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## Present and Future High-Density QCD Programme

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Present and future perspectives in Hadron Physics

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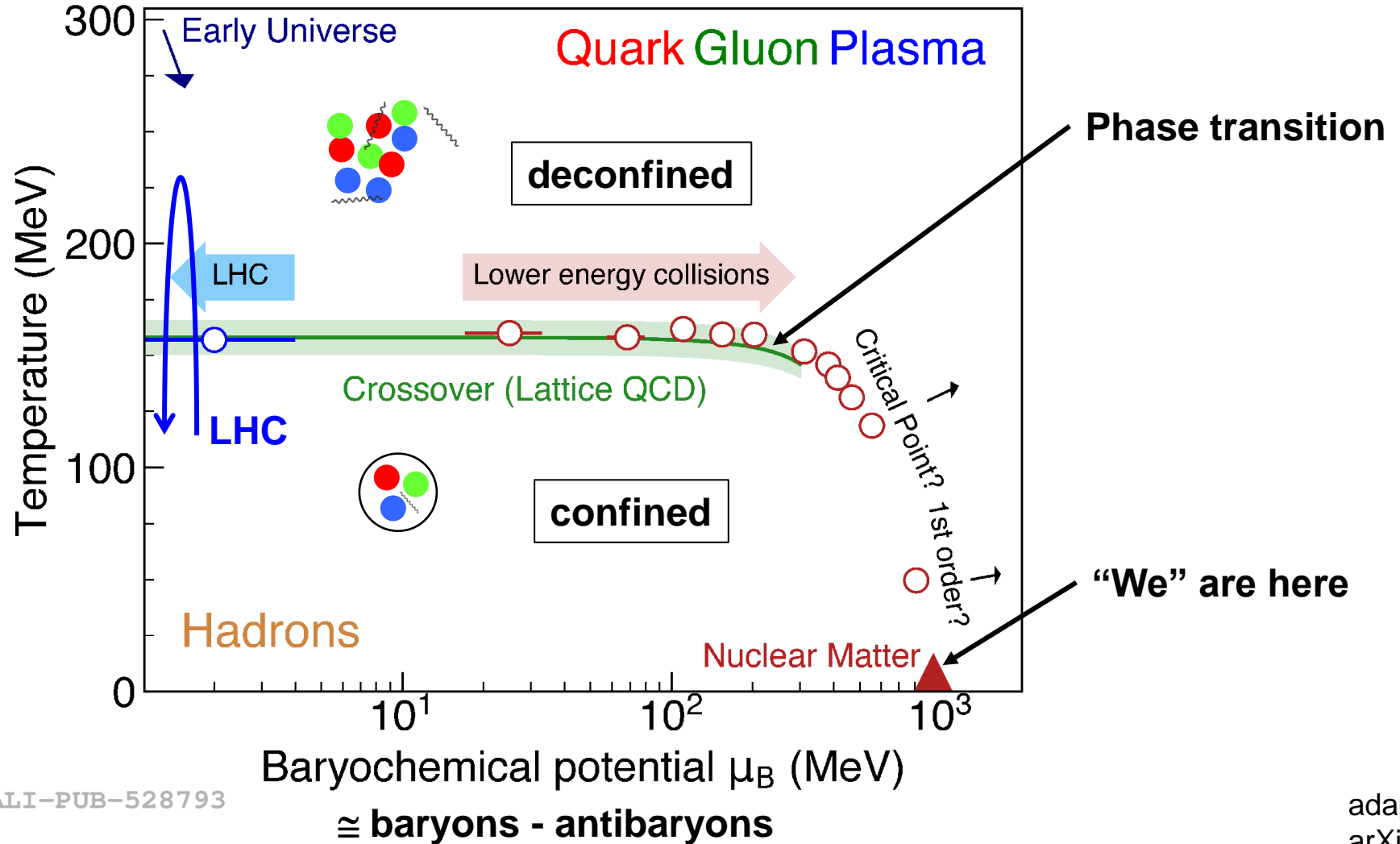
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- **Long-term future: Run 5 and 6**



# Concepts



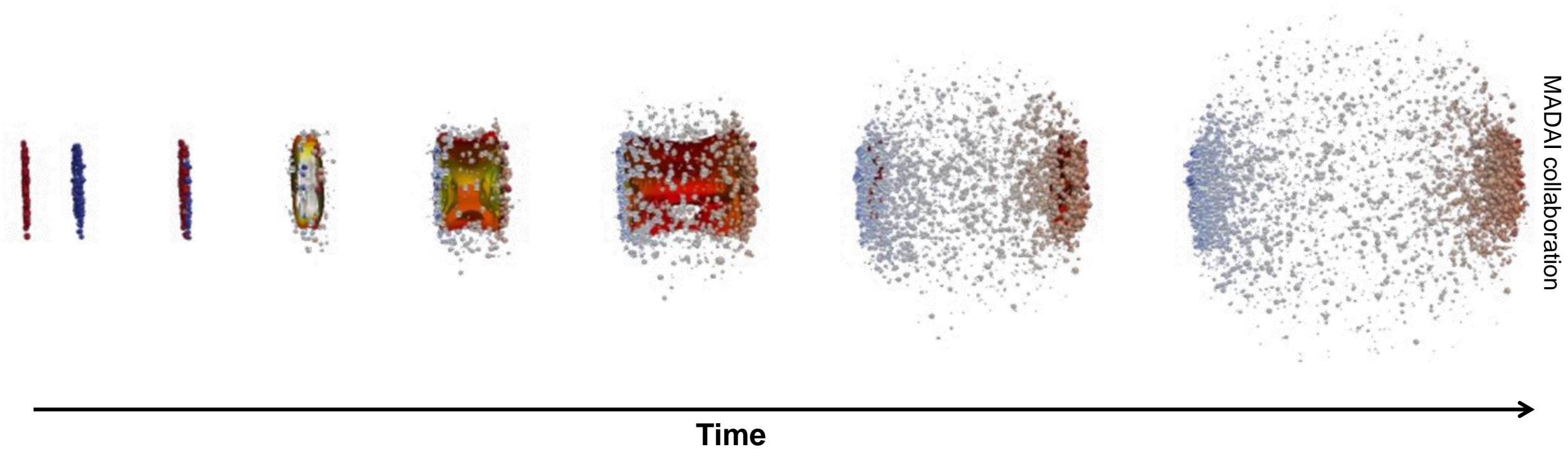
# QCD Phase Diagram





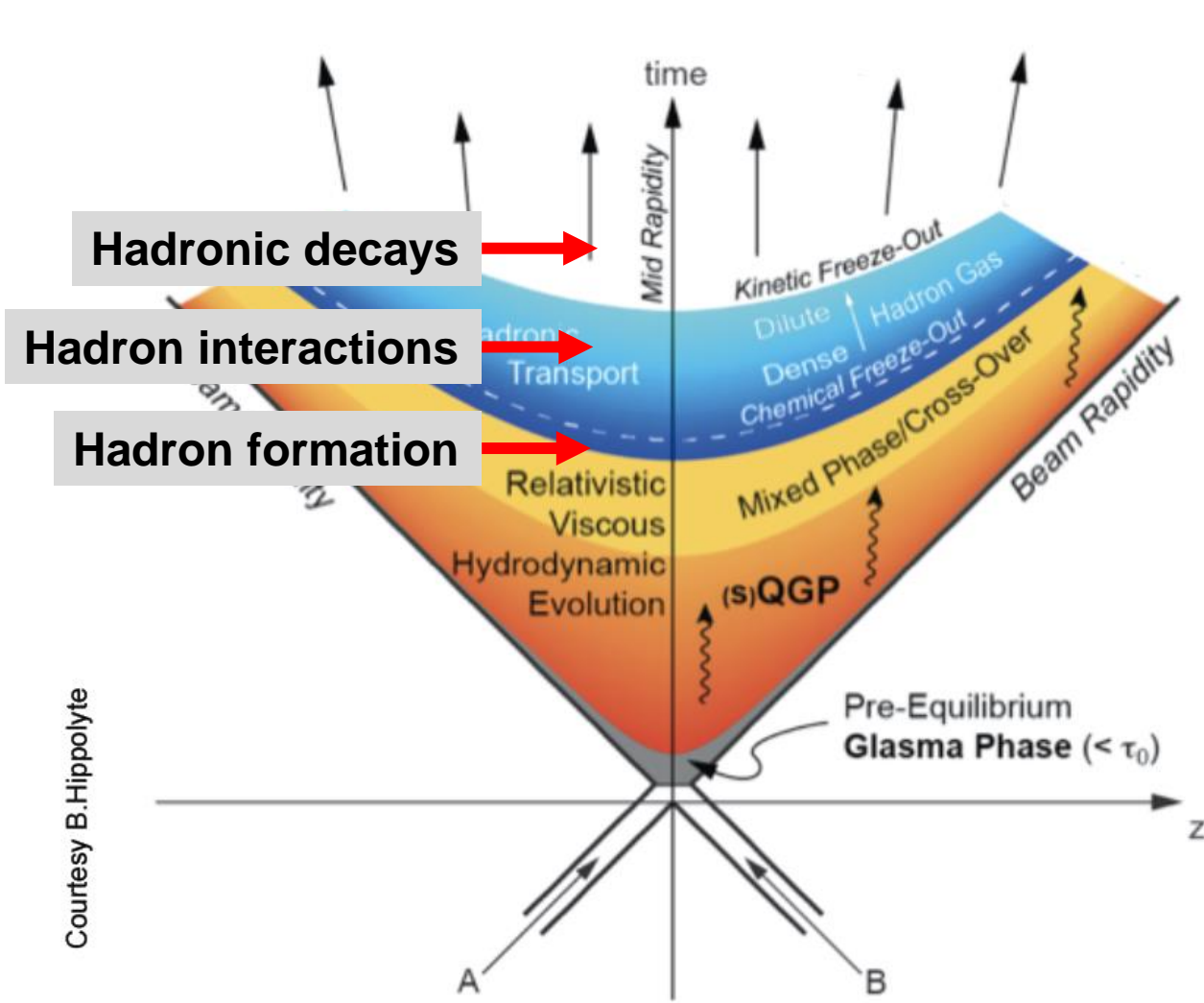
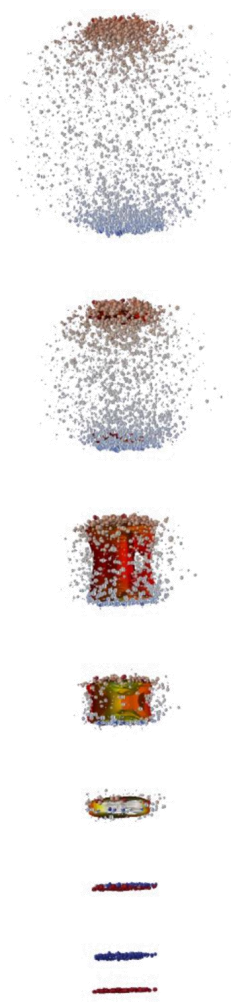


