Measurement of isolated photons in PbPb collisions at $\sqrt{s}$ = 2.76TeV with CMS detector

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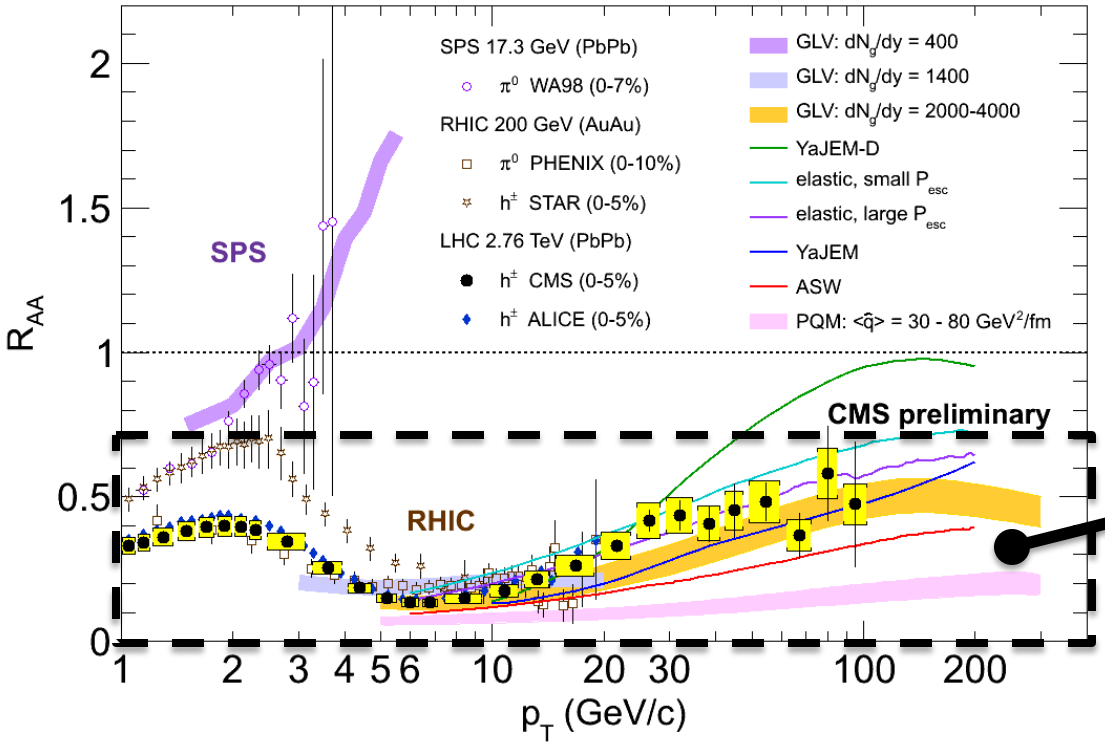

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Ratio of PbPb spectrum to pp spectrum normalized by number of binary collisions $<N_{coll}>$

Charged particle $R_{AA} < 1$

Indirect evidence of jet quenching.

Andre Yoon (Thursday)

Yen-Jie Lee (Plenary)

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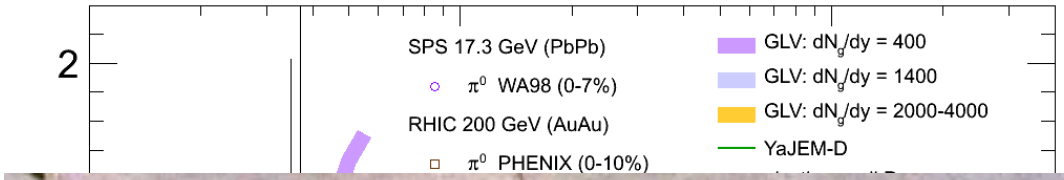

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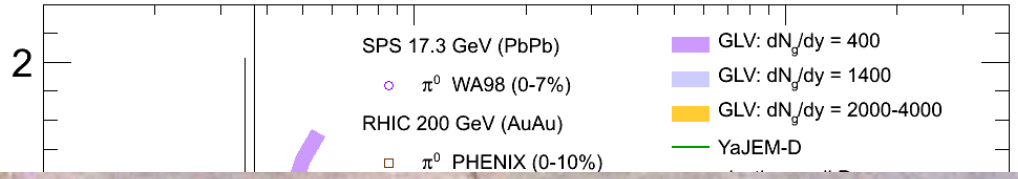

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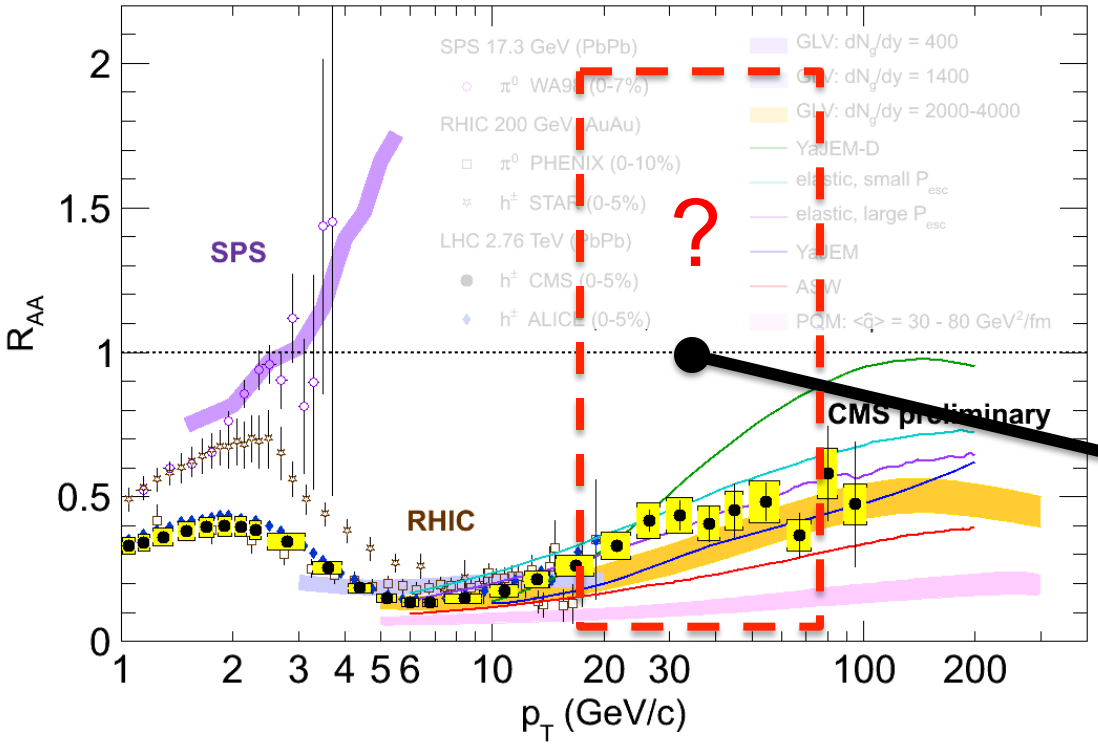

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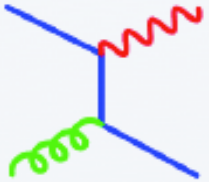
Photon measured 20 – 80 GeV

- Photon is not quenched in medium, therefore its R_{AA} can be used to check the **initial state of PbPb collision**
- First adaptation of pp photon identification methods to heavy ion experiment.

Why **isolated** photons?

Leading order

Compton



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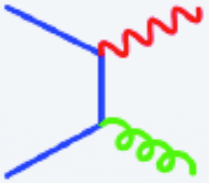
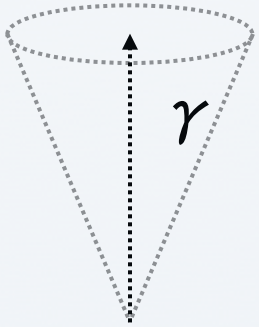


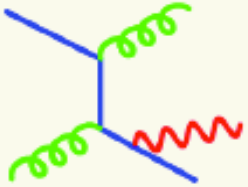


Isolated

Ideally want to measure LO

Higher orders

Bremsstrahlung



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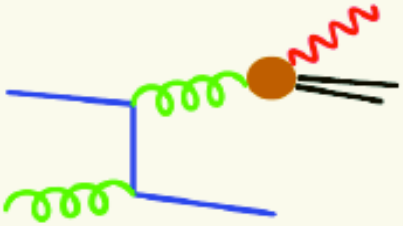

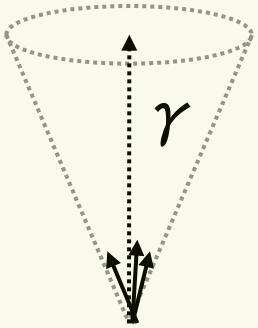

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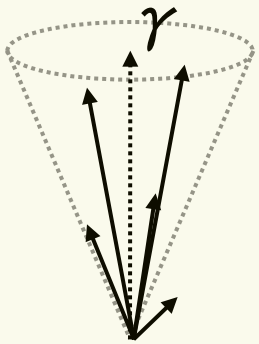

Non-isolated

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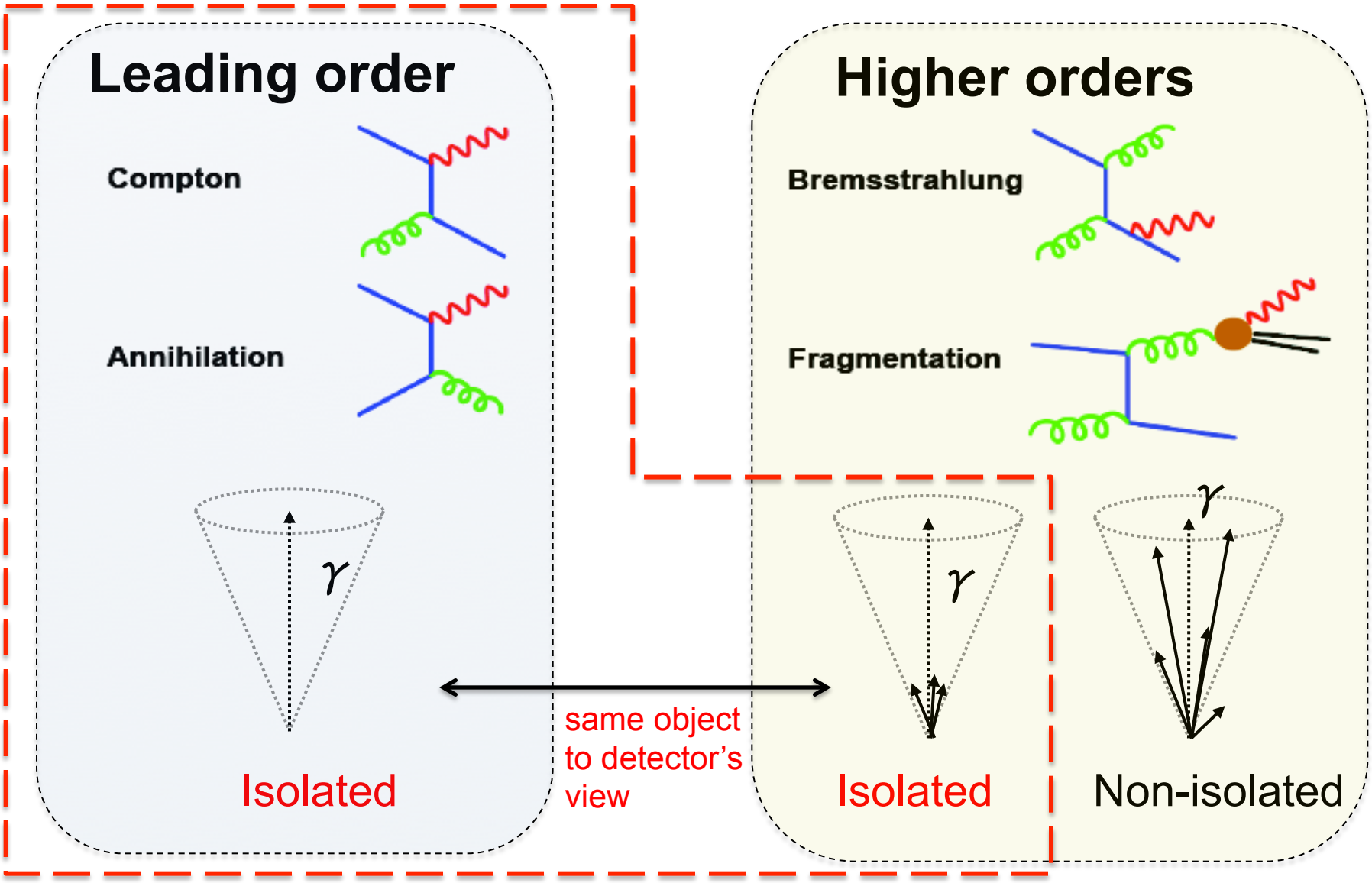


Experimentally possible borderline = Isolation

Reasonable cut for theoretical calculation as well.

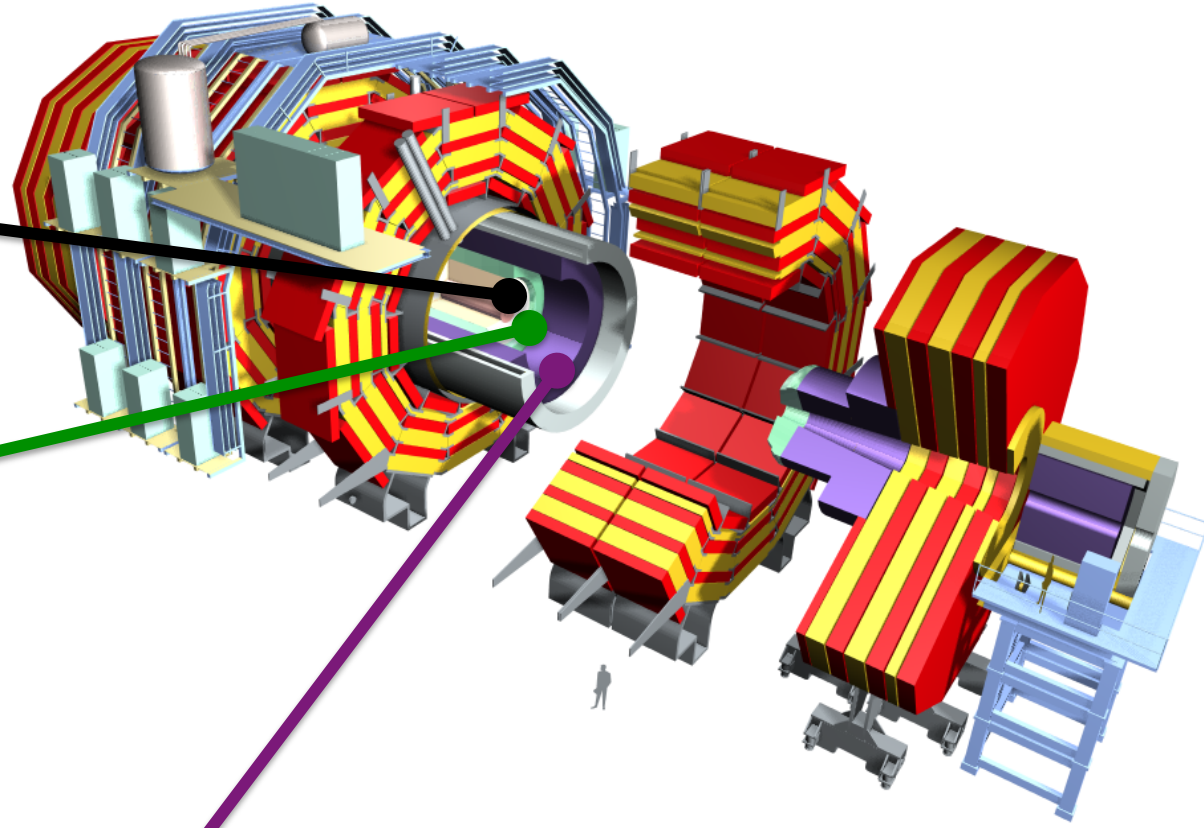
CMS is excellent for photon hunting

Si tracker

- vertex determination
- reject electron

Ecal ($PbWO_4$)

- $|\eta| < 3$ with 75848 crystals
- $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\Phi = 0.017 \times 0.017$
- Transverse shower shape
- Superb energy resolution (~1%)



