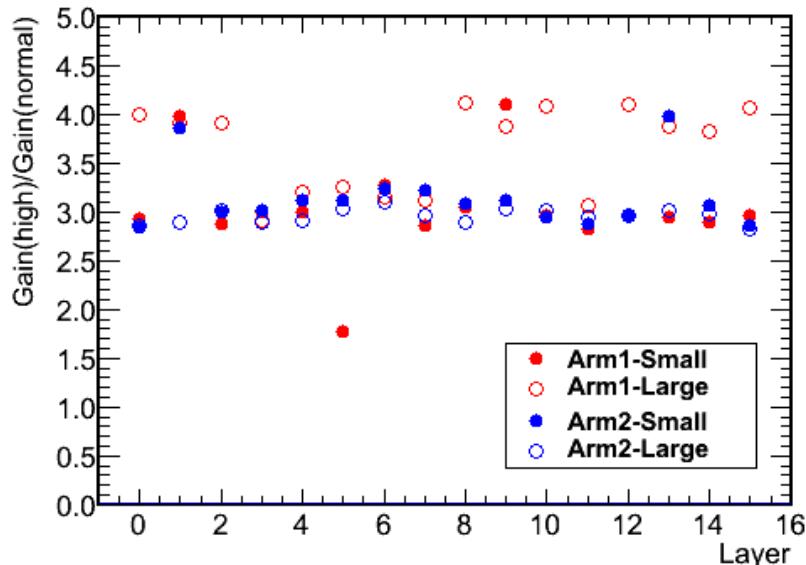
Arm1 small / Nominal



# 900 GeV energy scale (High PMT gain)



High / Normal gain ratio

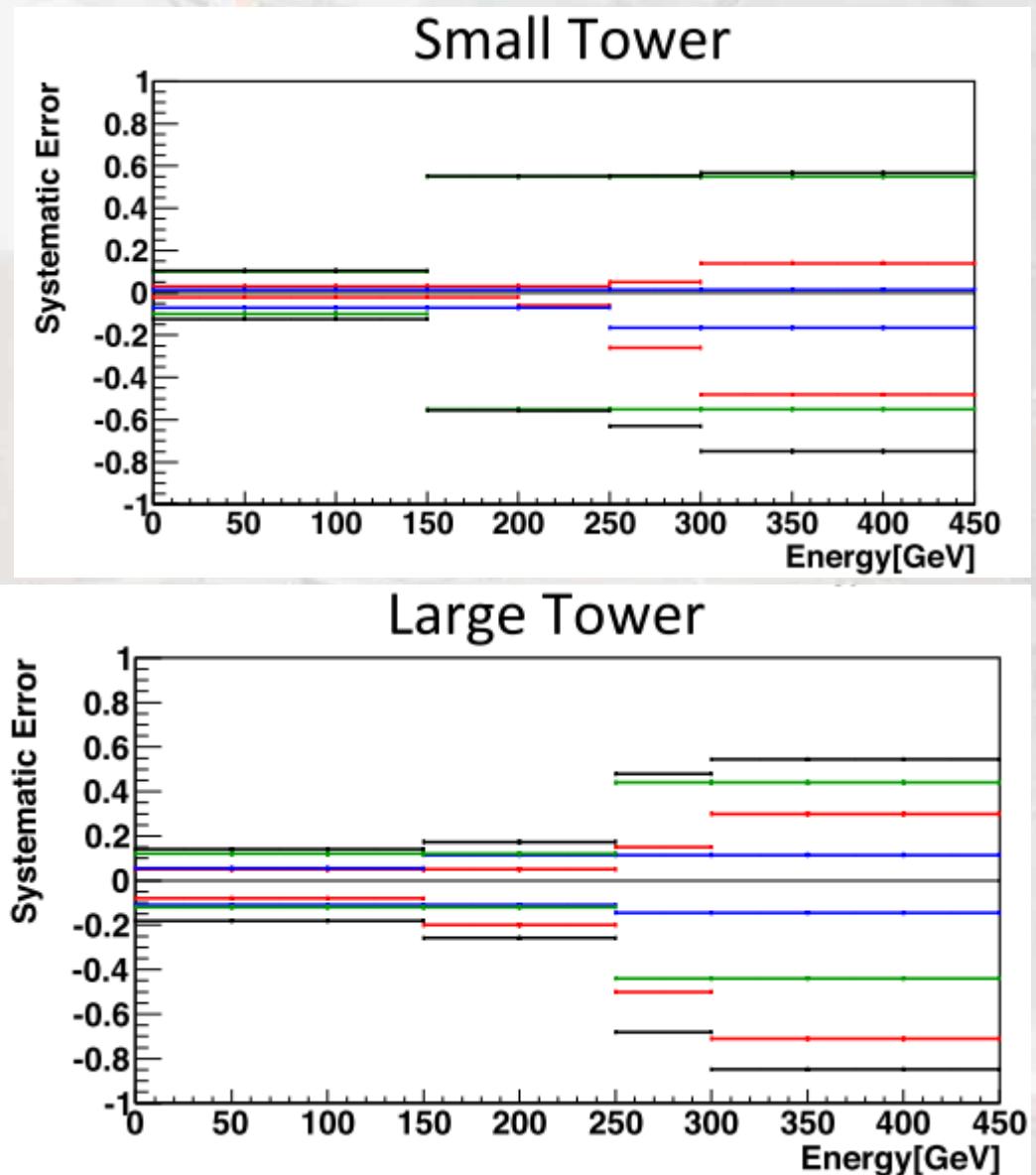


High gain/ Normal gain bias

Arm1 +2.7%

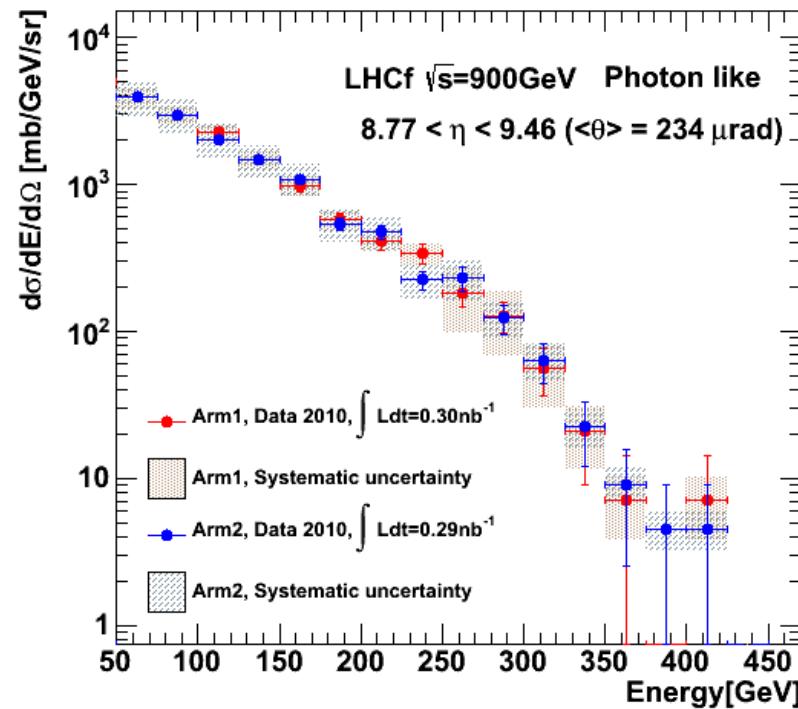
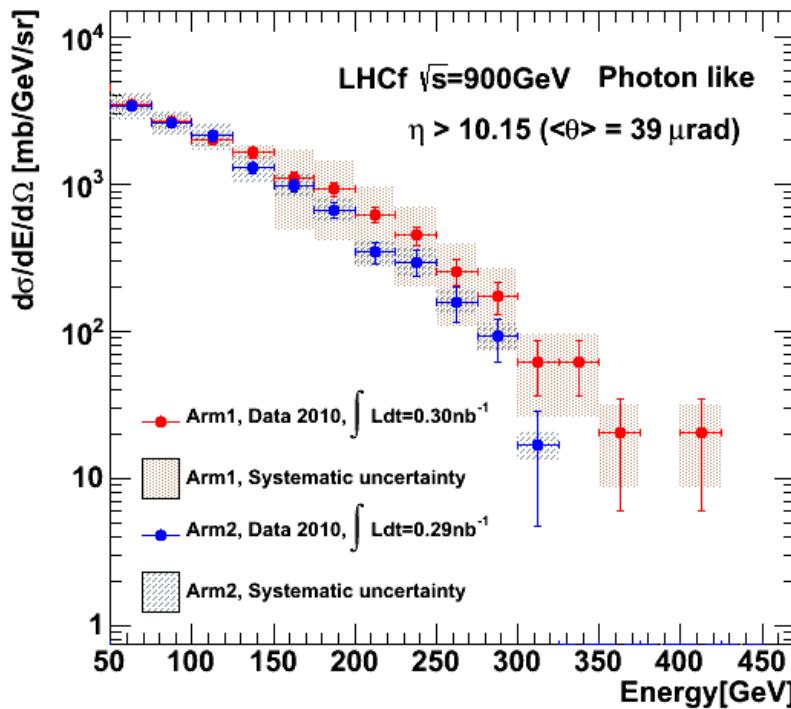
Arm2 +0.1%

