



Highlights and Perspectives from ALICE

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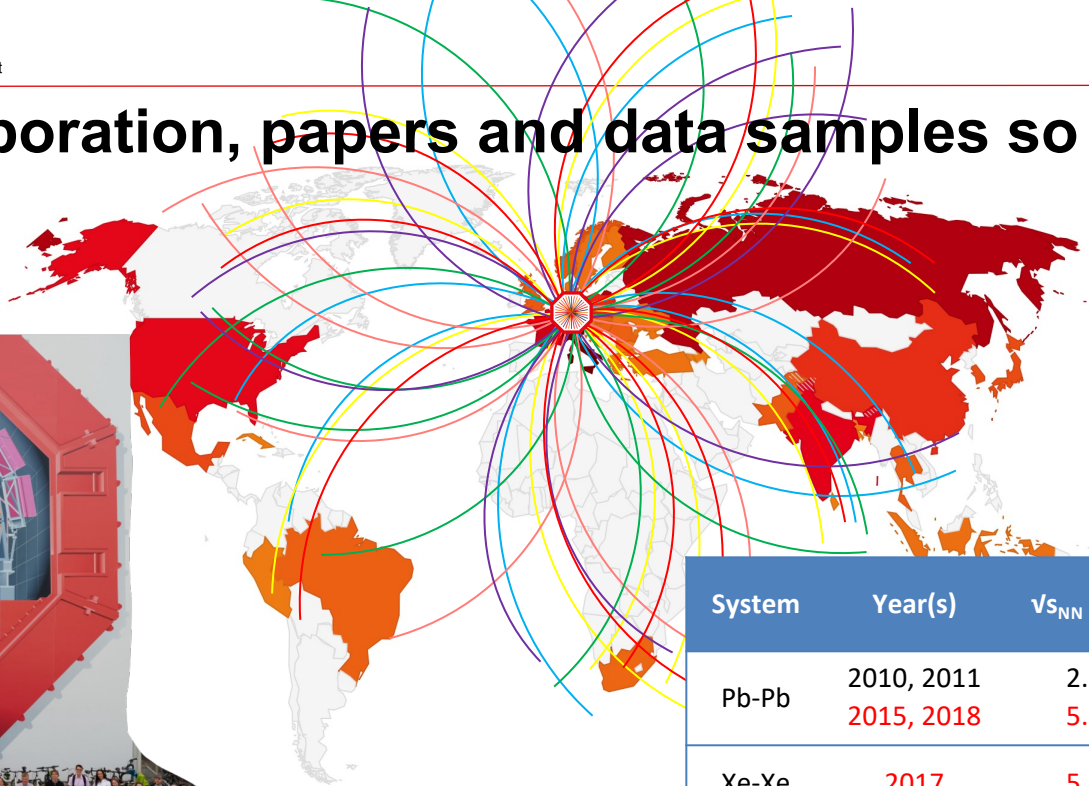
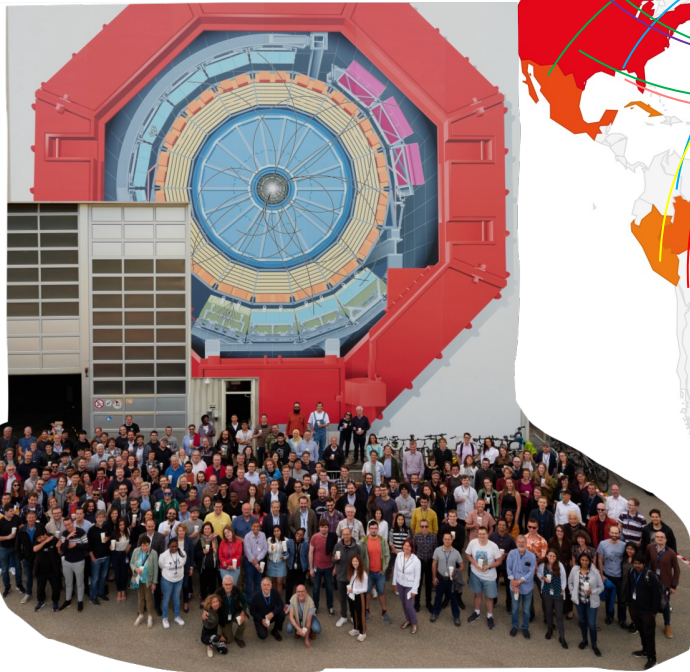
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Collaboration, papers and data samples so far

1012 Authors
174 Institutes
40 Countries



**396 papers on
2009-2018 data**

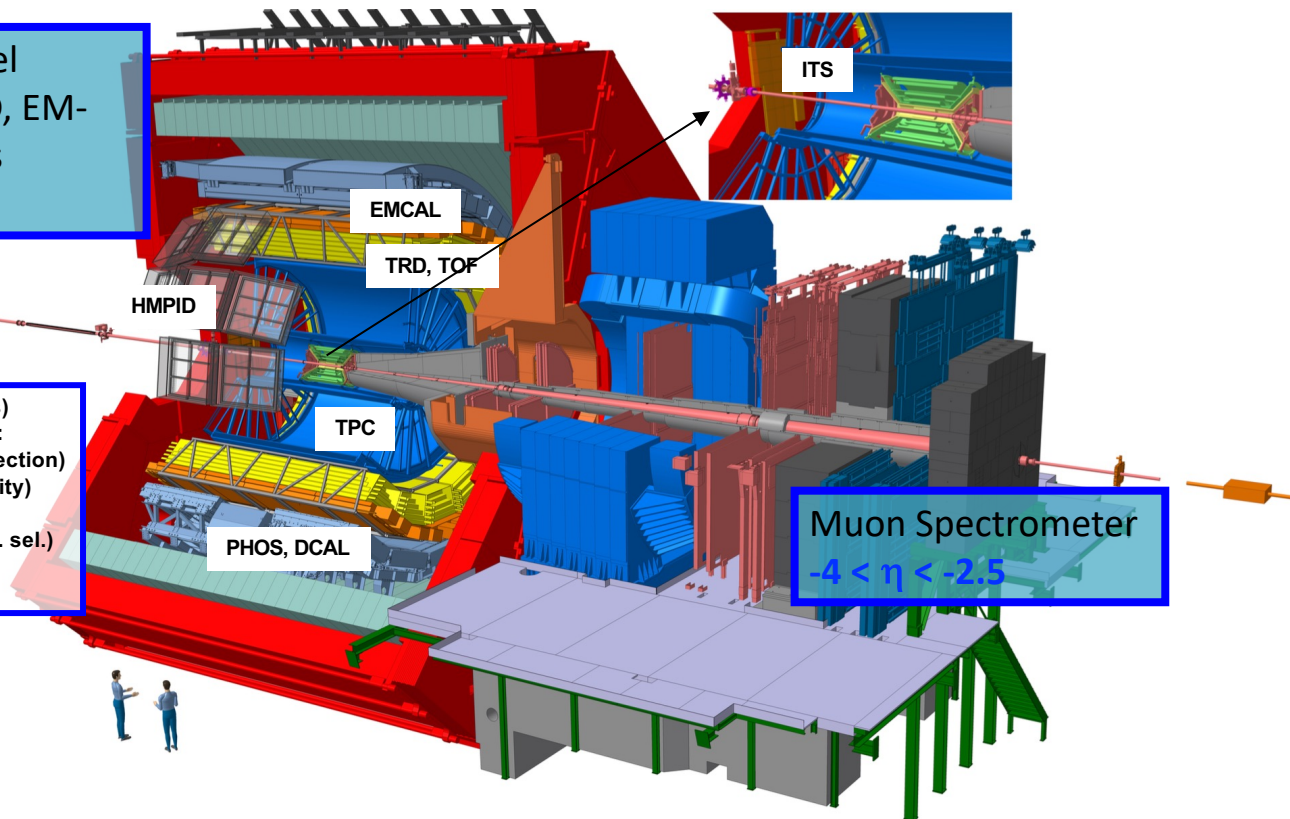
System	Year(s)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	L_{int}
Pb-Pb	2010, 2011	2.76	75 μb^{-1}
	2015, 2018	5.02	800 μb^{-1}
Xe-Xe	2017	5.44	0.3 μb^{-1}
p-Pb	2013	5.02	15 nb^{-1}
	2016	5.02, 8.16	3 nb^{-1} , 25 nb^{-1}
pp	2009-2013	0.9, 2.76, 7, 8	200 μb^{-1} , 100 nb^{-1} 1.5 pb^{-1} , 2.5 pb^{-1}
	2015, 2017	5.02	1.3 pb^{-1}
	2015-2018	13	36 pb^{-1}

The ALICE detector (version 1: Runs 1+2)

Central Barrel
Tracking, PID, EM-
Calorimeters

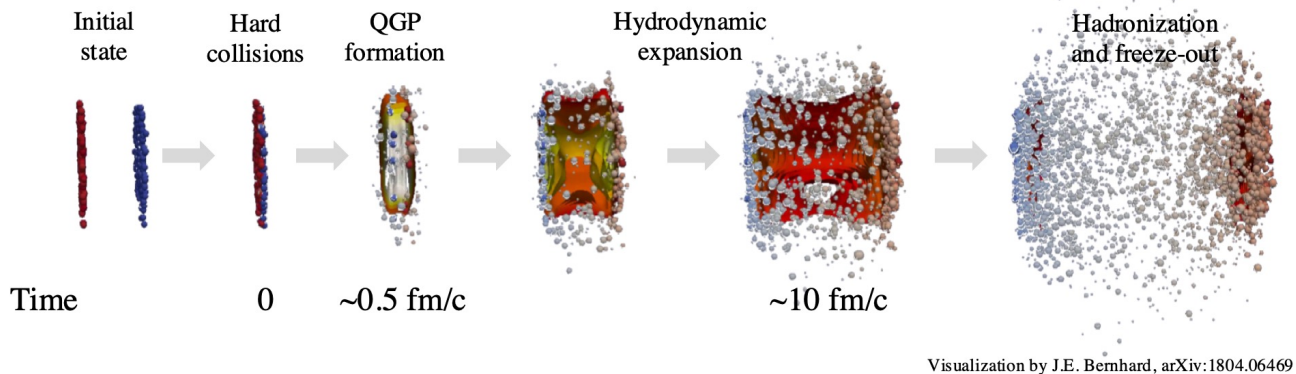
$|\eta| < 0.9$

ACORDE (cosmics)
Forward detectors:
AD (diffraction selection)
V0 (trigger, centrality)
T0 (timing, lumi)
ZDC (centrality, ev. sel.)
FMD (N_{ch})
PMD (N_{γ} , N_{ch})



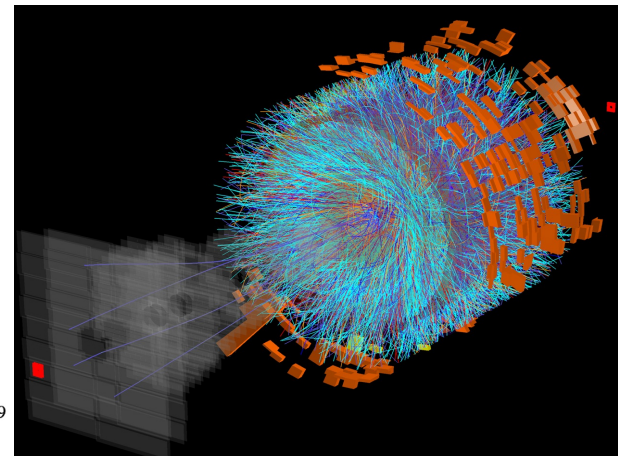
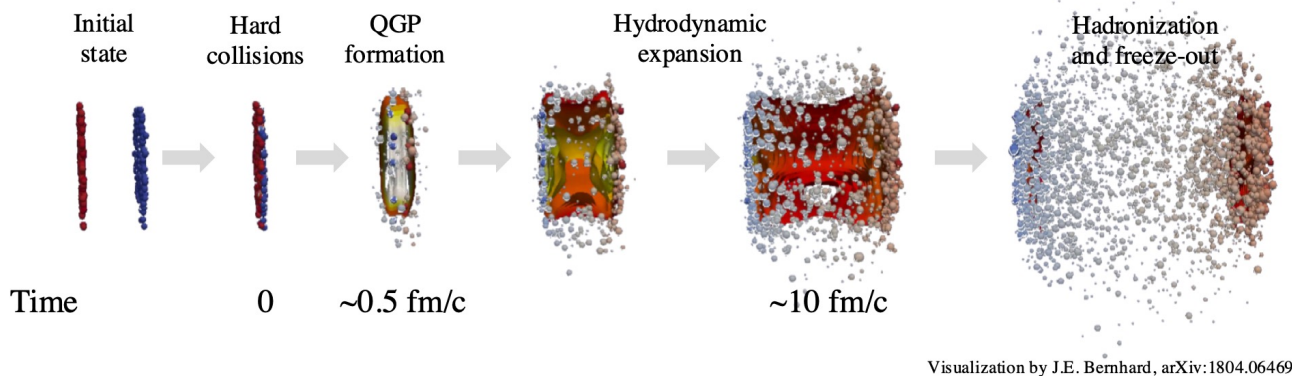
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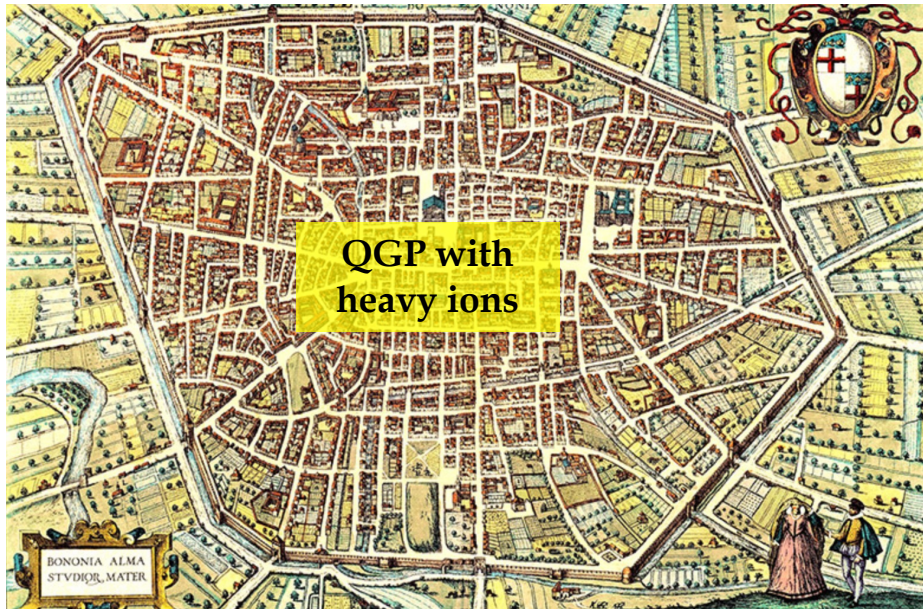
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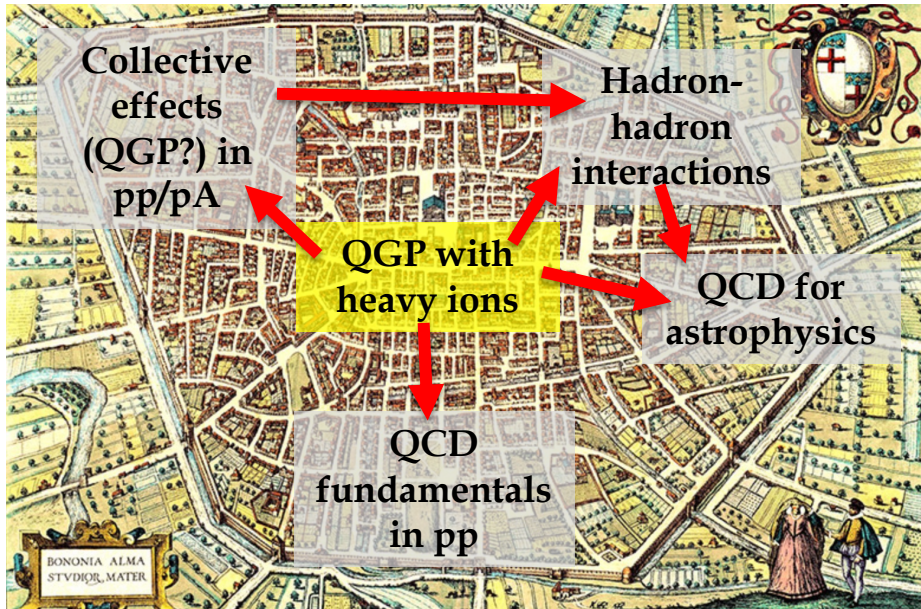
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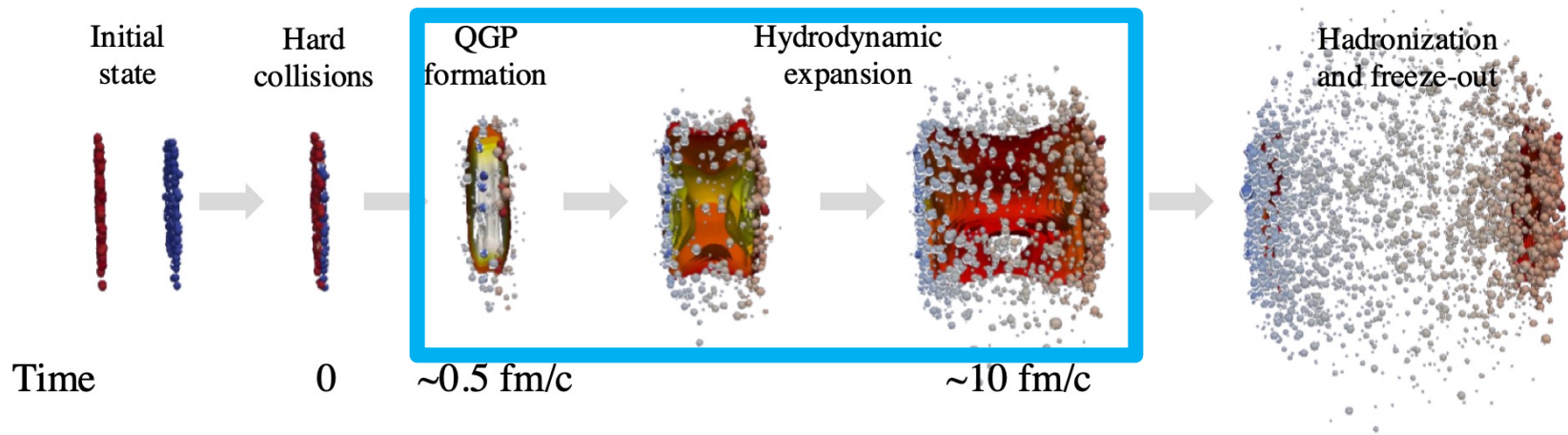