2π radians covered

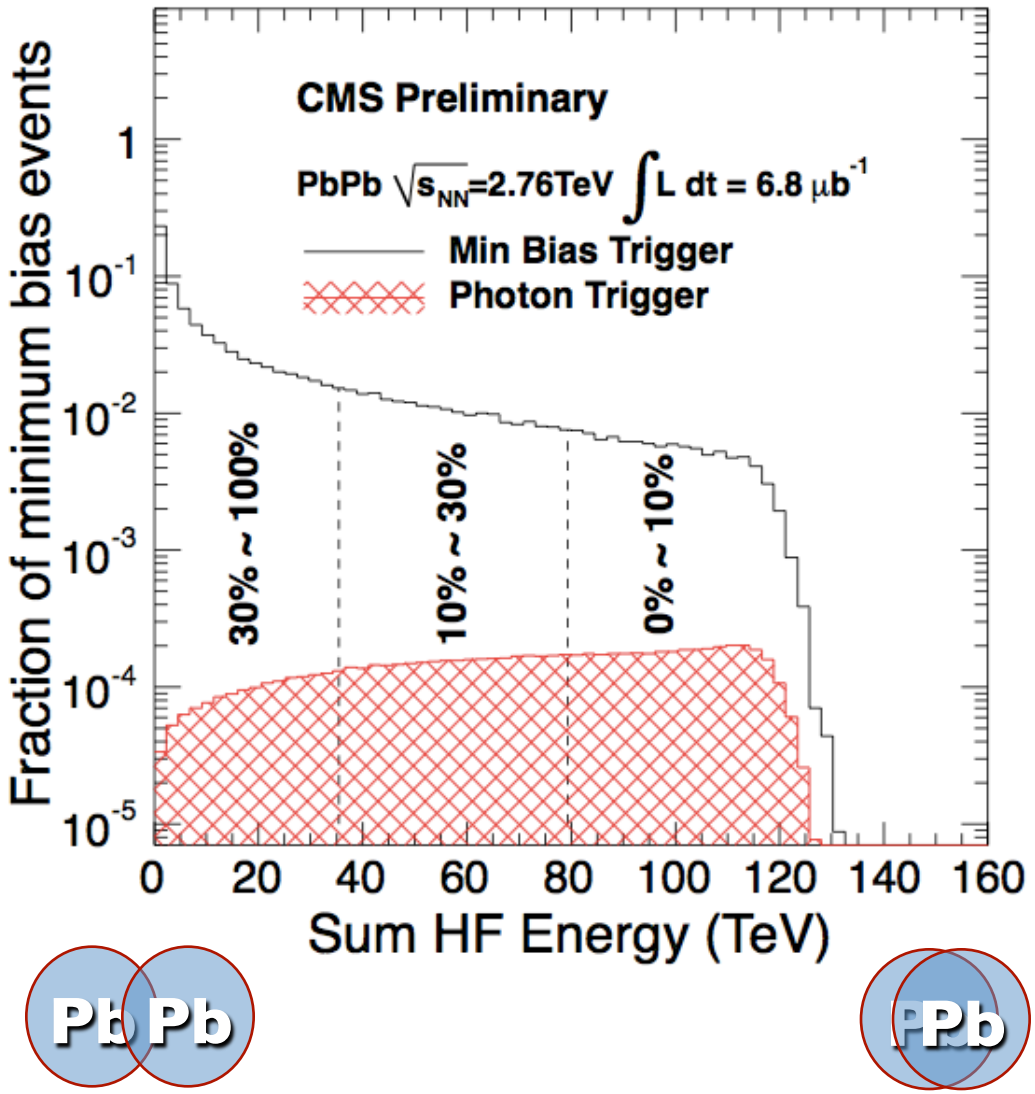
Hcal for Isolation criteria.

Data trigger

- From PbPb Collision of
  - $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.76 TeV
  - $\int Ldt$ = 6.8 μb^{-1}
- Photons are measured
  - $|\eta| < 1.44$
  - **E_T of 20 – 80 GeV** (5 bins)
  - 3 centrality bins

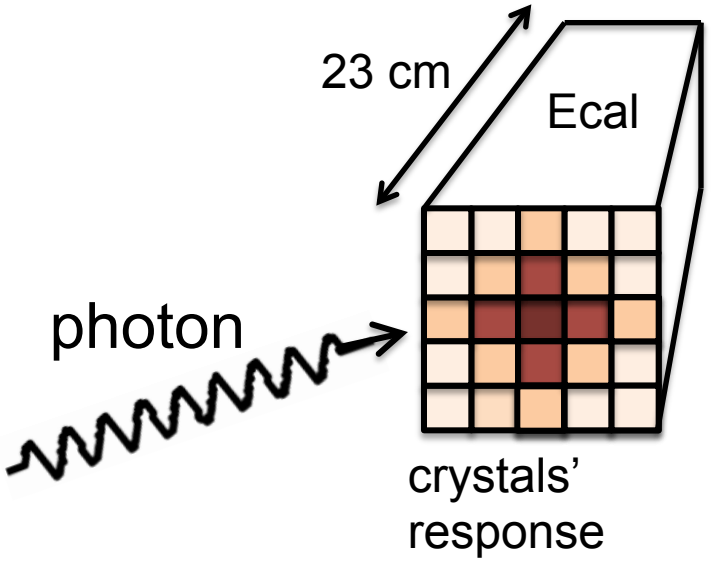
    0 – 10%, 10 – 30%, 30 – 100 %
  - 6000 signals counted

    (before efficiency correction)



Photon reconstruction

- Photon is reconstructed in Ecal using **Island clustering algorithm**
  - Ref. (CERN-LHCC-2006-001)
- Main background is neutral mesons
  - π^0 and η decaying into two photons
  - In high E_T, decayed photons are almost collinear, and make single cluster
- Background rejection strategies are described in following slides



Crystal size : 2.2 cm x 2.2 cm

94% of energy in 3x3 crystals

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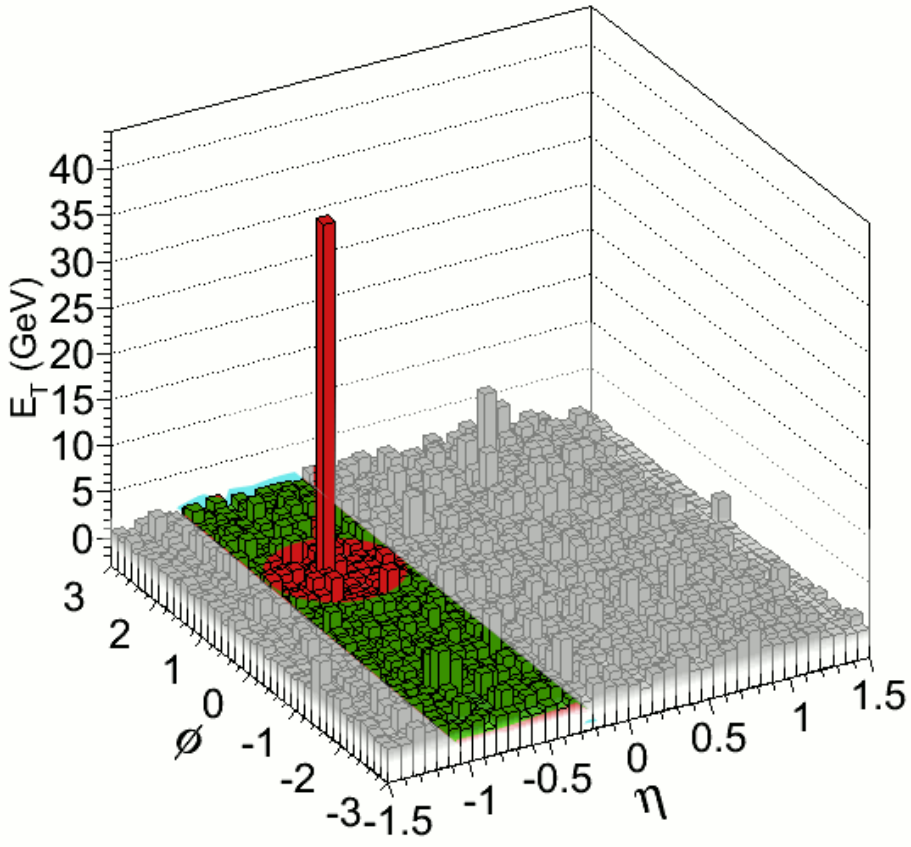

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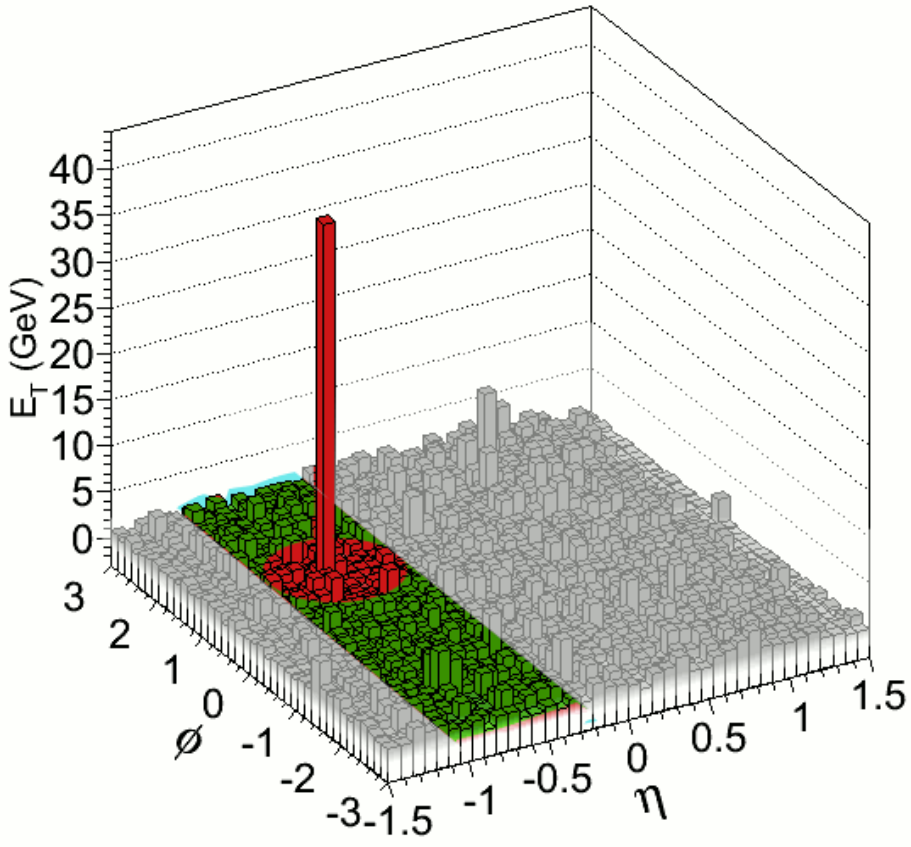
  - **Energy in the cone** is on top of **Uncorrelated Background energy**
  - Heavy ion background energy subtraction event-by event



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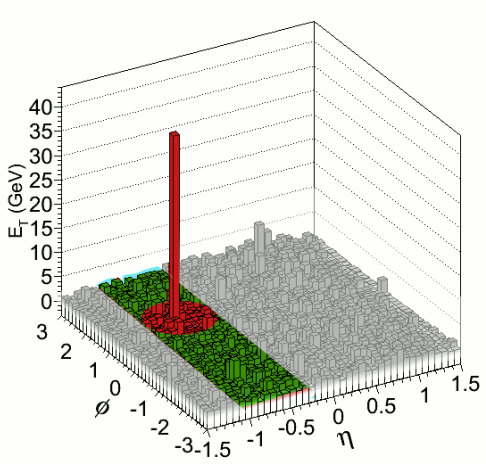

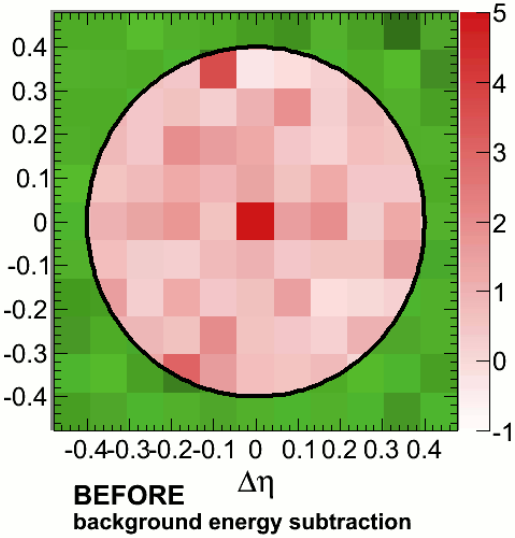

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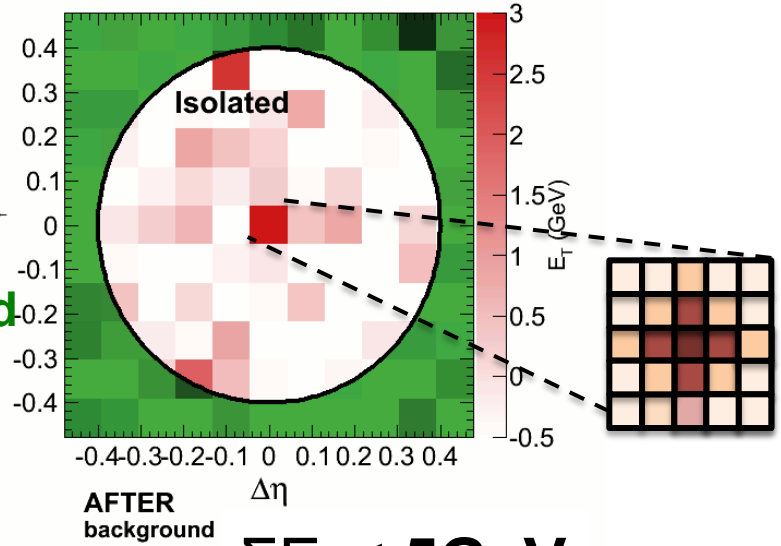

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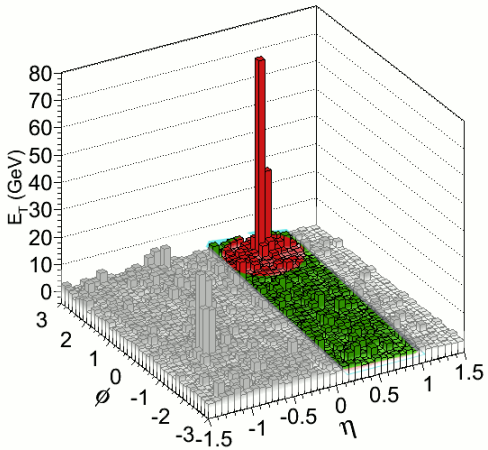

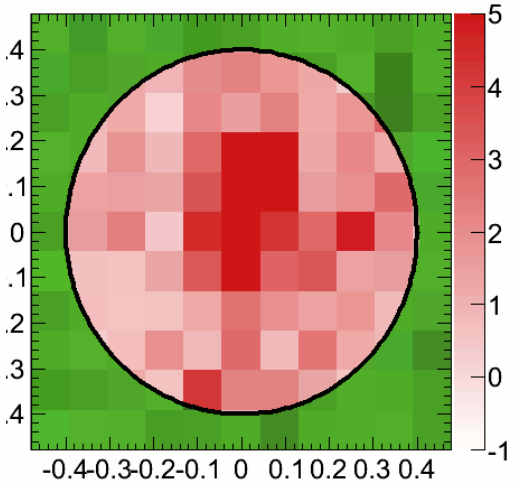

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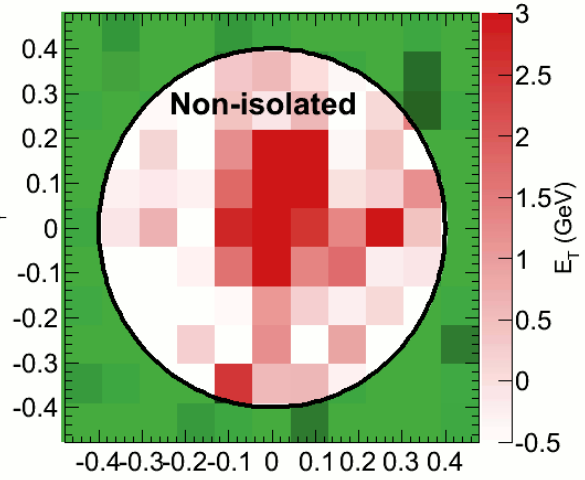

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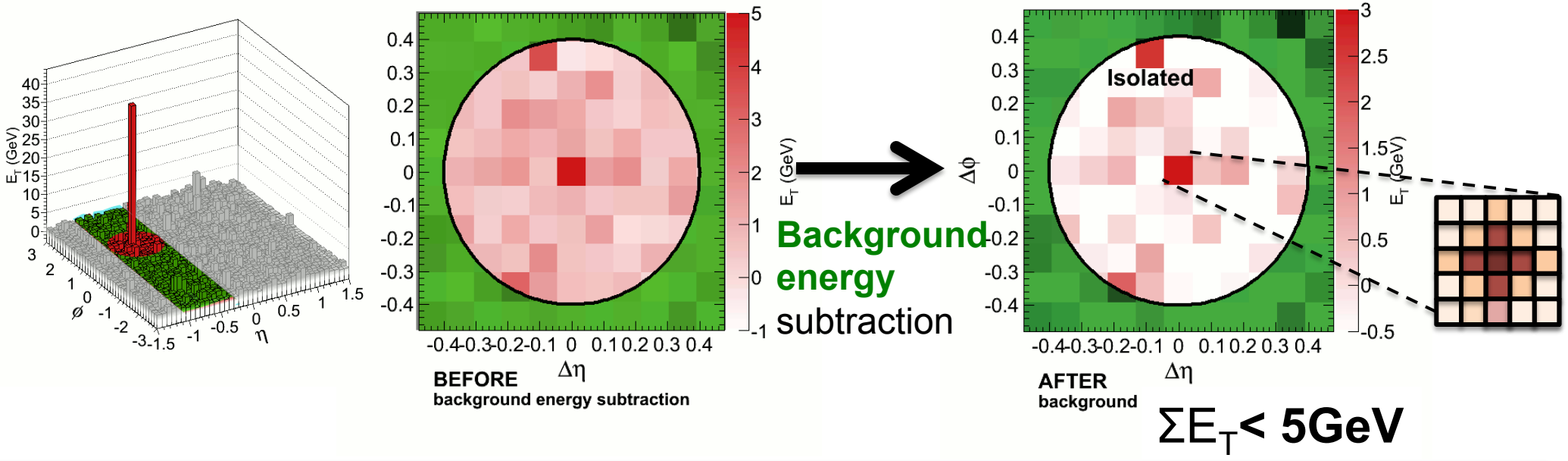