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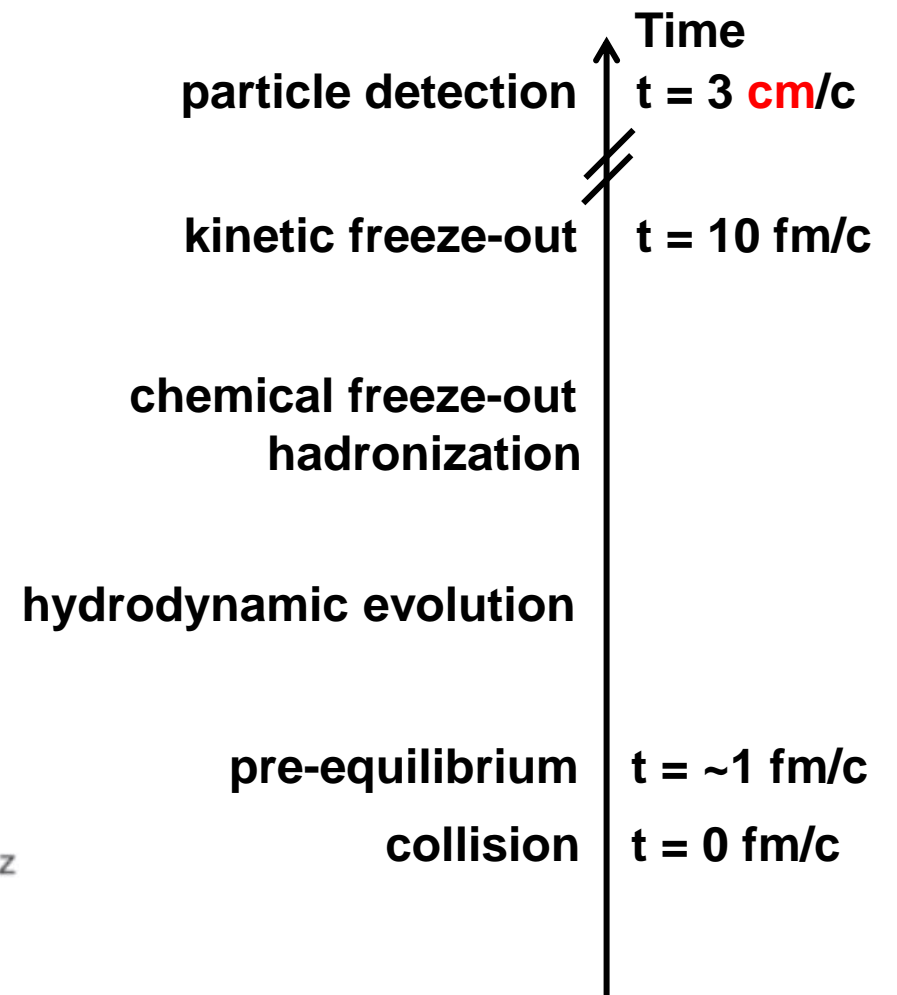




# Heavy-Ion Collision, conceptually...



Courtesy B. Hippolyte



$$1 \text{ fm/c} = 3 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ s}$$





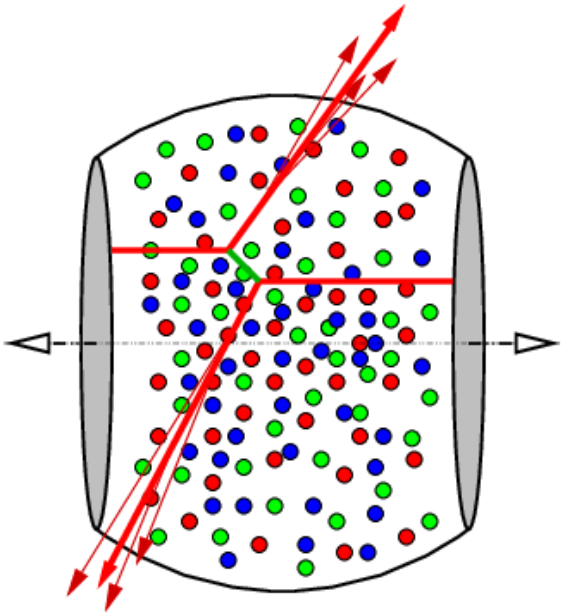
# QGP Key Properties



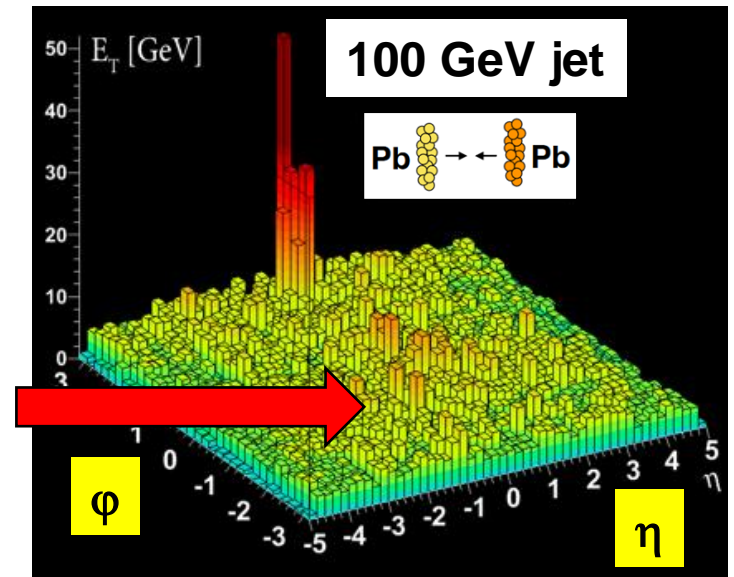
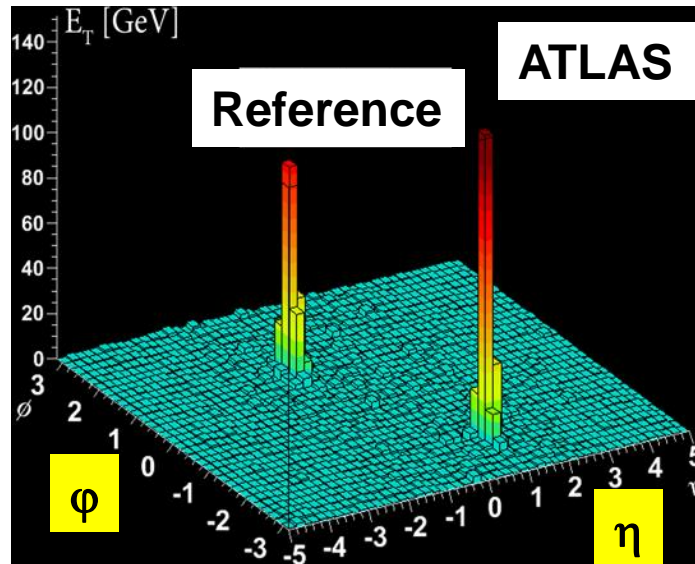


# Jet Quenching

- The **QGP** alters jet energies
  - Radiative and collisional energy loss due to interactions of traversing parton with quarks and gluons in the medium
- Back-to-back jets significantly altered