# Systematic errors in 900GeV analysis



TOTAL  
ENERGY  
PID  
BEAM

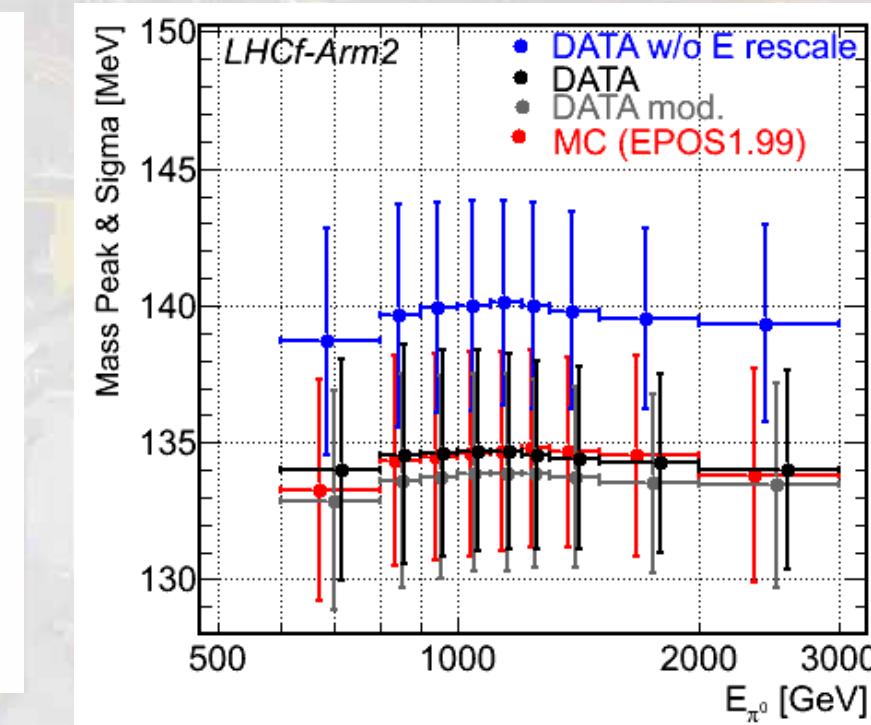
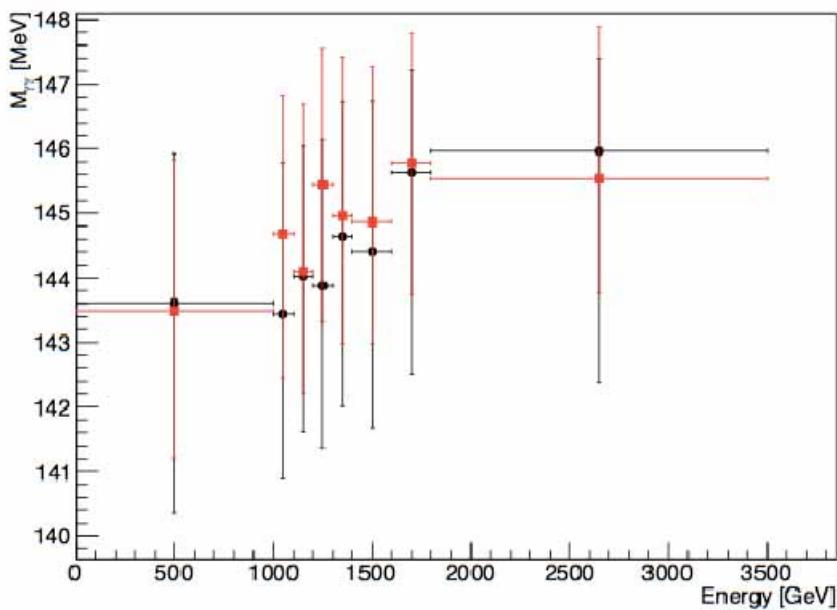
# 900 GeV / comparison of 2 arms



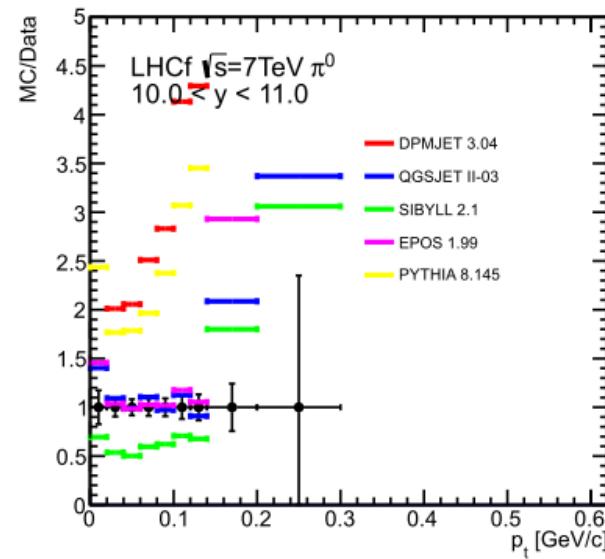
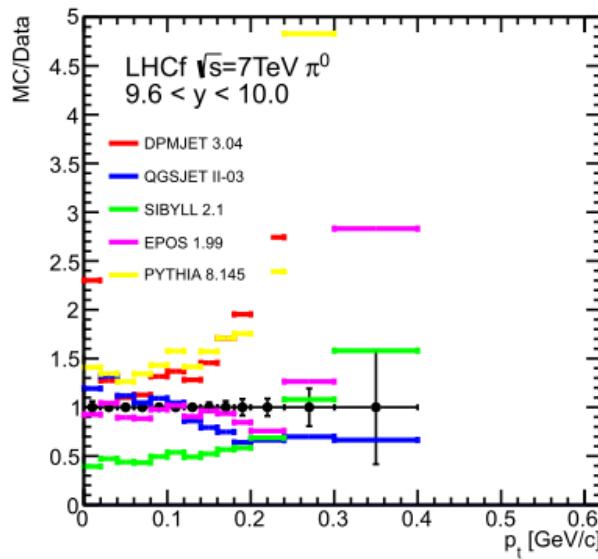
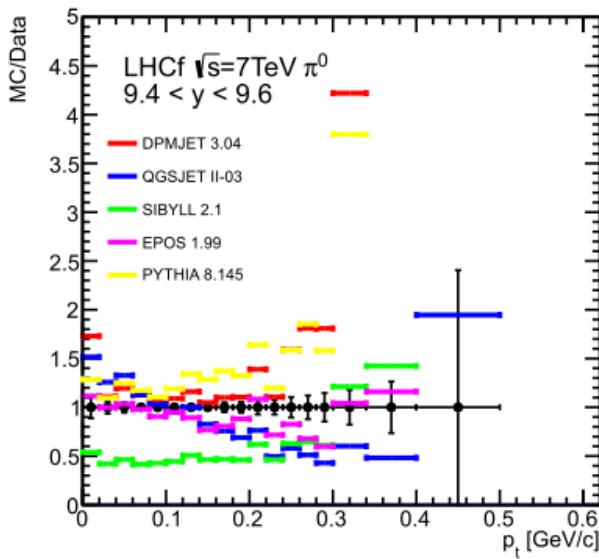
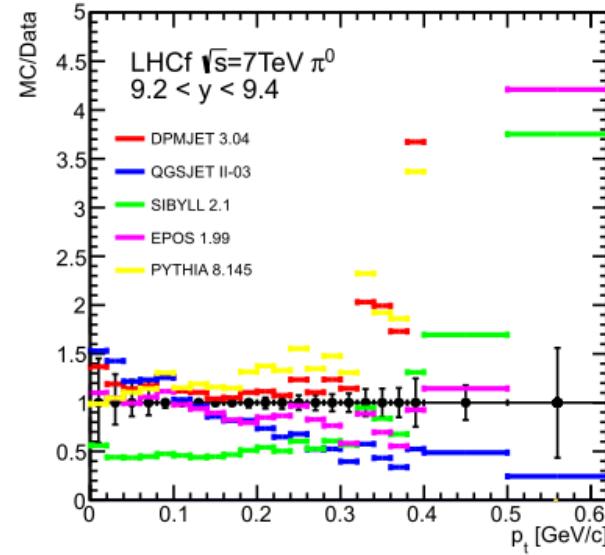
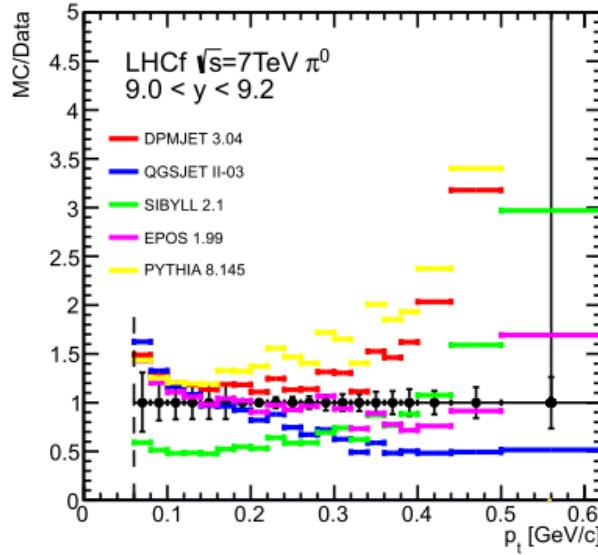
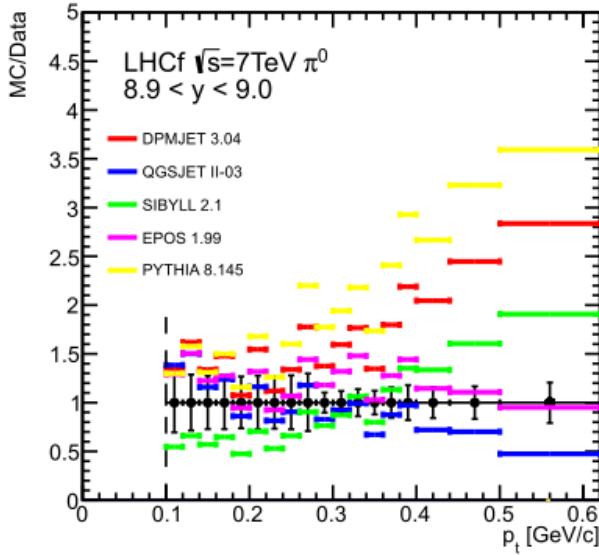
# Energy rescaling by $\pi^0$

- Detail check of  $\pi^0$  systematics
- Detail re-analysis of SPS beam test data
- Detail check of shower leakage effect

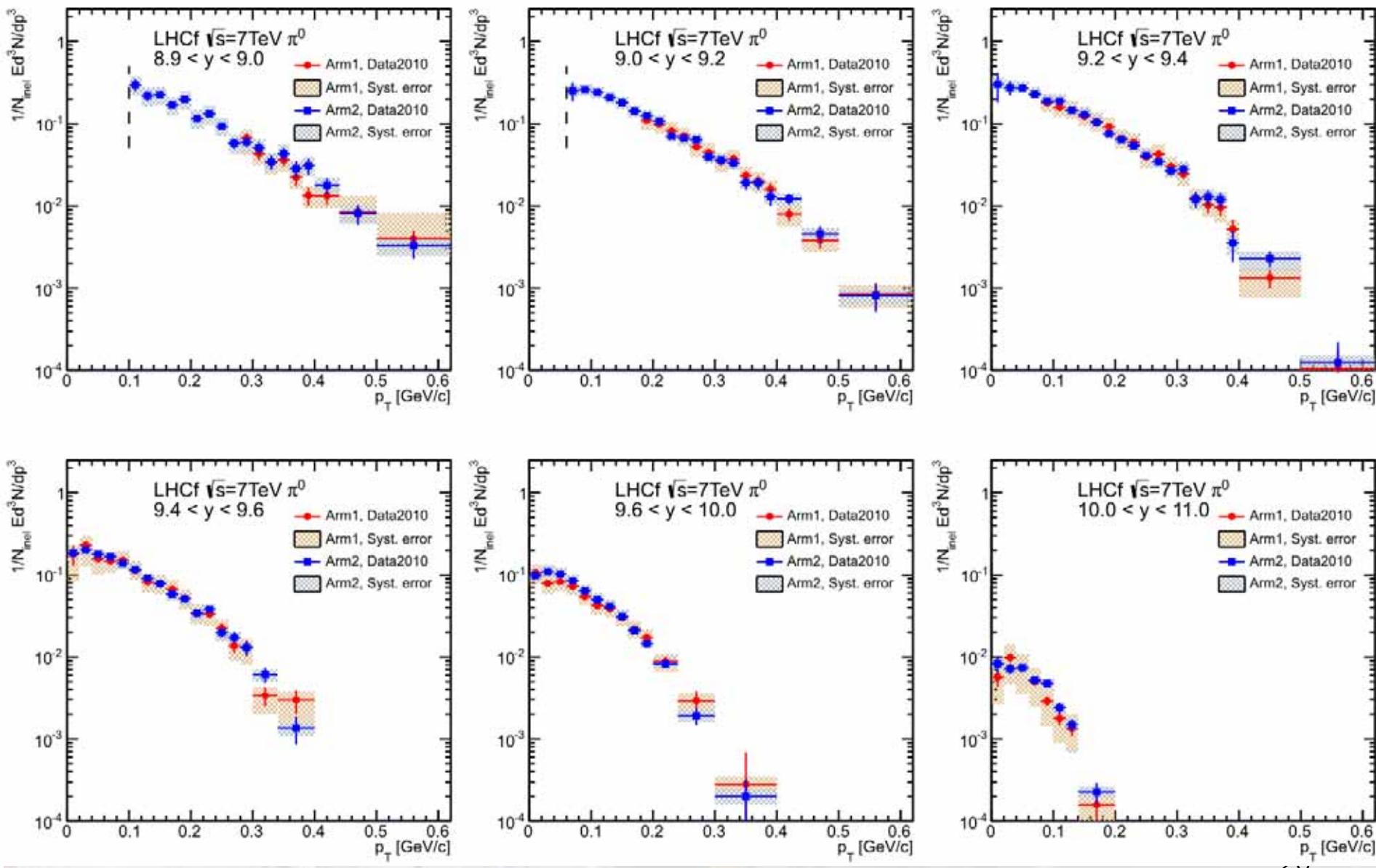
- No hint for energy dependent scale error
- Energy scale by  $\pi^0$  is now convincing