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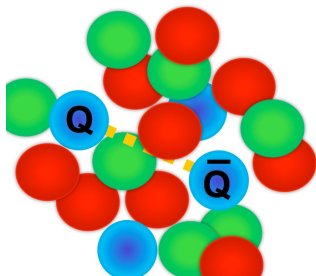
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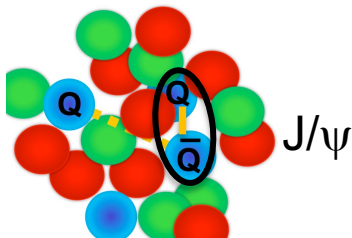
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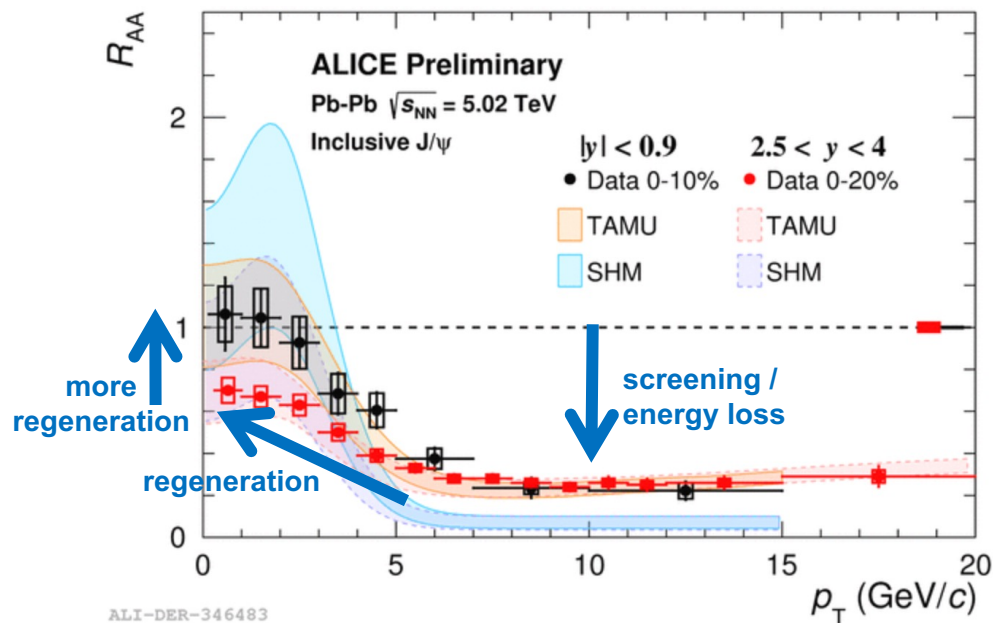
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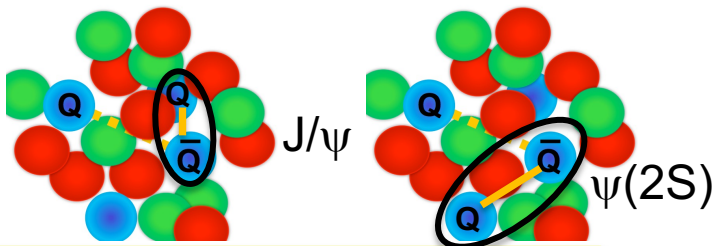
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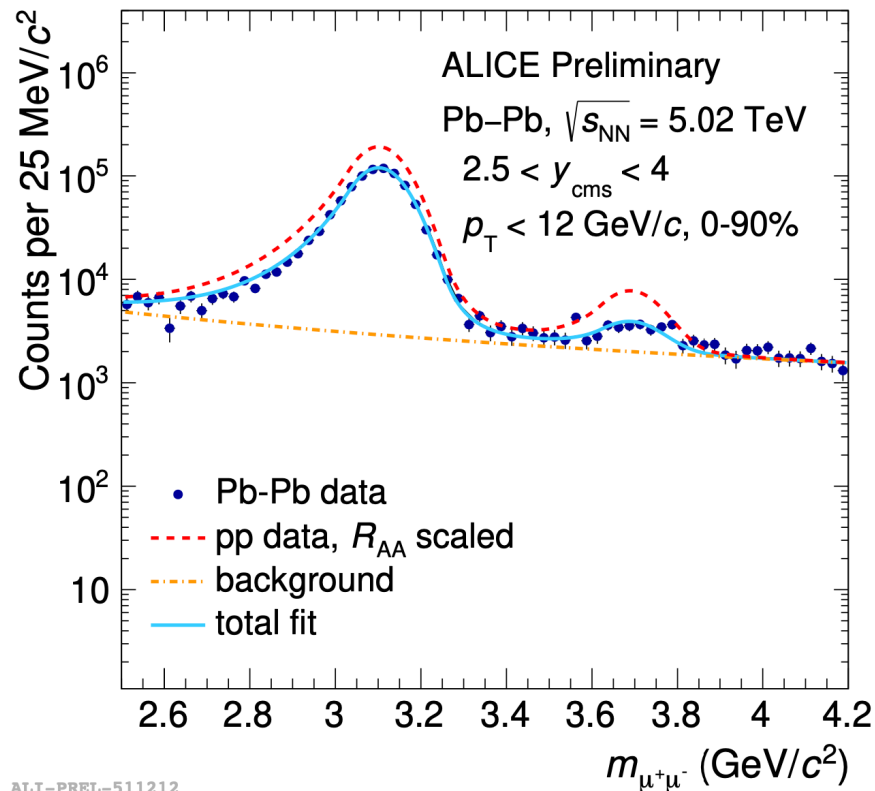
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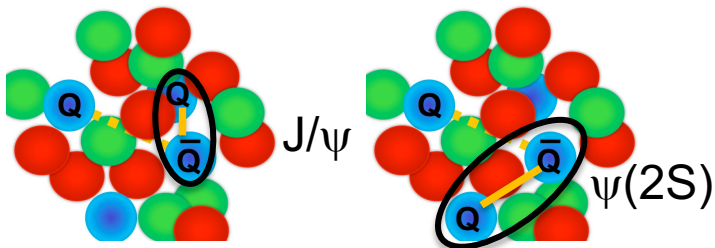


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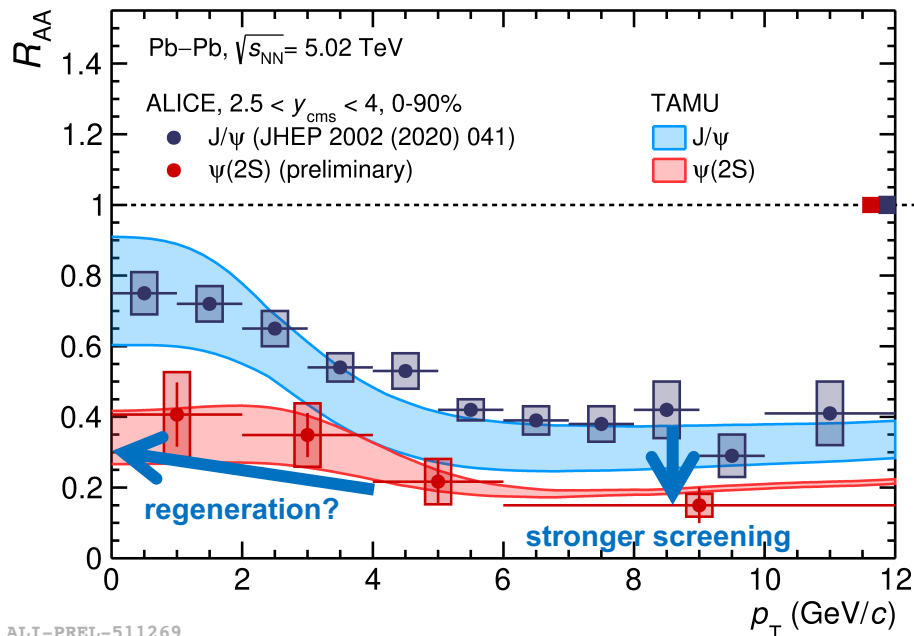
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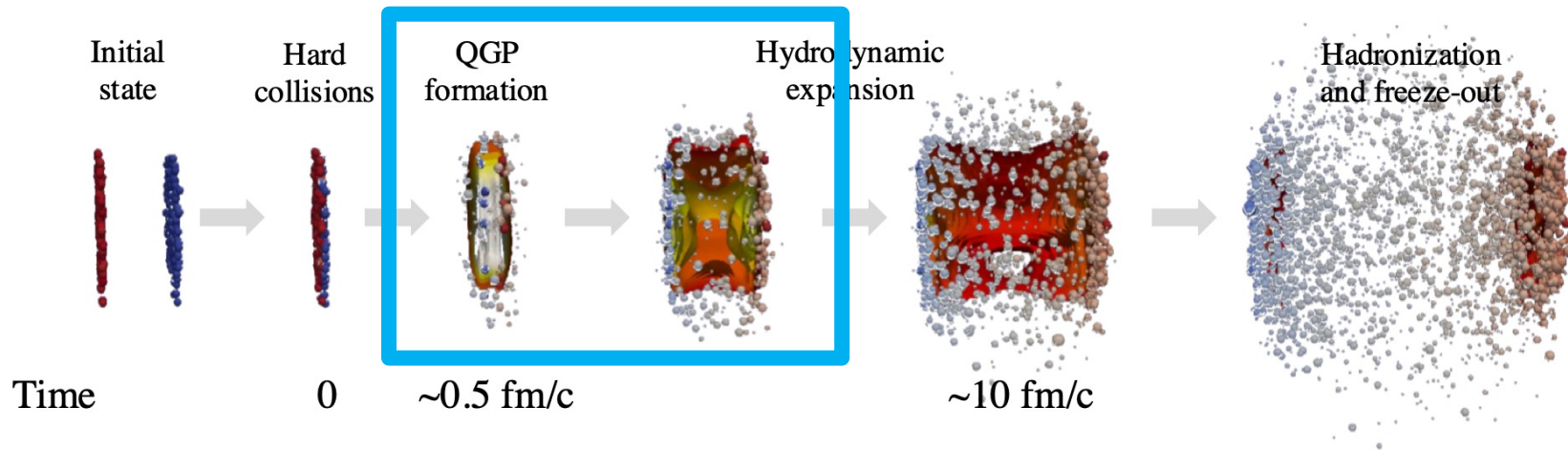
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- $\psi(2S) \sim \times 2$ more suppressed than J/ψ
- Hint of regeneration at low p_T

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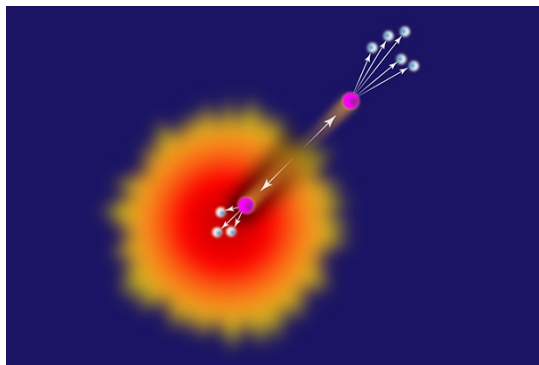


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Jets and parton energy loss in the QGP



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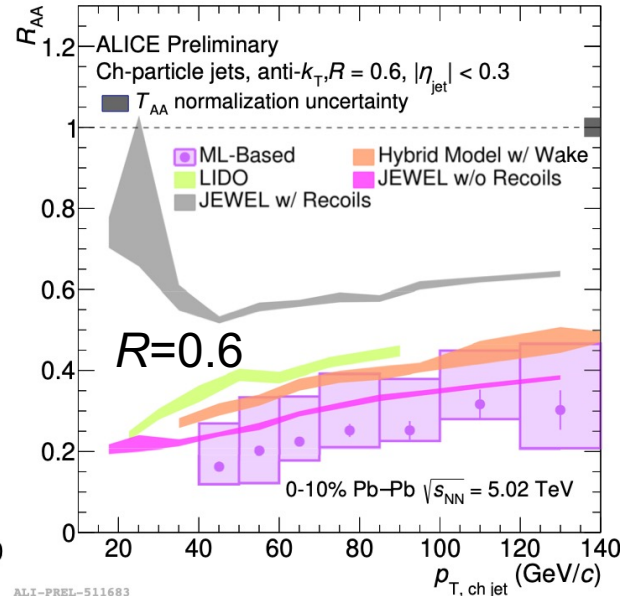
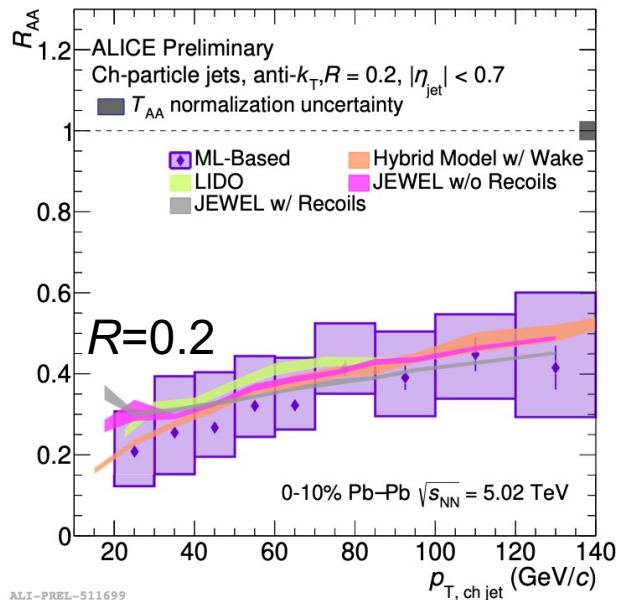
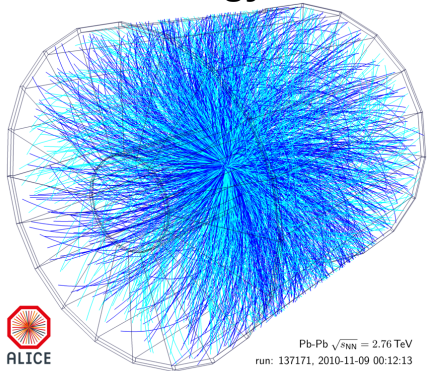


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Jet quenching: going to lower p_T with inclusive jets

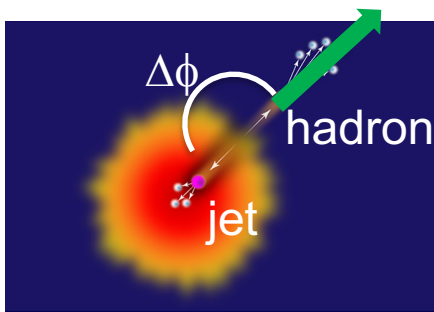
New machine learning method to subtract underlying Pb-Pb event fluctuations from jet energy:
× 2 better energy resolution