Cartoon: E. Iancu



PRL105:252303,2010

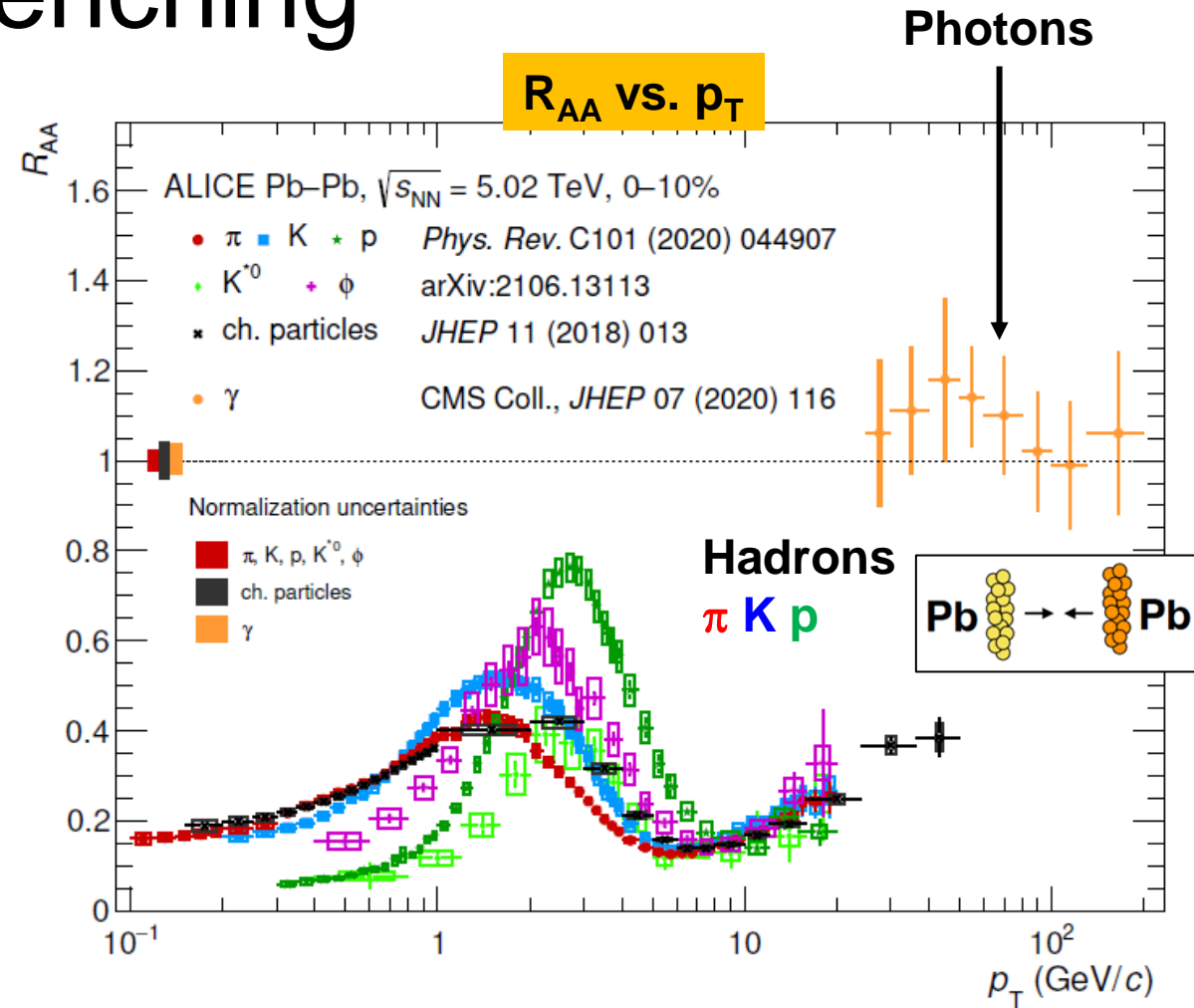
970 citations!



# Jet Quenching

- For all strongly interacting probes
  - Significant suppression ( $R_{AA} \sim 0.14$ )
    - Ratio of steeply falling spectra
  - Different dynamics depending on particle
    - Dependence on mass and quark content
- EW probes ( $\gamma$ , Z, W) not suppressed
  - Do not interact with QGP
  - Confirm correct scaling of  $R_{AA}$
- Used to constrain QGP properties

→ Andres (Wednesday 9:30)



$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle dN_{pp} / dp_T}$$

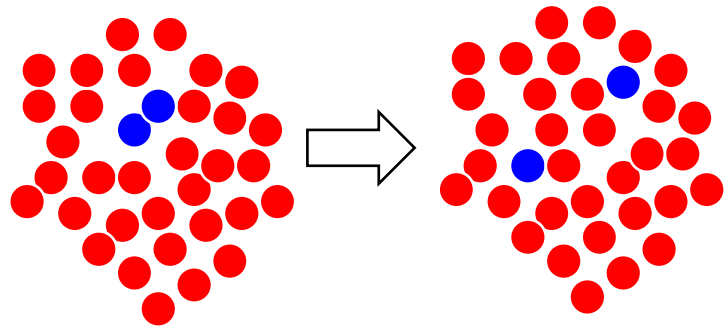
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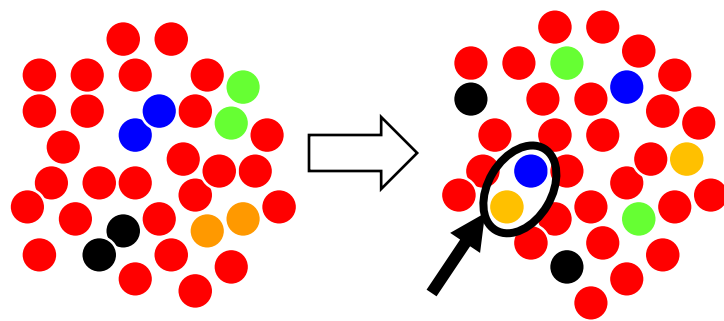


# J/ψ

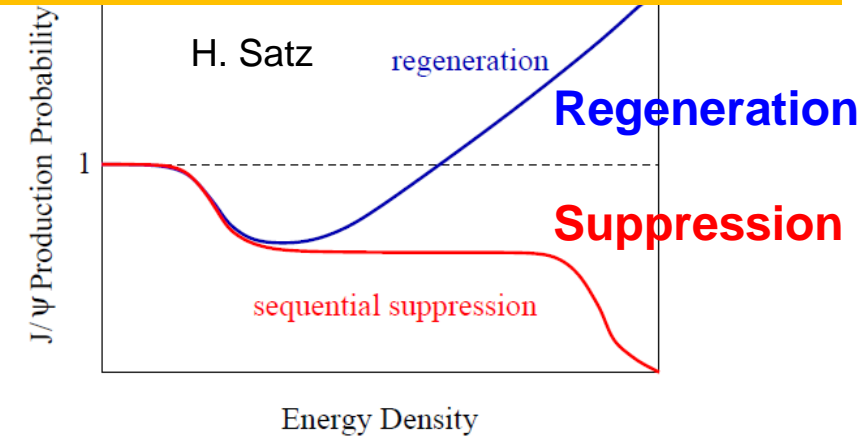
- The QGP affects bound-state formation
- Binding potential of quarkonia is modified
- c $\bar{c}$  produced in hard scattering does not hadronize to J/ψ in presence of medium



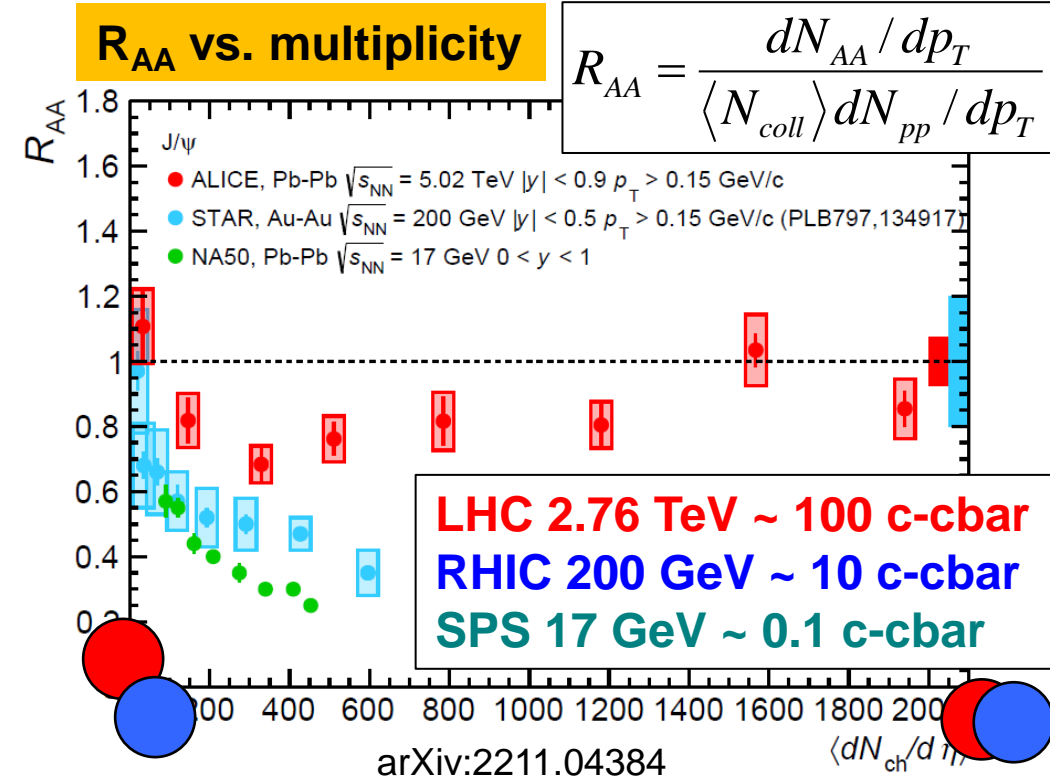
- Large c $\bar{c}$  density  $\rightarrow$  regeneration



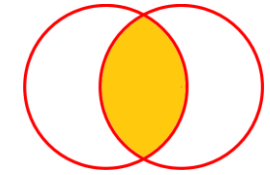
## J/ψ modification vs. energy density



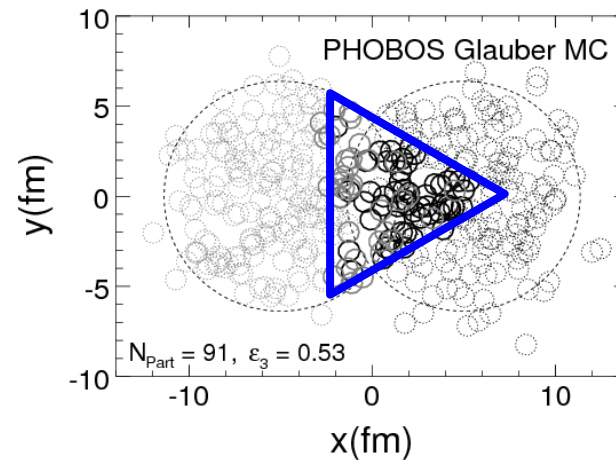
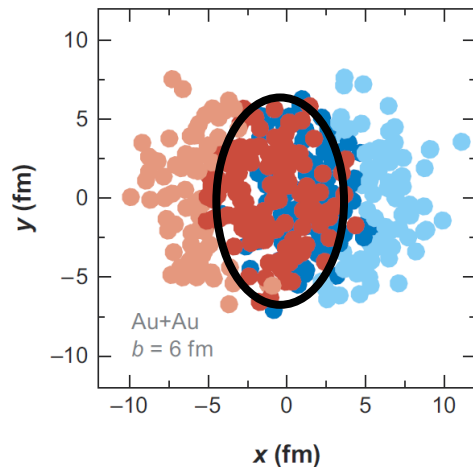
## R<sub>AA</sub> vs. multiplicity