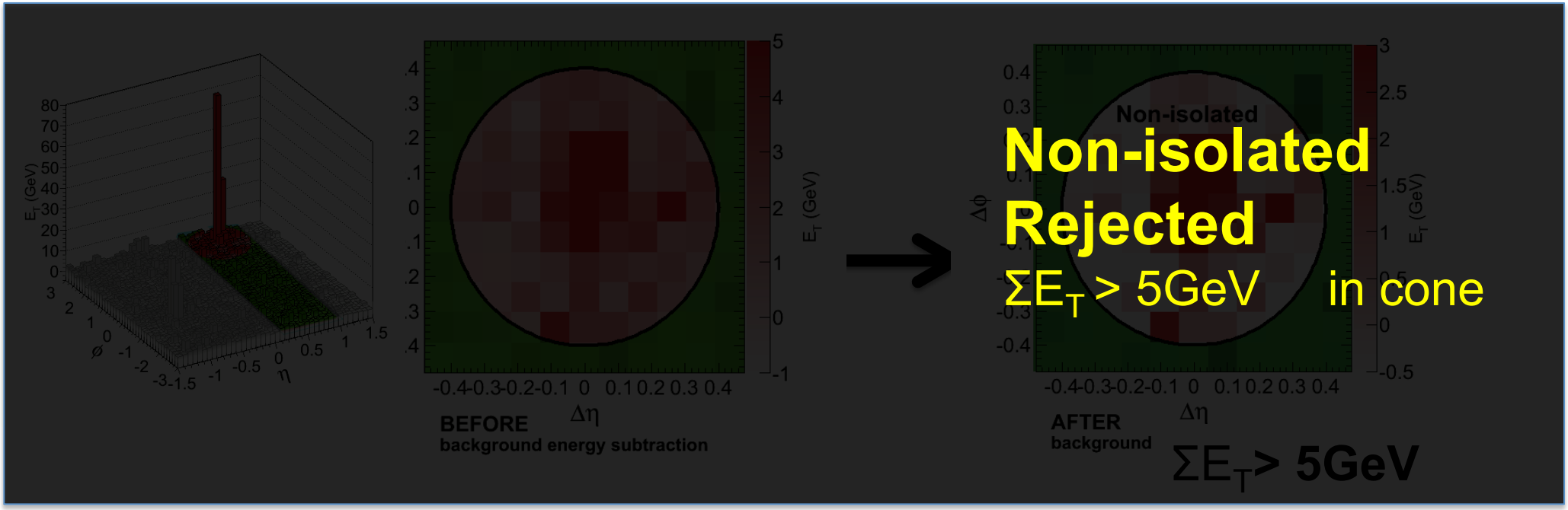

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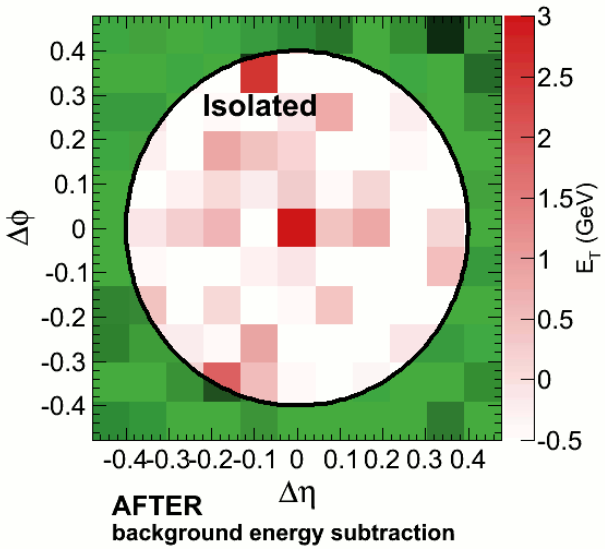

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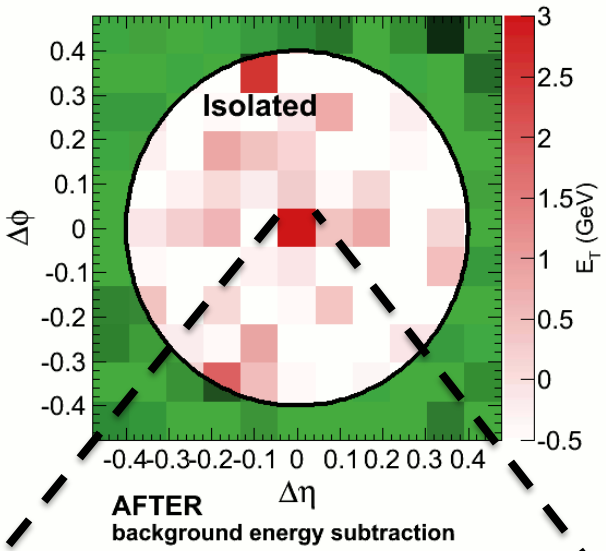

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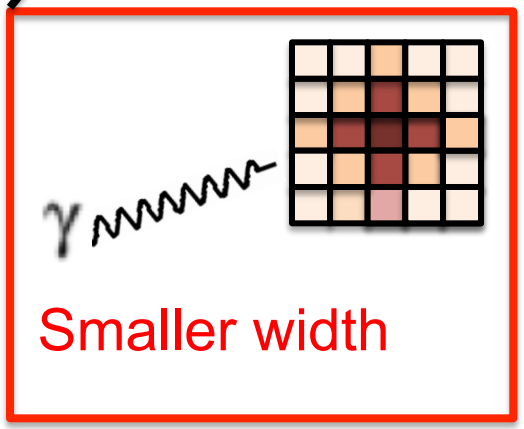

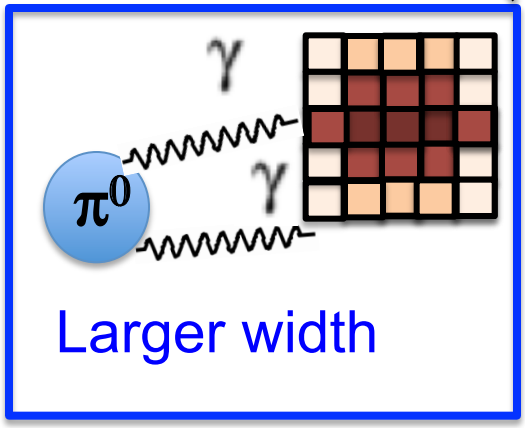

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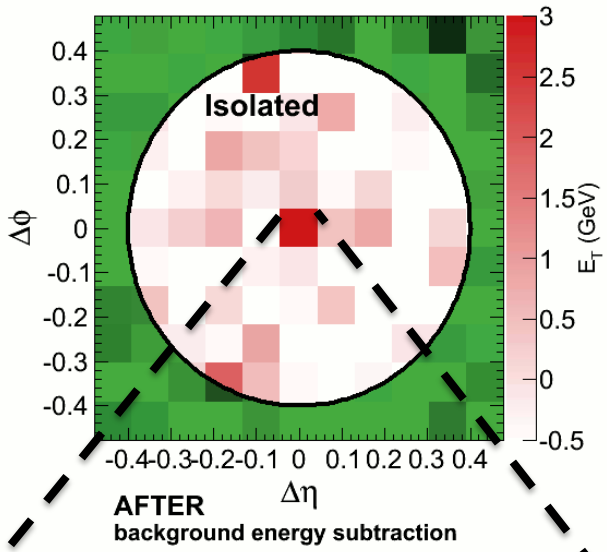

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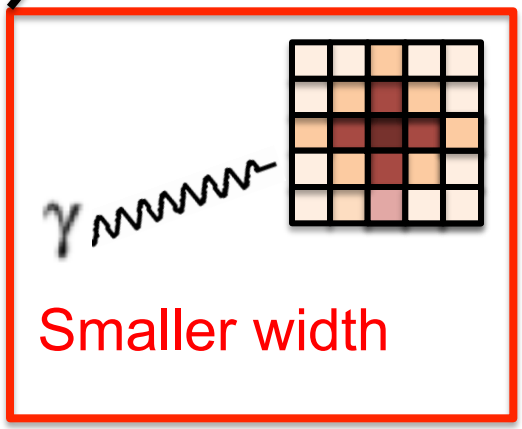

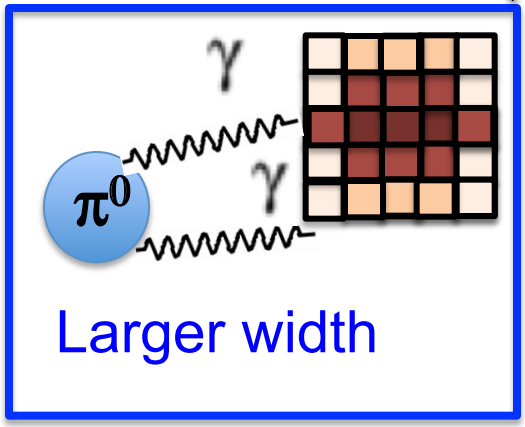

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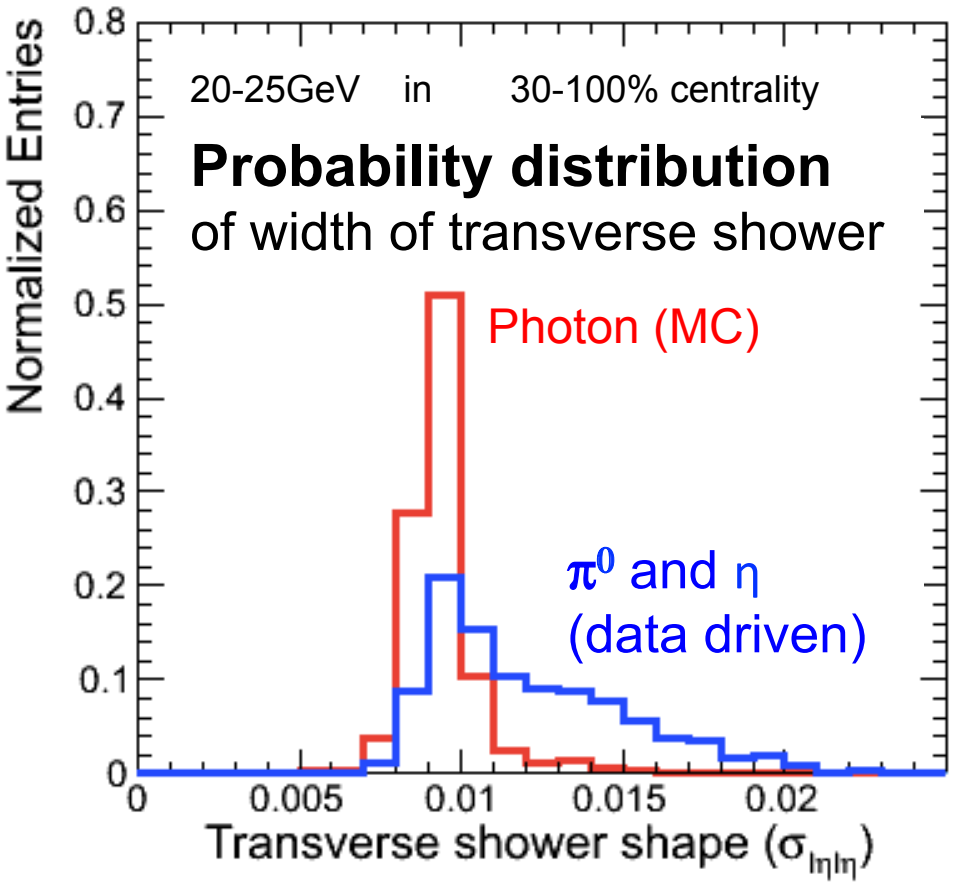

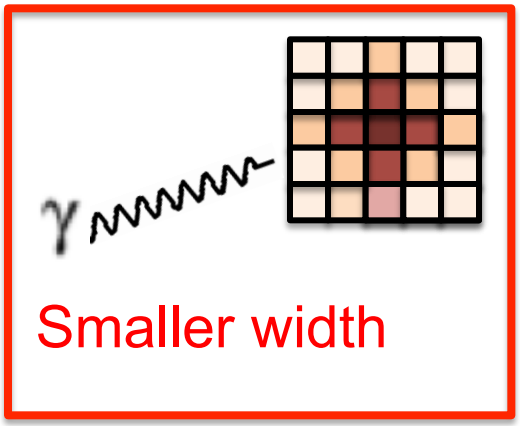

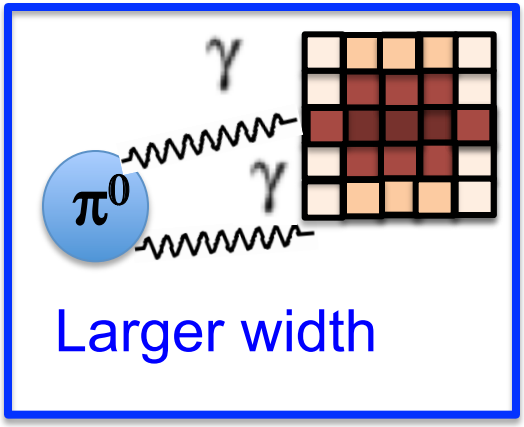

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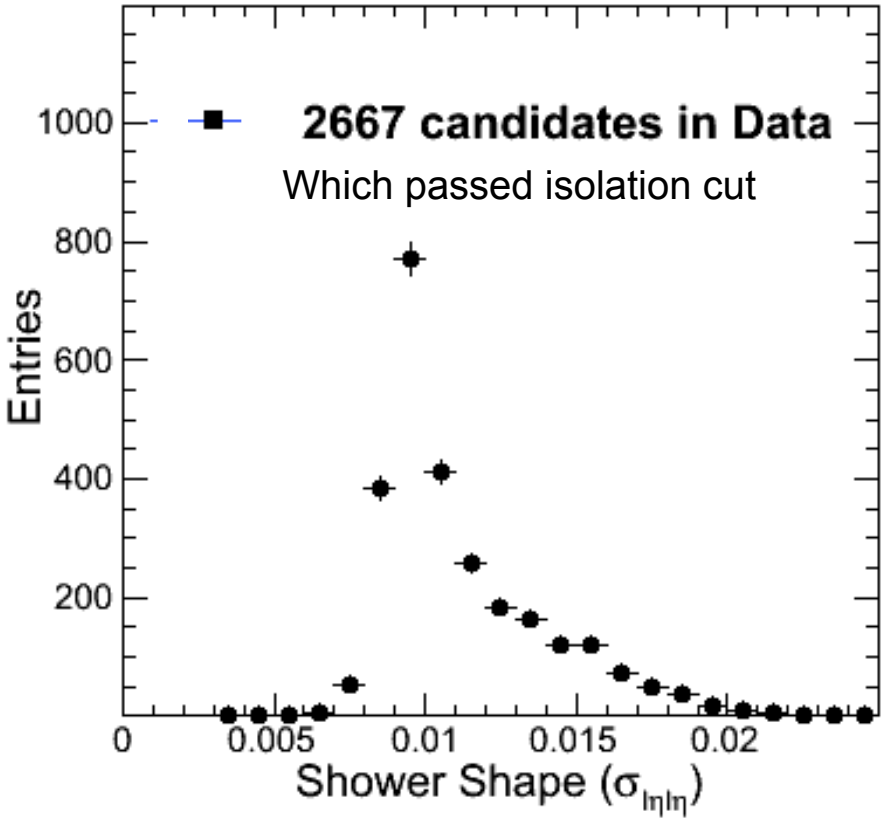