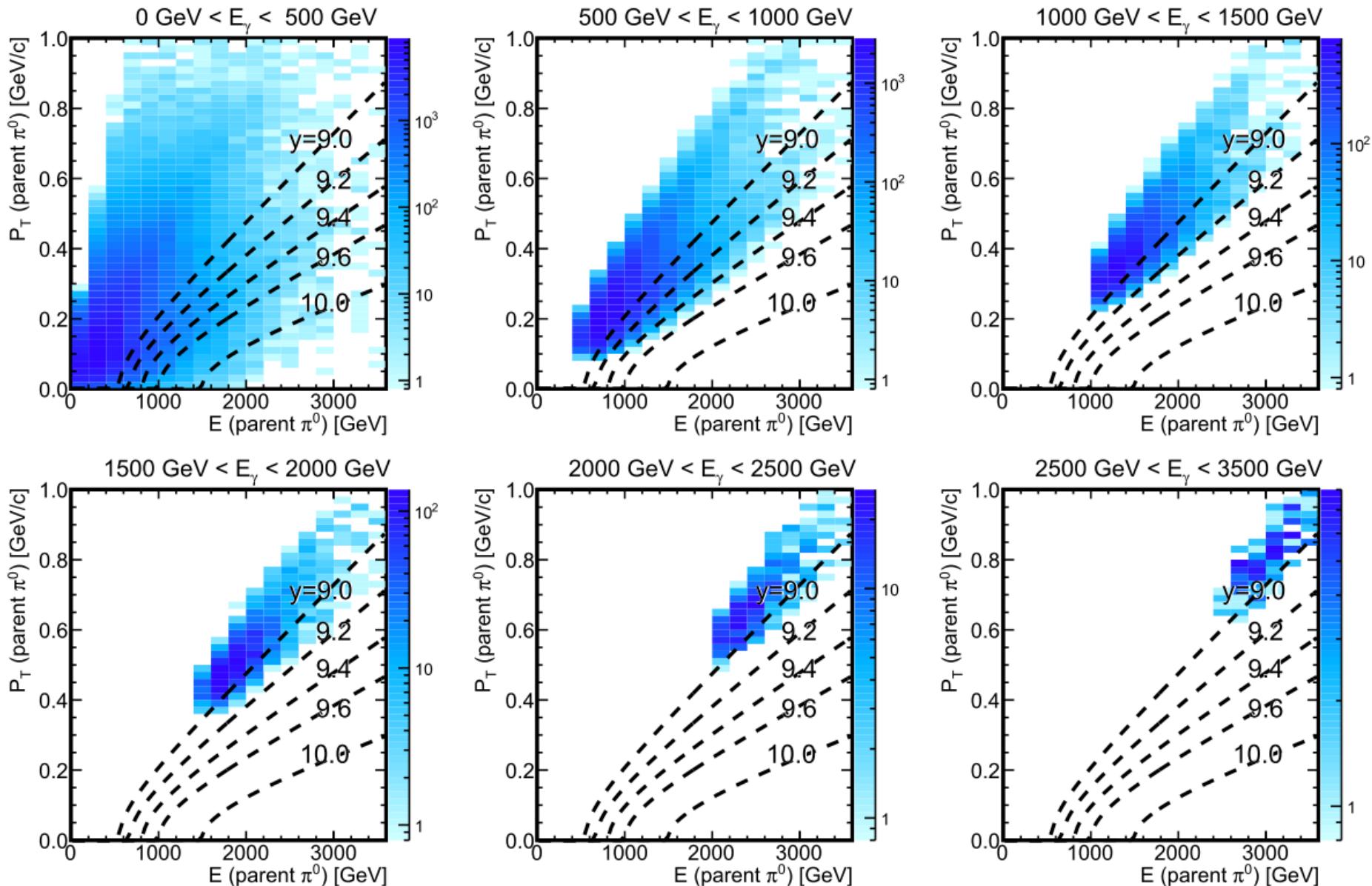
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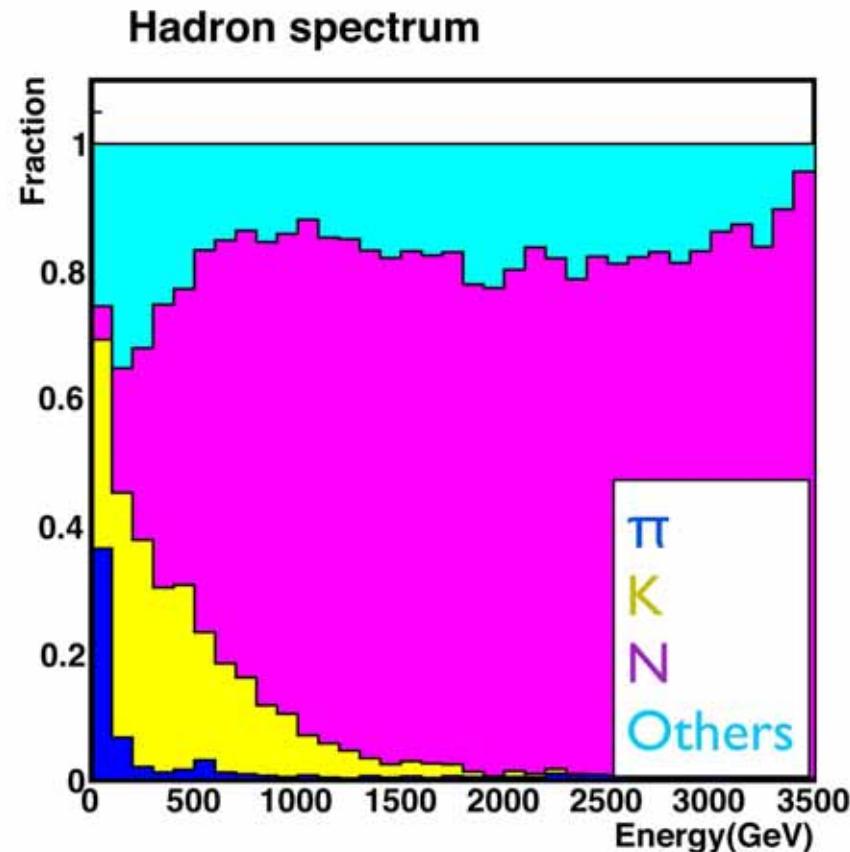
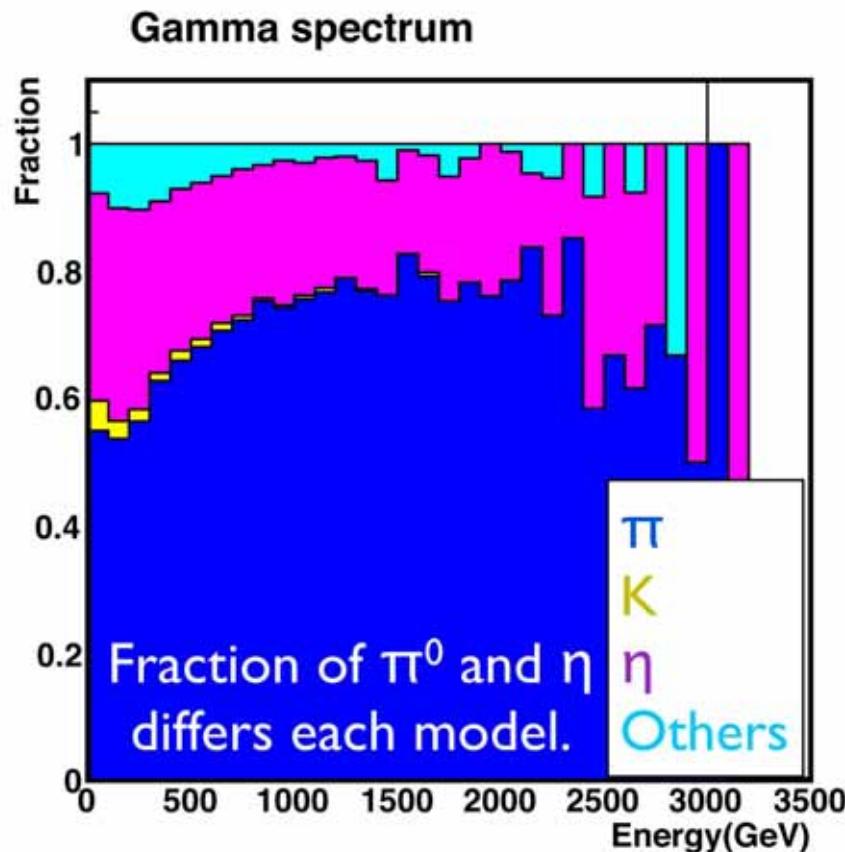
# LHCf $\pi^0$ $P_T$ at 7TeV (Arm1/Arm2 comparison)