# A Flowing System

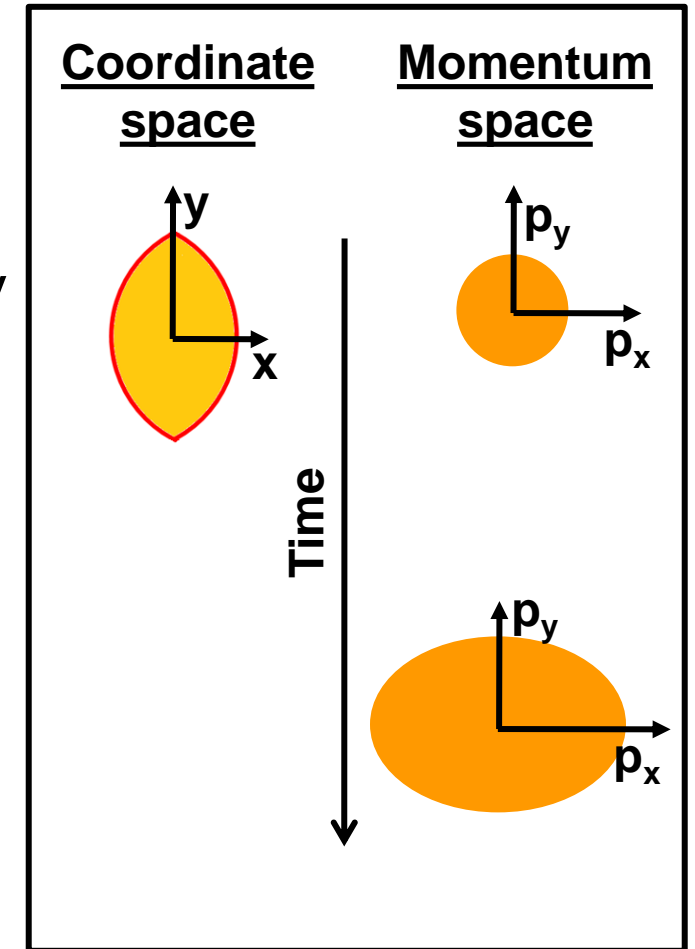


- Collision zone not isotropic (coordinate space)
- Pressure gradient  $\rightarrow$  momentum-space anisotropy
  - Requires reinteractions, strongly-coupled system
- Access to event-by-event fluctuations of nucleon density



- Measurable through azimuthal distribution of particles

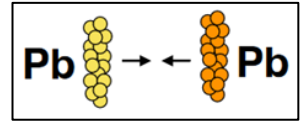
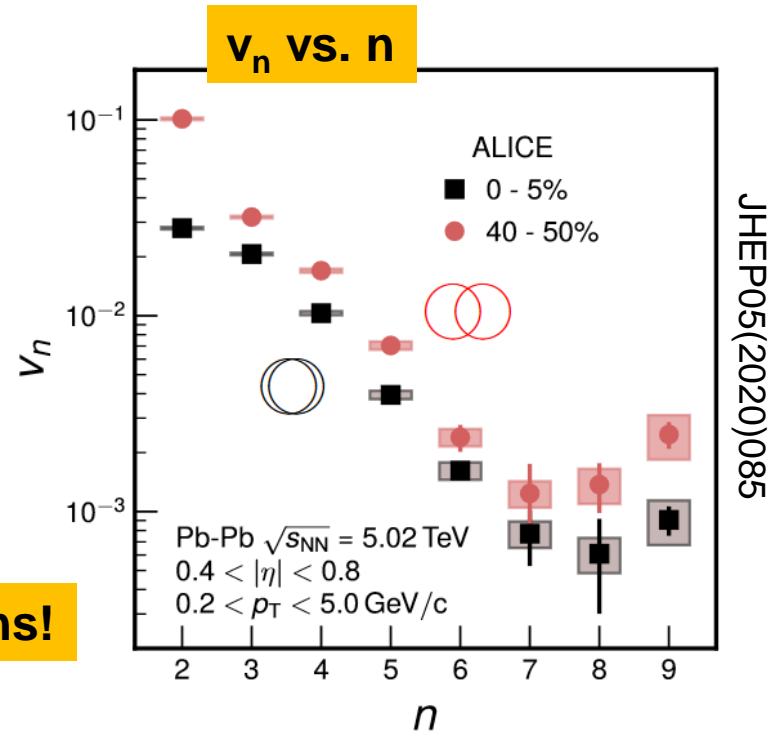
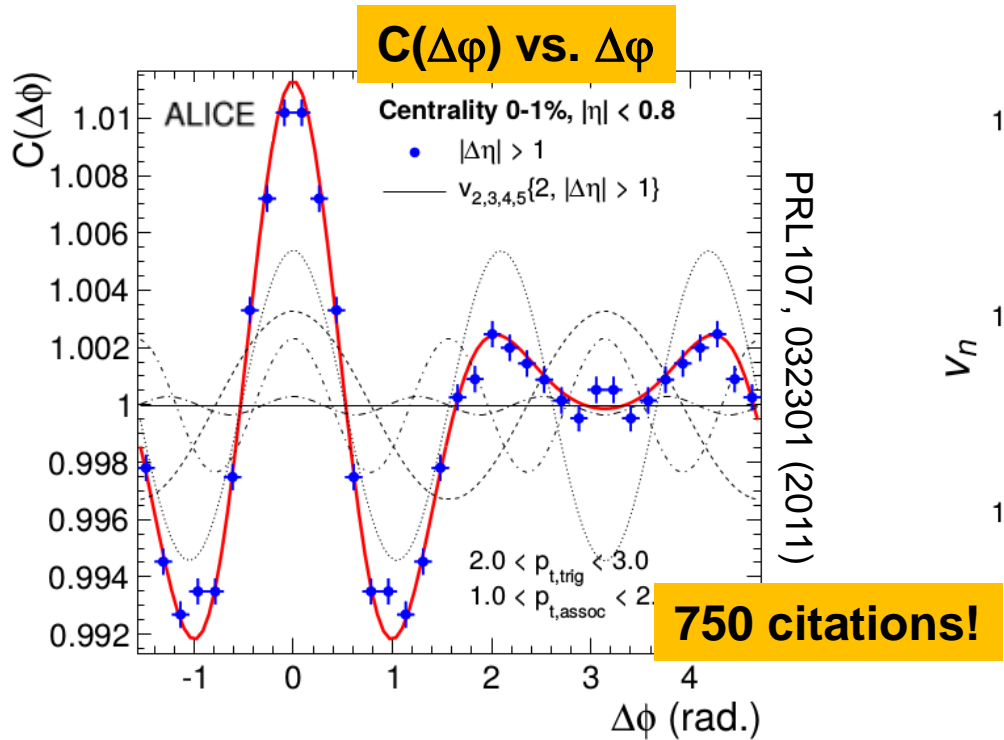
$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} = A \left( 1 + 2 \sum_n v_n \cos n(\varphi - \Psi_n) \right)$$



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# Higher Orders

- Azimuthal distribution entirely described up to 5<sup>th</sup> order
- Finer structures can be extracted with high statistics ( $n = 9$ , at present)