- Large reduction (factor 3-4) of jet yields, down to $p_T = 20$ GeV/c
- Lost energy not recovered within the jet “cone”
- Suppression may be even larger for larger-cone ($R=0.6$) low- p_T jets

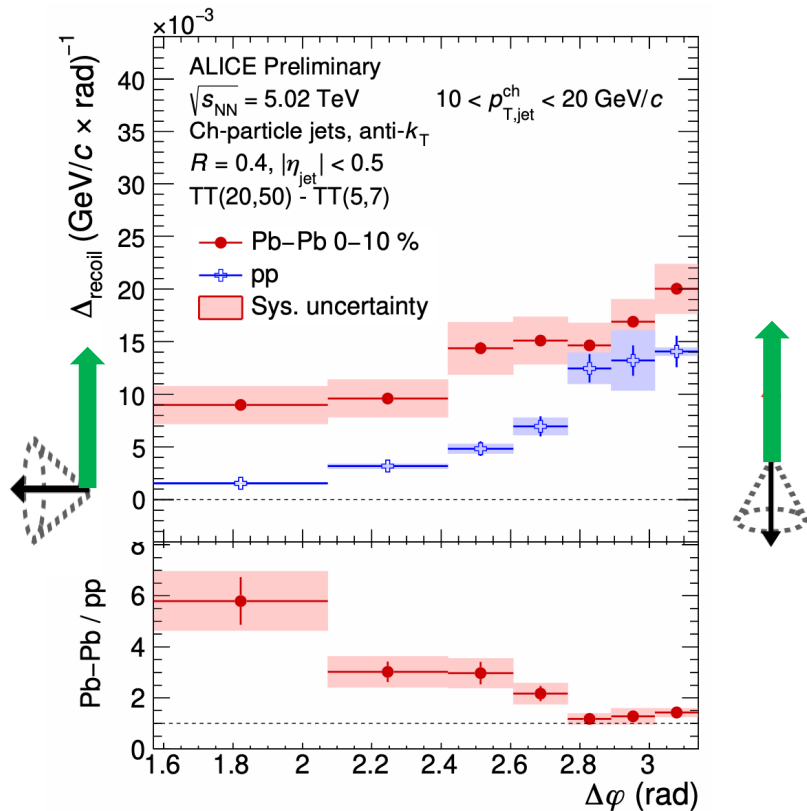
Semi-inclusive “soft” jets deflected

- Jets recoiling against a high- p_T hadron
→ down to jet $p_T \sim 10$ GeV/c



Δ_{recoil} vs $\Delta\phi$ broader in **Pb-Pb** than in **pp**

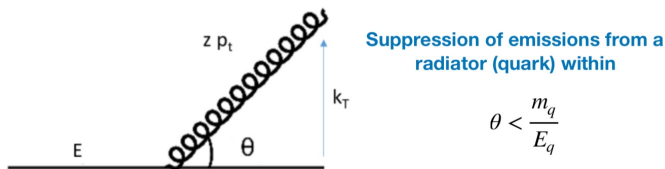
Angular deflection of soft large- R jets:
Scattering on QGP constituents?
Medium response to energy loss?



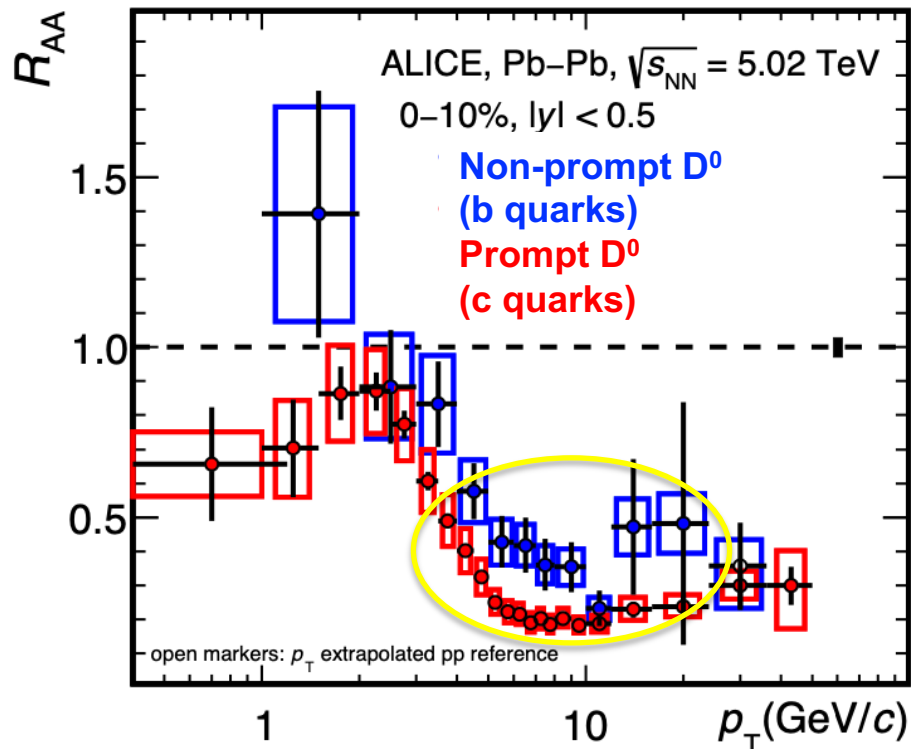
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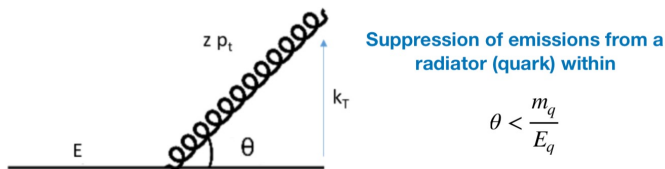
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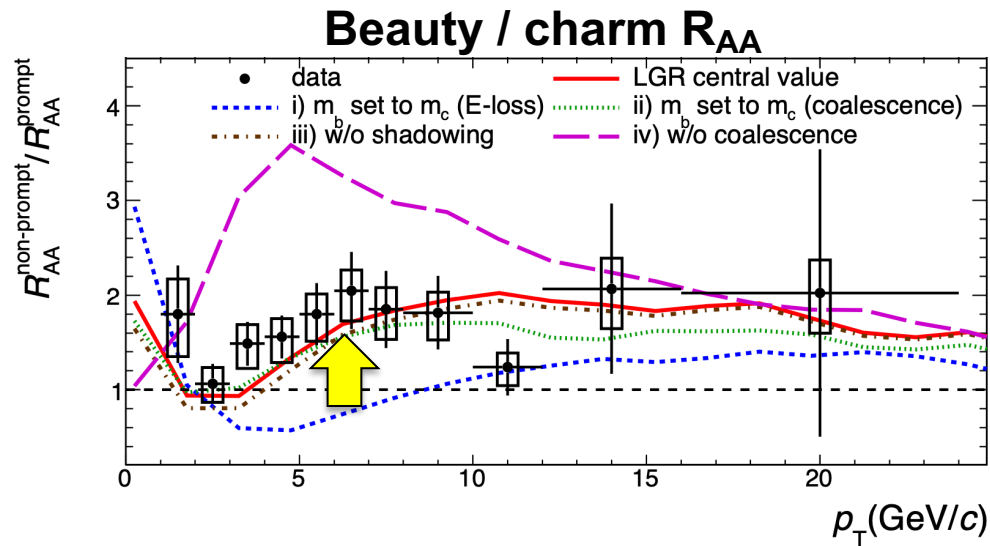
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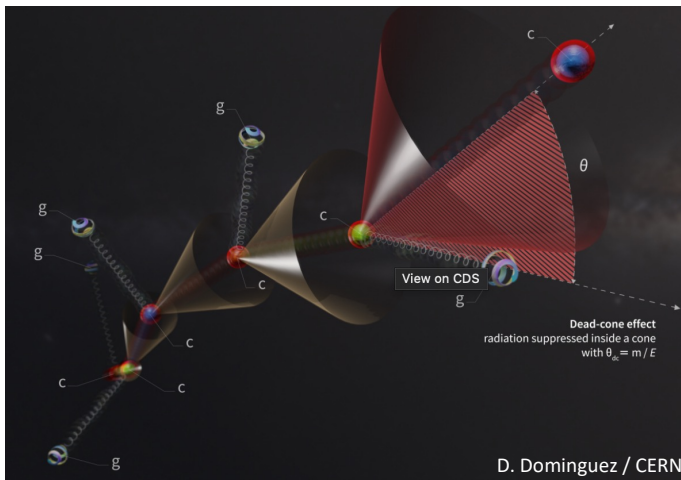
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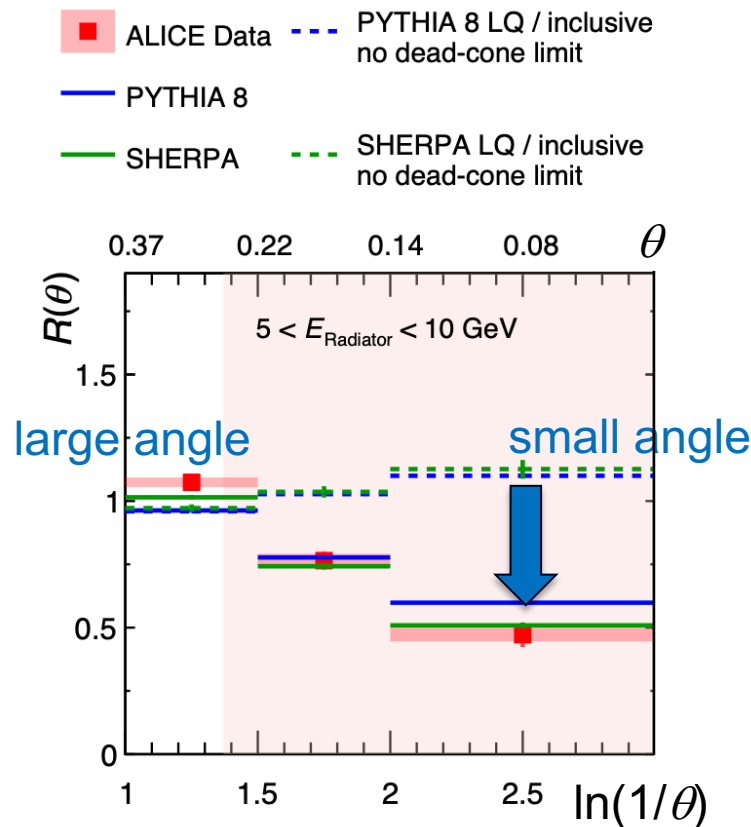
In pp: dead-cone effect now exposed by ALICE

- Reduction of gluon radiation from heavy quarks at small angles

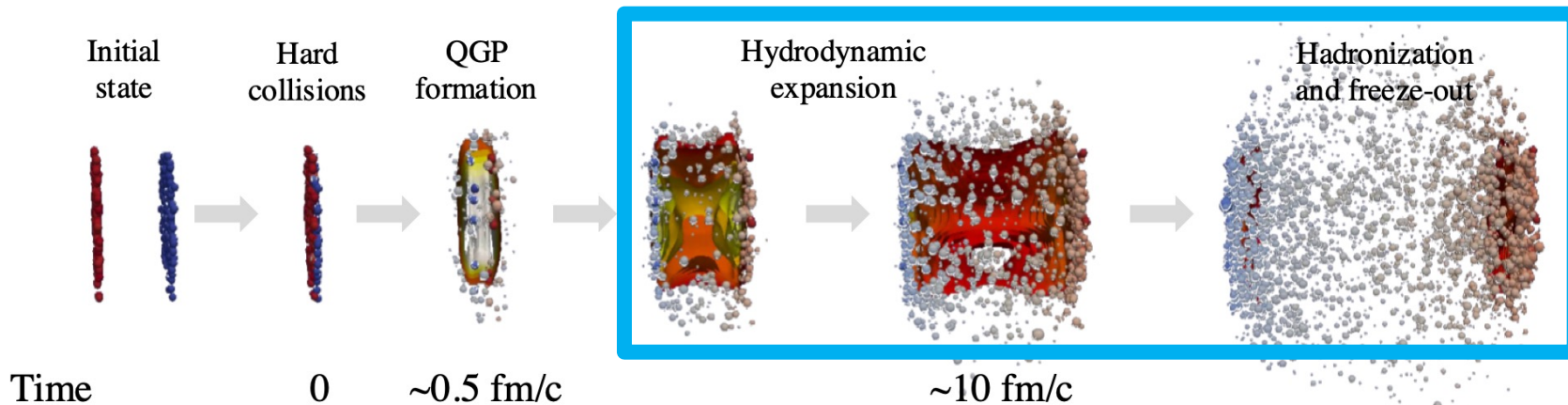
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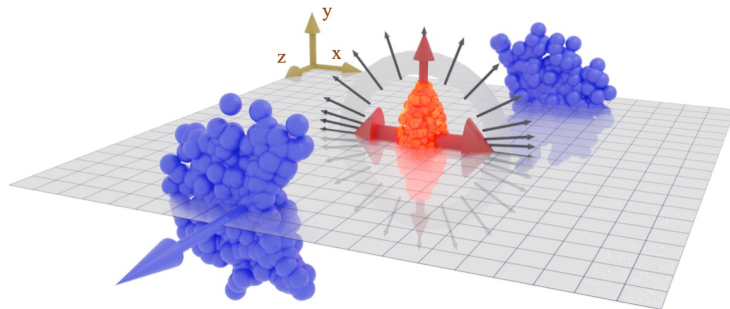
- First direct observation using jet iterative declustering and **Lund plane** analysis of jets that contain a soft D^0 meson



Hadron production and flow



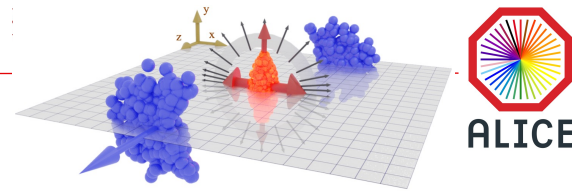
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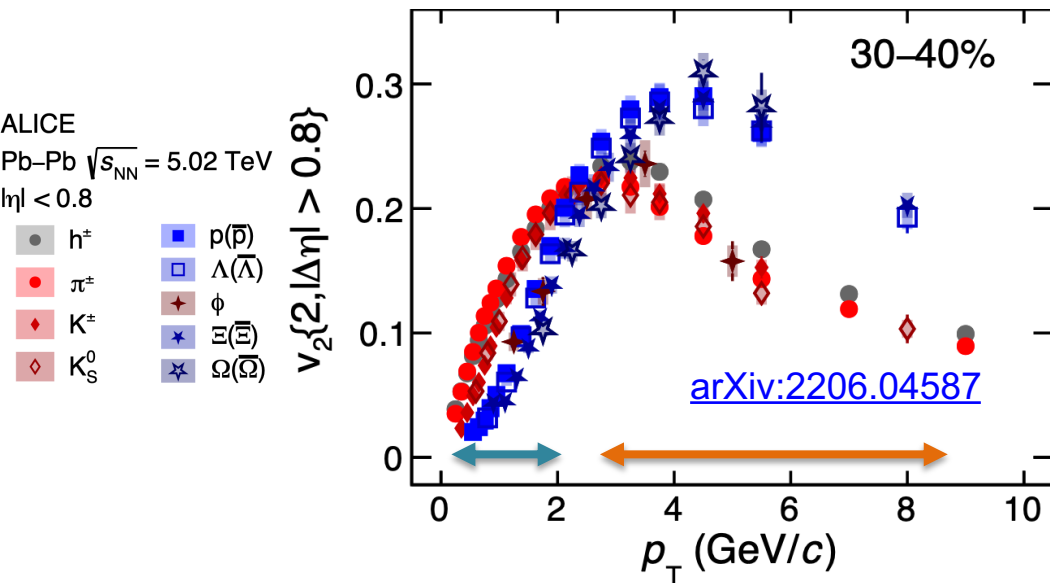
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Elliptic flow in Pb-Pb