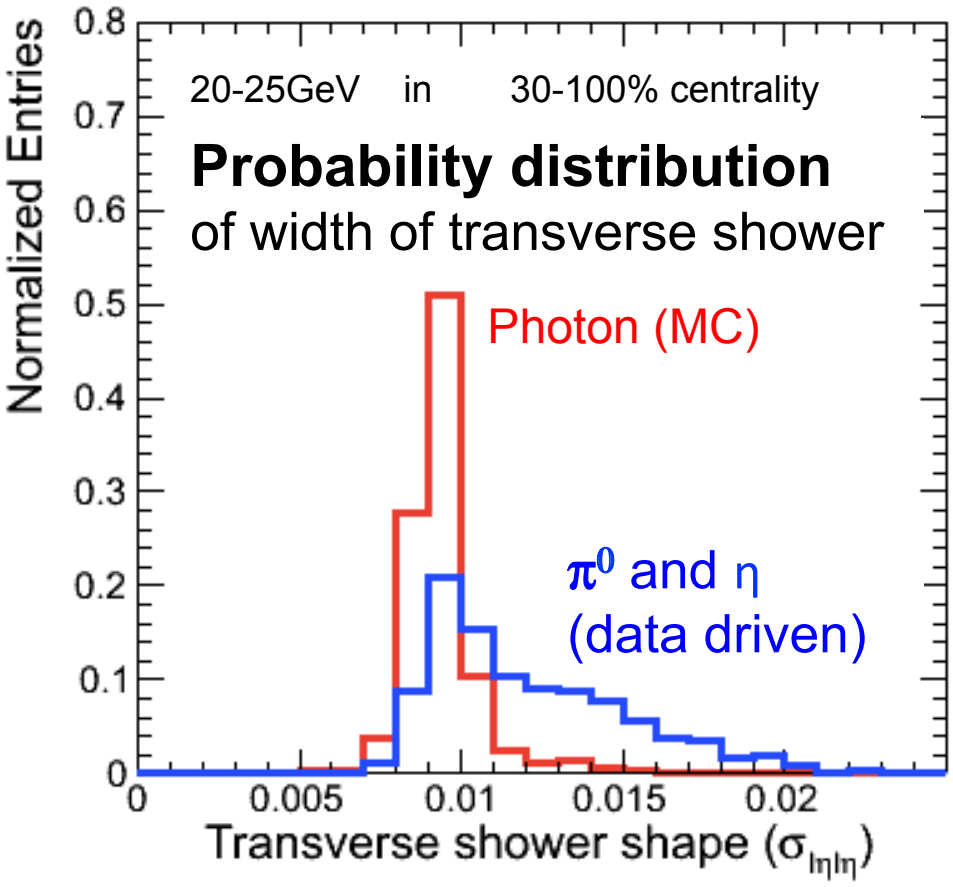

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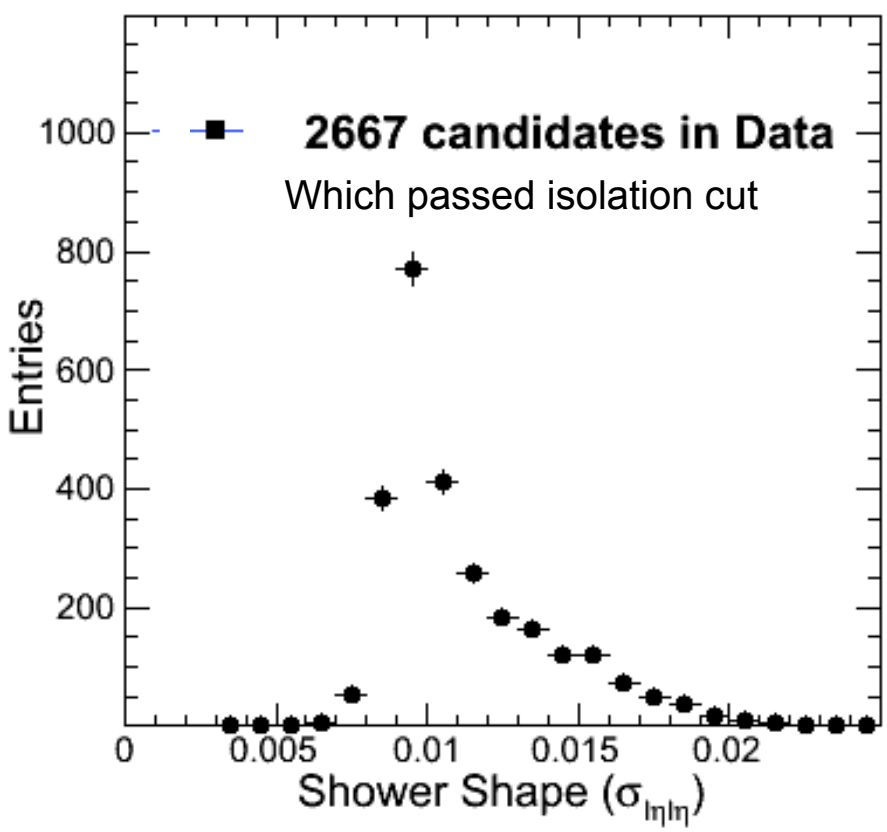

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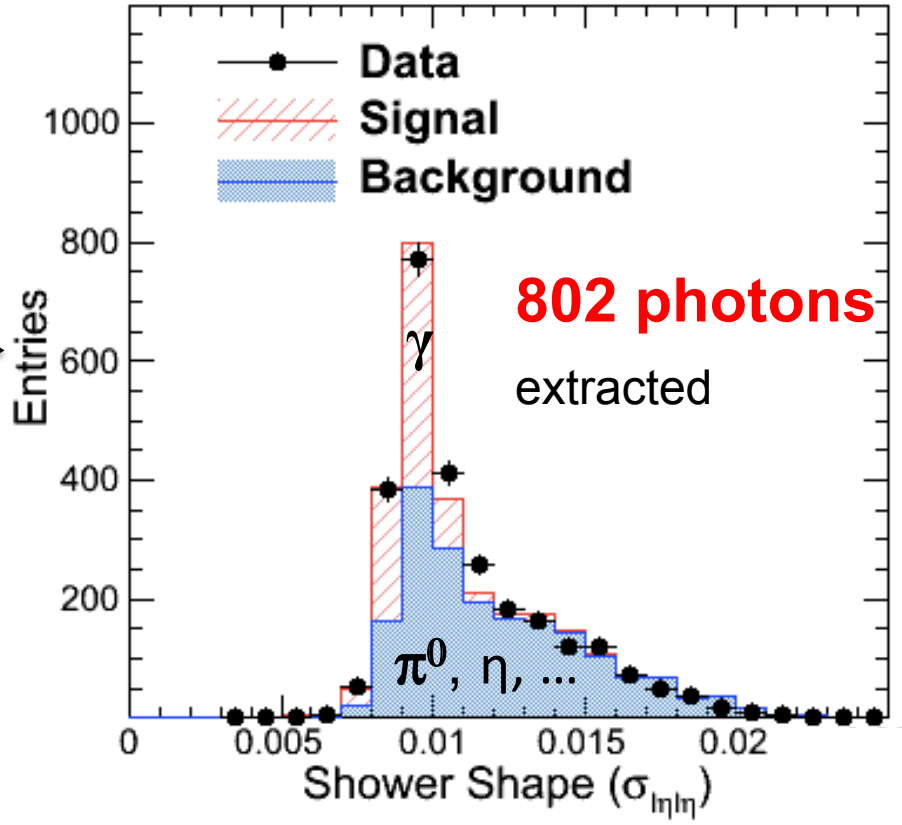

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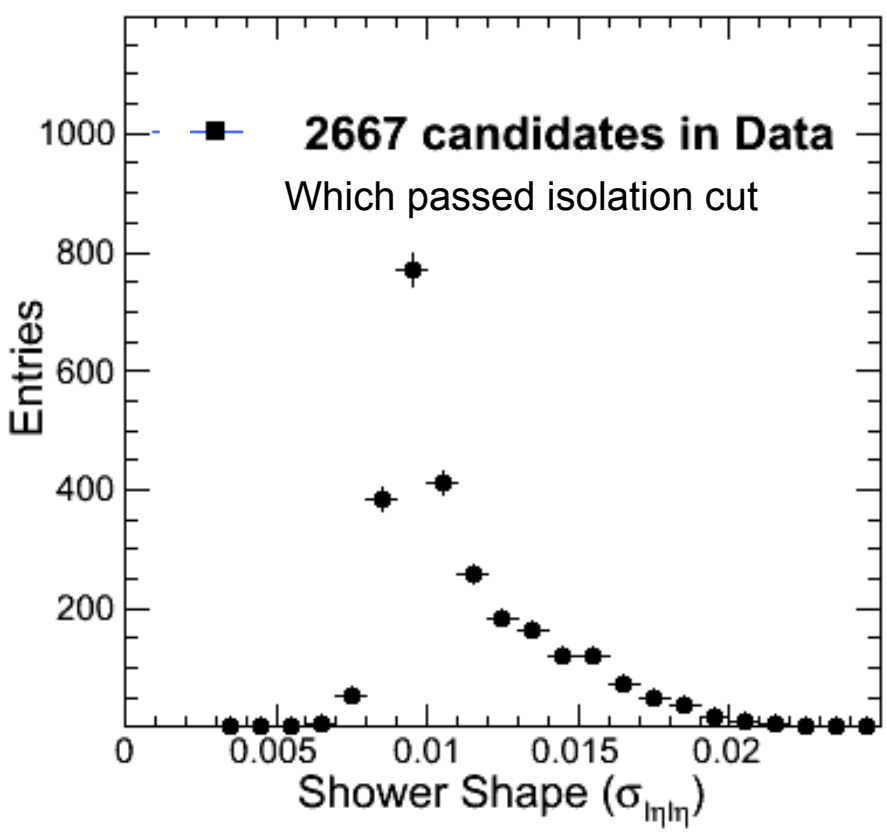

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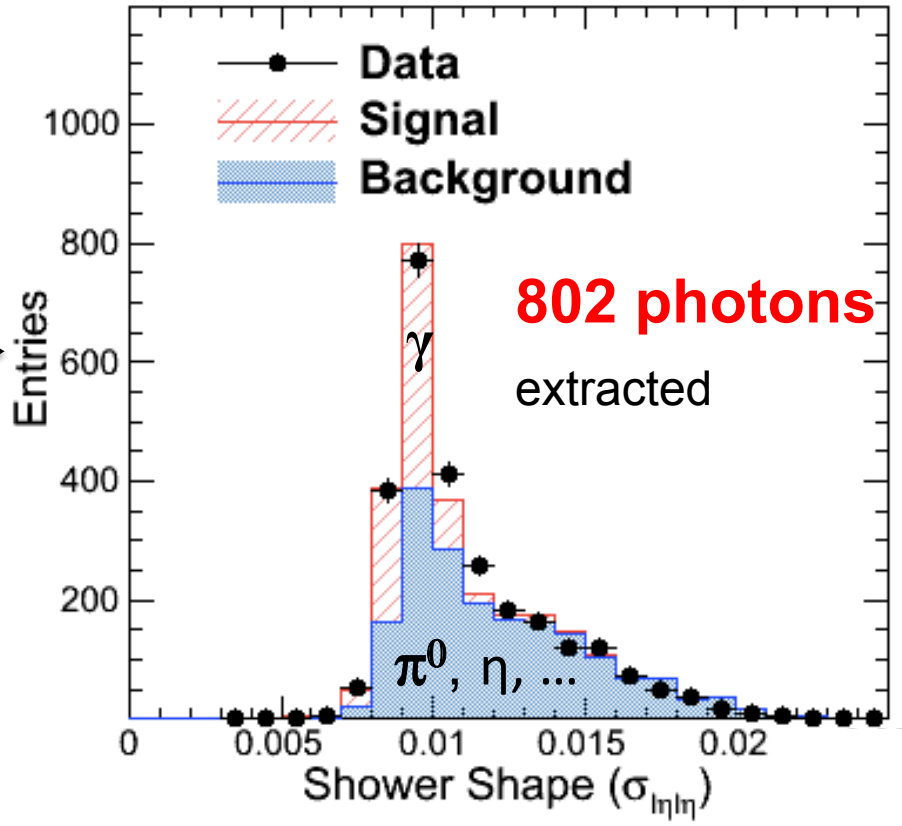
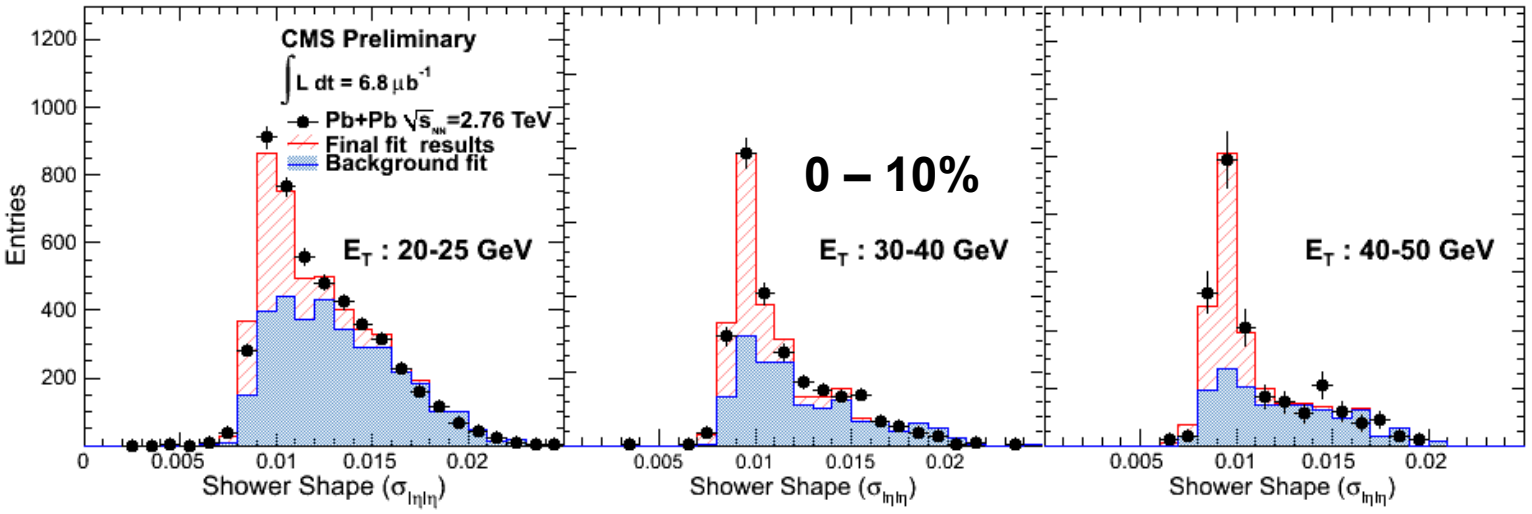


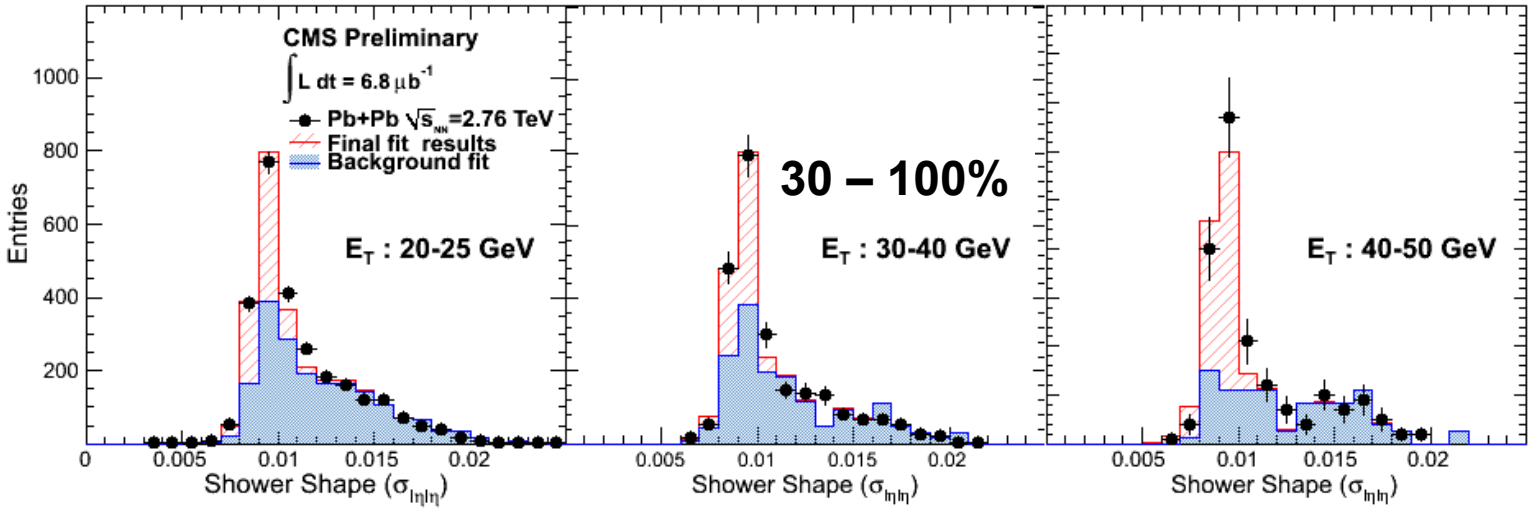
- By the way, where did we get shower shapes of pure photon and pure π^0/η?
  - **Photon template** obtained from MC
  - **Background template** obtained from non-isolated π^0 and η in jet
    - Data driven method

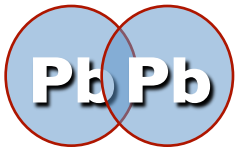
More examples

Central events
0 – 10%



Perepheral events
30 – 100%





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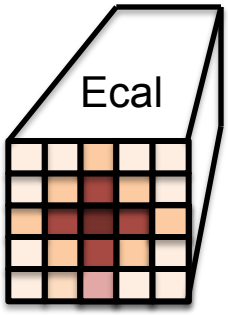

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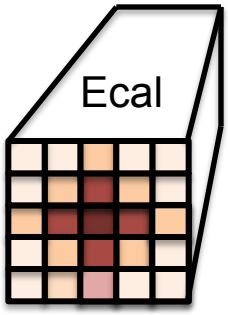