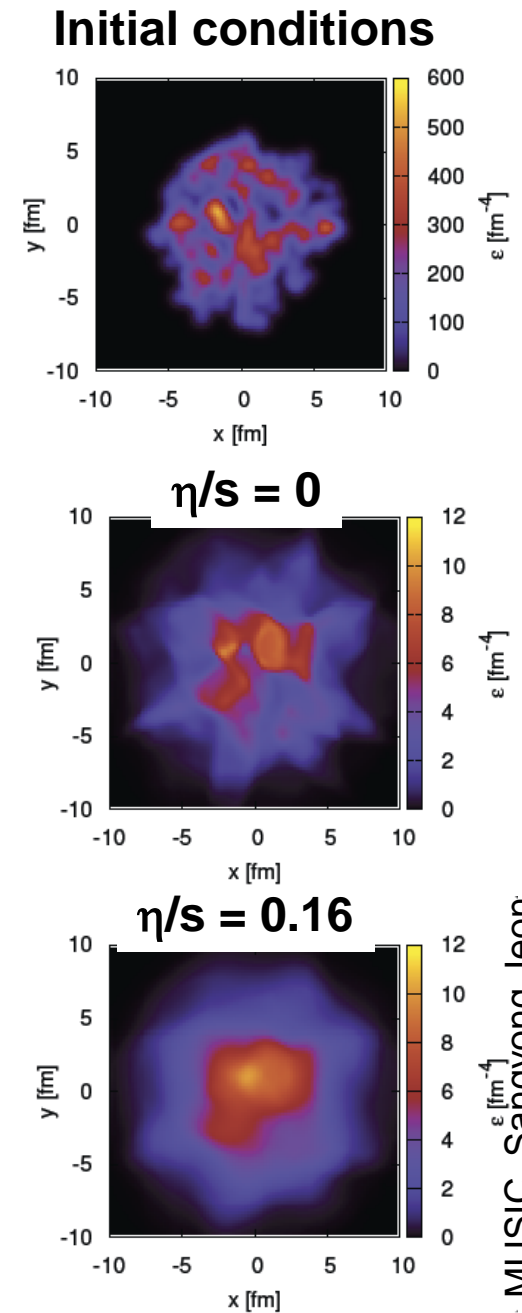
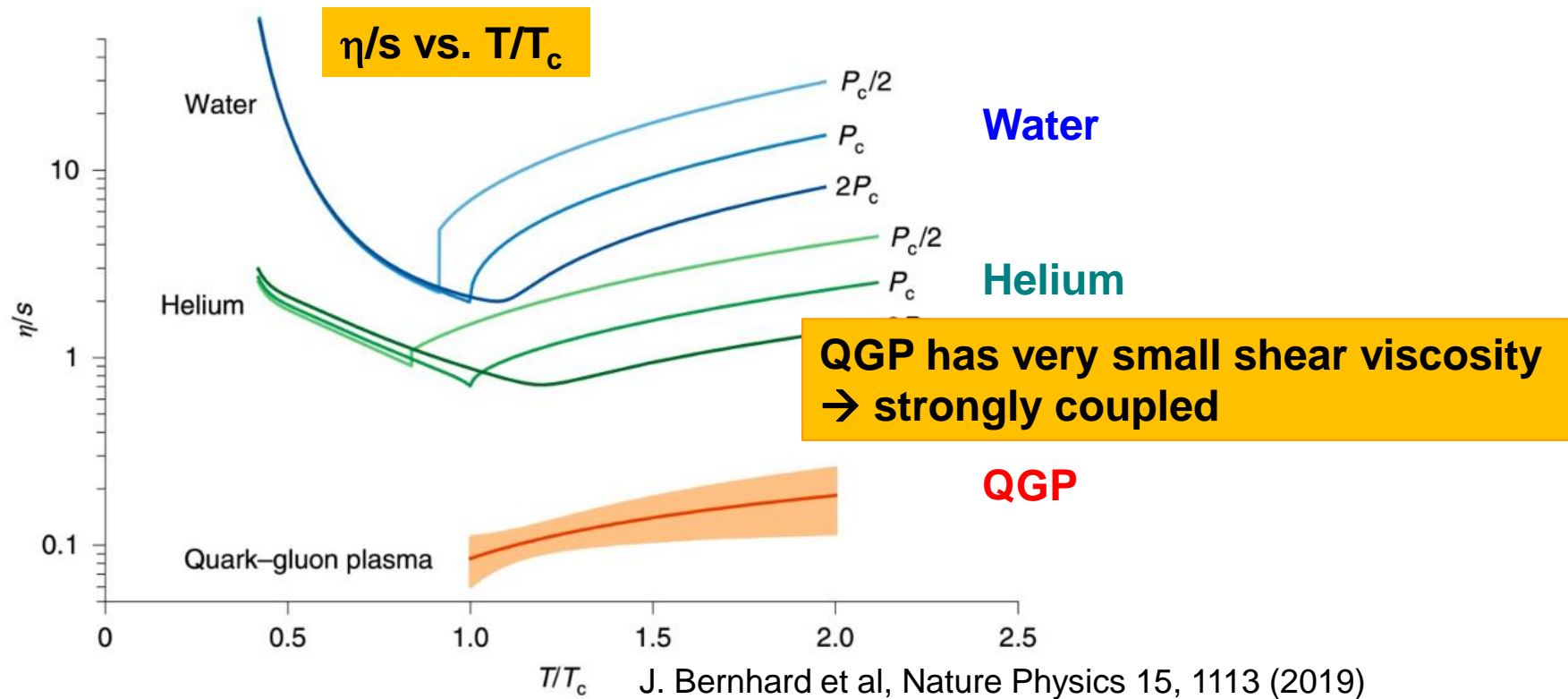
**Compact description of the data**  
**Direct link to medium transport coefficients**





# Transport Coefficient: Shear Viscosity

- Shear viscosity  $\eta/s$  washes out initial-state anisotropies
  - Large influence on higher-order flow
- Bayesian estimates for QGP medium properties





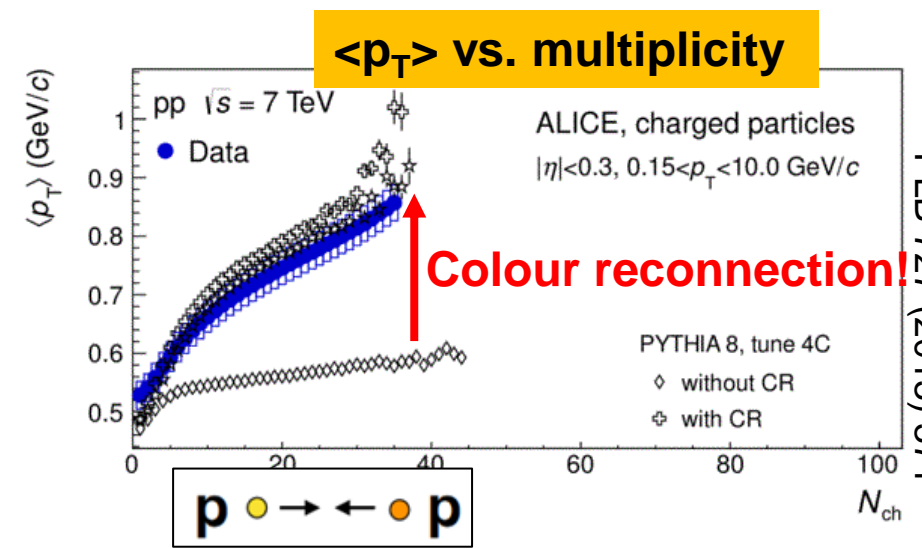
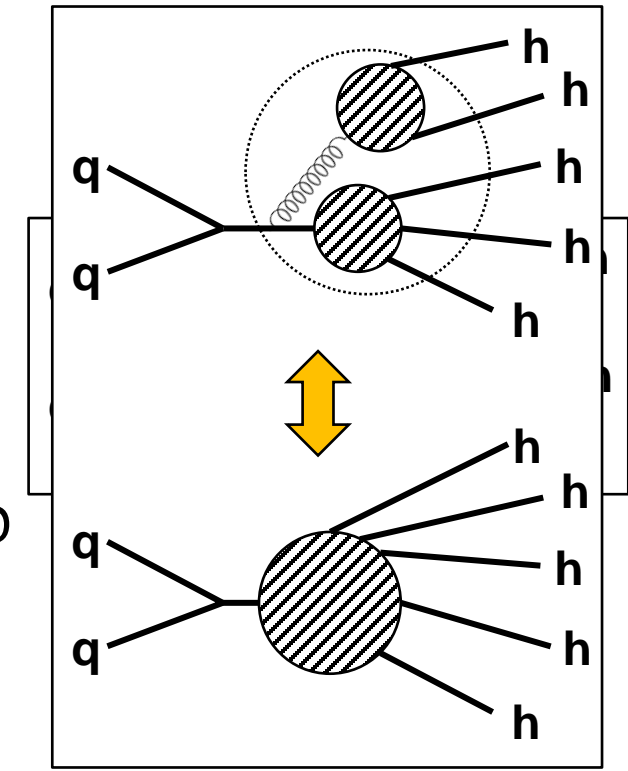
# Transition from QGP to Hadrons





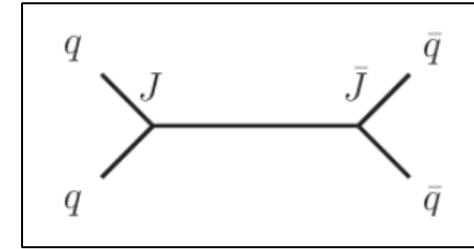
# Hadronization

- Hadronization is a non-perturbative process
  - No first-principle description
  - $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \dots$  but when does it begin exactly?
  - Understanding is very important, as a fundamental element of QCD
    - Affects all observables which measure hadrons
    - Needed for background estimates, including in searches
  - Experiment guides the way hand-in-hand with theory-inspired phenomenological models
- Initially: Factorized description of hadron production
 
$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow hx} = \text{PDF}(x_a, Q^2) \text{PDF}(x_b, Q^2) \otimes \sigma_{ab \rightarrow q\bar{q}} \otimes D_{q \rightarrow h}(z, Q^2)$$
  - Multiple interactions within collision combined incoherently
- But: Picture fails when multiplicity increases
  - Addition of e.g. colour reconnection needed