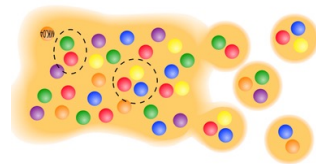


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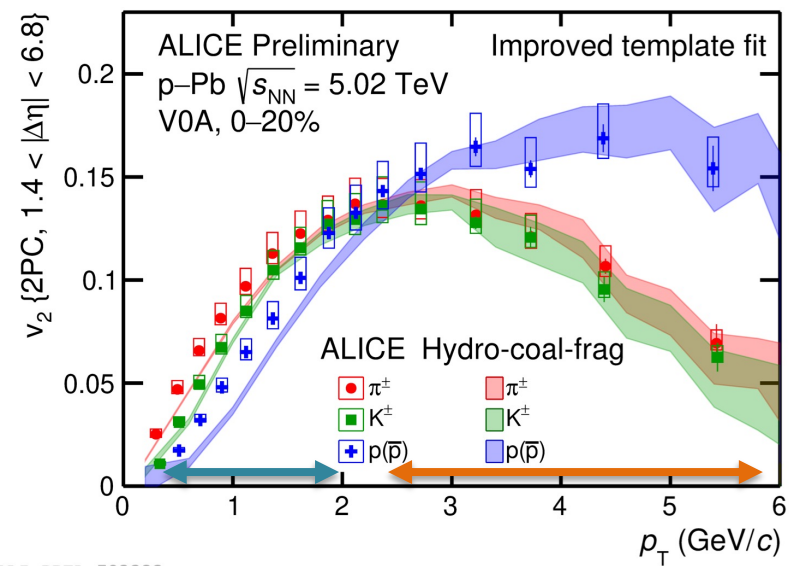
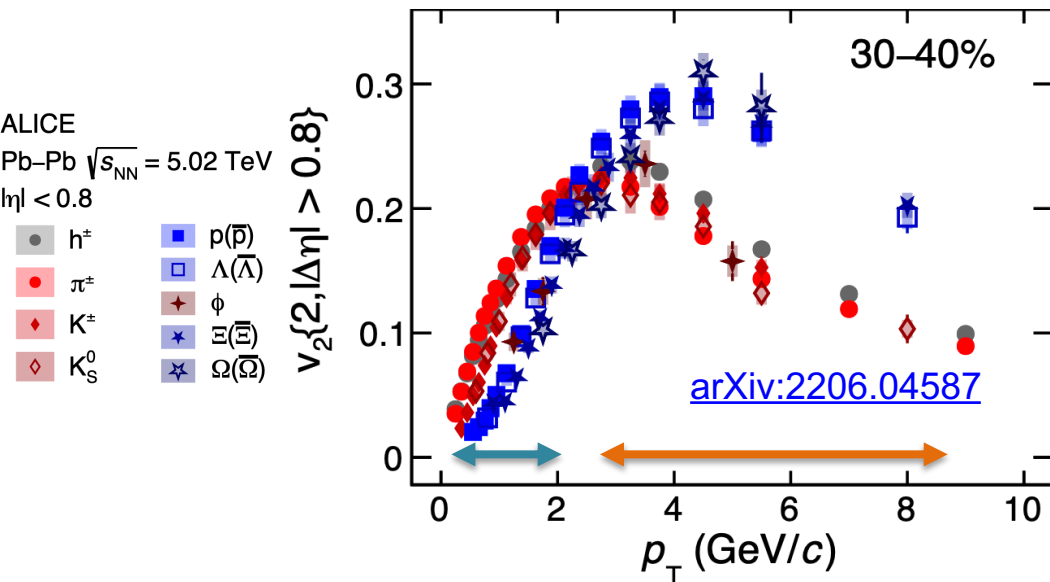
Mass ordering at low p_T
 \rightarrow hydrodynamic flow
 Baryon vs. meson grouping at higher p_T
 \rightarrow quark-level flow + recombination



Elliptic flow in Pb-Pb ... and in pp, p-Pb

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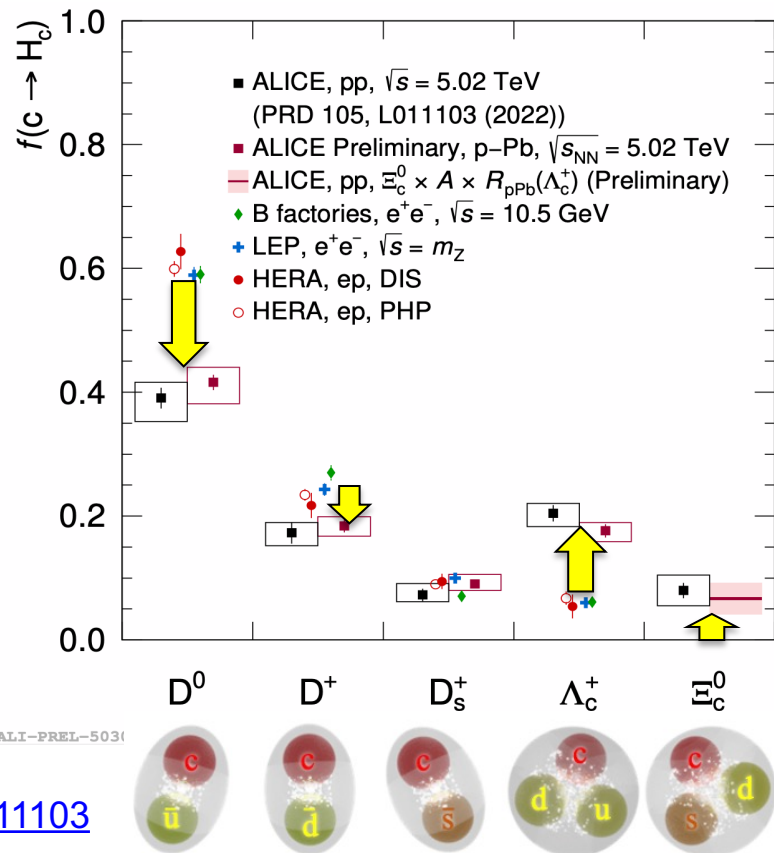


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\rightarrow quark-level flow + recombination in high-multiplicity p-Pb (and pp)

Hadronization of charm quarks from pp ...

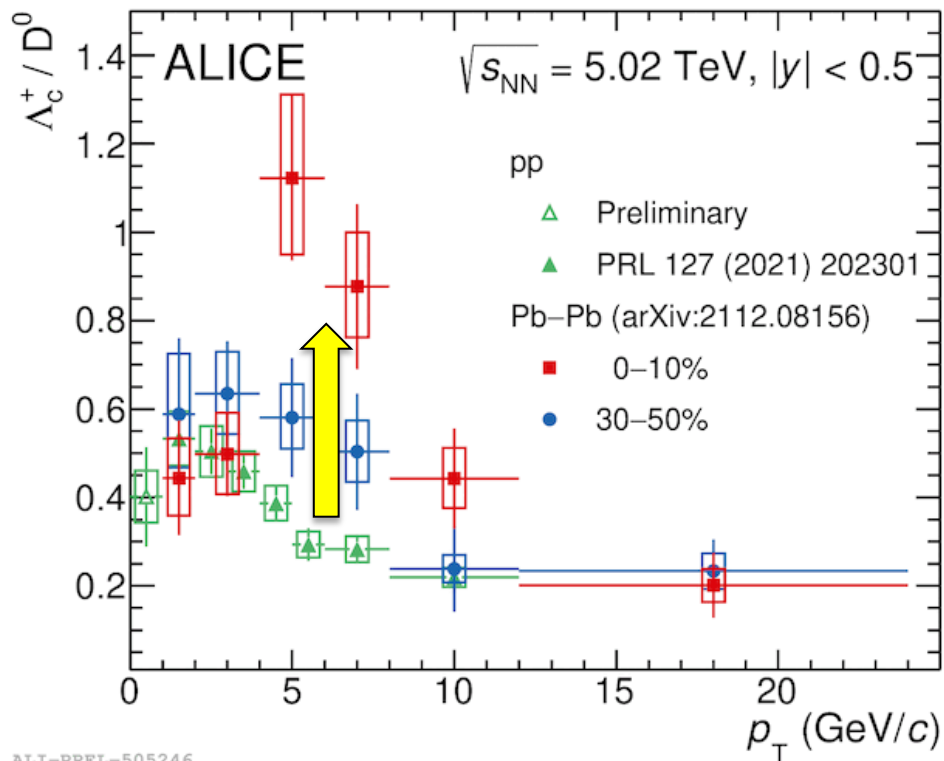
- Charm quarks hadronize to baryons with much larger probability in hadronic collisions than in ee and ep collisions
- ~ 30% $c \rightarrow$ baryons in pp and p-Pb
- “Breakdown of jet universality, like for strangeness”* T. Sjöstrand (LHCP2022)
- Described by PYTHIA with beyond-leading colour effects, but only for Λ_c , and by hadronization via recombination



[PRD105 \(2022\) L011103](#)

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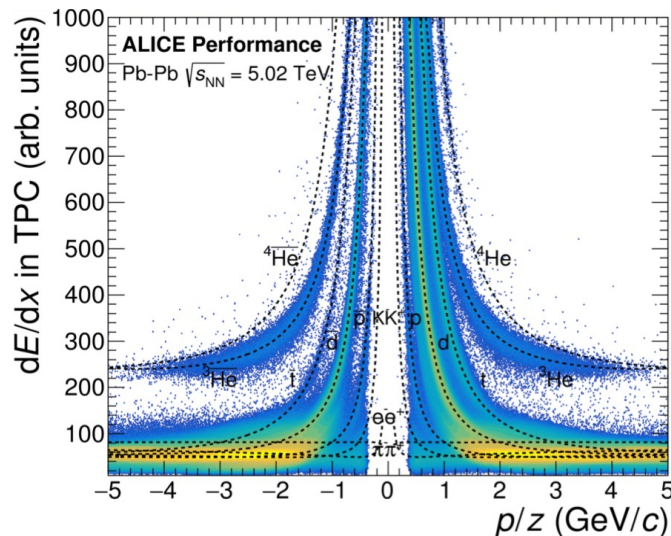
- Additional dynamics in **central Pb-Pb** collisions: Λ_c/D^0 enhancement at intermediate p_T
- Suggests hadronization by recombination + mass-dependent p_T shift from collective expansion
- Prospects: high-precision, and other baryons, from Run 3 data



[arXiv:2112.08156](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.08156)

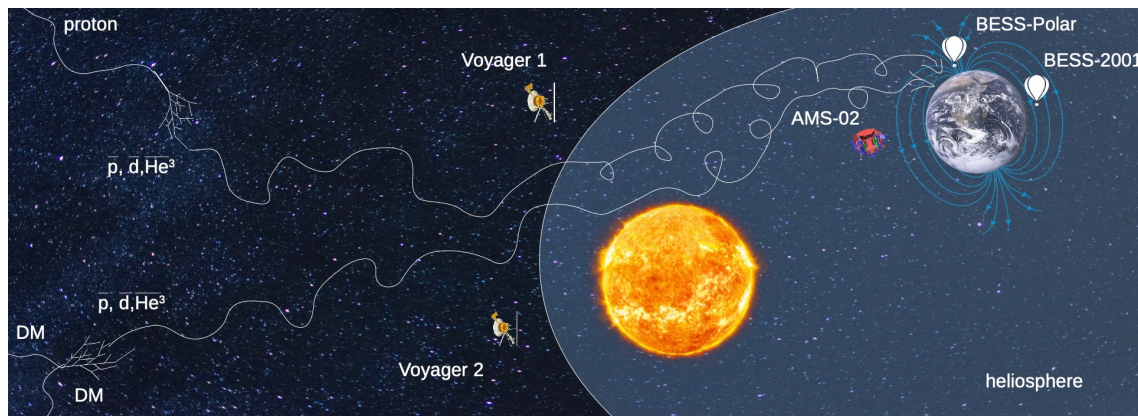
LHC: not only nucleus collider, but (anti)nuclei factory

- Accessible in Run 2: d, t, Λ , ^3H , ^3He , ^4He
- Production not yet fully understood: nucleon coalescence vs. statistical hadronization

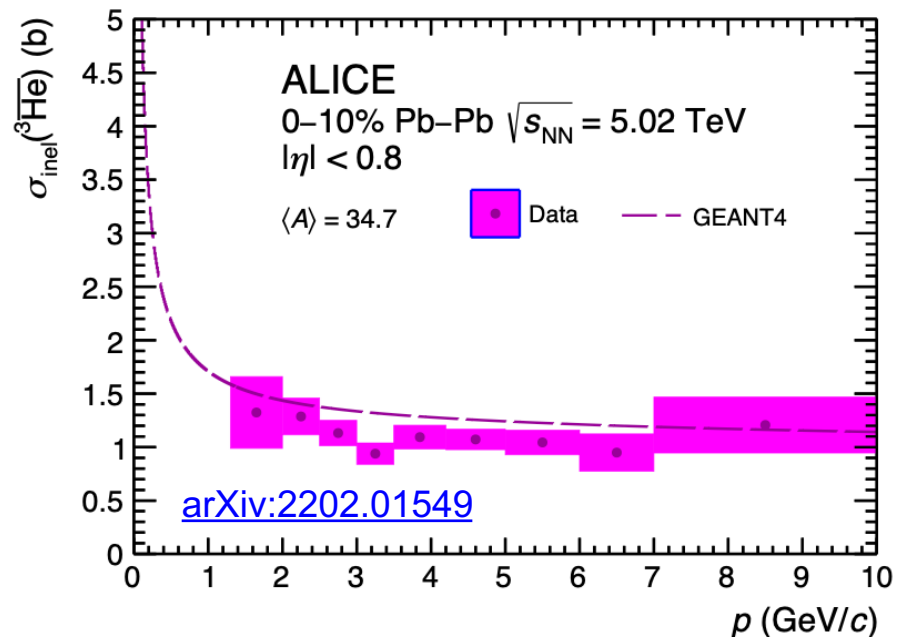


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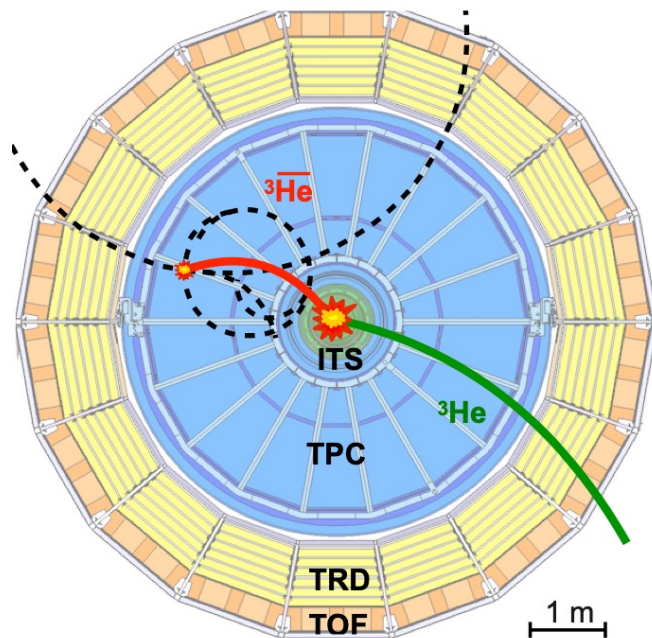
- Strong impact on dark matter searches in Space, e.g. $\chi_0\chi_0 \rightarrow \bar{d}, ^3\text{He}+X$ (AMS-02, GAPS, BESS)
- Ordinary antinuclei hadroproduction by cosmics is major background
- Antinuclei absorption in space poorly constrained