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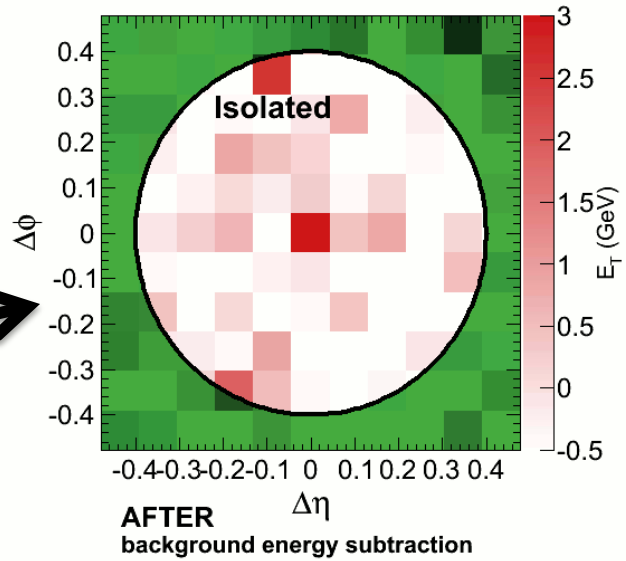

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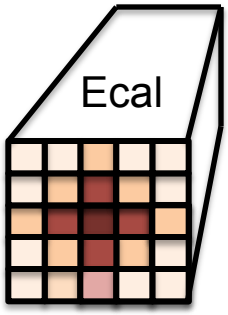

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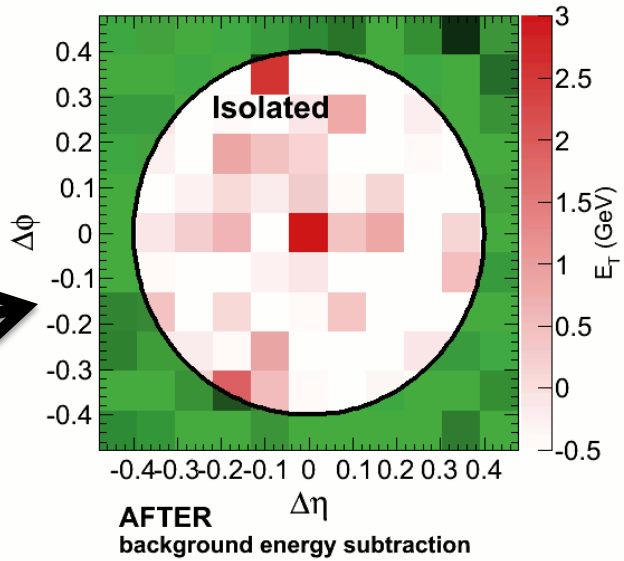

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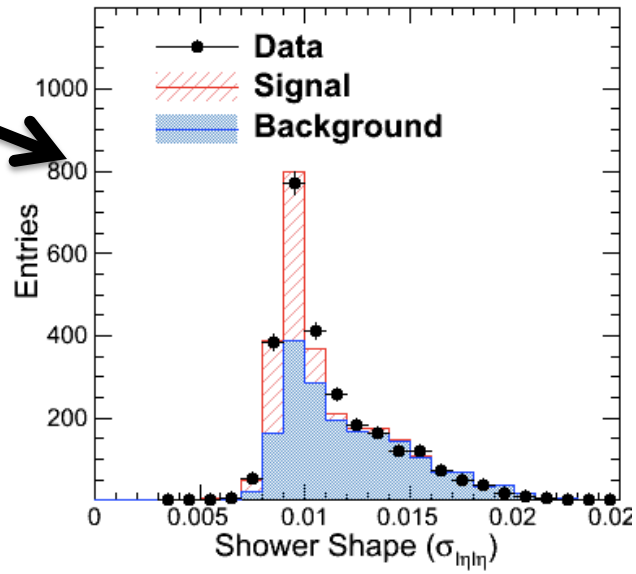

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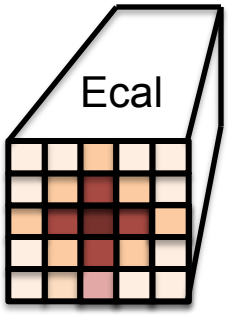

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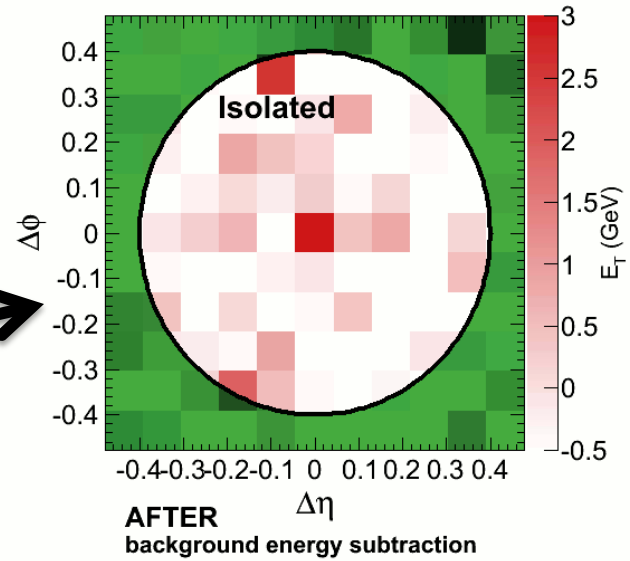

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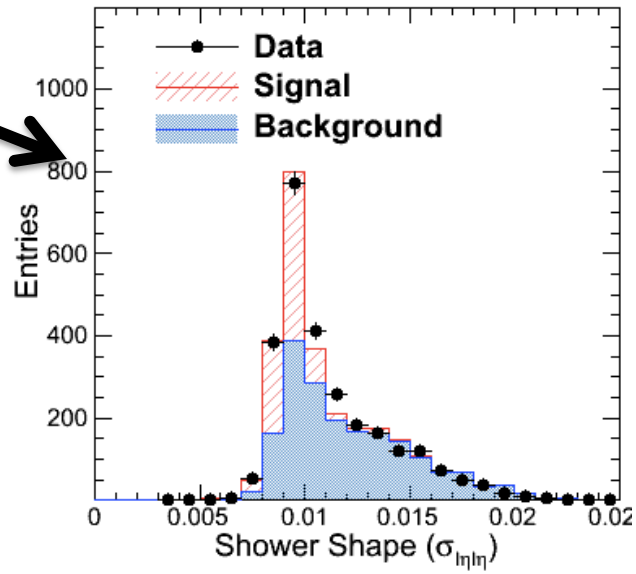
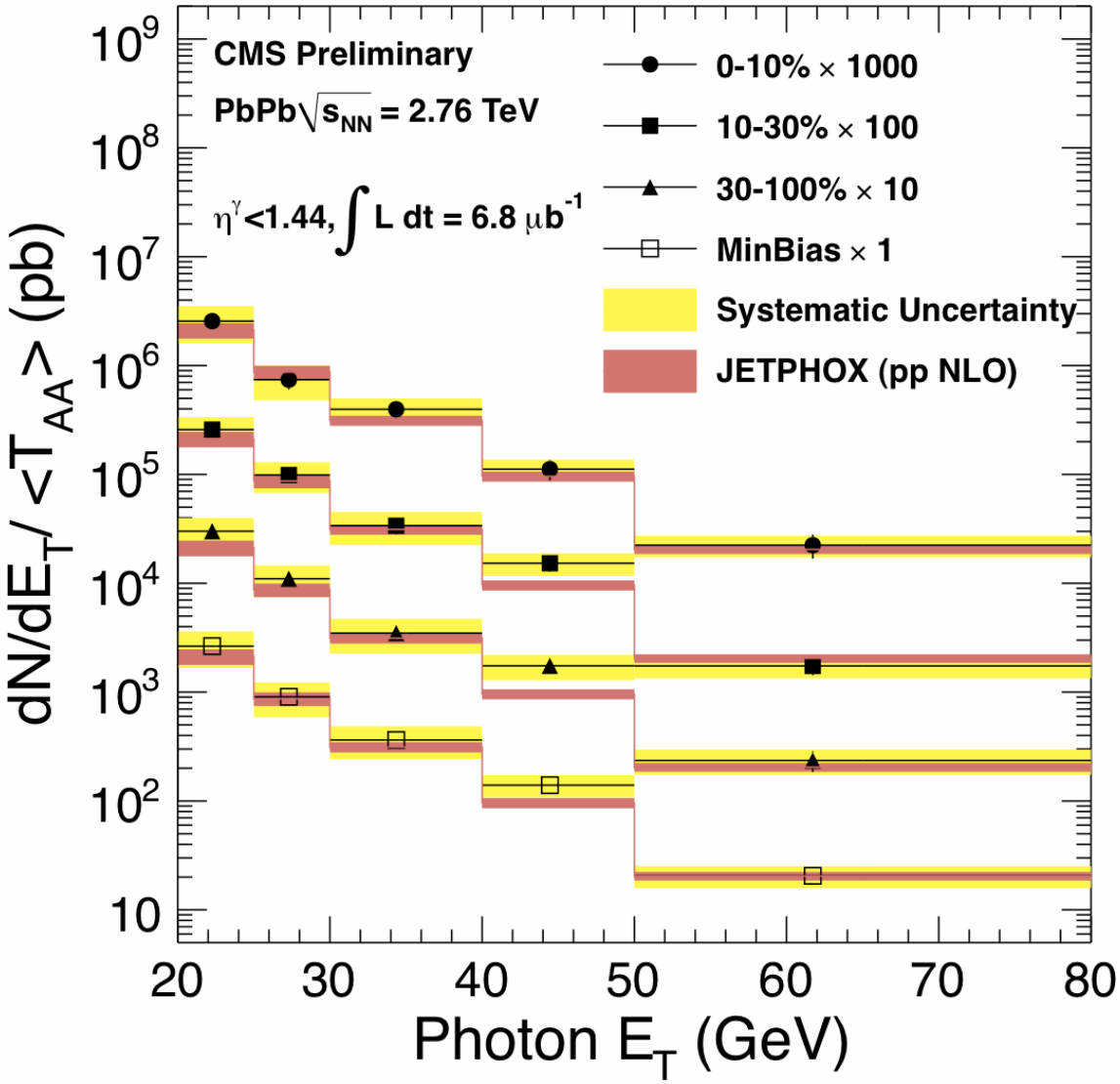


- Correction factors applied
  - Isolation efficiency : 70 – 90%
  - Acceptance : ~95%

- Now, PbPb **photon spectra** on next slide

Isolated photon spectrum

- dN/dE_T is scaled by T_{AA}
  - T_{AA} : tickness factor, the cross-section of N-N inside PbPb collision
- Systematic uncertainty is 21 – 37%
- Compared to pp reference



Systematic uncertainty

- Shower shape of photon signal obtained from MC
  - Slightly different shower shapes of MC and data
  - Compared electrons from Z->ee events in MC VS data
  - 2 – 5% uncertainty propagates
- Shower shape of background from non-isolated probes in jets
  - Collinear particles around π^0 and η may contaminate shower shape
  - MC study to check how much the results affected
  - 12 – 30% uncertainty
- **Overall systematic uncertainty 21 – 37%**
  - Including efficiency correction(5 – 9 %), energy resolution (10%), electron subtraction (4 – 8%), etc

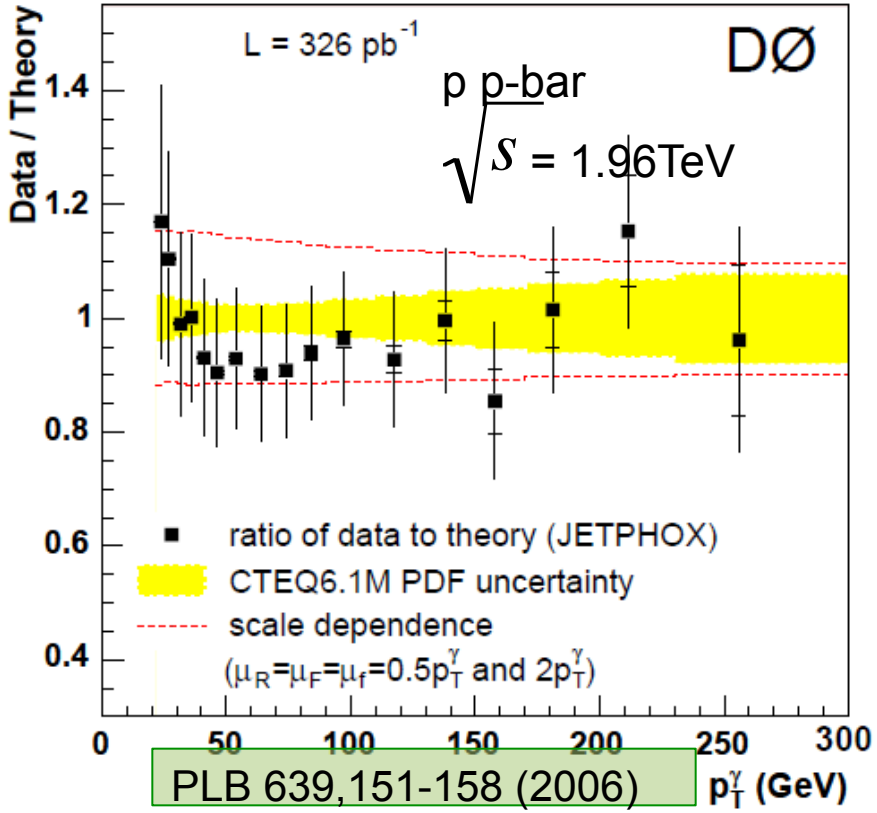
pp reference

- Need **pp spectrum at 2.76TeV** as the denominator for R_{AA}

- We have taken pp data from LHC, but not finished analysis.

pp reference from NLO calculation

- **JETPHOX** [JHEP 05 (2002) 028] NLO calculator
- CT10 PDFs and BFG-II fragmentation function
- Reasonable description of p+p(bar) at 7(1.96) TeV



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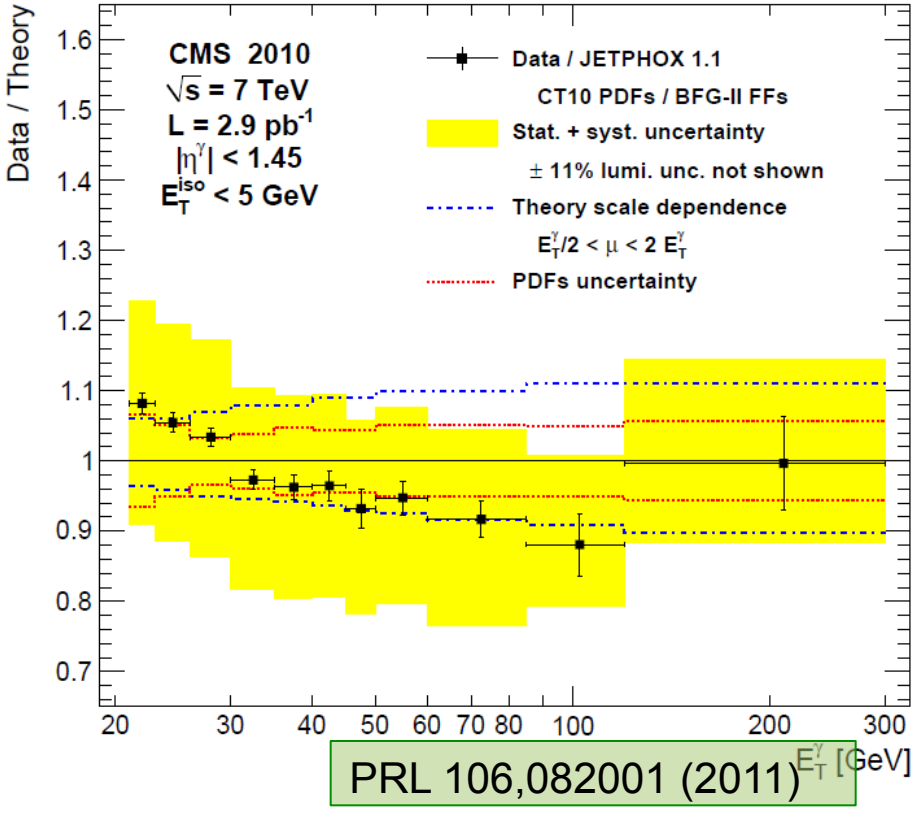