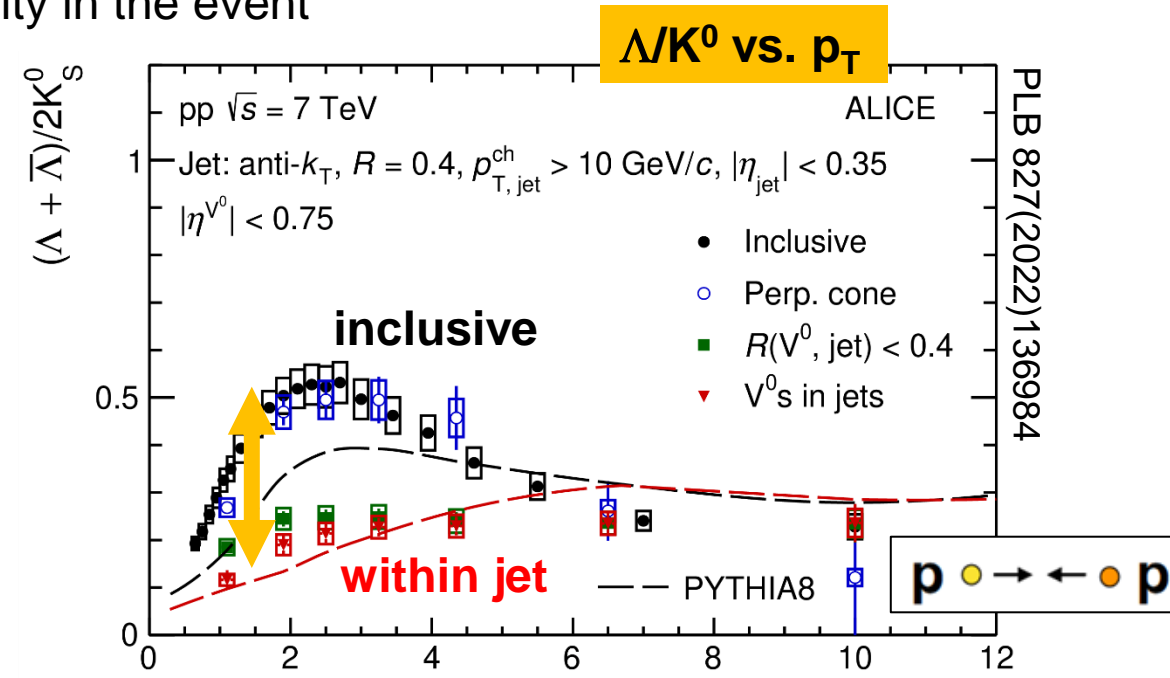
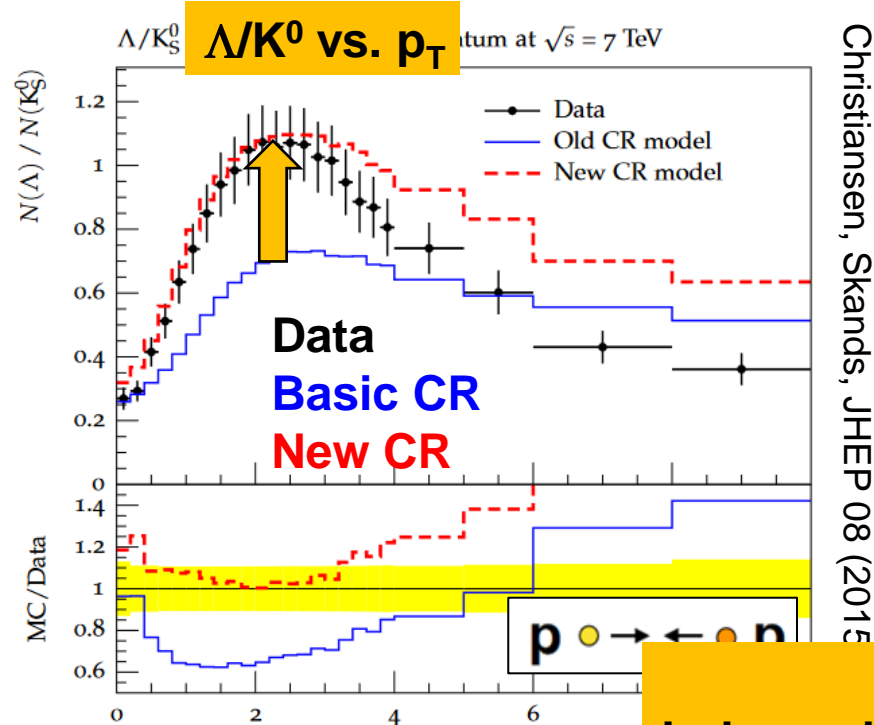




# Baryon Production



- Baryon production (e.g.  $\Lambda$ ) not described by  $e^+e^-$  inspired models
  - E.g. in Pythia, need for more than basic color reconnections (e.g. junctions, JHEP 08(2015)003)
- Baryon enhancement not visible for jet constituents
  - Fragmentation remains independent of other activity in the event



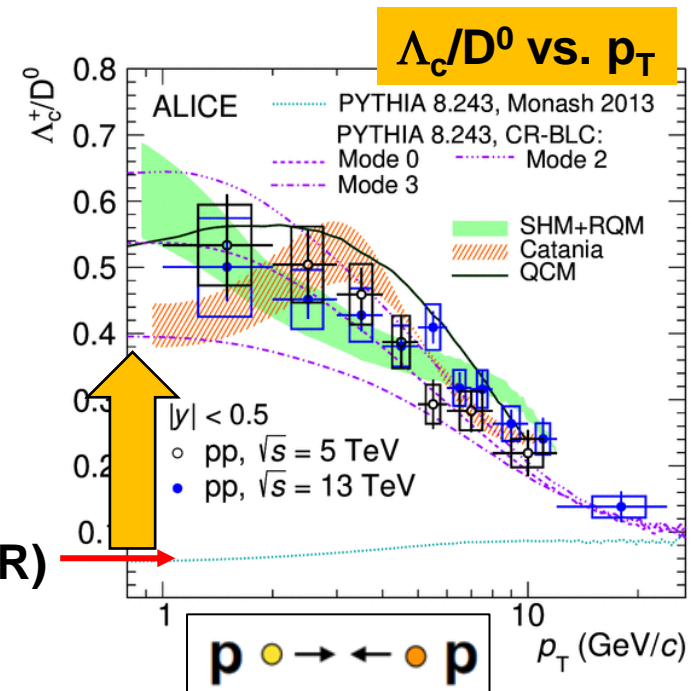
**Fragmentation within jets unaltered ( $e^+e^-$  like).  
Independent and “higher-order” fragmentation present in same collision**



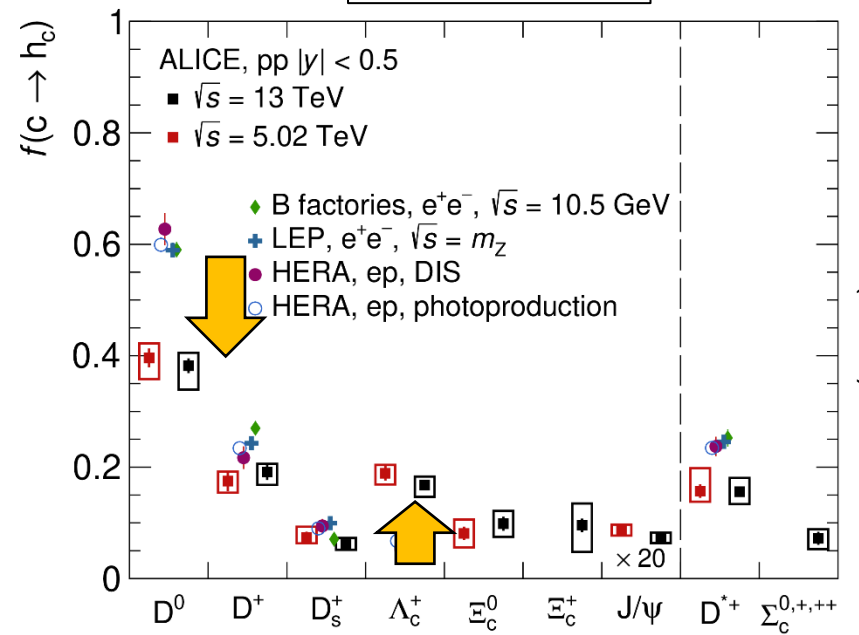
# Charm Sector

- Charm and beauty produced in hard scattering, rarely in string fragmentation
- Baryon enhancement also in charm sector (including LO CR)
  - Surprise:  $\Lambda_c/D$  significantly larger than  $e^+e^-$  expectation
  - Pythia with reconnections beyond leading colour works
- Significant effect on fragmentation fractions
  - Less  $D^0$  in pp than in  $e^+e^-$  and ep
  - More  $\Lambda_c$  in pp than  $e^+e^-$  and ep

$e^+e^-$  expectation (including LO CR)



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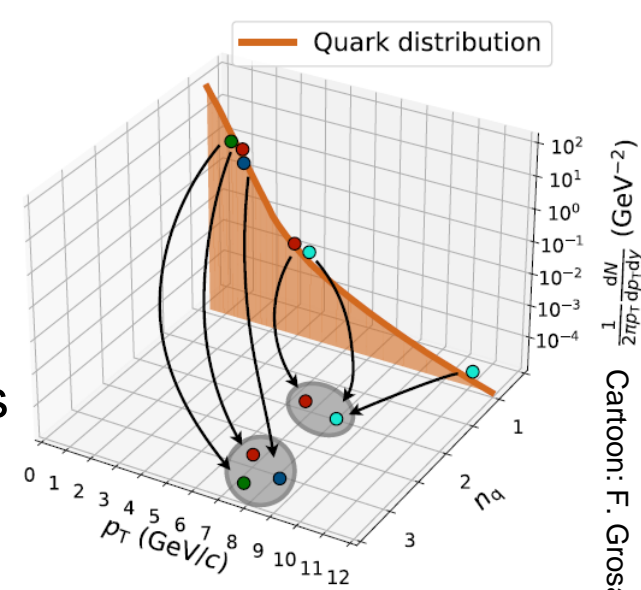
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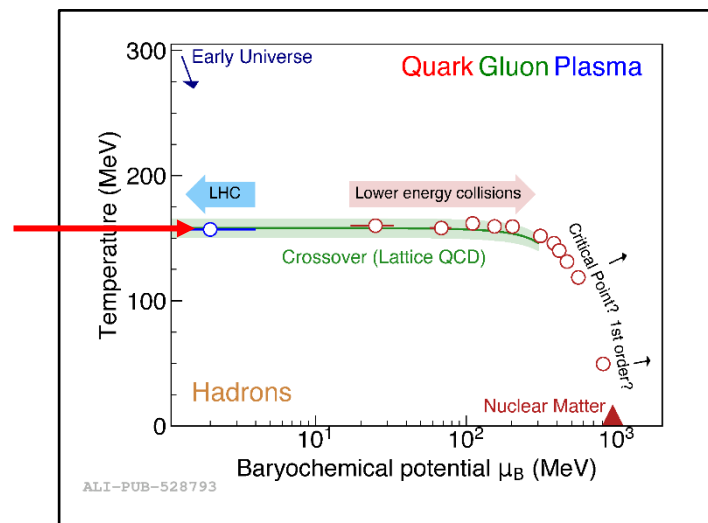
# Coalescence and Statistical Hadronization