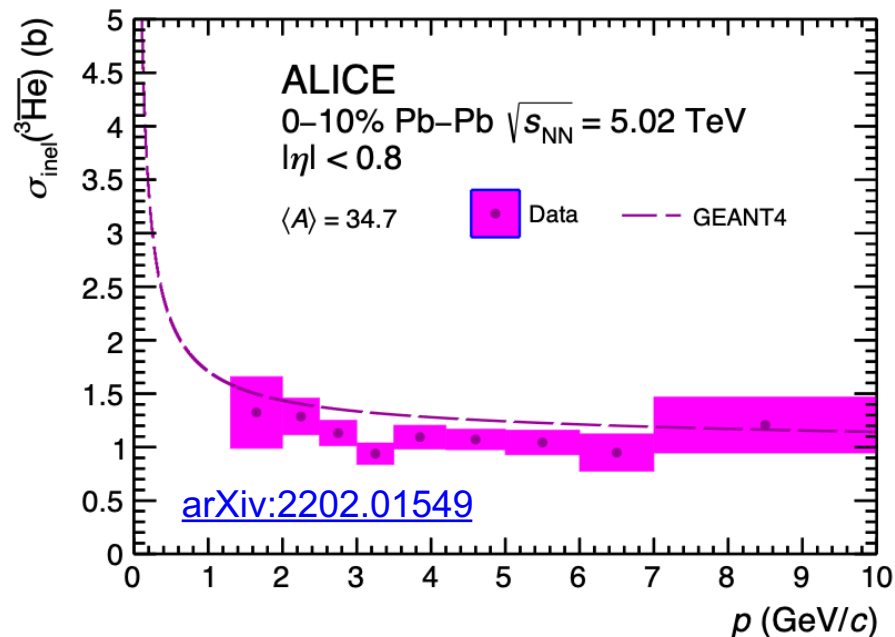
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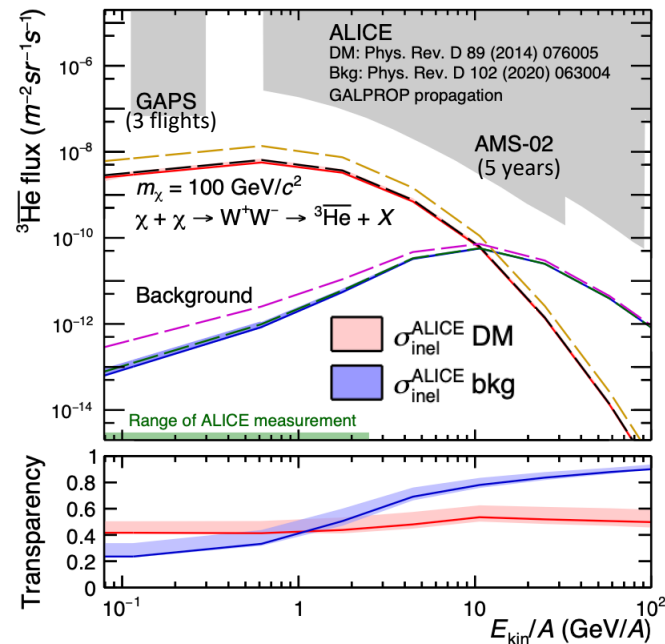
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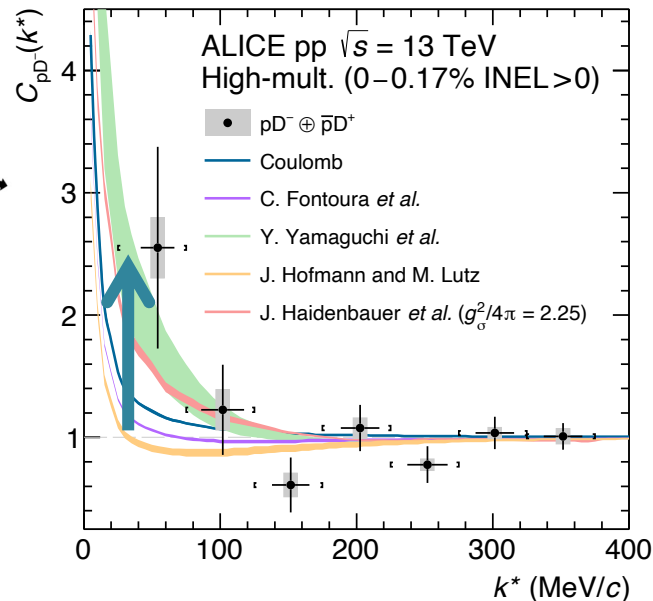
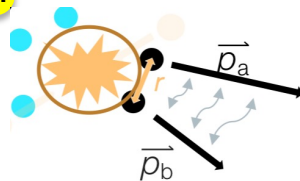


- Experiment-driven estimate of absorption probability of antinuclei from DM decays and from cosmic-ray background in the Galaxy

QCD interaction among hadron pairs, and triplets

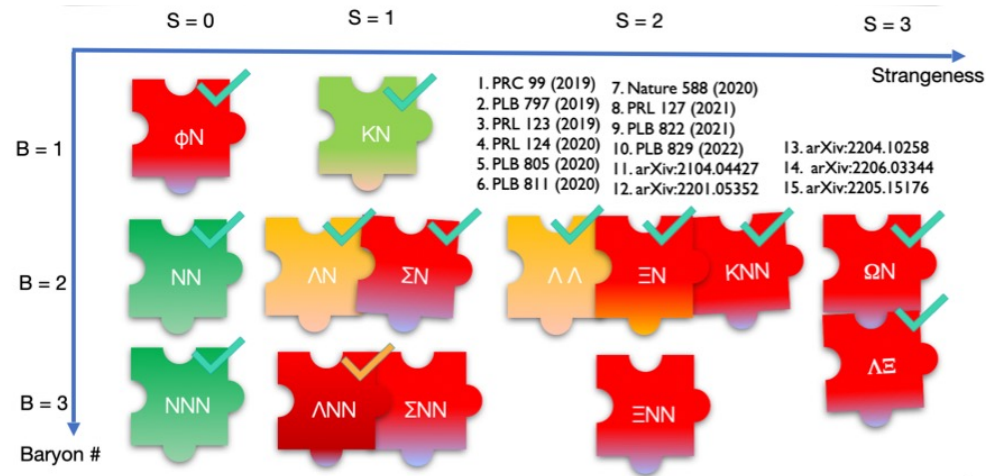
Use femtoscopy technique to assess residual strong interaction in h-h and h-h-h

- Poorly known for strange baryons
 - Relevant for neutron star modeling
- Unknown for charm hadrons and 3-body

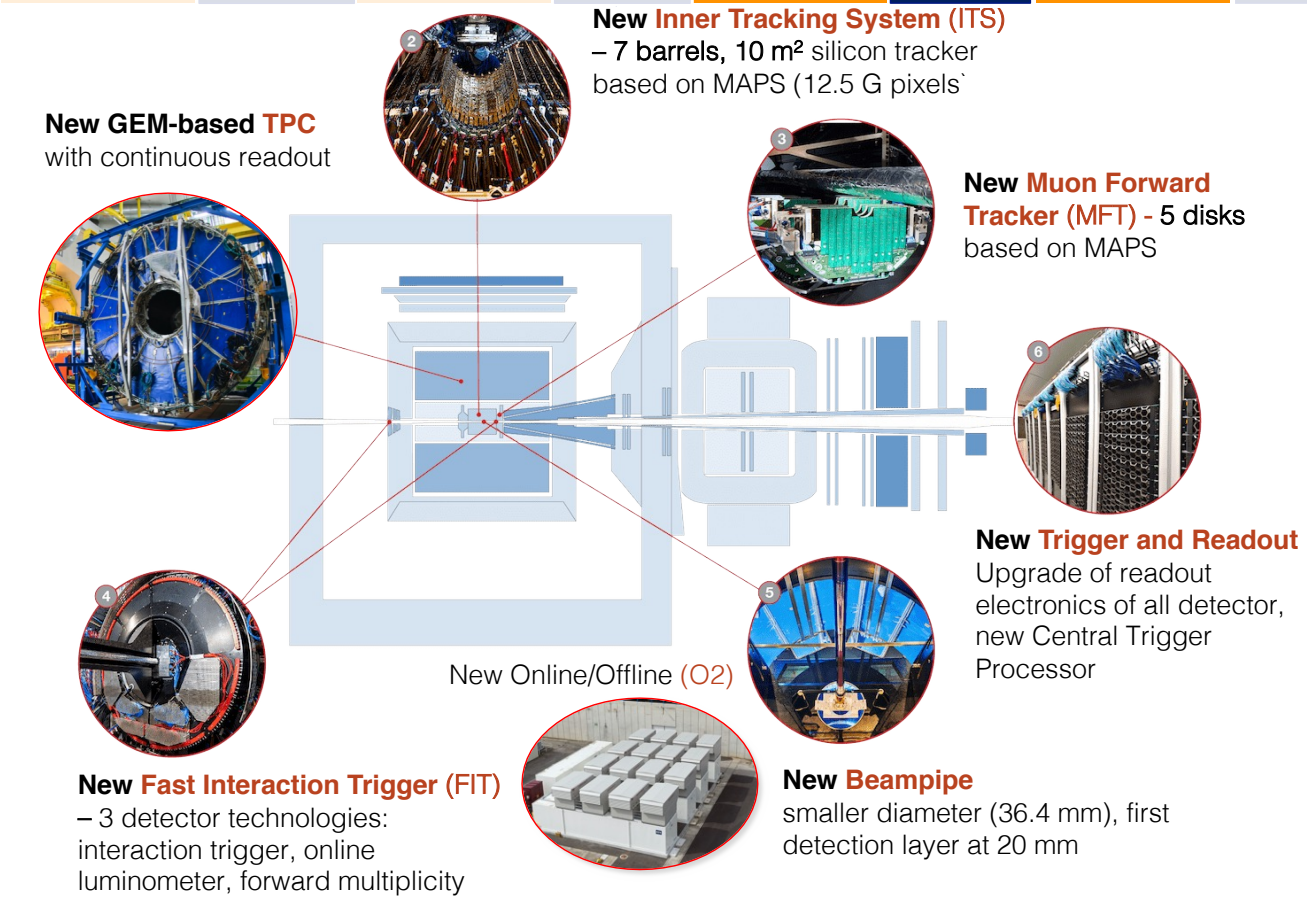


First measurement of p-D correlation function:

- Attractive interaction
- Estimate of QCD scattering parameters



2010-2012		2015-2018		2022-2025		2029-2032		2035-2038		2040-2041	
Run 1	LS1	Run 2	LS2	Run 3	LS3	Run 4	LS4	Run 5	LS5	Run 6	

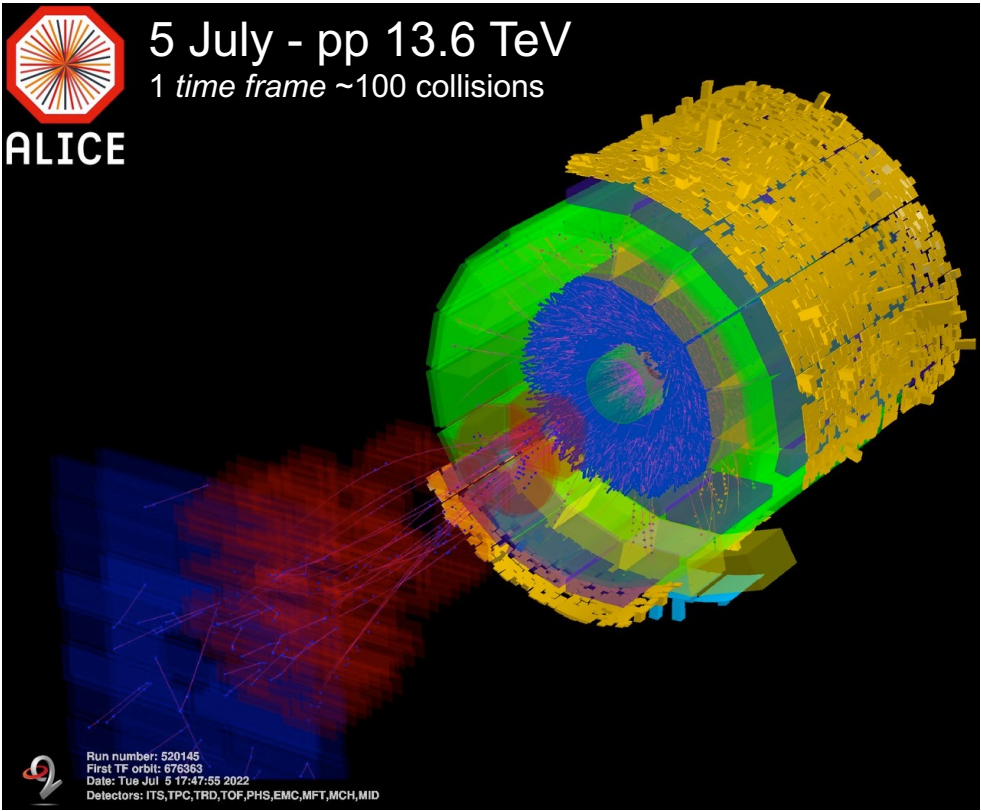
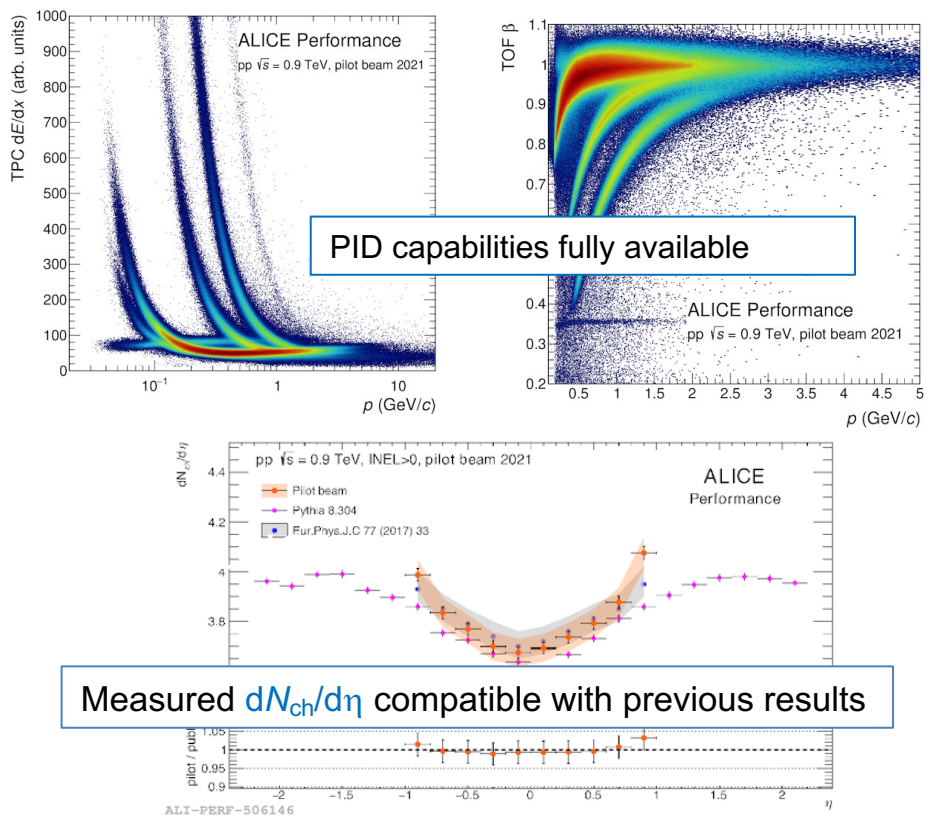


ALICE 2 Upgrade

→ Tracking precision ×3
→ Pb-Pb rate ×50



Commissioning with pilot beam and start of Run 3



Run I

LS1

Run 2

LS2

Run 3

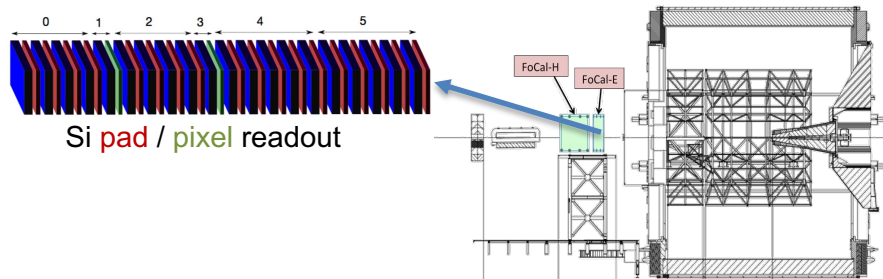
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Run 4

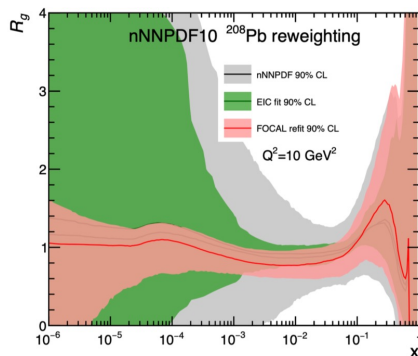
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LS3: forward calorimeter and ultra-thin tracker

- FoCal: forward e.m. calo with Si readout for isolated γ measurements $3.2 < \eta < 5.8$ in p-Pb
- Constrain nuclear PDFs down to $x < 10^{-5}$
- Lol: [CERN-LHCC-2020-009](#)

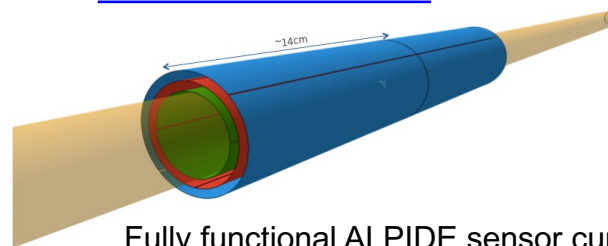


Impact on gluon
nuclear PDFs:
Present nNNPDF
w/ FoCal pseudodata
w/ EIC pseudodata

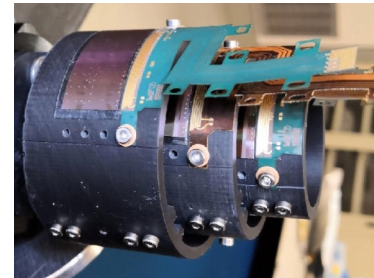
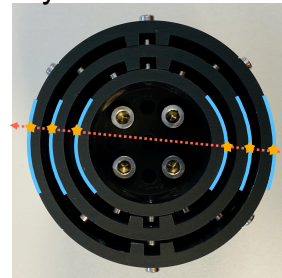