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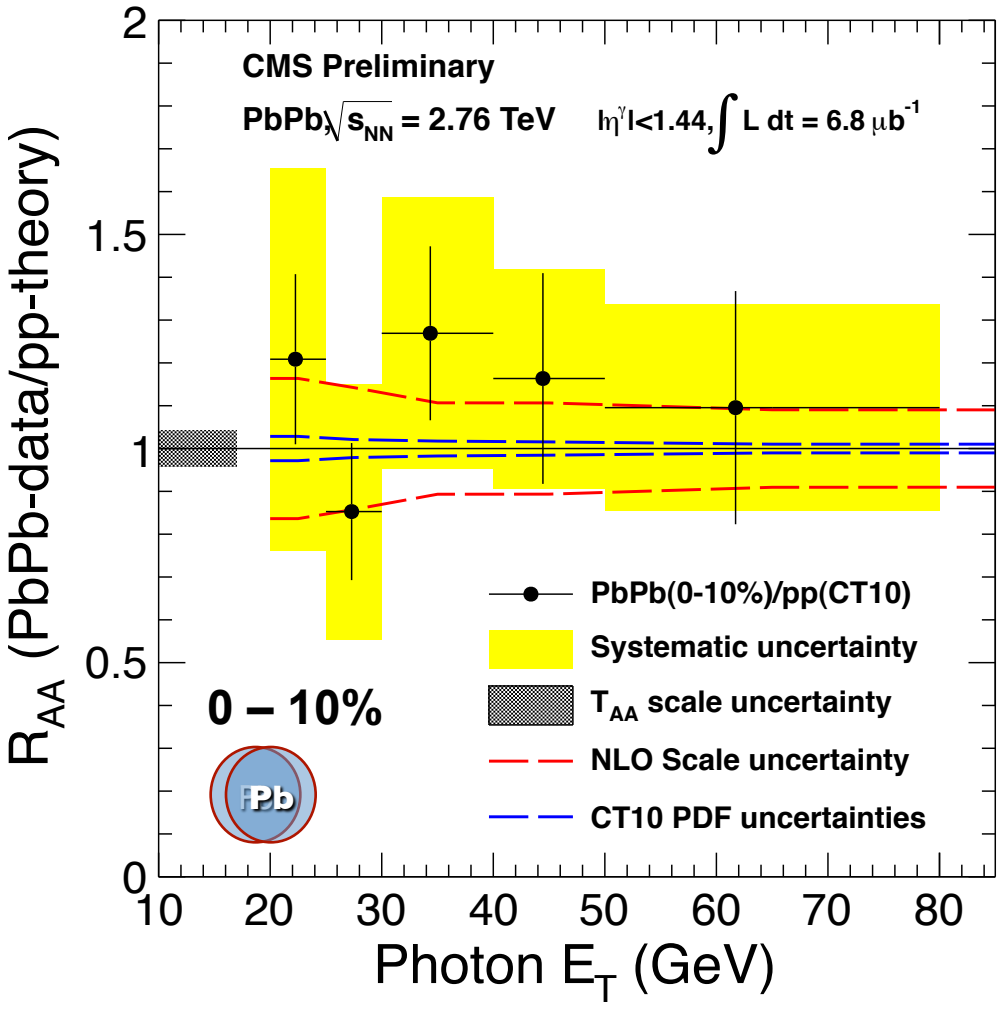
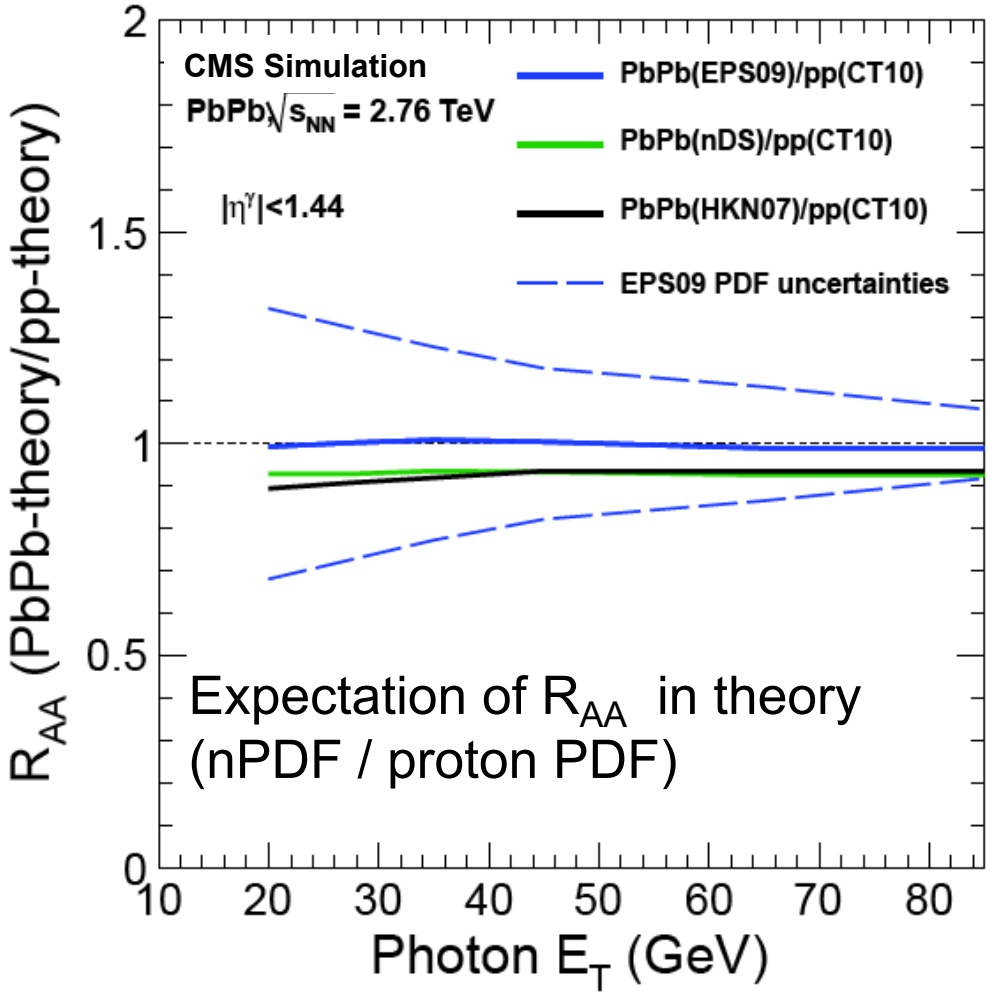
R_{AA} in the most central events





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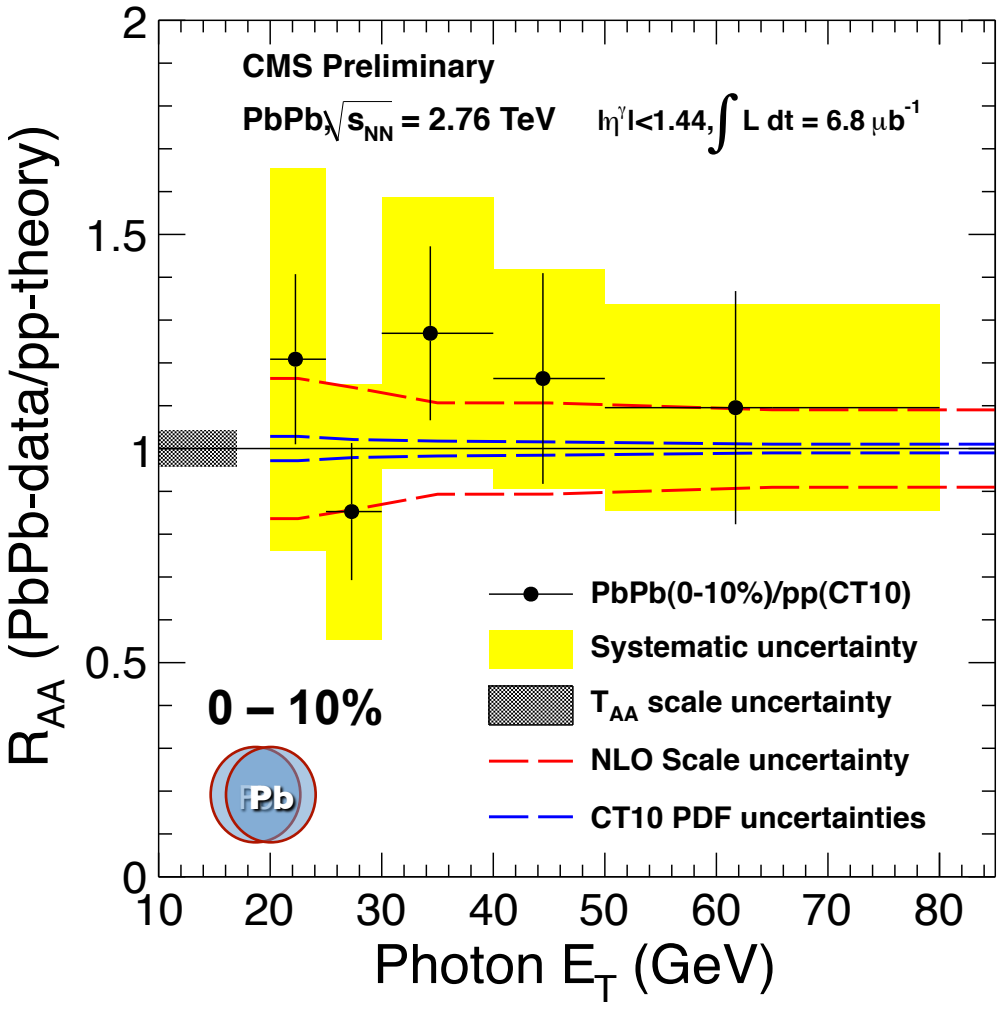
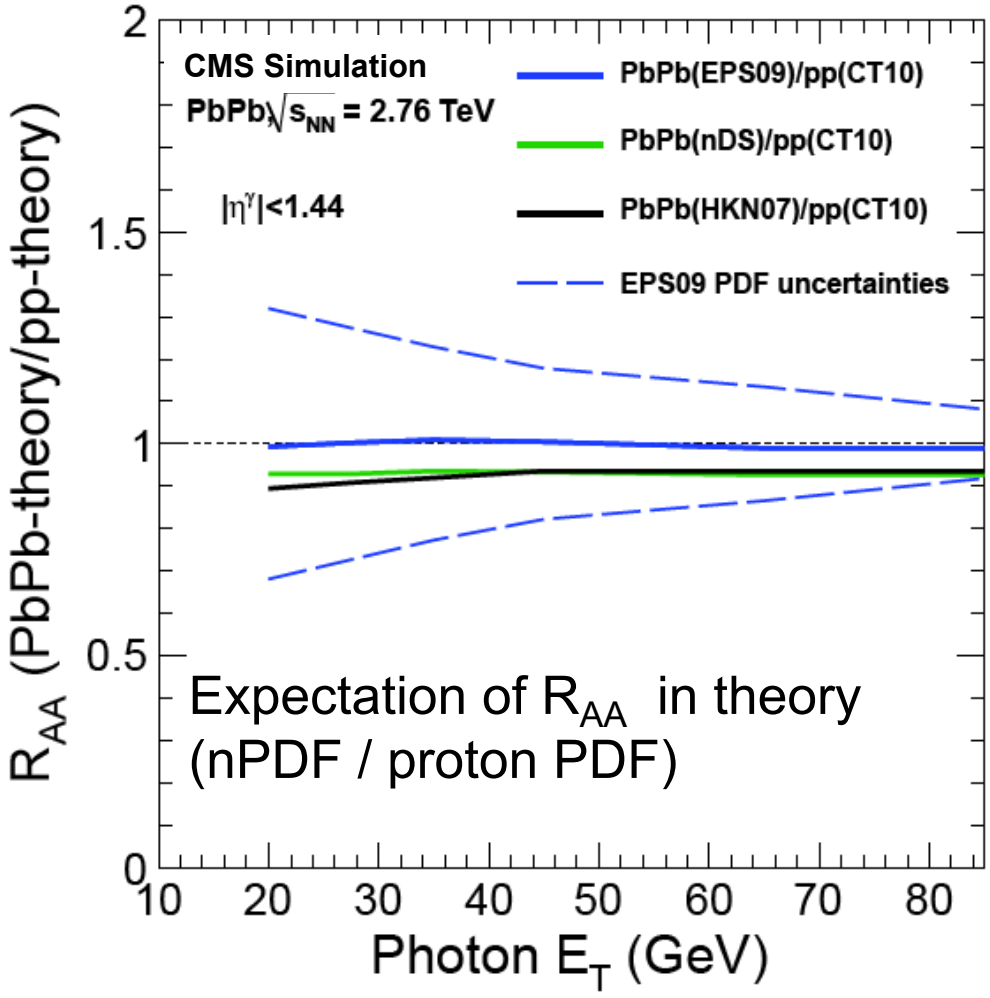


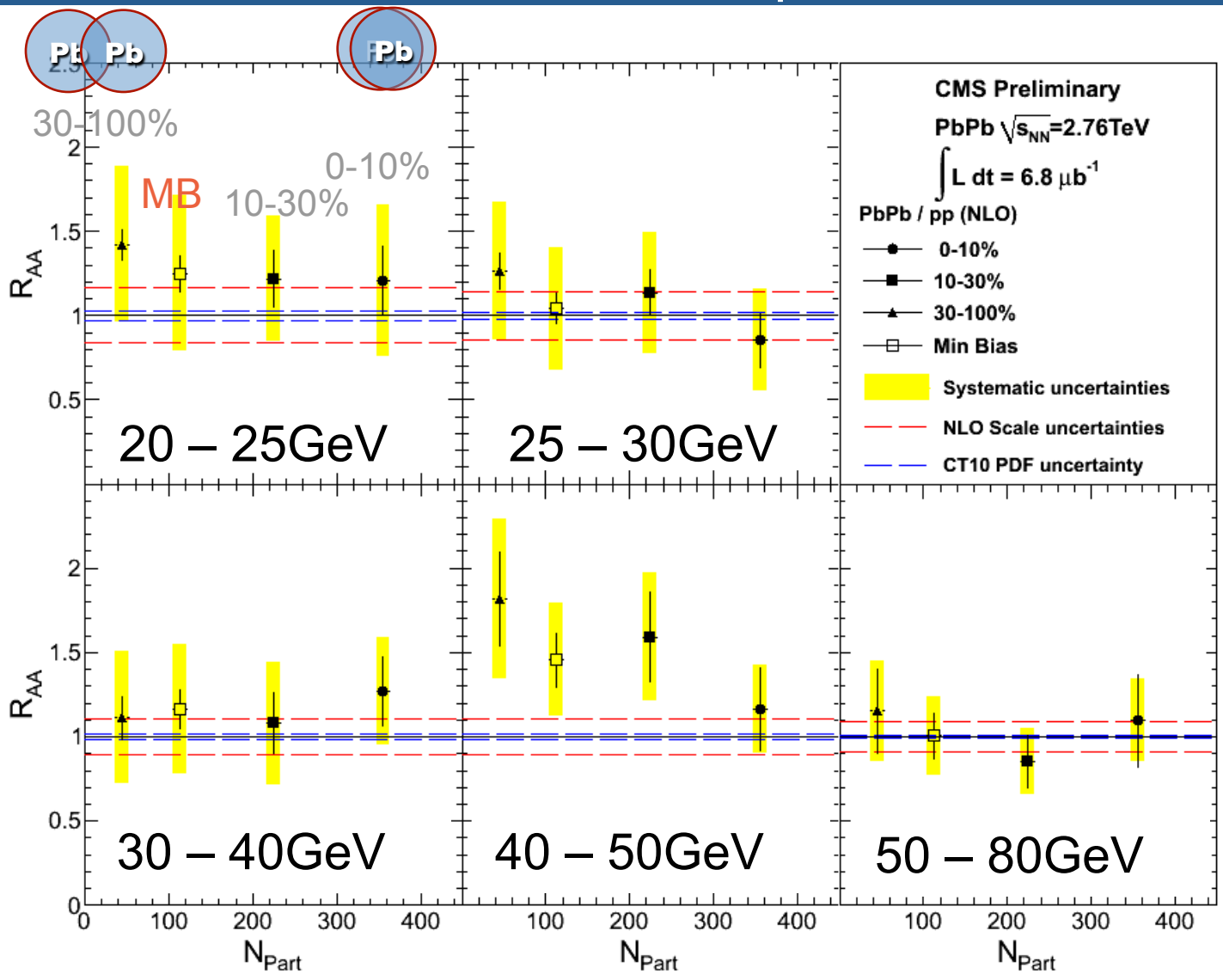


Message 1

R_{AA} vs. E_T is flat

,within uncertainty

R_{AA} vs N_{part}


Pb Pb
Pb
30-100%
MB
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0-10%
CMS Preliminary
PbPb $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=2.76TeV
$\int$L dt = 6.8 μb^{-1}
PbPb / pp (NLO)
0-10%
10-30%
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Min Bias
Systematic uncertainties
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R_{AA}
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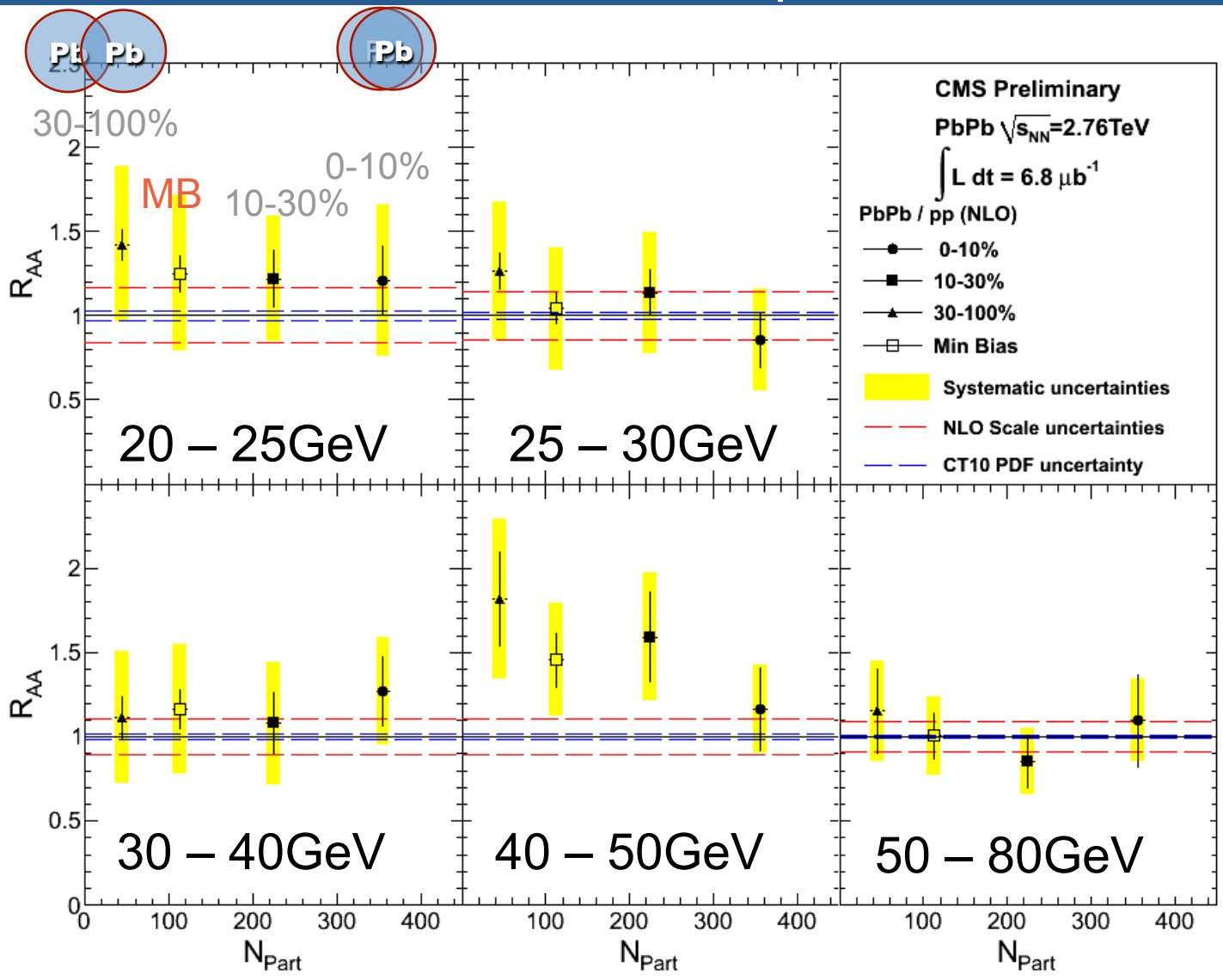
R_{AA} vs N_{part}