- **Coalescence** in filled phase space of quarks and gluons
  - Partons close in momentum and position space coalesce to hadrons
  - Probability is  $p_T$  dependent
  - Can be successfully applied to large objects
    - Nuclei have small binding energy and are formed late
- **Statistical hadronization**: Relativistic ideal quantum gas of hadrons in thermal and chemical equilibrium
  - 3 free parameters:  $V, T, \mu_B$
  - Central Pb-Pb at LHC
    - $T = 156 \pm 2$  MeV
    - $\mu_B = 0.7 \pm 3.8$  MeV
    - $V \sim 5000 \pm 500$  fm<sup>3</sup>

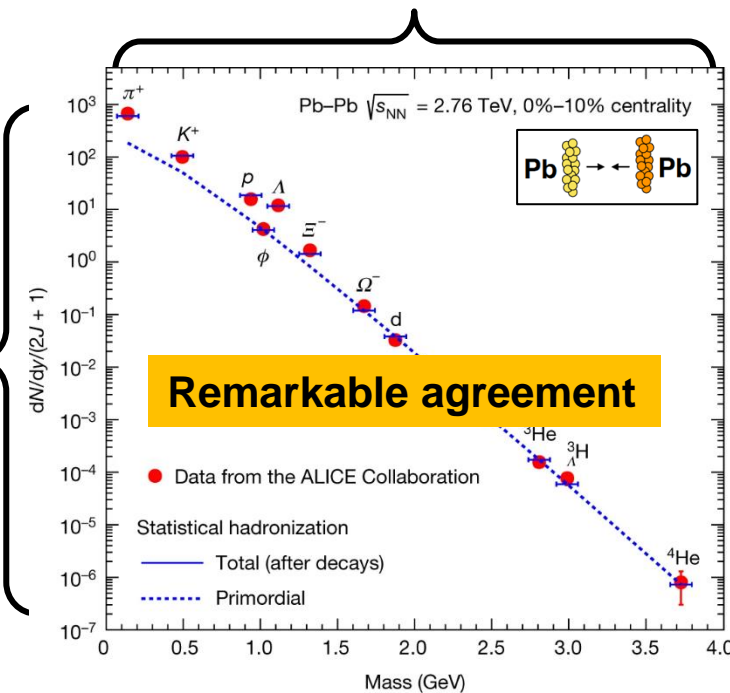


11 different species

Cartoon: F. Grosa



9 orders of magnitude



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# Onset of QGP Production

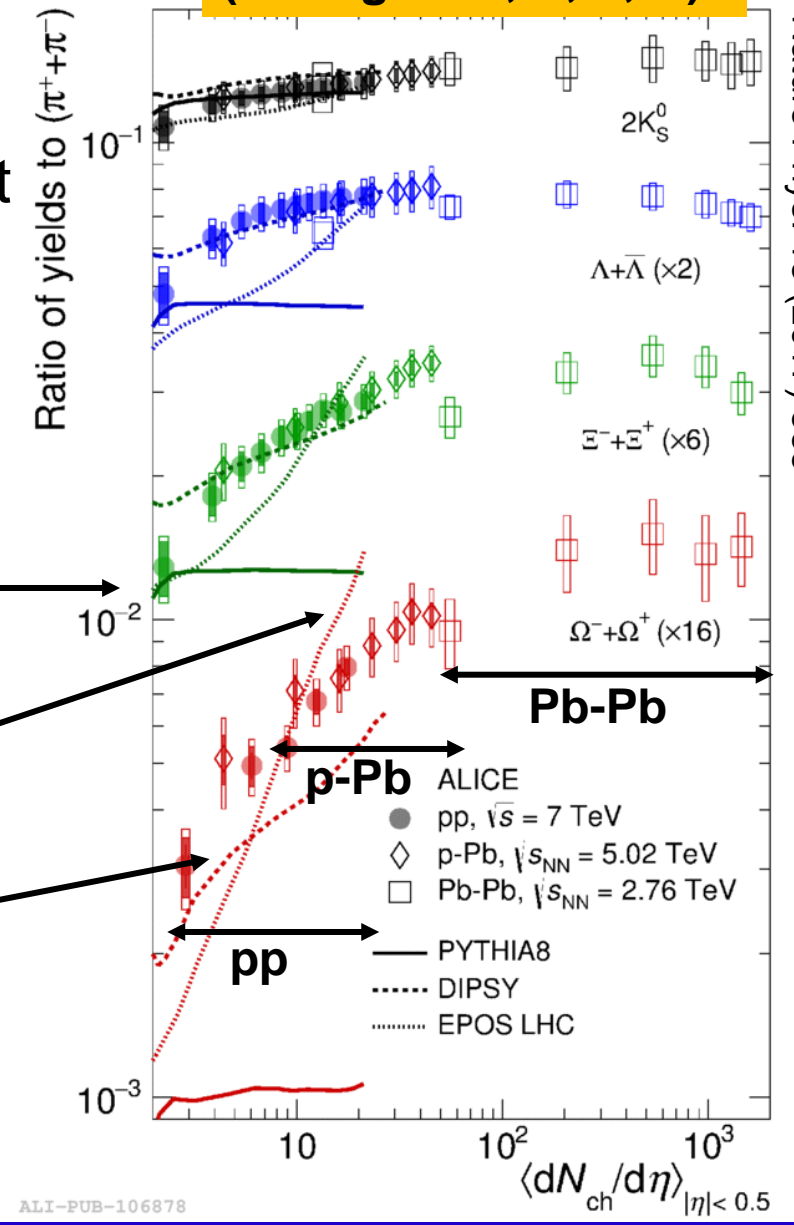




# Strangeness Enhancement

- Hadronization for strange particles density-dependent
- Strange particle production increases with multiplicity
  - $K/\pi, \Lambda/\pi, \Xi/\pi, \Omega/\pi$
  - from pp, over p-Pb, to Pb-Pb

**Strange/ $\pi$  vs.  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$   
(Strange =  $K, \Lambda, \Xi, \Omega$ )**



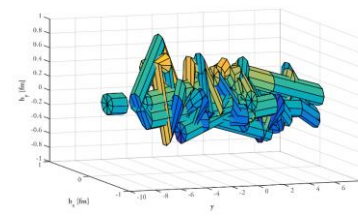
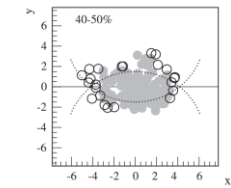
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**✗** Independent fragmentation

$$D_{q \rightarrow h}(z, Q^2)$$

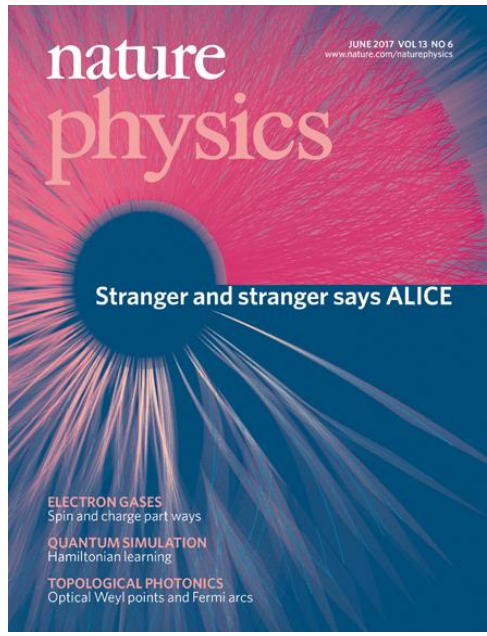
**✓** EPOS  
(core-corona)