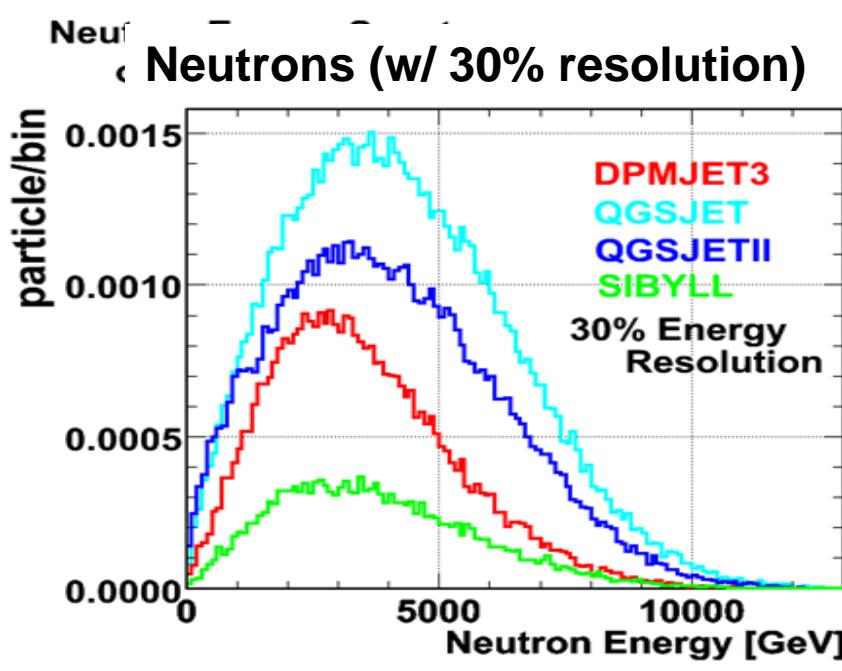
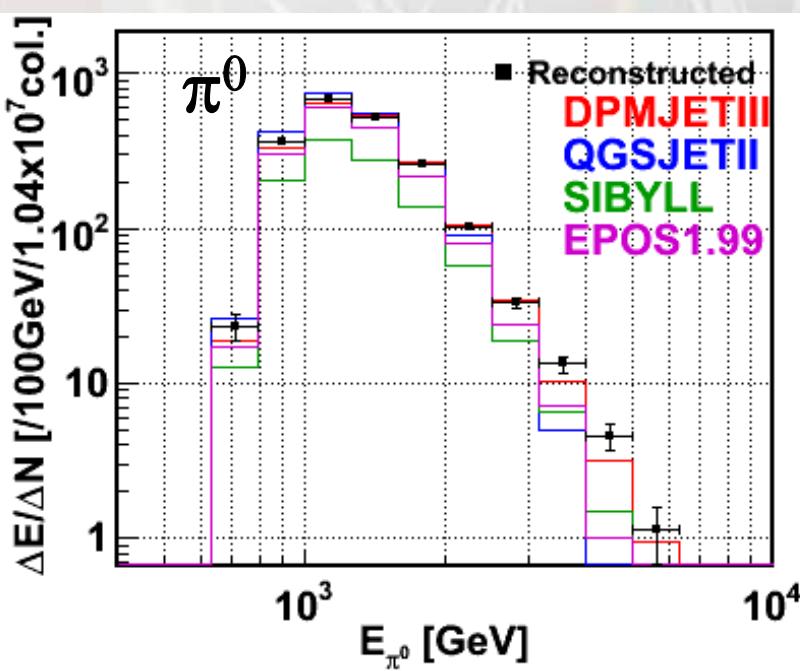
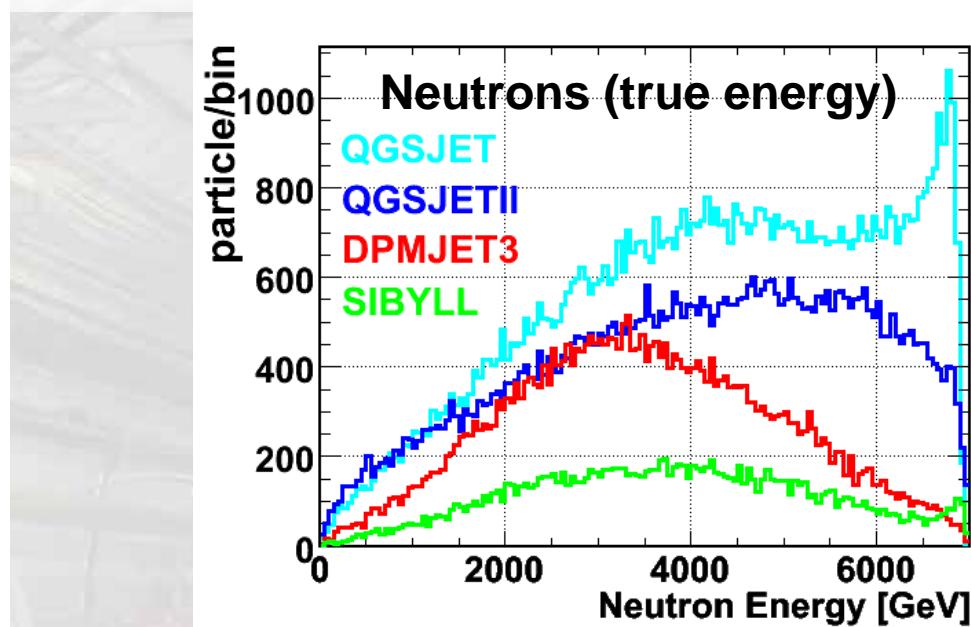
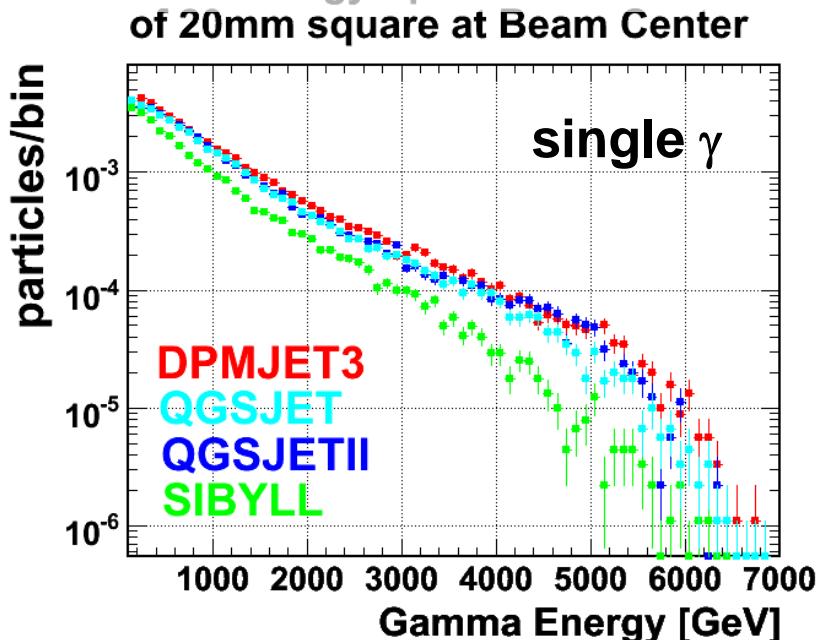
# Kinematical region observed by “single $\gamma$ ”



# Parent particles relevant for LHCf observations



# Forward E spectra foreseen at 14TeV (MC for ~0.1nb<sup>-1</sup>)



# The single photon energy spectra at 0 degree

(O.Adriani et al., PLB703 (2011) 128-134)

## ■ DATA

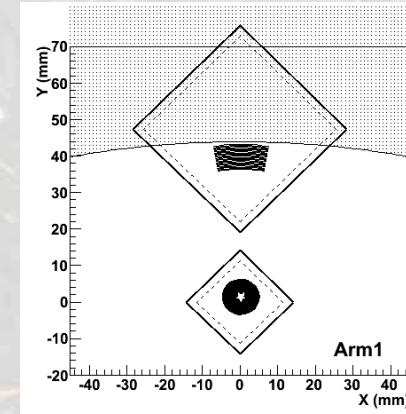
- 15 May 2010 17:45-21:23, at Low Luminosity  $6 \times 10^{28} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ , no beam crossing angle
- 0.68 nb-1 for Arm1, 0.53nb-1 for Arm2

## ■ MC

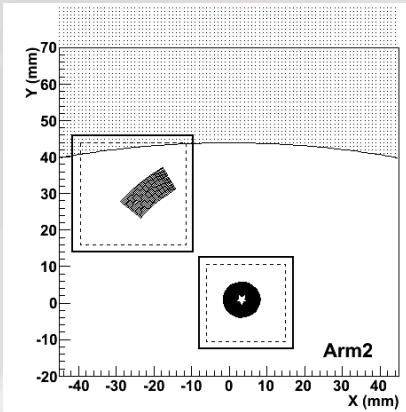
- DPMJET3.04, QGSJETII03, SYBILL2.1, EPOS1.99 PYTHIA 8.145 with the default parameters.
- $10^7$  inelastic p-p collisions by each model.

## ■ Analysis

- Two pseudo-rapidity,  $>10.94$  and  $8.81 < < 8.9$ .
- No correction for geometrical acceptance.
- Combine spectra between Arm1 and Arm2.
- Normalized by number of inelastic collisions**  
with assumption as  $\sigma_{\text{inel}} = 71.5 \text{mb}$ .  
(c.f.  $73.5 \pm 0.6^{+1.8}_{-1.3} \text{ mb}$  by TOTEM )