TDRs
in 2023

- ITS3: new inner barrel – 3 truly cylindrical MAPS layers around smaller beam pipe
 - $\times 3$ less material budget
 - $\times 2$ tracking precision and effic. (low p_T)
- Lol: [CERN-LHCC-2019-018](#)



Fully functional ALPIDE sensor curved to $R=1.8 \text{ cm}$



ALICE 3: next-generation heavy-ion detector

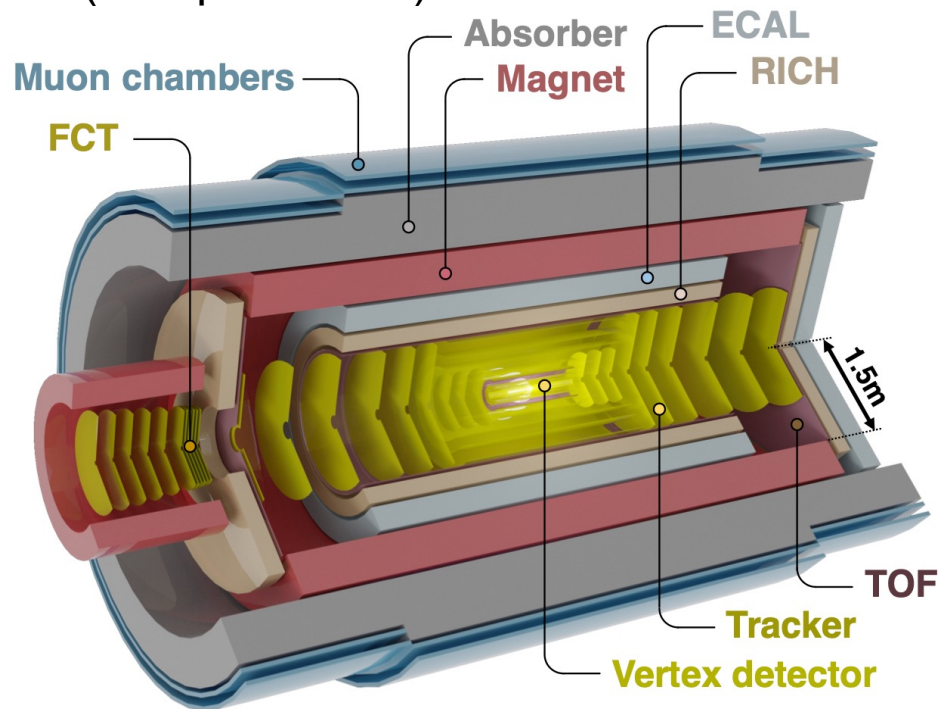
→ N. Jacazio,
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- Tracking precision $\times 3$: $10 \mu\text{m}$ at $p_T = 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Acceptance $\times 4.5$: $|\eta| < 4$ (with particle ID)
- A-A rate $\times 5$ ($\text{pp} \times 25$)

Enables unique physics in Run 5+

- Multi-charm hadrons
- Charm - anticharm angular (de)correlation
- Thermal radiation and its time dependence
- Chiral symmetry restoration in QGP
- Charm h-h residual interaction
- ...

Lol: [CERN-LHCC-2022-009](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2811111/files/CERN-LHCC-2022-009)



Conclusions

- Detailed insight on the QGP workings and properties
 - e.g. heavy-quark interactions, jet modifications, expansion and hadronization
- Moreover, a broader and rich QCD research programme
 - pQCD, hadron interactions, formation of hadrons and nuclei
- ALICE 2 detector taking data in Run 3, after major upgrade
- Gearing up LS3 upgrades and proposed new apparatus ALICE 3 for Run 5+

ALICE at ICHEP: 51 talks and posters

TALKS

New advancements in symmetry plane correlations and multiharmonic fluctuations in HIC	HI	Marcel Lesch
Measurement of p-d and Λ -d correlations in pp at 13 TeV	strong	Bhawani Singh
Non-identical particle femtoscopy in Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV	HI	Pritam Chakraborty
Measurement of the inclusive, prompt and non-prompt J/ψ production in Pb-Pb	HI	Himanshu Sharma
Quarkonium polarization in Pb-Pb and pp collisions with ALICE	HI	Yanchun Ding
$\psi(2S)$ production and nuclear modification factor in nucleus-nucleus collisions	HI	Biswarup Paul
Quarkonia production and elliptic flow in small systems	HI	Maurice Coquet
Ground and excited quarkonium states as probes of MPI in small systems	strong	Theraa Tork
J/ψ photoproduction and dileptons from photon-photon interactions in hadronic Pb-Pb	HI	Raphaelle Bailhache
Neutral mesons up to very high pt as function of multiplicity in pp collisions at 13 TeV	strong	Joshua Leon Konig
Direct photon production and HBT correlations in PbPb at 5TeV	HI	Mike Sas
Thermal radiation and direct photon production in Pb-Pb and pp collisions with dielectrons	HI	Daiki Sekihata
Charm production: constraint to transport models and charm diffusion coefficient	HI	Fabio Catalano
Constraining hadronization with prompt and non-prompt charm baryons from pp to PbPb	strong	Jianhui Zhu
Beauty production in heavy-ion collisions	HI	Biao Zhang
Beauty production in small systems	strong	Katharina Demmich
Weak bosons (W/Z) at mid- and forward rapidity in pp (vs mult), pPb and PbPb	HI	Mingrui Zhao
jet acoplanarity through hadron+jet measurements in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE	HI	Yongzhen Hou
Searching for jet quenching using high-multiplicity inclusive jet and h+jet semi-inclusive jet in	HI	Artem Kotliarov
Exploring jet interactions in the QGP using jet substructure measurements in Pb-Pb	HI	Raymond Ehlers III
Probing the initial state with isolated photon production in small collision systems	strong	Ran Xu
Study of the dynamics of the production of light nuclei in small systems	HI	Luca Barioglio
The dark side of ALICE: from antinuclei interactions to dark matter searches in space	DM	Manuel Colocci
Measurement of the hypertriton properties and production	strong	Janik Ditzel
Light flavour particle production in the smallest hadronic systems	HI	Mario Kruger
Exploring the late hadronic phase of relativistic heavy-ion collisions with resonances	HI	Prottay Das
Rescattering effects on resonances production in small systems	strong	Nicola Rubini

TALKS

Physics performance of the ALICE experiment in LHC Run 3	operation	Aimeric Landou
Disentangling initial & final state contributions to strangeness production in pp	HI	Francesca Ercolessi
System-size dependence of particle production at mid and forward rapidity with ALICE	HI	Abhi Modak
Luminosity Pb-Pb results + pp	operation	Pietro Cortese
ALICE 3	future	Nicolo Jacazio
ALICE FoCal	operation	Max Rauch
A truly cylindrical inner tracker system	future	Magnus Mager
Preparation of ALICE for LHC Run 3	operation	Robert Munzer
Matters of Diversity and Inclusion at the ALICE Collaboration	diversity	Fernando Flor
ALICE in public outreach and in bricks	outreach	Christian Klein-Boesing
Outreach and educational activities of ALICE in the times of pandemic	outreach	Despina Hatzifotiadou
Enabling distributed analysis for ALICE Run 3	computing	Ionela Cruceru

POSTERS

Searching for viscous effects in small systems	strong	Victor Gonzalez
Measurement of $R_2(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$ and $P_2(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$ correlation functions in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	HI	Baidyanath Sahoo
D-meson average production analysis as a func. of multiplicity in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	strong	Marco Giacalone
Multiplicity dep. of intra-jet properties in small collision systems with ALICE	HI	Debjani Banerjee
Charged-particle production as a function of multiplicity from small to large collision systems	strong	Mario Kruger
Strangeness production in pp as a function of multiplicity and effective energy	HI	Francesca Ercolessi
Production of ϕ -meson pairs with ALICE: a novel probe for strangeness production	HI	Nicola Rubini
Hadronic resonance production in small collision systems with ALICE at the LHC	HI	Antonella Rosano
Probing the hadronic phase through the study of the $\Lambda(1520)$ resonance	strong	Neelima Agrawal
Multiplicity-dependent study of $\Lambda(1520)$ production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ and 13 TeV	strong	Sonali Padhan
Charged-particle production as a function of RT in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV	HI	Sushanta Tripathy
Charged particle pseudorapidity density in pp collisions at 900 GeV with the ALICE MFT	strong	Sarah Hermann

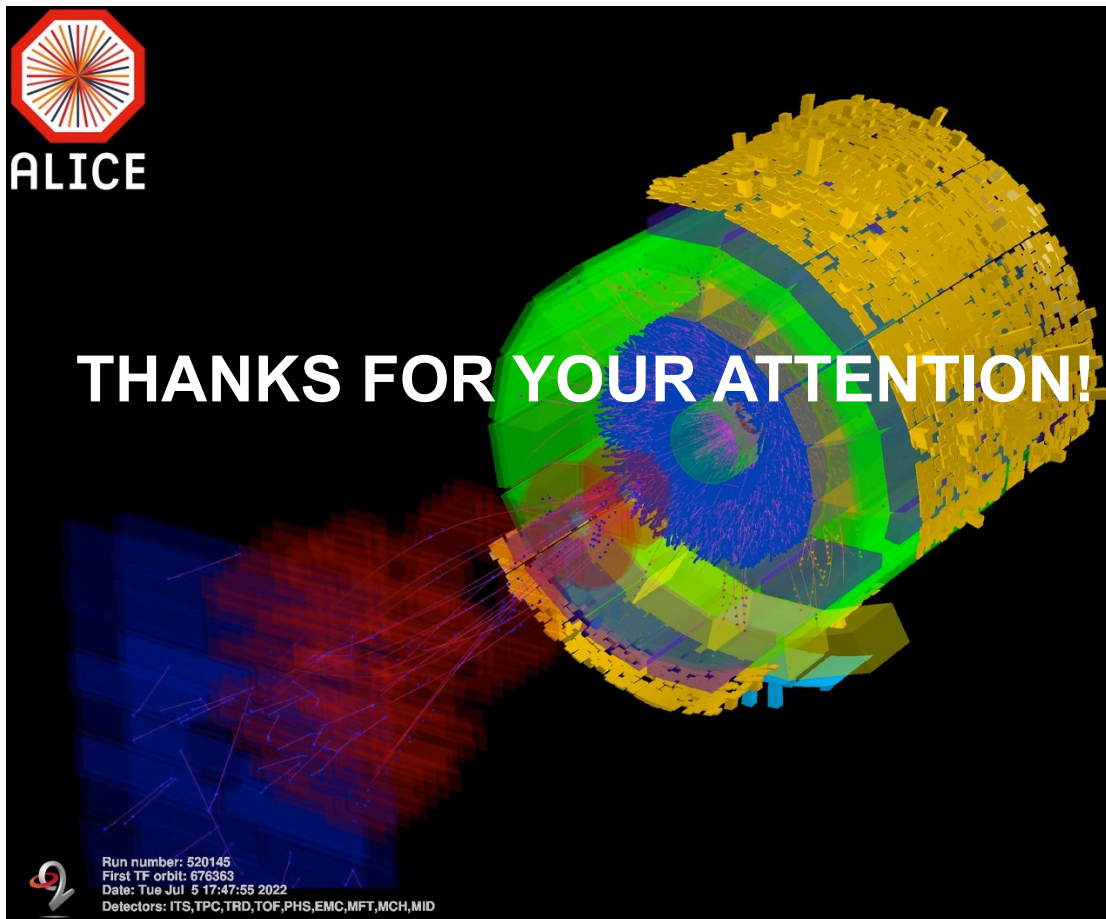


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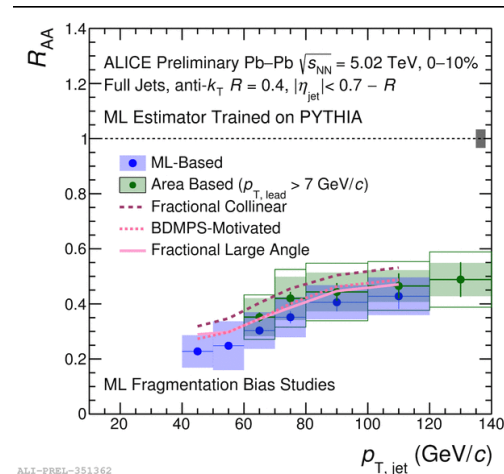
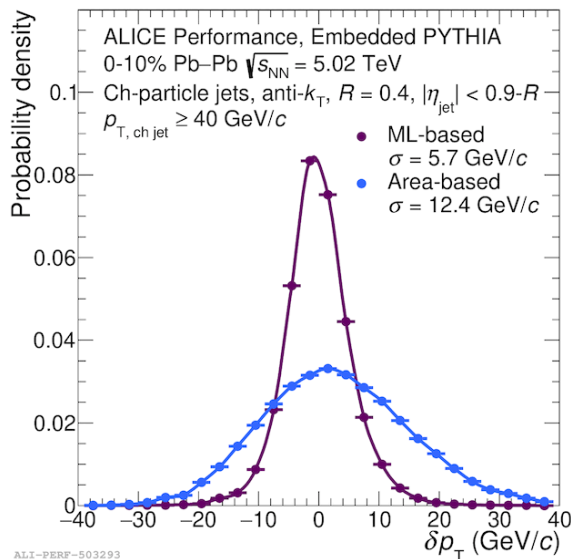


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Jet background subtraction with ML

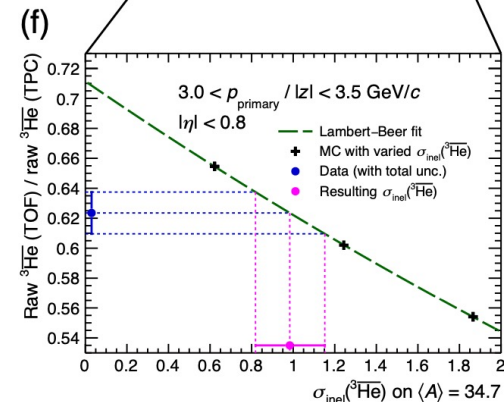
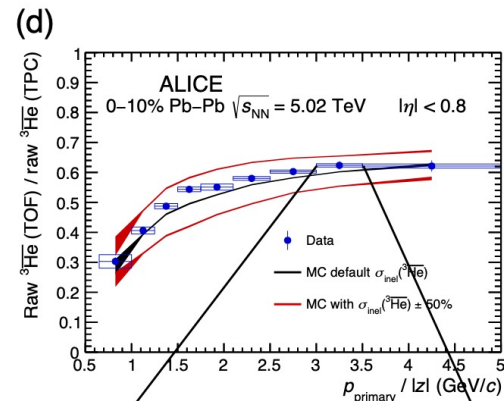
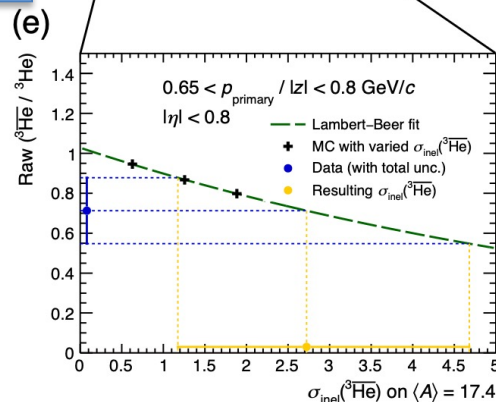
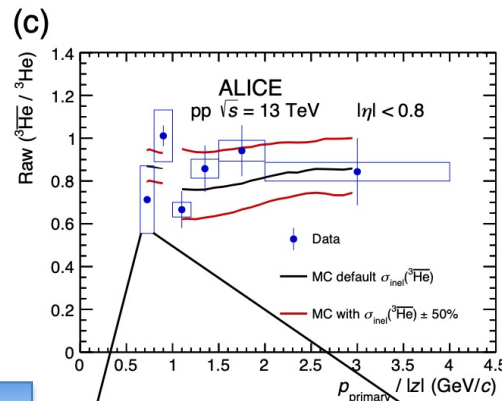
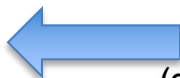
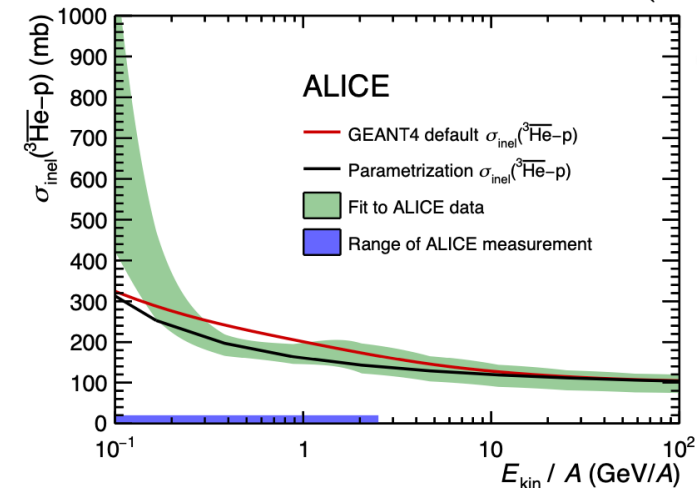
- Shallow neural network with three-layer perceptron
- Training with PYTHIA jets embedded on thermal HI-like underlying event
- Systematic uncertainties from variation of PYTHIA jets: q-only, g-only, mimicking energy loss and large angle radiation