Message 2

No dependence of R_{AA} on N_{part}

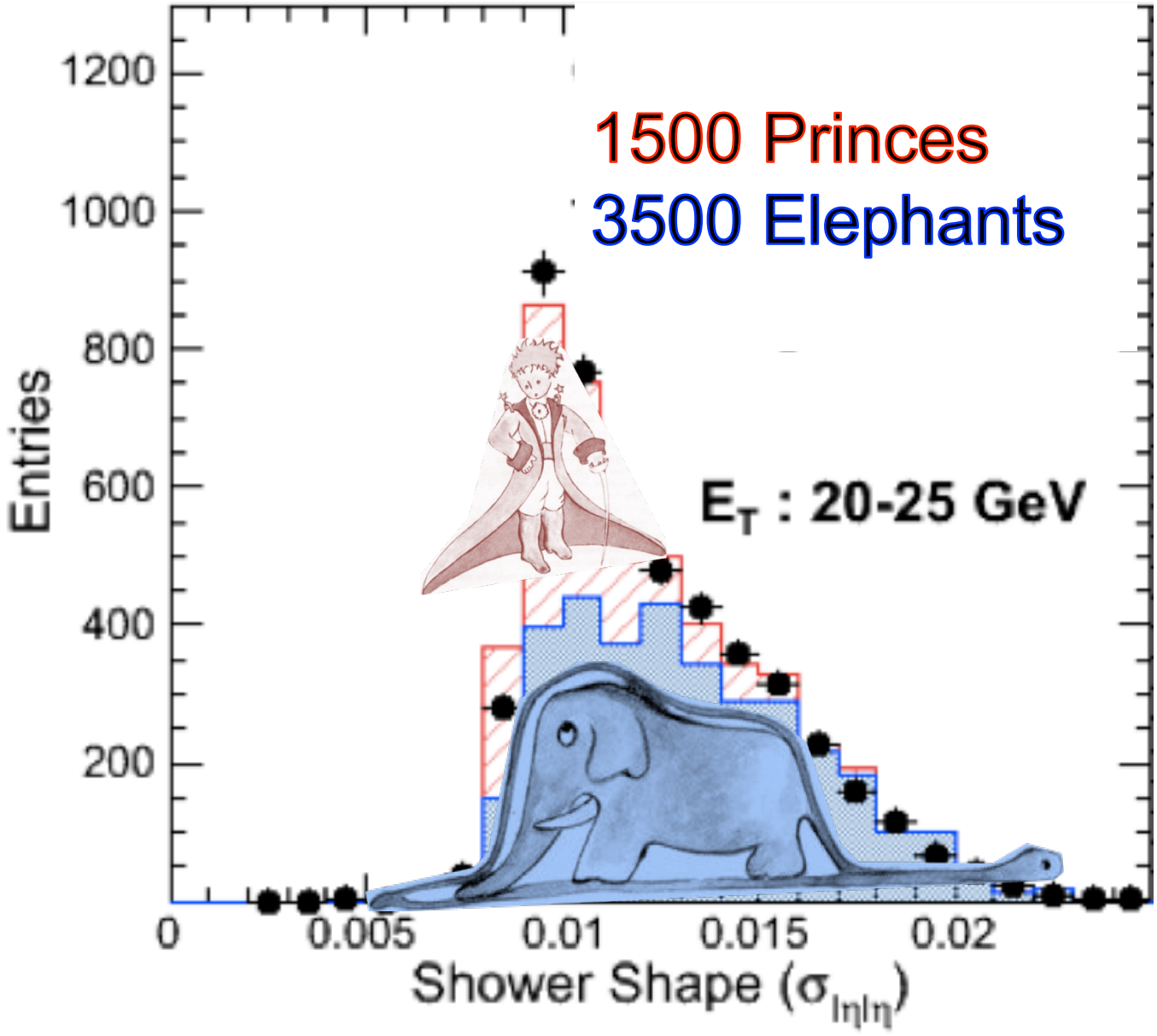
Conclusion

- **First ever measurement** of isolated photon spectra in heavy ion collision experiment

- **No evidence of modification in the initial state** of the particle production process in heavy ion collision
  - i.e. production of photon is same as in pp multiplied by the number of binary collisions

- Establishes the basis for the future researches which use photons as unmodified hard probes

Find Petit Prince(s)!



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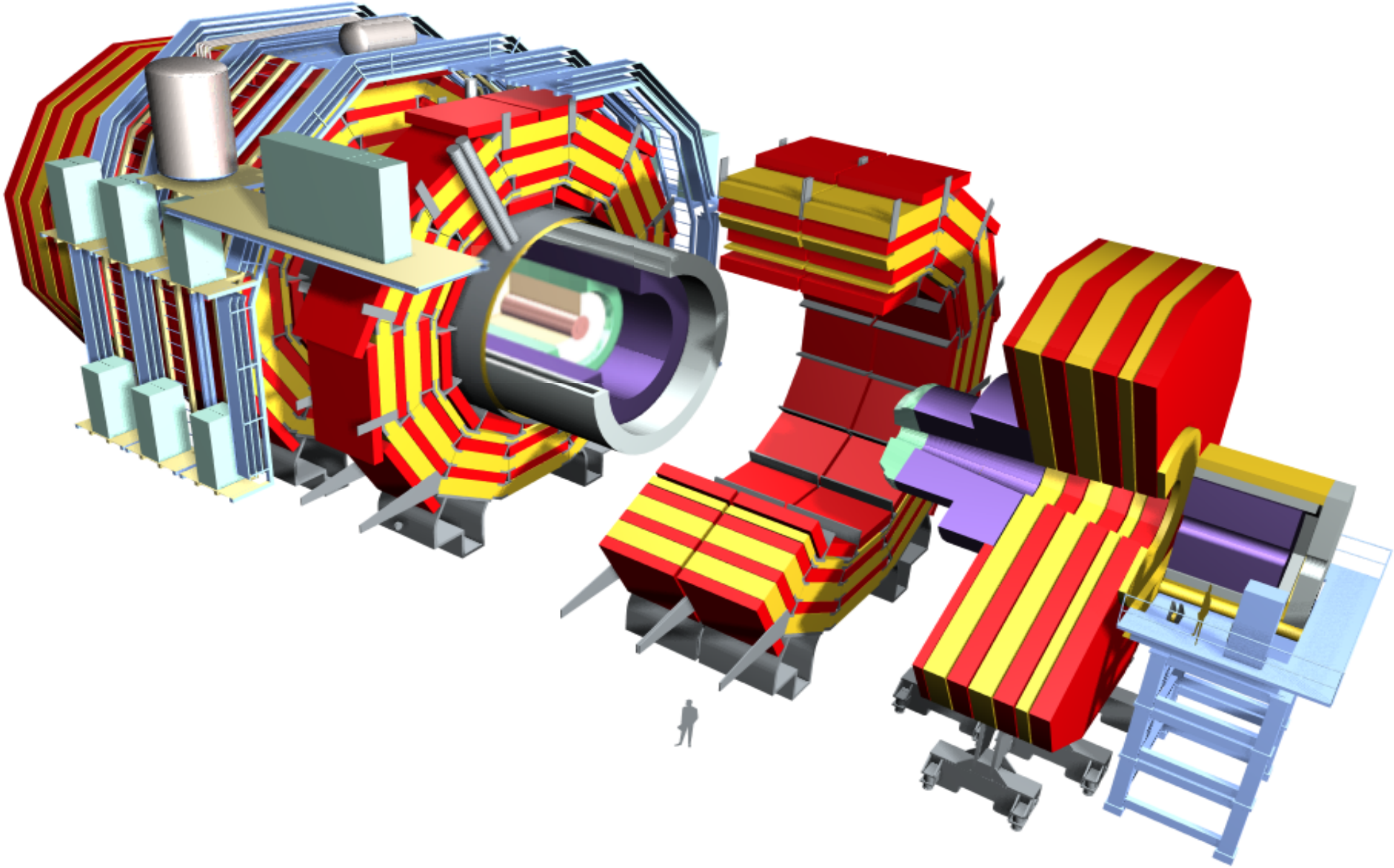

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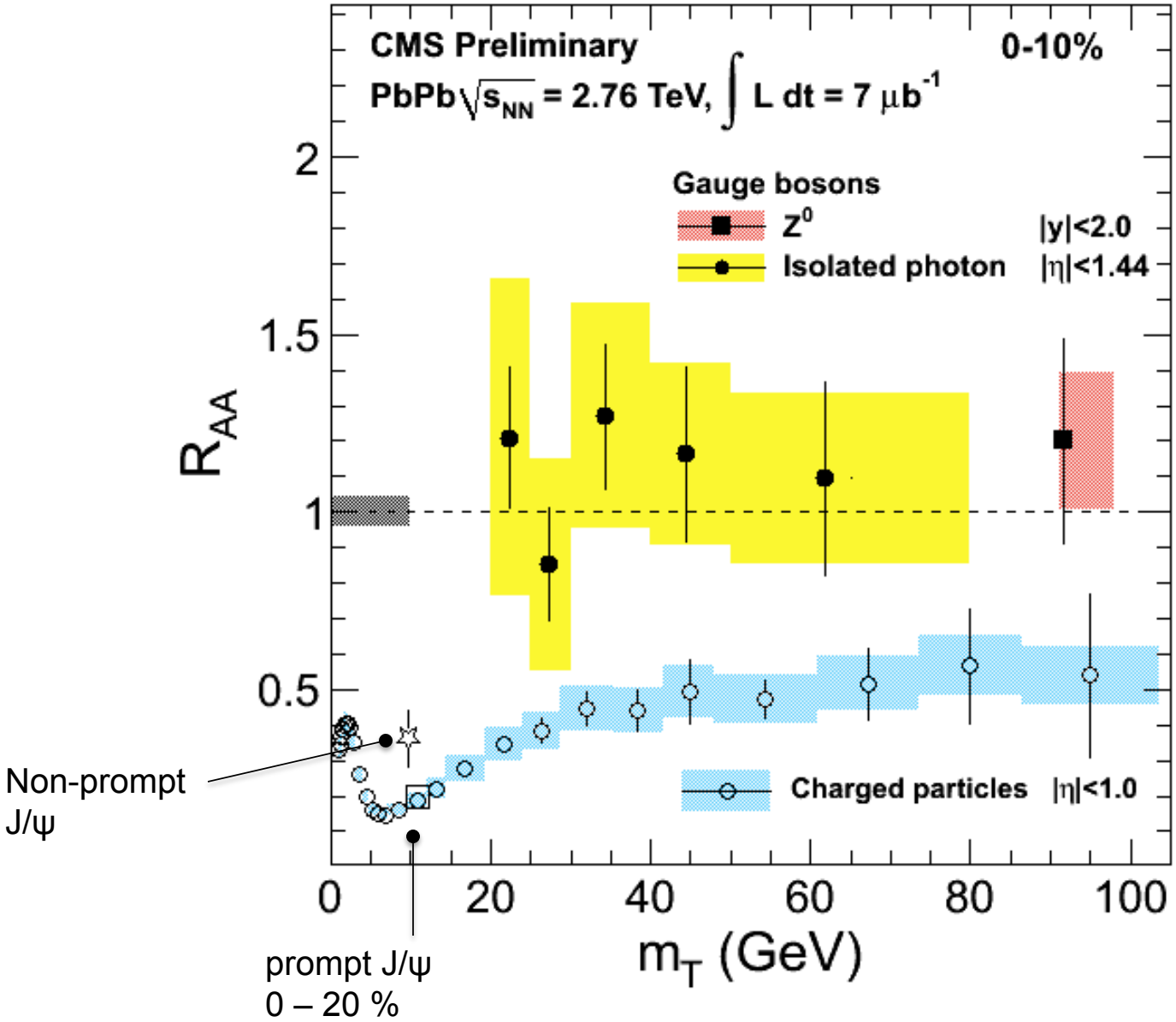
CMS Preliminary
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0-10%
Gauge bosons
Z^0
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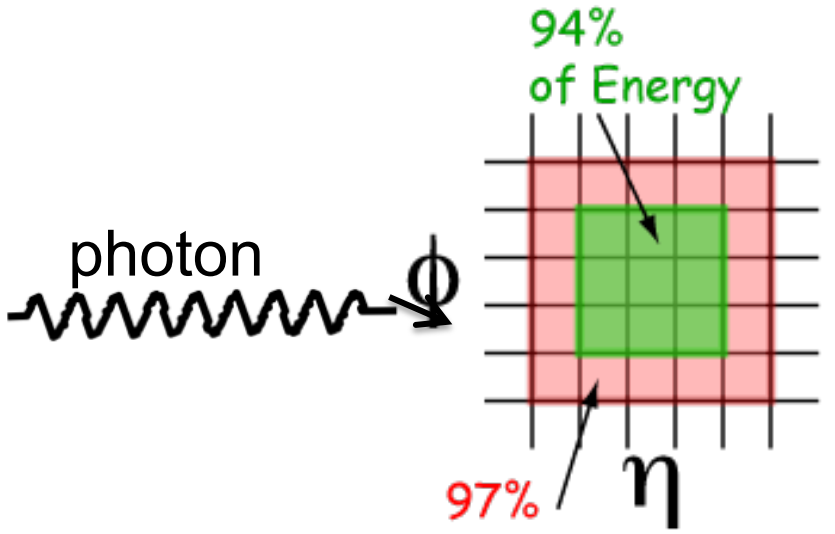
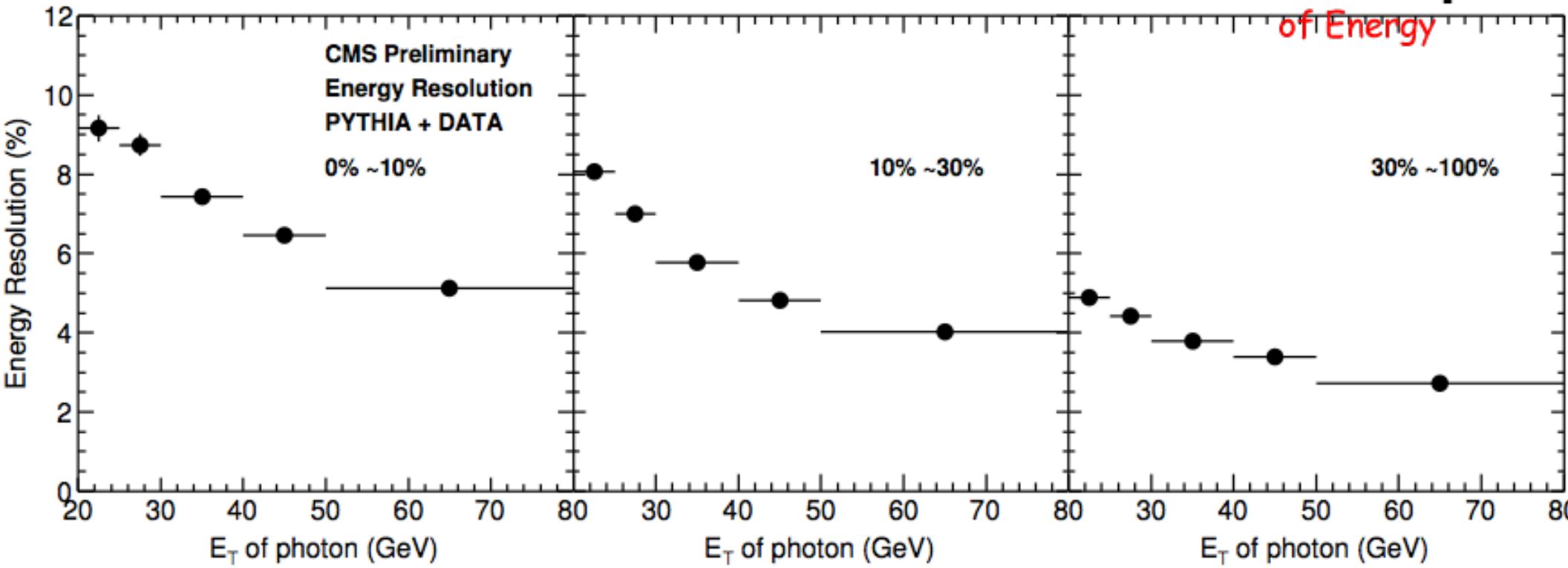
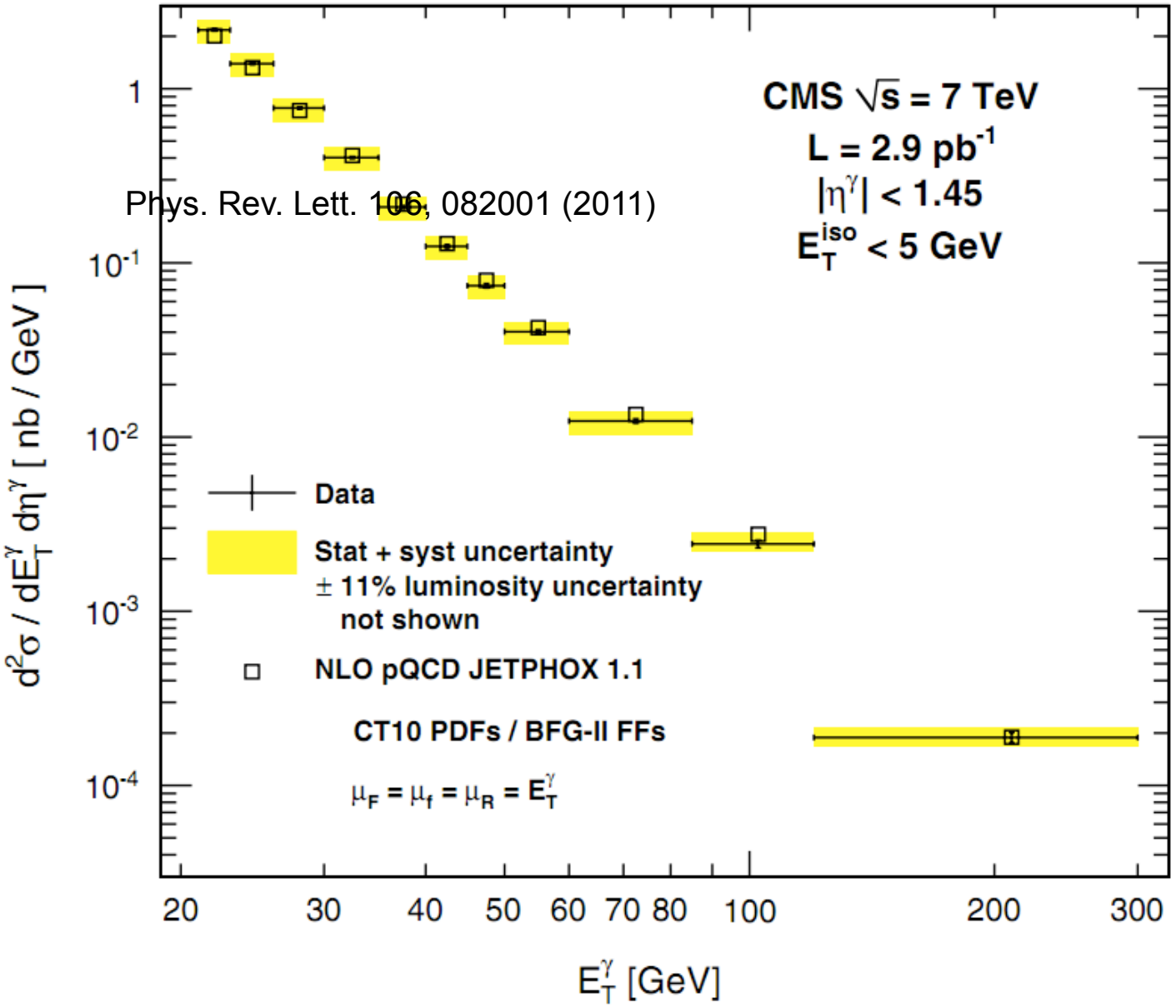
Isolated photon
|η|<1.44
Charged particles
|η|<1.0
R_{AA}
m_T (GeV)
0
20
40
60
80
100
0.5
1
1.5
2
Non-prompt J/ψ
prompt J/ψ 0 – 20 %