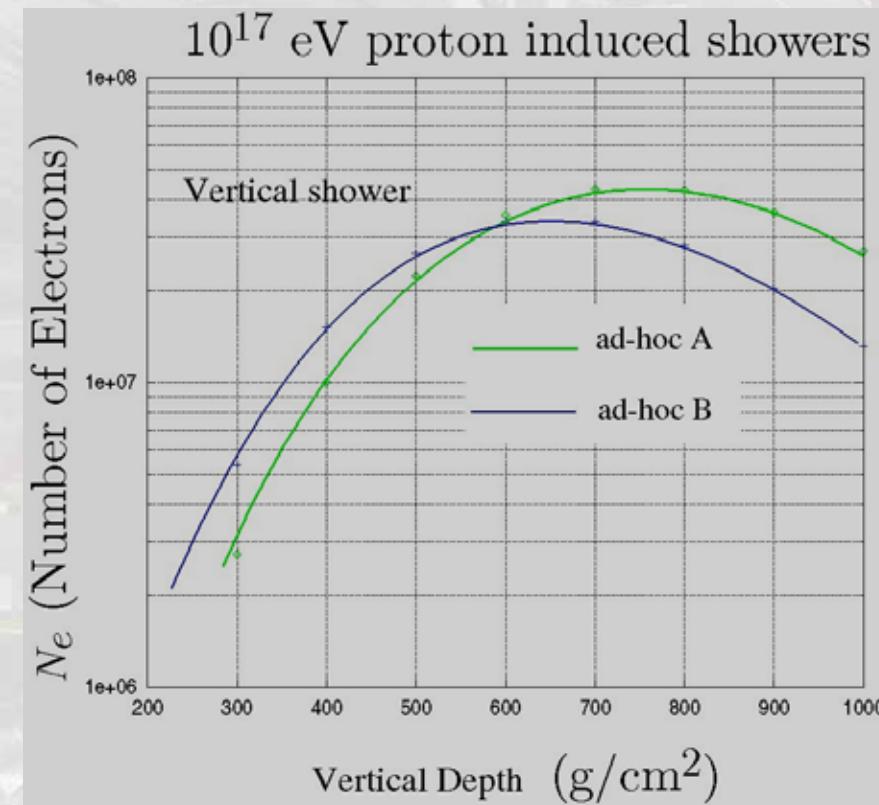
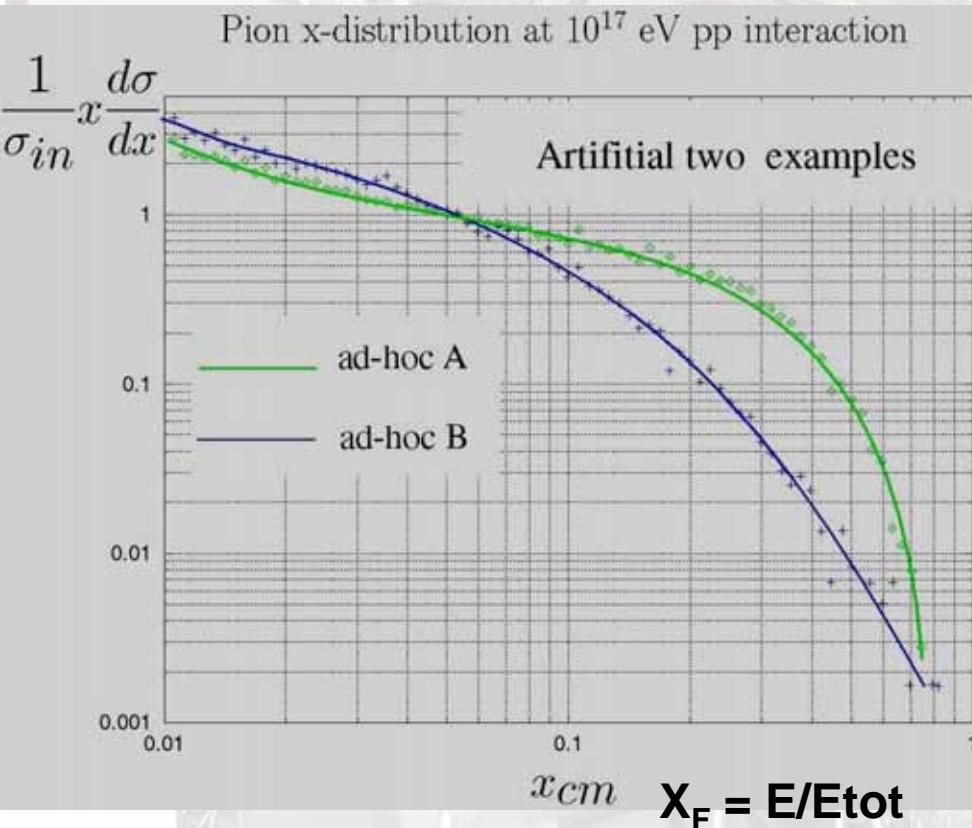


Arm1



Arm2

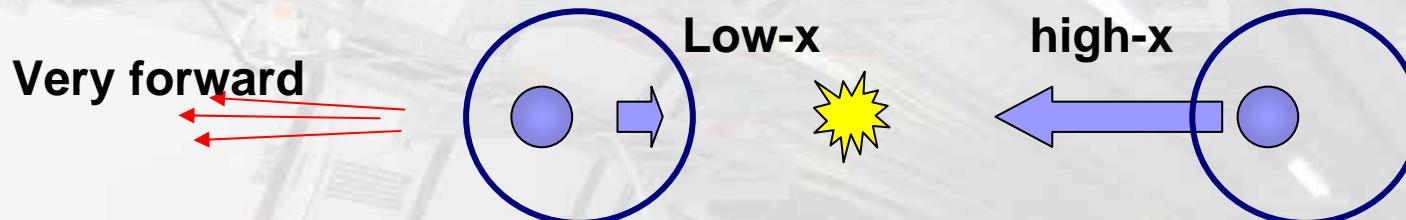
# Forward production spectra vs Shower curve



Half of shower particles comes from large  $X_F \gamma$

Measurement at very forward region is needed

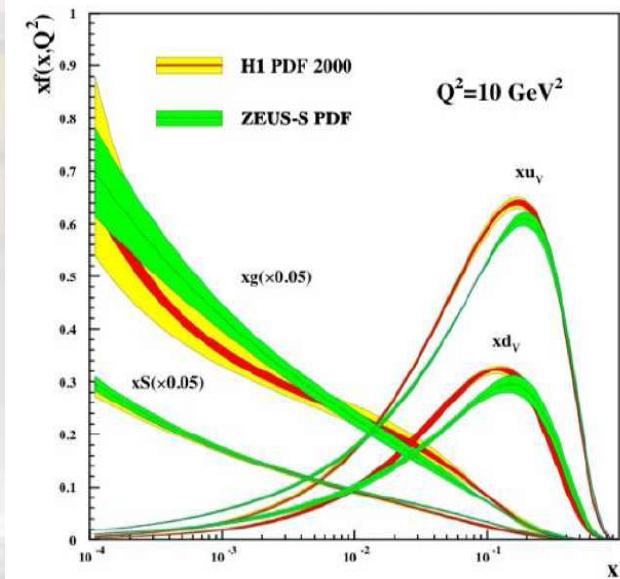
# Very forward – connection to low-x physics



- Very forward region : collision of a low-x parton with a large-x parton
- Small-x gluon become dominating in higher energy collision by self interaction.
- But they may be saturated (Color Glass Condensation)

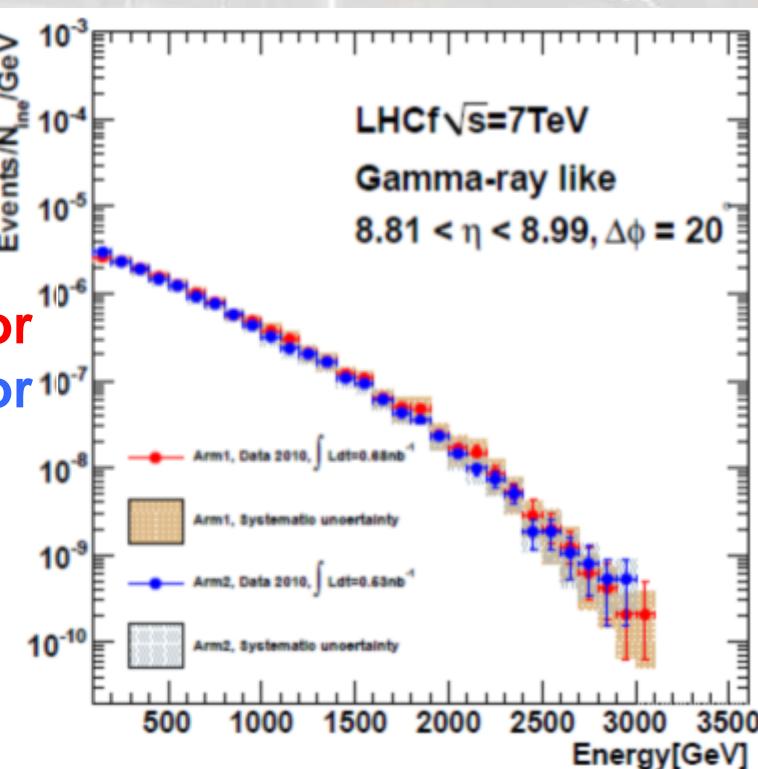
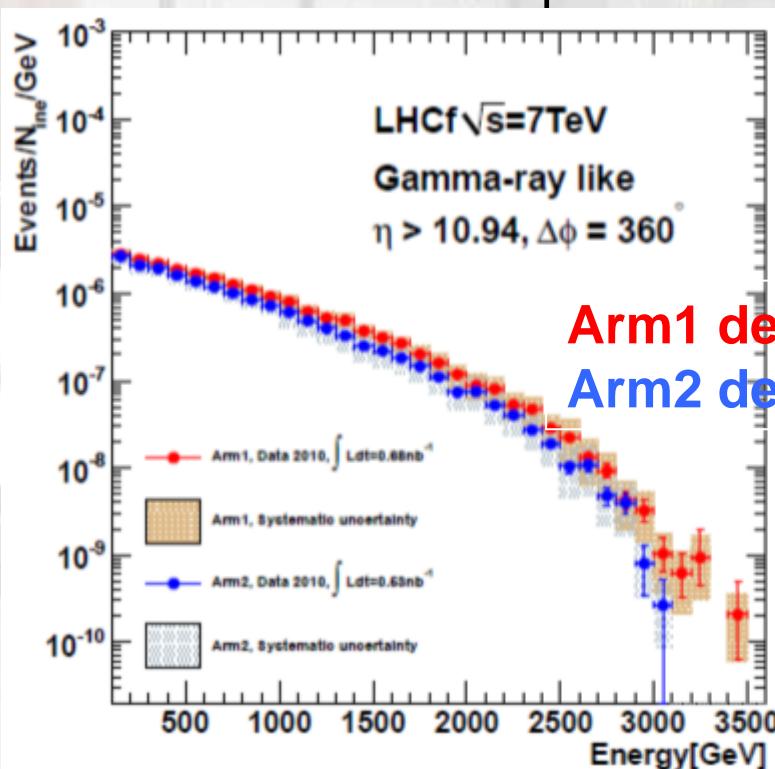
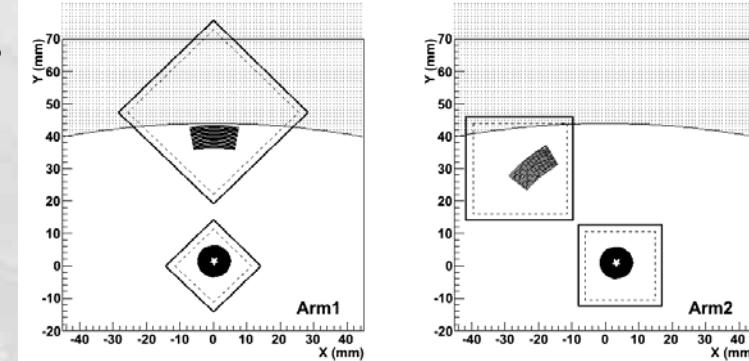
Naively CGC-like suppression may occur in very forward at high energy

→ However situation is more complex  
(not simple hard parton collisions,  
but including soft + semi-hard )