Anti- ^3He absorption cross section

- Compare measured ratios of antinuclei/nuclei or antinuclei TPC/TPC with full simulations with varied GEANT4 cross section
- Determine cross section anti ^3He -A that best describes measured ratios
- Extrapolate to anti ^3He - p
 - 8% additional systematic unc.

$$\sigma_{hA}^{\text{inel}} = \pi R_A^2 \ln \left(1 + \frac{A \sigma_{hN}^{\text{tot}}}{\pi R_A^2} \right)$$



Anti- ^3He flux from DM

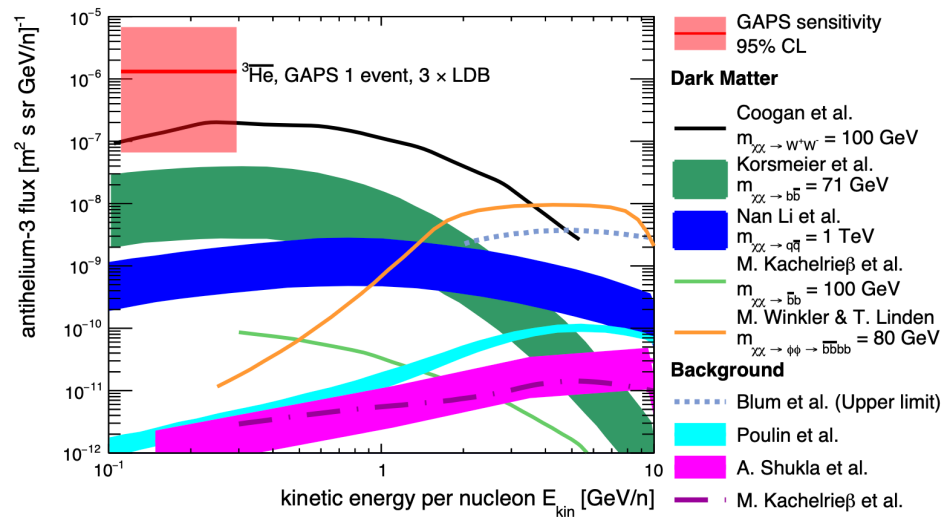
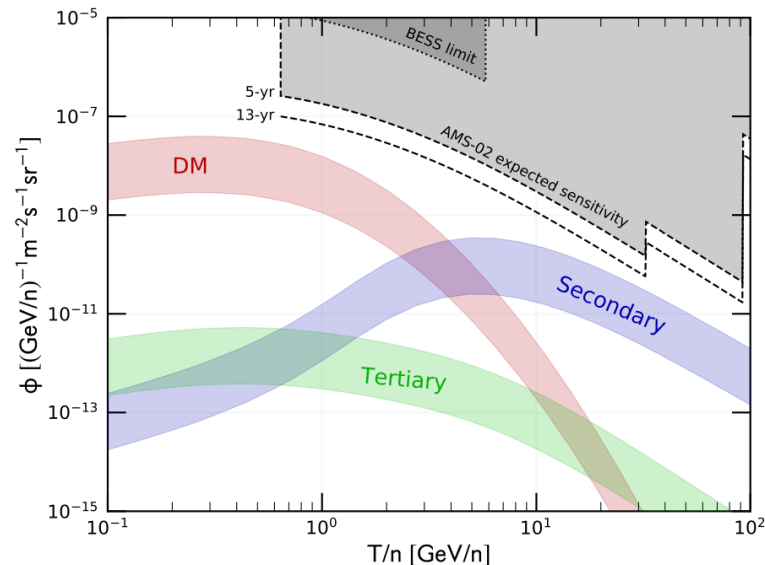


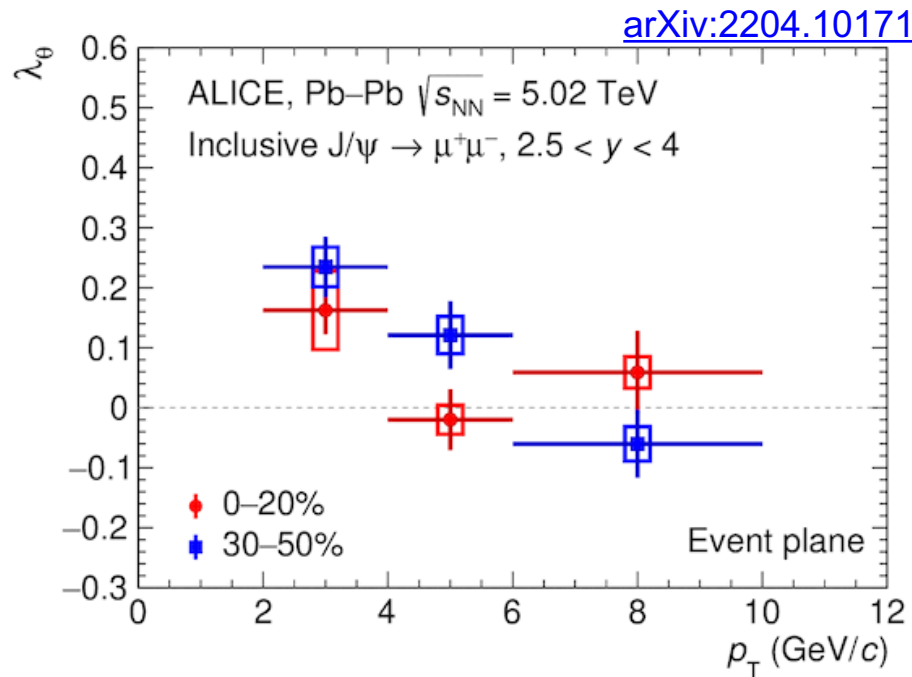
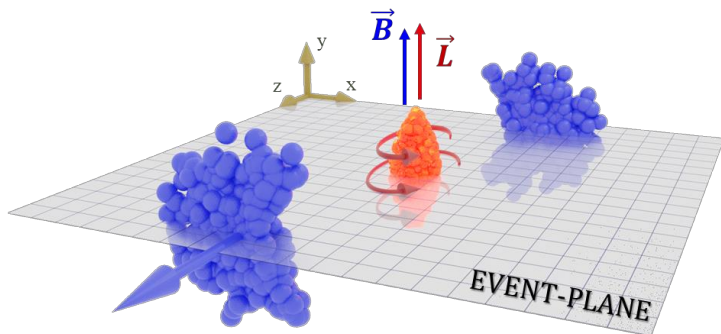
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AMS-02, Korsmeier et al., <https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.08465>

GAPS, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2012.05834.pdf>

J/ψ polarization in the direction of L, B

- First evidence of J/ψ polarization with respect to event plane
- Increases in **less central collisions** and at low p_T (reaching 3.9σ effect)
- Interpretation in terms of early B field and/or vorticity needs detailed theory calculations

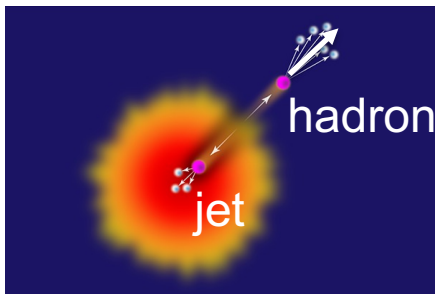


$$W(\theta) \propto \frac{1}{3 + \lambda_\theta} (1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta)$$

polar angular distribution of dimuon decay

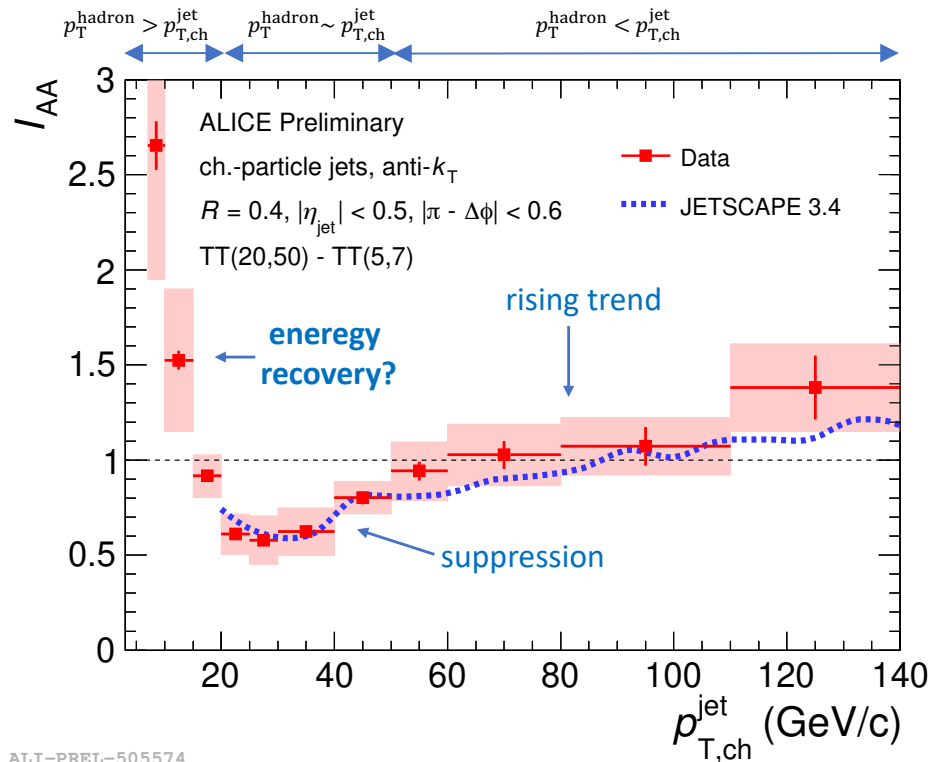
Semi-inclusive “soft” jets enhanced and deflected

- Jets recoiling against a high- p_T hadron
→ down to jet $p_T \sim 5$ GeV/c



$$I_{AA} \equiv \frac{\Delta_{\text{recoil}}(\text{Pb} - \text{Pb})}{\Delta_{\text{recoil}}(\text{pp})} > 1 \text{ at } 5\text{-}10 \text{ GeV/c}$$

Hint of increased soft jet yield in Pb-Pb wrt pp



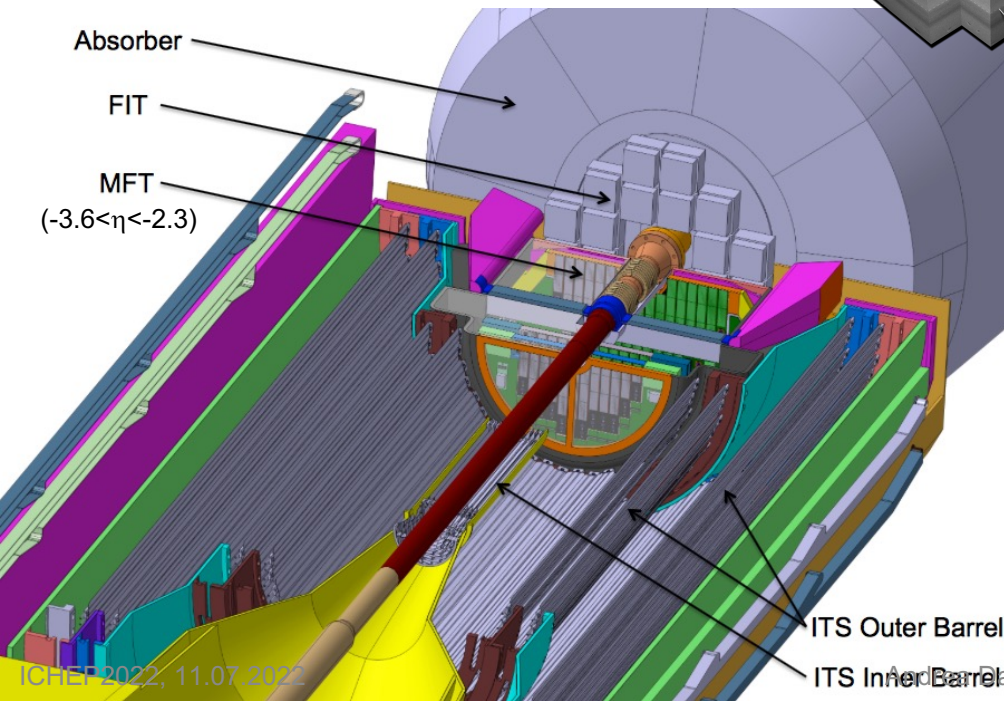
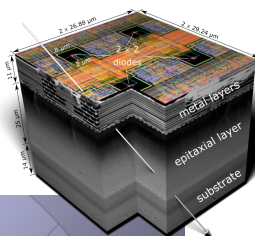
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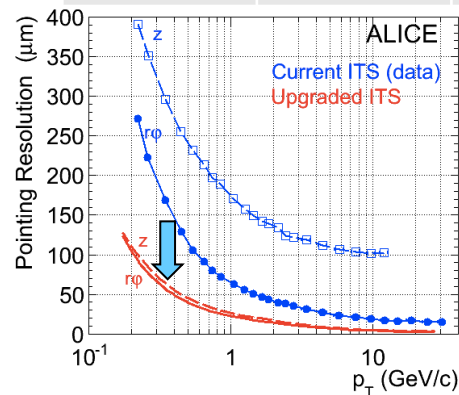
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New all-pixel trackers: ITS2 and MFT

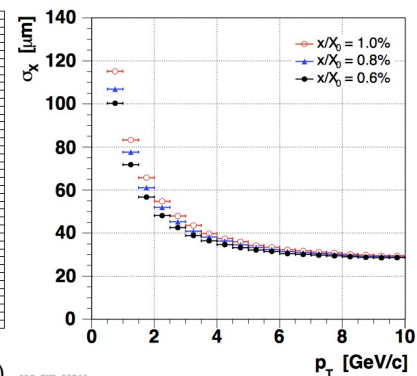
- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS)
 - Low resistivity, high efficiency, low thickness, low power consumption
 - Also chosen by sPHENIX and MPD@NICA



	Current ITS	New ITS2	MFT
N Layers	6	7	5
Inner radius	3.9 cm	2.3 cm	/
Layer thickness	$\sim 1.1\% X_0$	$0.3\text{-}1.0\% X_0$	$0.8\% X_0$
Spatial resolution	$12 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$ $35 \times 20 \mu\text{m}^2$ $20 \times 830 \mu\text{m}^2$	$\sim 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$	$\sim 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$



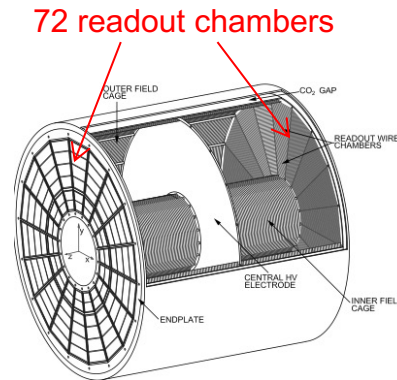
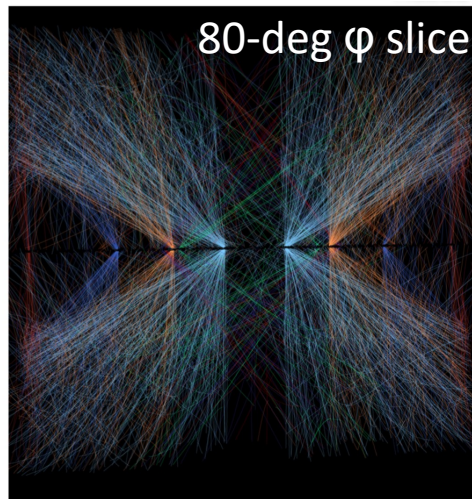
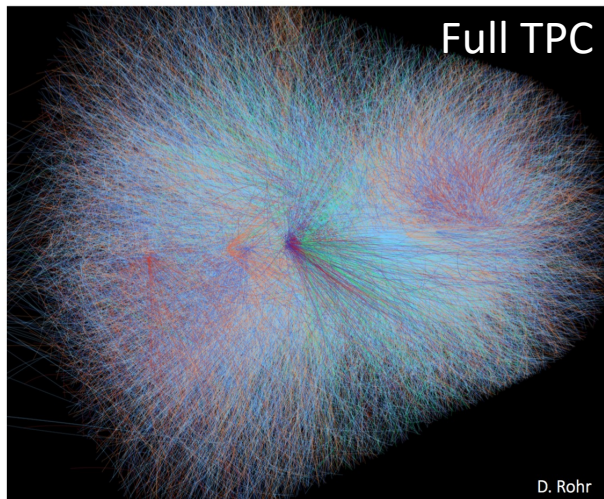
ITS2 tracking precision
x3 better in $r\phi$ plane,
<20 μm above 1 GeV/c