Photon reconstruction







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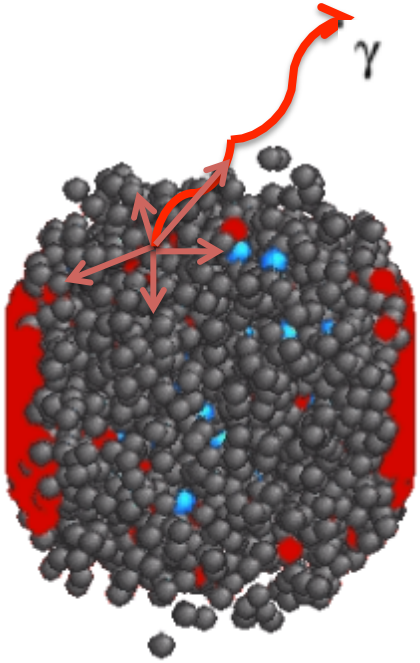
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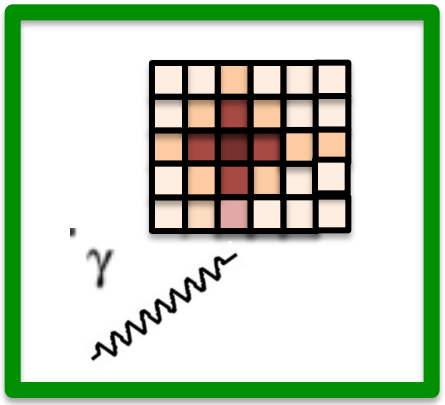
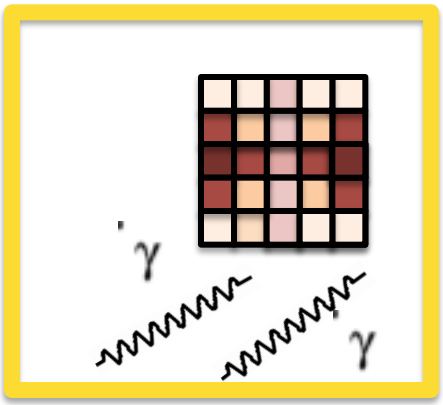
Signal extraction

- Yet, after isolation cut, there are pi0s and eta which are fragmented in Jet with high-z.





- We used statistical approach by quantifying the shower shape on EM calorimeter thanks to fine segments.

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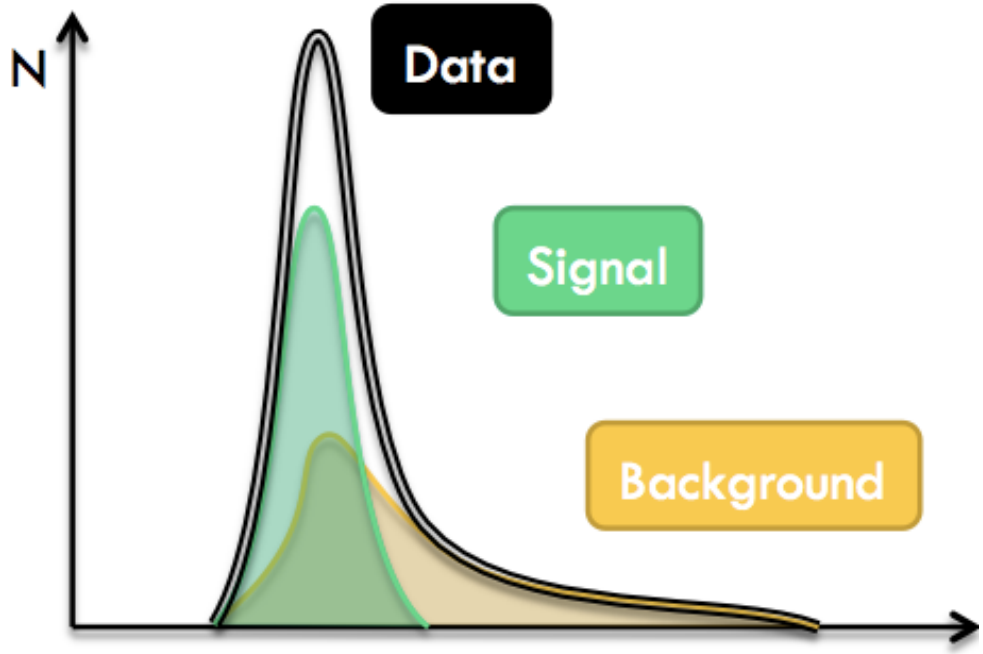
$$w_i = \max(0, 4.7 + \ln(E_i/E))$$



Signal extraction

- Even after isolation cut, isolated π^0 and η remained. (fragmented in jets with high-z)
- Statistical approach to separate photons from them, by quantifying shower shape on Ecal crystals.

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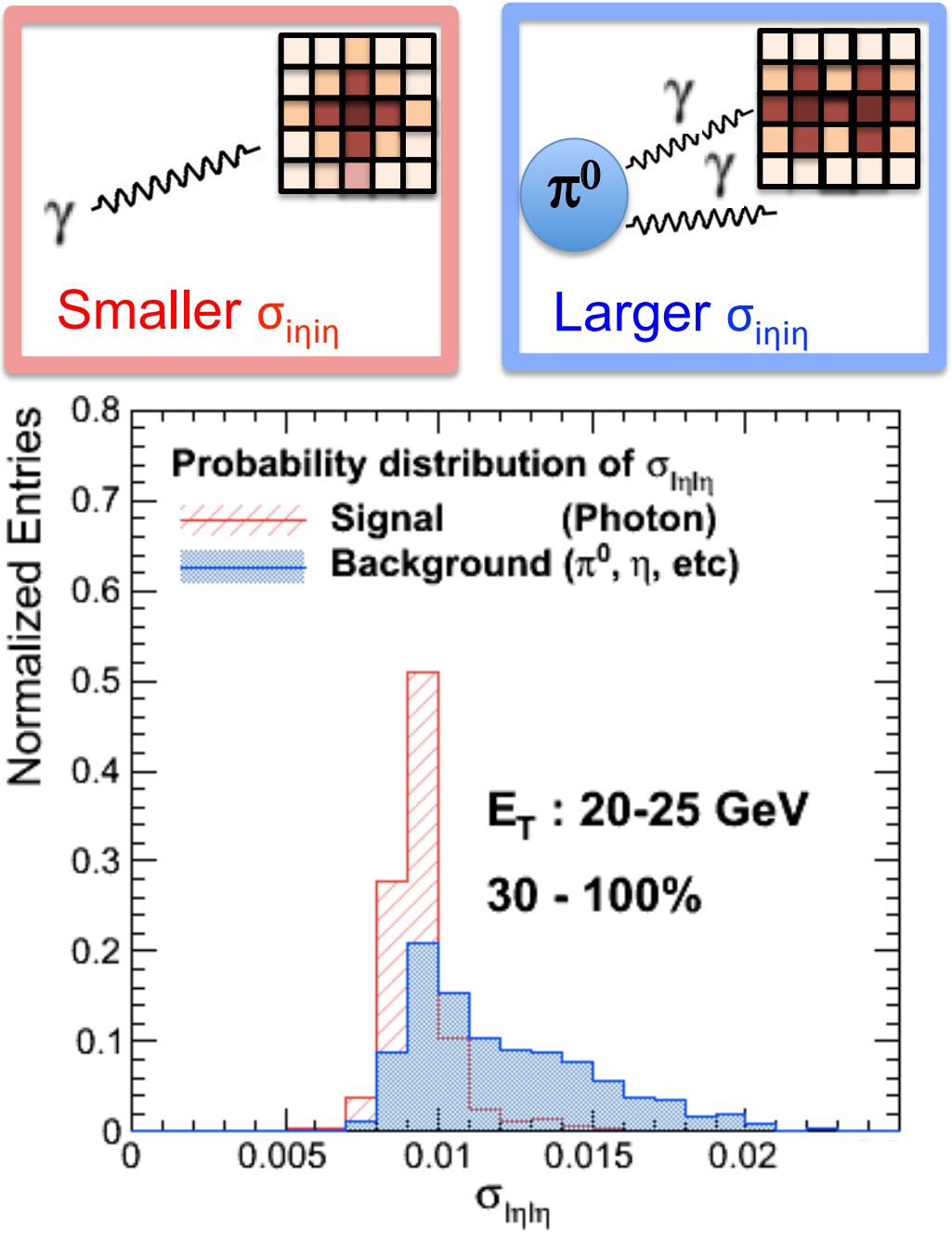
- Probability distribution function of this value is called **Template.**



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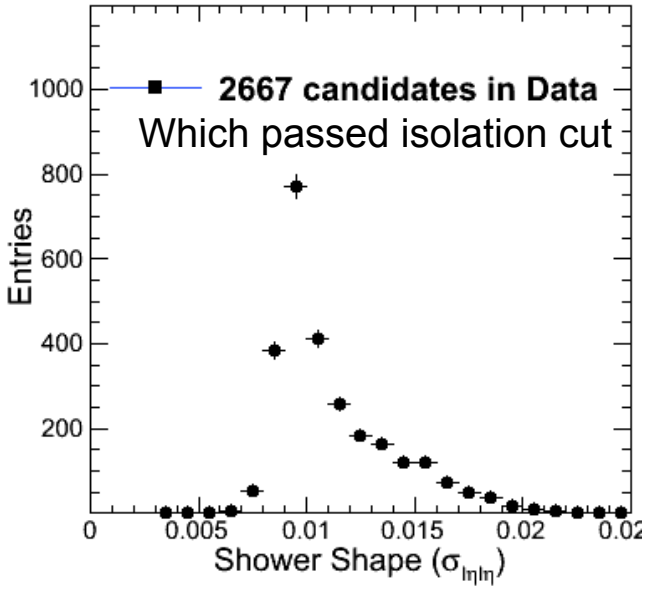

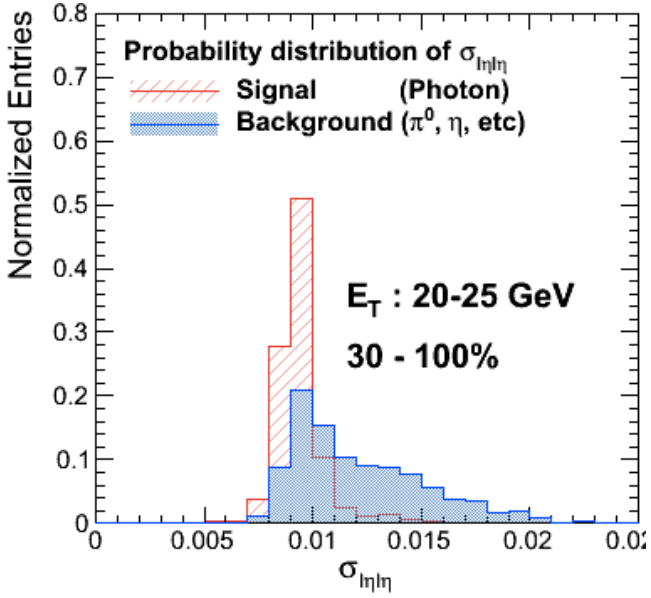

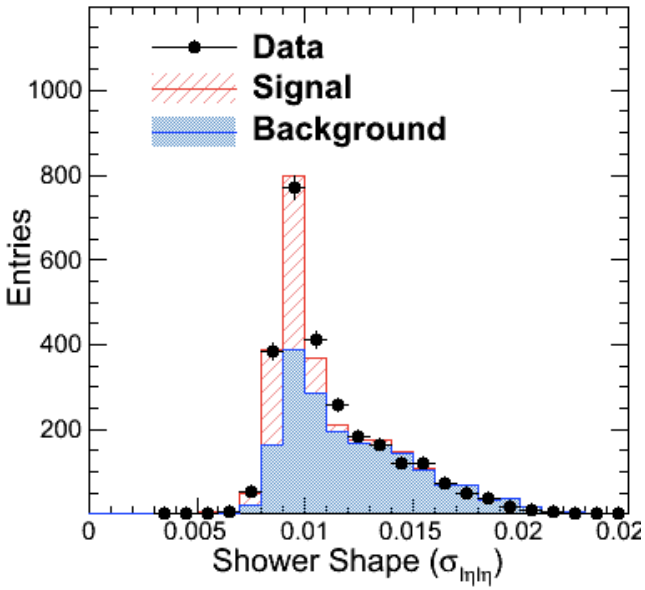

How many are signals out of 2667 candidates?

→ Fit with signal and background templates

→ 802 are isolated photons

- **Signal template**
- Data-driven **Background template** from non-isolated π^0 and η in data.