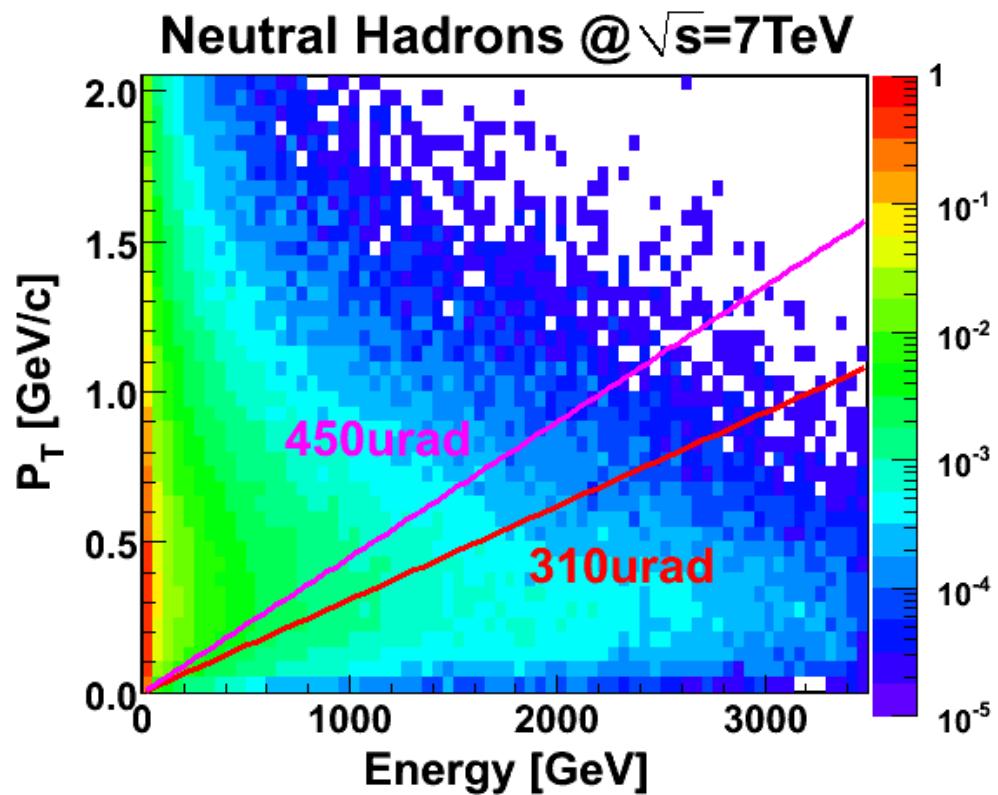
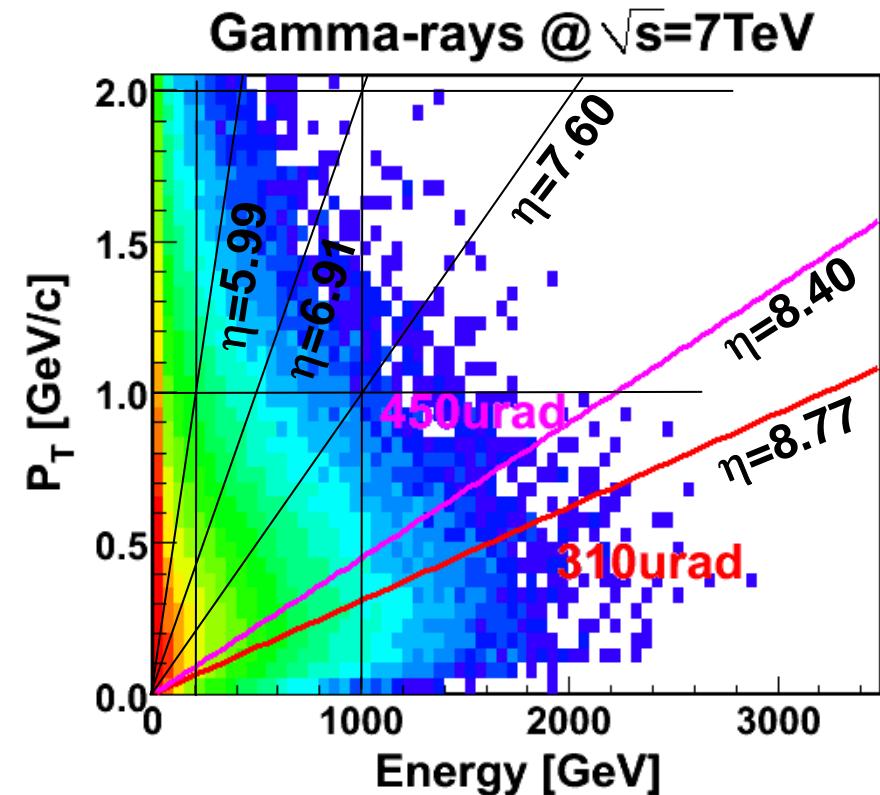


# Comparison between the two detector

- Pseudo-rapidity selection,  $\eta > 10.94$  and  $8.81 < \eta < 8.9$
  - Normalized by number of inelastic collisions with assumption as  $\sigma_{\text{inel}} = 71.5 \text{mb}$   
( $\langle \sigma \rangle = 73.5 \pm 0.6^{+1.8}_{-1.3} \text{ mb}$  by TOTEM)
  - Spectra in the two detectors are consistent within errors.
- Combined between spectra of Arm1 and Arm2

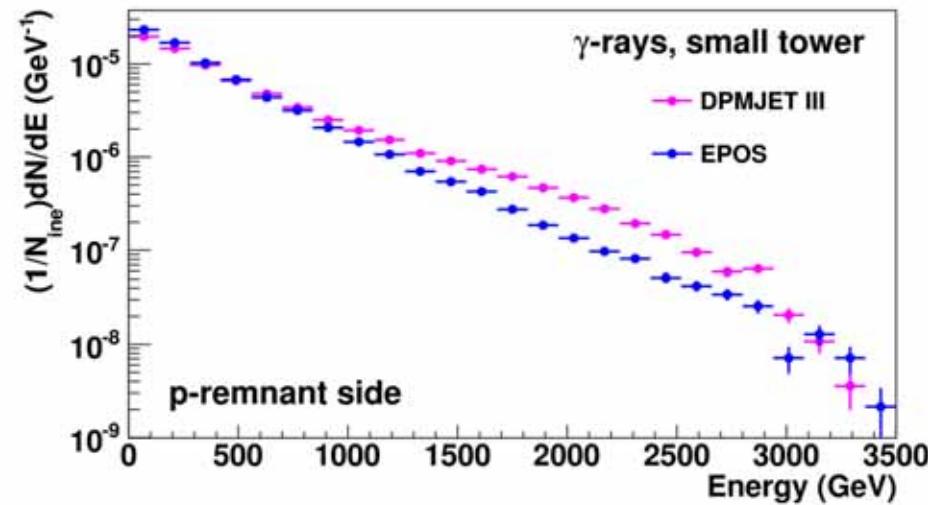


# Forward energy spectra

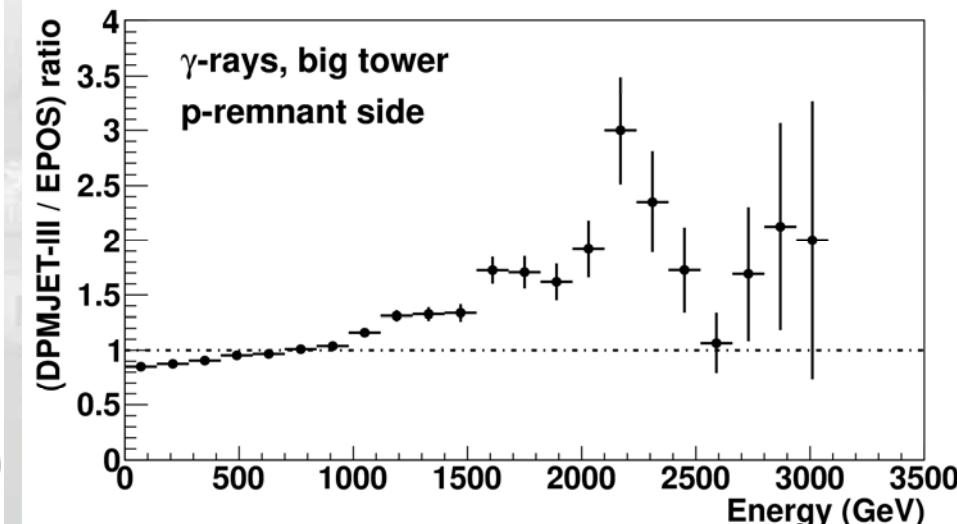
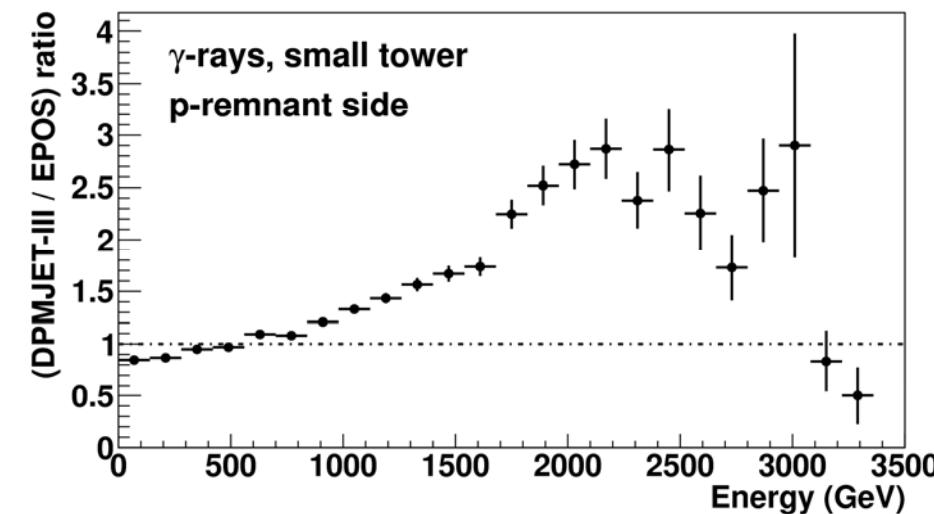
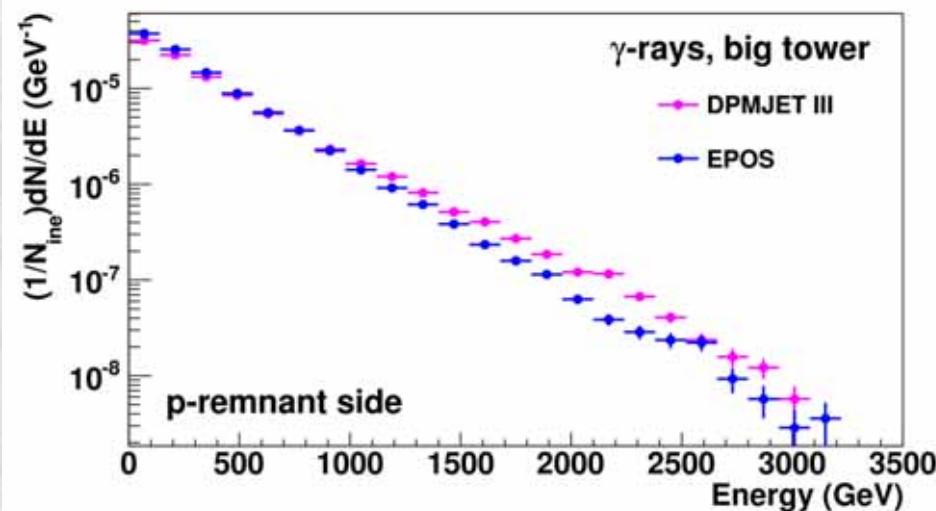