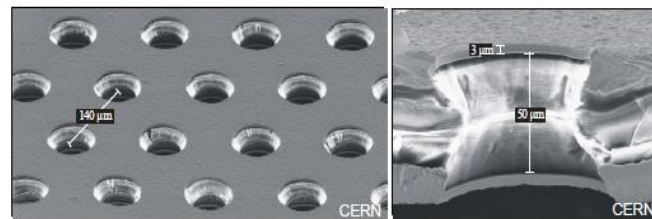
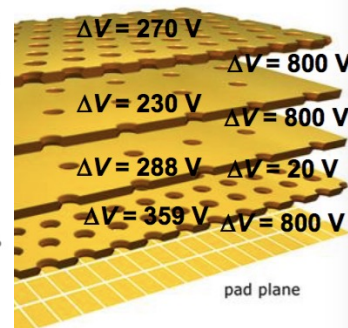
MFT: <100 μm
above 1 GeV/c

TPC with GEM readout for Pb-Pb at 50 kHz

- Current MWPC: readout rate limited by ion backflow
- New readout chambers (GEM): continuous readout of Pb-Pb at interaction rate of 50 kHz
 - preserve p_T and dE/dx resolution
- 5 interactions on average during TPC drift time ($90 \mu s$)
- Calibration and track-to-event assignment in O^2 system



Stack of 4-GEM-foils



Electron microscope photograph of a GEM foil

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O² Online-Offline System

- O² will integrate the present DAQ, HLT and Offline systems
- A large computing farm will process the data online, calibrate the TPC, reject detector noise, and build events
- Data reduction factor >30 in Pb-Pb, without event rejection
 - 3.4 TB/s → 0.1 TB/s to tape

Raw data to online farm in continuous mode

HI run 3.4 TByte/s



Data reduction by zero (cluster) suppression.
No event discarded

500 GByte/s



Data reduction after online tracking
Only reconstructed data to storage

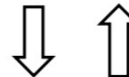
100 GByte/s



Data Storage - 1 year of compressed data



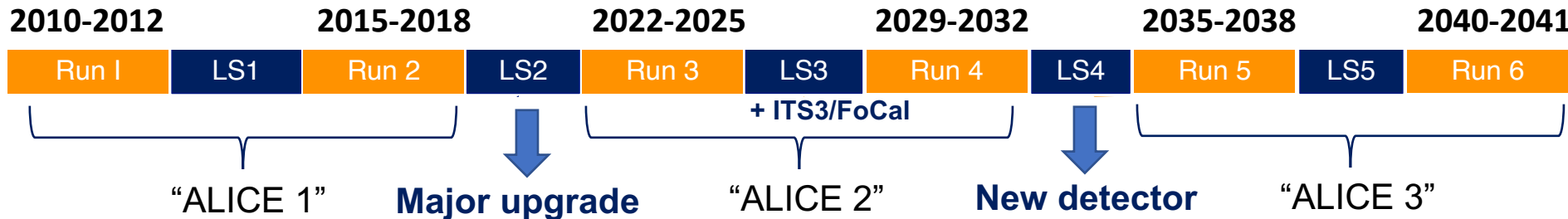
Tier0, Tier 1 and
Analysis Facilities



Asynchronous event
reconstruction with
final calibration

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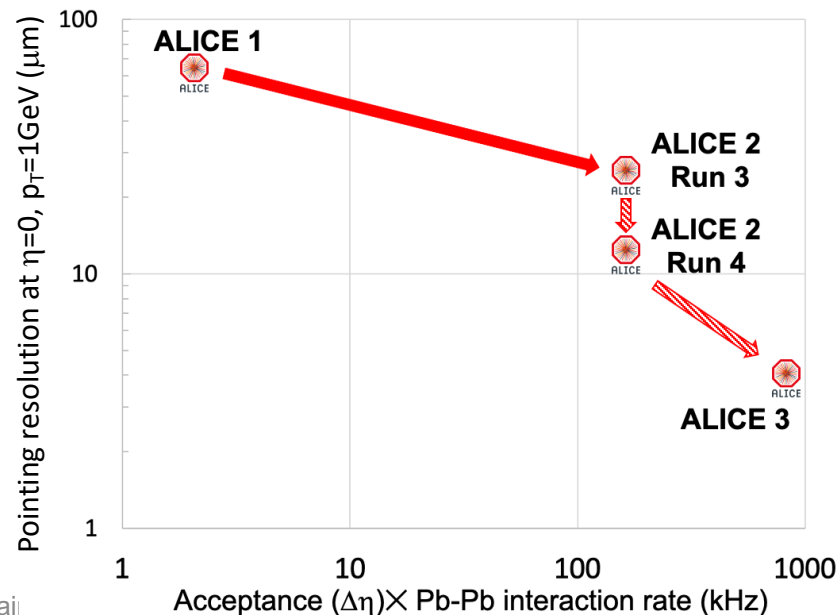
ALICE future: pushing the frontiers of precision



Enhance physics reach by improving:

- **rate capabilities & acceptance**
- **tracking precision**

→ high precision, reduce backgrounds, access rarer probes



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Run 1	LS1	Run 2	LS2	Run 3	LS3	Run 4	LS4	Run 5	LS5	Run 6	

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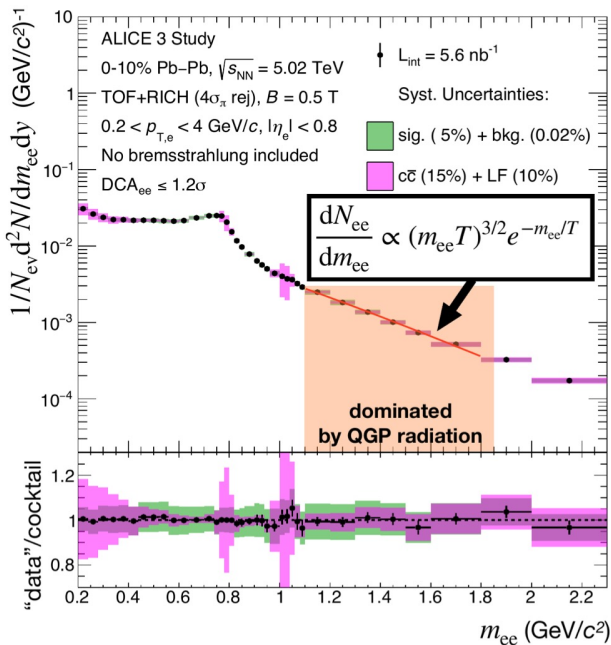
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ALICE 3 physics performance

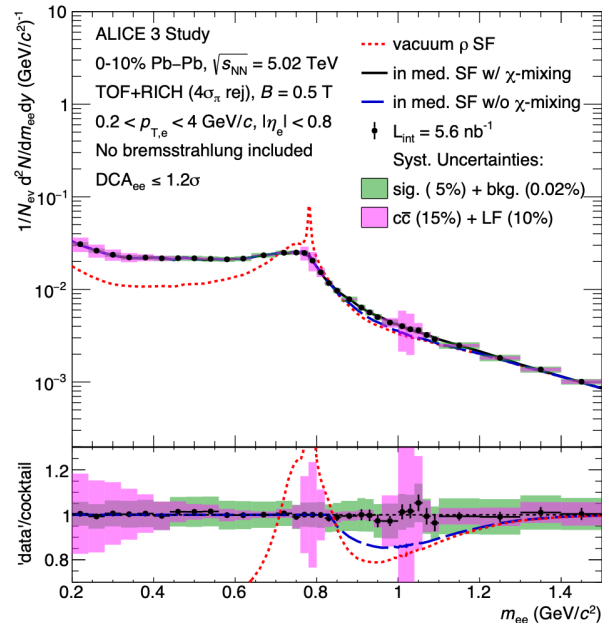
Thermal radiation

Projection for one month Pb—Pb with ALICE 3



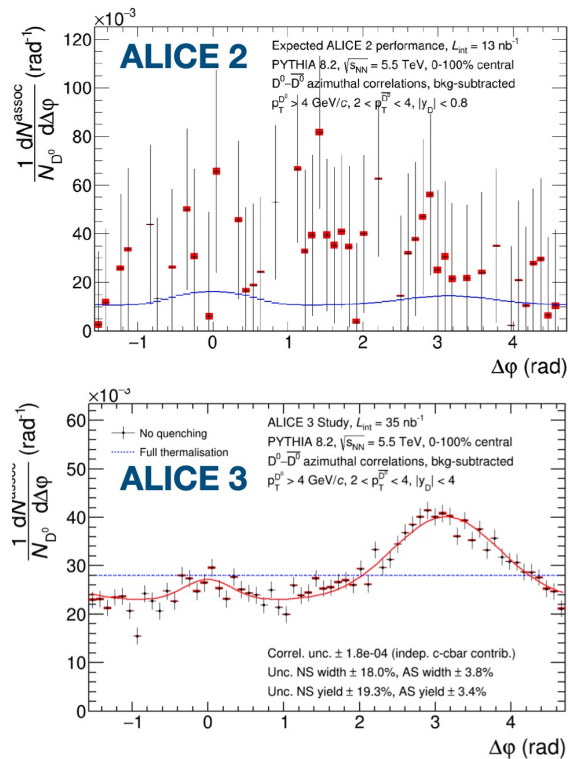
Chiral symmetry restoration: ρ/a_1 mixing

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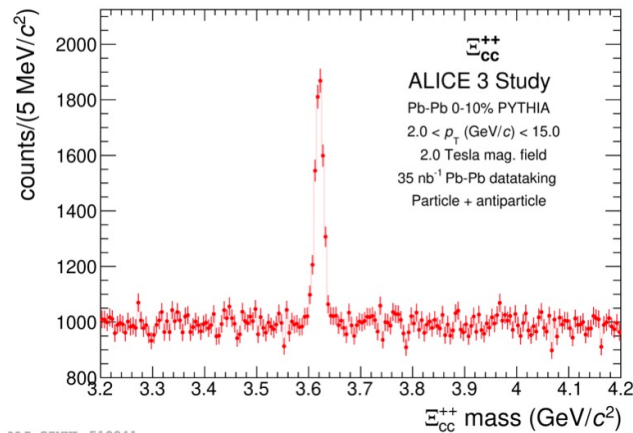


ALICE 3 physics performance

D-Dbar azimuthal corr.

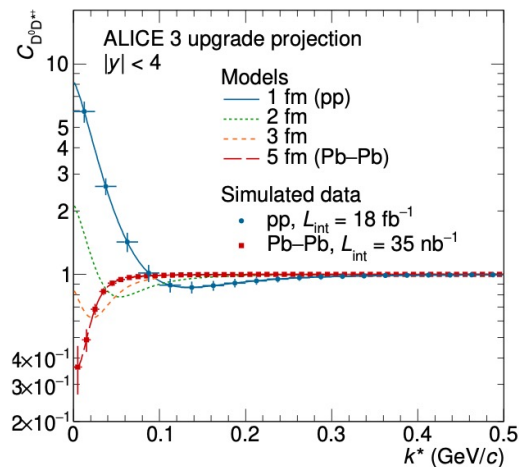


Multi-charm hadrons



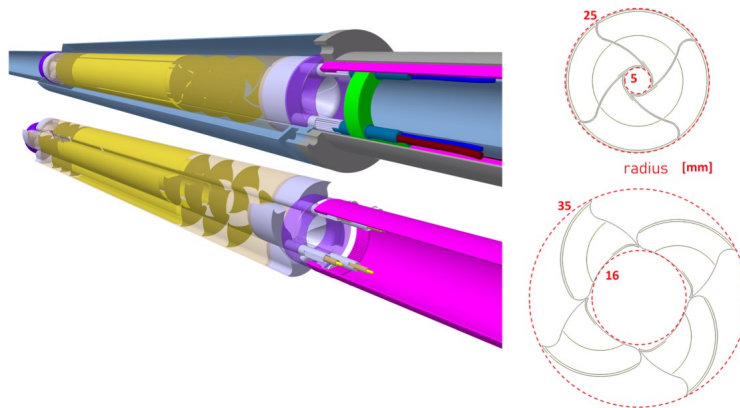
Unique experimental access to multicharm hadrons with ALICE 3 in Pb-Pb collisions

Exotic bound state

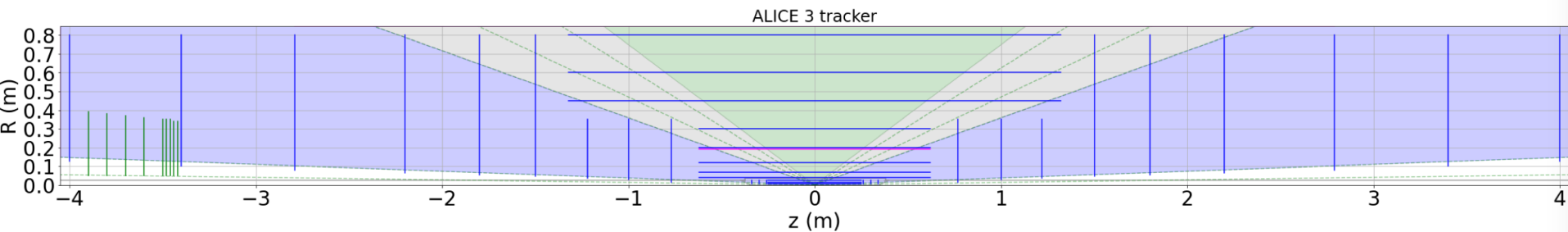


Search for possible DD bound states using momentum correlations

ALICE 3 tracker



Total silicon area $\sim 60 \text{ m}^2$



ALICE 3 timing layers

Particle identification with Time Of Flight

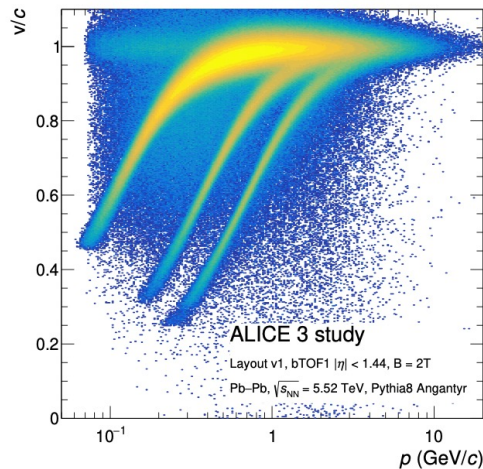
Separation power $\propto L/\sigma_{\text{TOF}}$

Critical for this step:

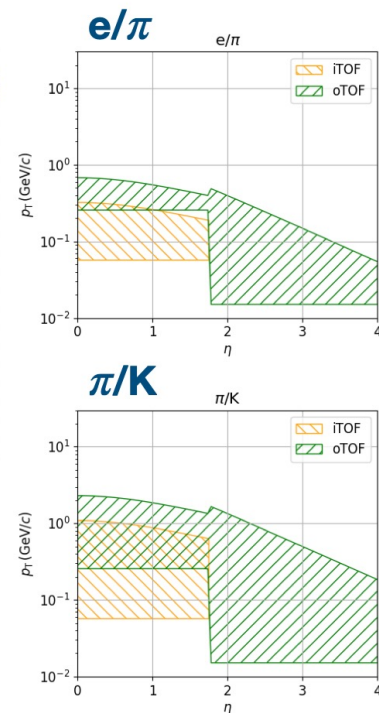
- distance and time resolution crucial
- larger radius results in lower p_T bound

Concept:

- 2 barrel + 1 forward TOF layers
 - outer TOF at $R \approx 85$ cm
 - inner TOF at $R \approx 19$ cm
 - forward TOF at $z \approx 405$ cm
- Silicon timing sensors ($\sigma_{\text{TOF}} \approx 20$ ps)
 - R&D on monolithic CMOS sensors with integrated gain layer
- characterisation of SPADs/SiPMs
 - first tests in beam
- monolithic timing sensors
 - implement gain layer



Total silicon area ~ 45 m²



ALICE 3 integration and run programme

Installation at LHC

Installation of ALICE 3 around nominal IP2

L3 magnet can remain, ALICE 3 to be installed inside Cryostat of ~8 m length, free bore radius 1.5 m, magnetic field configuration to be optimized

Running scenario:

6 running years with 1 month / year with heavy-ions

- 35 nb⁻¹ for Pb—Pb x 2.5 compared to Run 3 + 4
- Lighter species for higher luminosity under study pp at s = 14 TeV:
- 3 fb⁻¹ / year x 100 compared to Run 3 + 4