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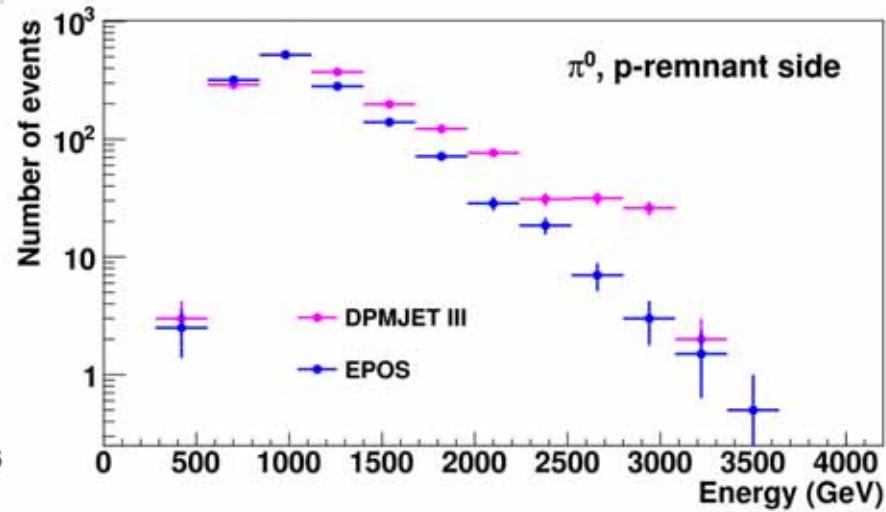
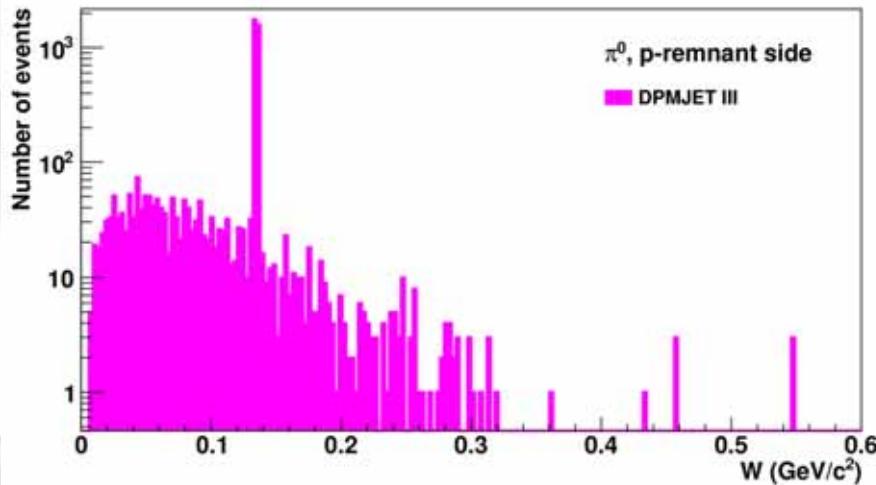
## Small tower



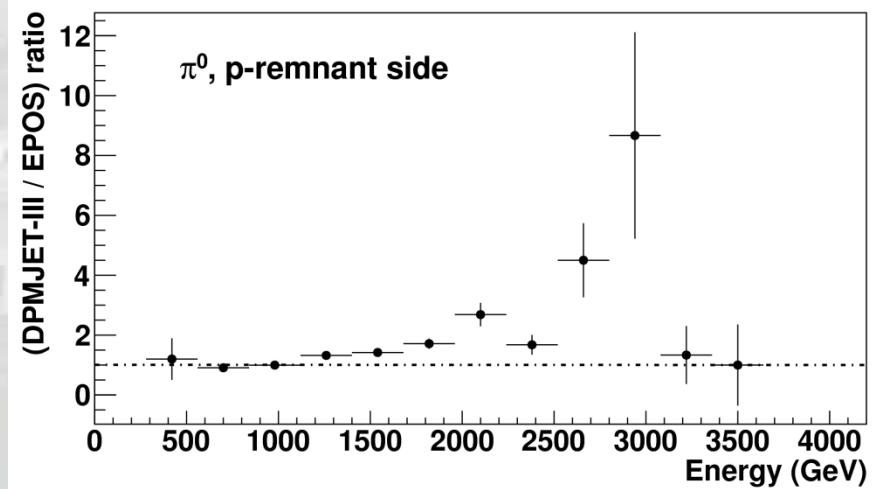
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# Proton-remnant side – $\pi^0$



We can detect  $\pi^0$ !  
Important tool for energy scale  
And also for models check.....



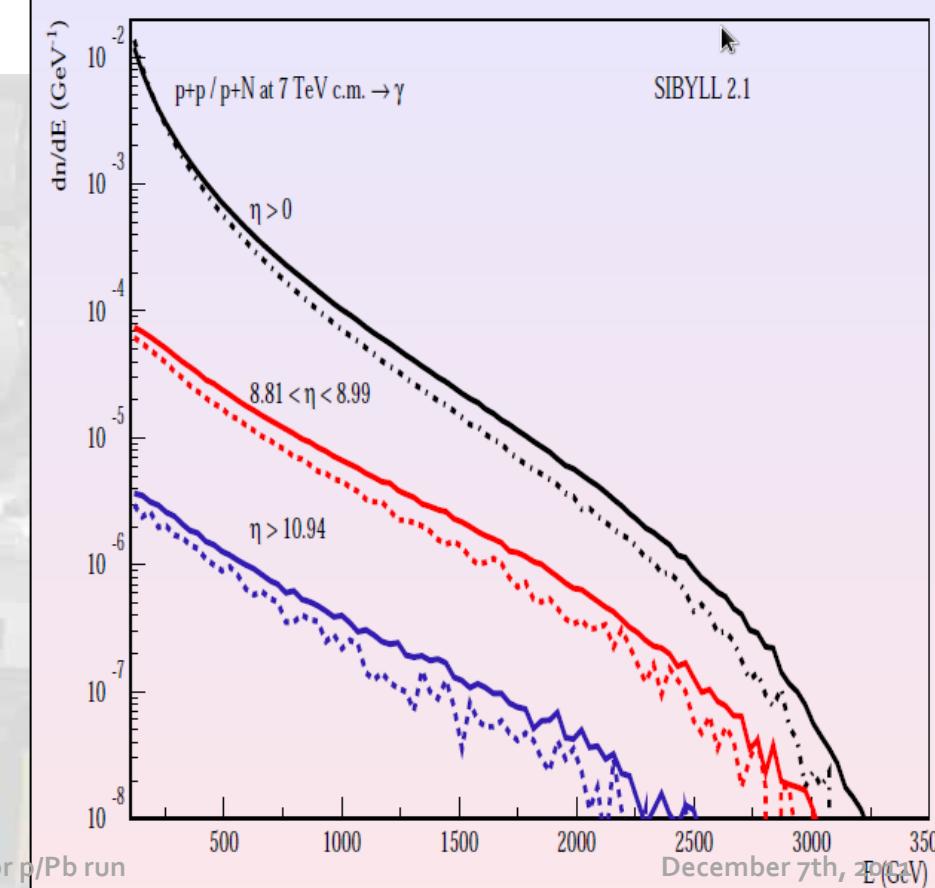
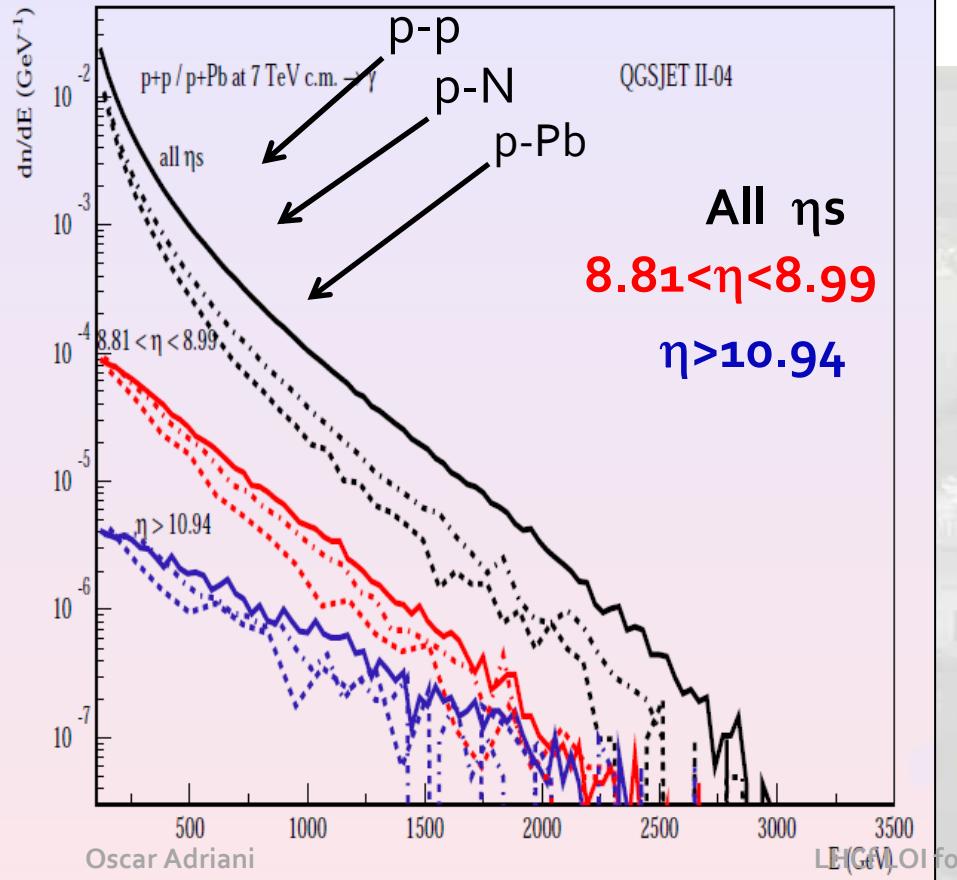
# Photons on the proton remnant side

- Photon energy distrib. in different  $\eta$  intervals at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7 \text{ TeV}$
- Comparison of p-p / p-N / p-Pb
- Enhancement of suppression for heavier nuclei case

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Courtesy of S. Ostapchenko

SIBYLL 2.1



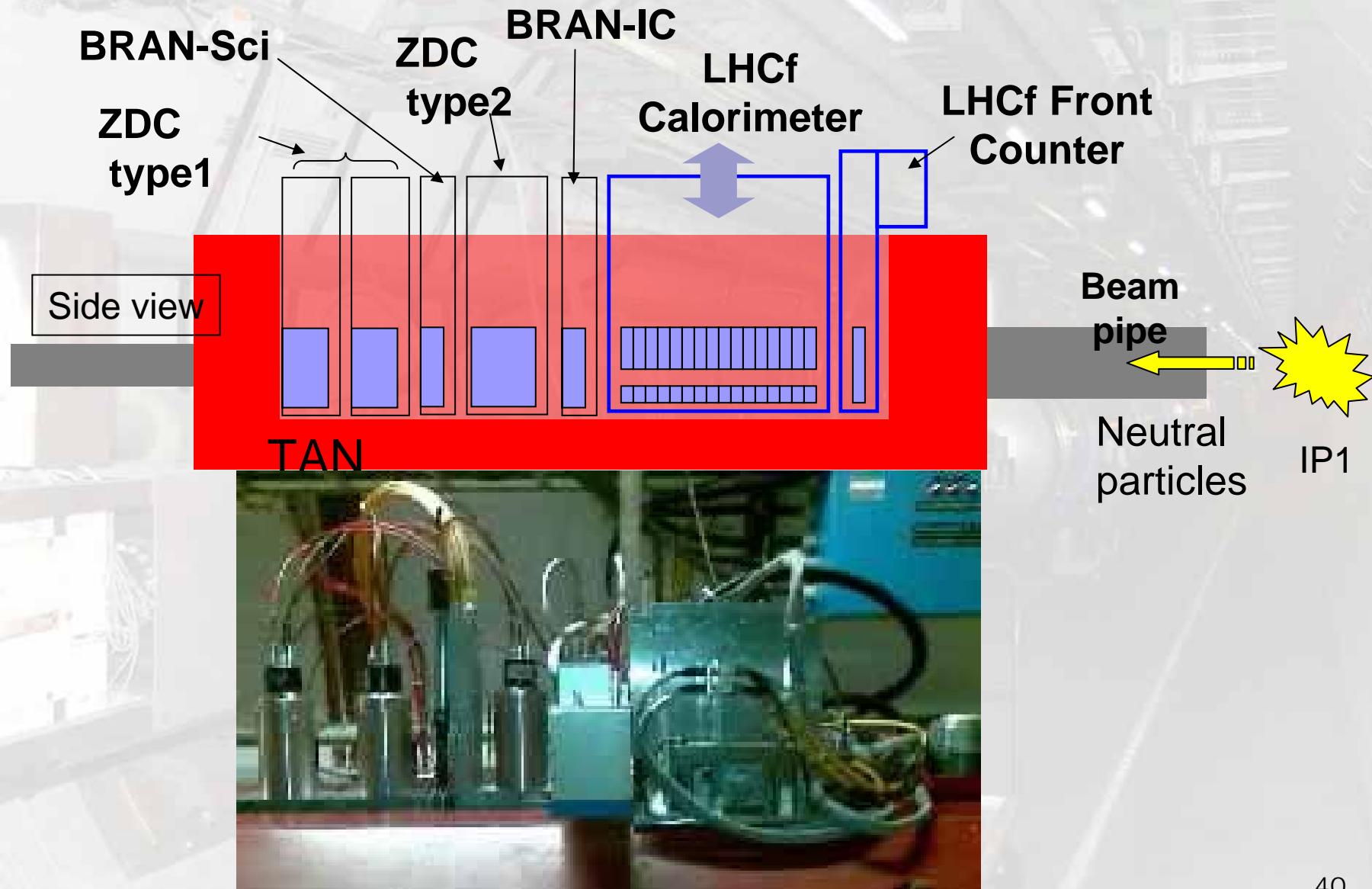
# Some estimations based on reasonable machine parameters....

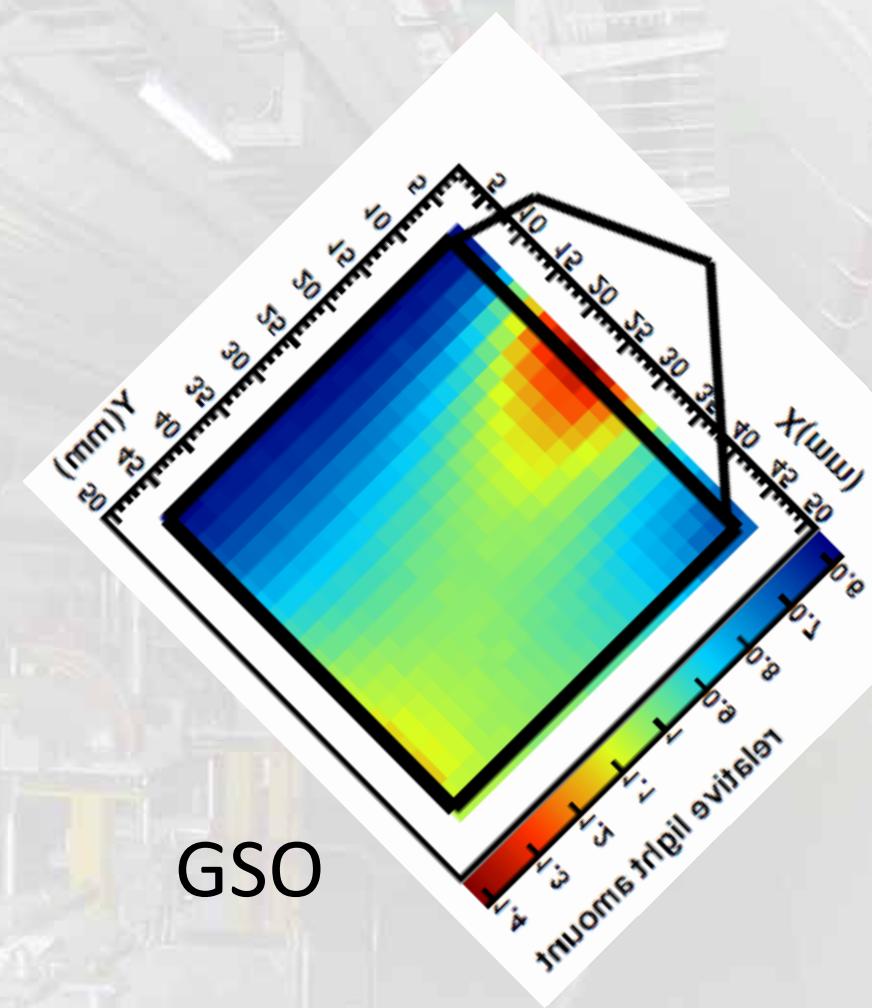
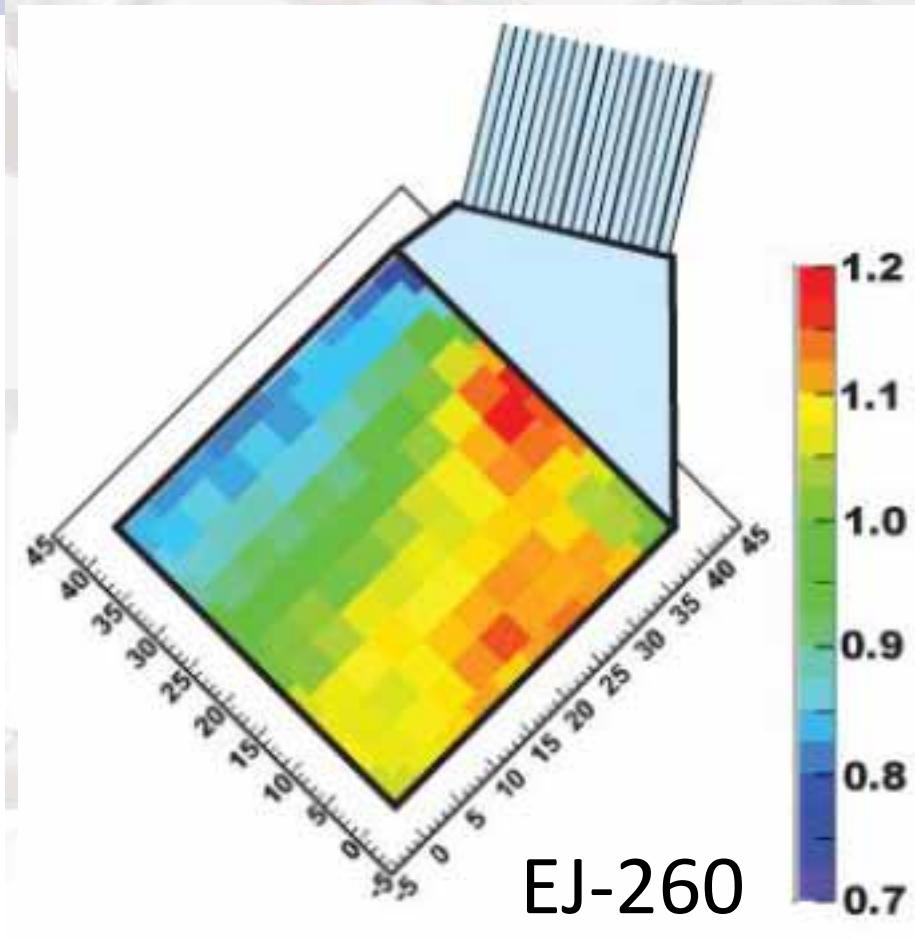
- Considering machine/physics parameters:
  - Number of bunches, **n = 590** (150 ns spacing)
  - Luminosity up to **10<sup>28</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>**
  - Interaction cross section **2 b**
- **PILE-UP** effect
  - Around  **$3 \times 10^{-3}$  interactions per bunch crossing**
  - **1%** probability for one interaction in 500 ns (typical time for the development of signals from LHCf scintillators after 200 m cables from TAN to USA15)
  - Some **not interacting bunches** required for beam-gas subtraction

# Required statistics for the p/Pb physics run

- Minimum required number of collision:  $N_{\text{coll}} = 10^8$ 
  - Integrated luminosity  $L^{\text{int}} = 50 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ 
    - $2 \times 10^6$  single photons expected on p-remnant side
    - 35000  $\pi^0$  expected on same side
- Assuming a value of luminosity  $L = 10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  :
  - Minimum running time for physics  
 $t = 140 \text{ h (6 days)}$

# Setup in IP1-TAN (side view)





- Beautiful map!
- Almost same structure, but...
- Larger contrast than EJ-260
- Non-uniformity-shower spread convoluted correction function may be necessary