**✓** Colour rope mechanism  
(DIPSY)



Christian Bierlich

**→ Chinellato (Tuesday 17:20)**

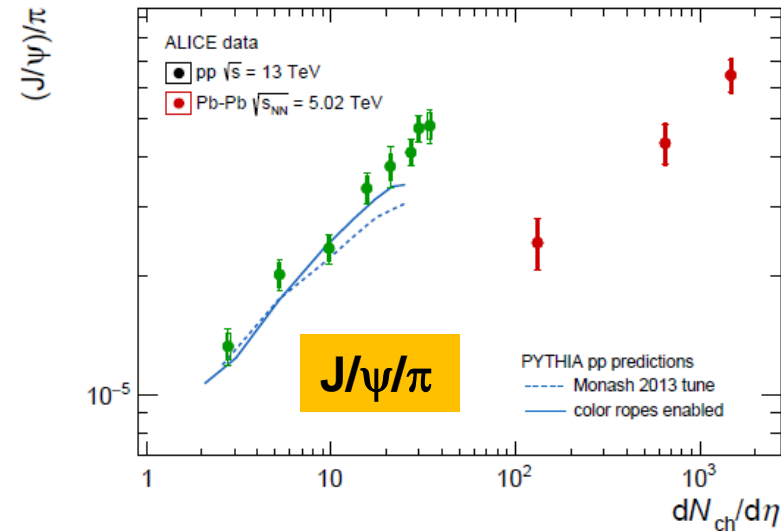
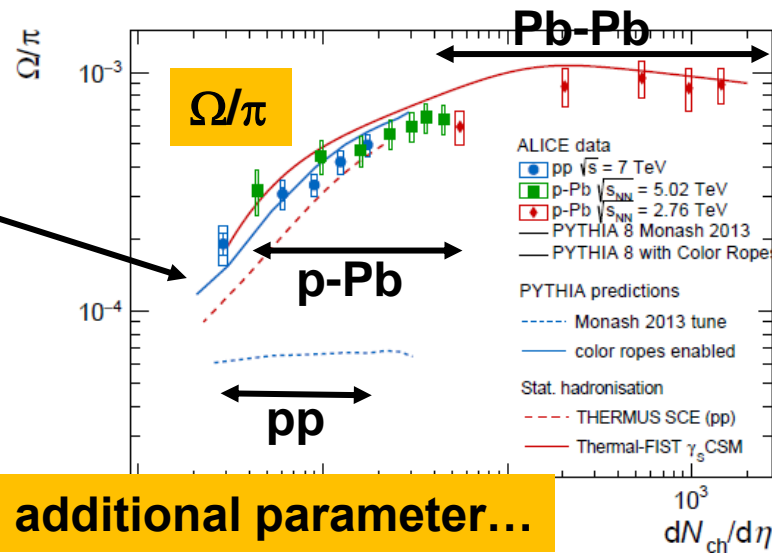
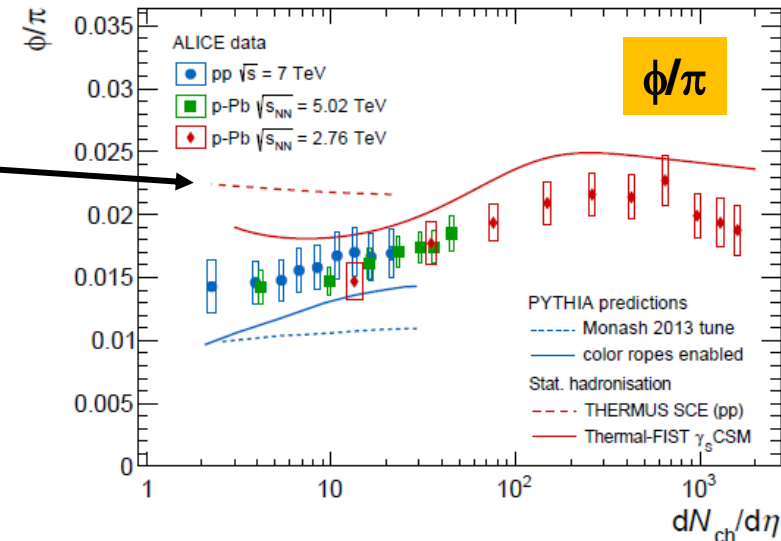
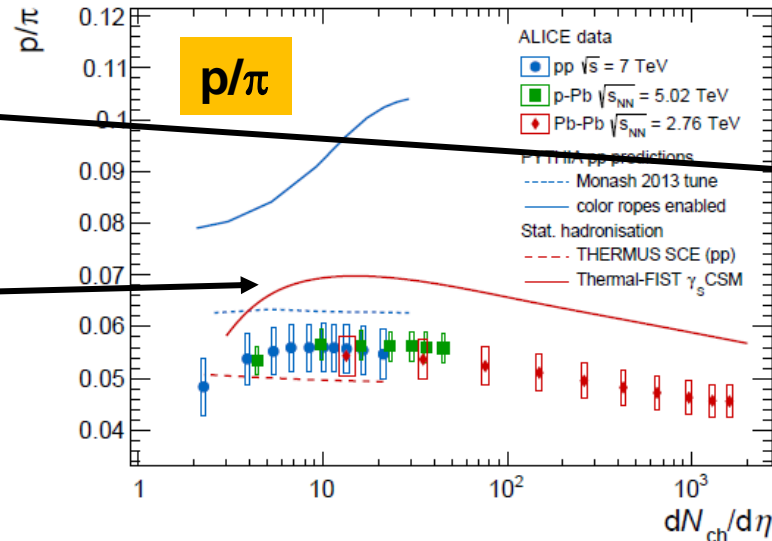




# Statistical Hadronization Model in pp and p-Pb

arXiv:2211.04384

- THERMUS SCE
  - With fixed T
  - No good description
- Thermal-FIST
  - Multiplicity dependent T
  - Strangeness suppression parameter  $\gamma_S$
  - Good description:  $\phi/\pi$  and  $\Omega/\pi$
  - $\rho/\pi$  only qualitative
- Colour ropes in Pythia
  - Successful for  $\phi/\pi$  and  $\Omega/\pi$
  - Far off for  $\rho/\pi$



**SHM works in small systems but needs additional parameter...**

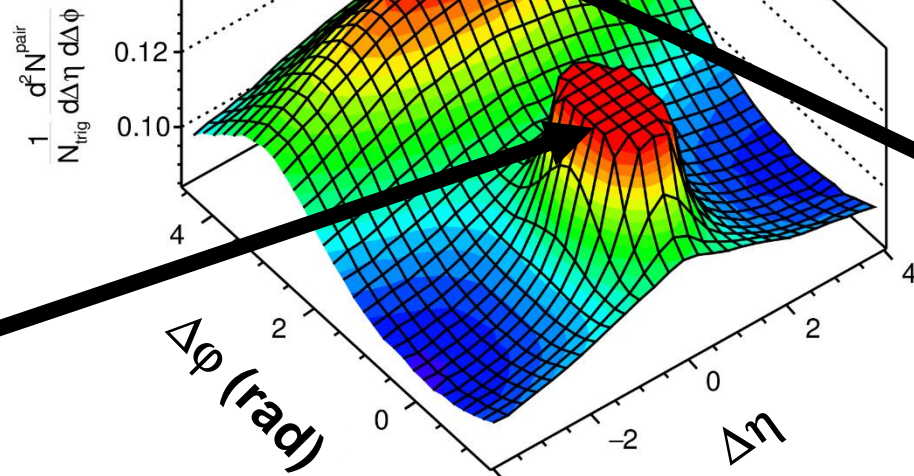


# Collective Phenomena

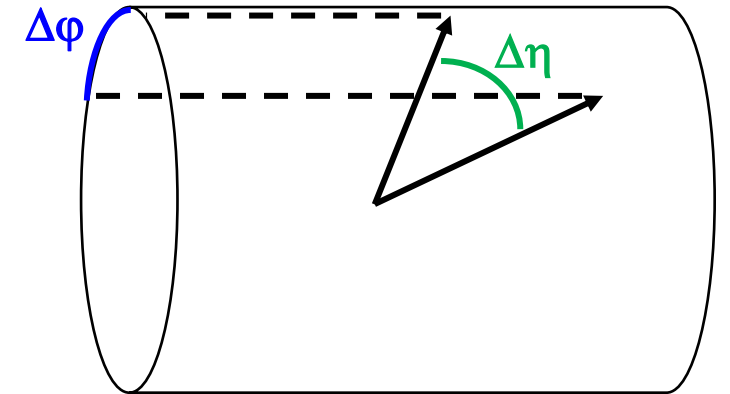
- Two-particle correlations
  - “Probably density” to find second particle

CMS pp  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  
 $10 \leq N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} < 20$   
 $1 < p_{\text{T}}^{\text{trig}}, p_{\text{T}}^{\text{assoc}} < 3$  GeV/c

$h^{\pm} - h^{\pm}$



**Near-side jet**  
**Resonance decays**

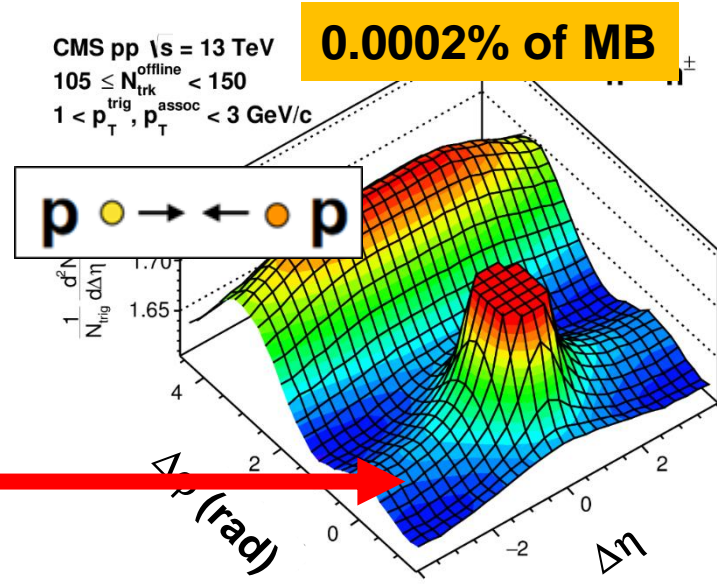


**Away-side jet**

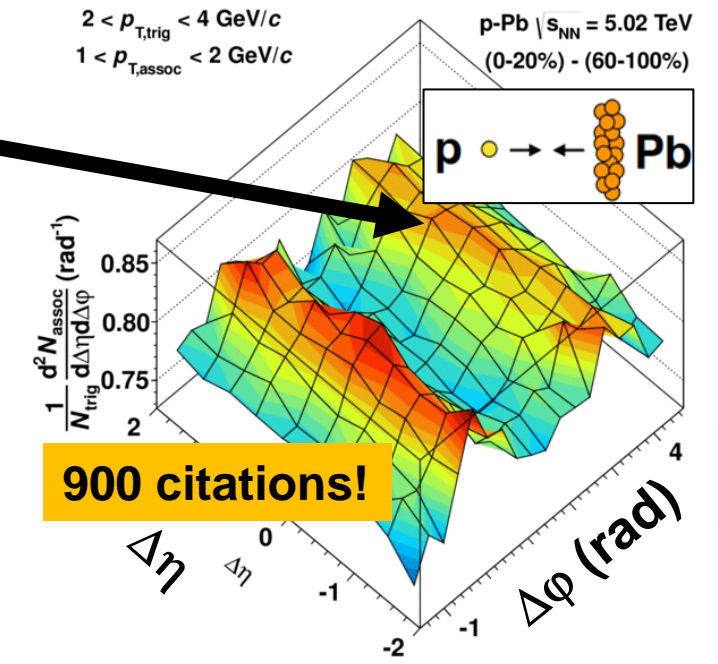


# Collective Phenomena

- Two-particle correlations
  - “Probably density” to find second particle
- Striking observation of long-range ridge structures
  - First publication: JHEP 09 (2010) 091 **1200 citations!**
- Initially seen in high-multiplicity in pp and p-Pb
  - Jet subtraction procedure revealed almost symmetric away-side component
- Entire field emerged; paradigm shift
  - What is smallest system for which heavy ion “standard model” remains valid?
  - Can the standard tools for pp physics remain standard?



CMS, PLB 765 (2017) 193



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**Intriguing interpretations involving QGP in small systems**

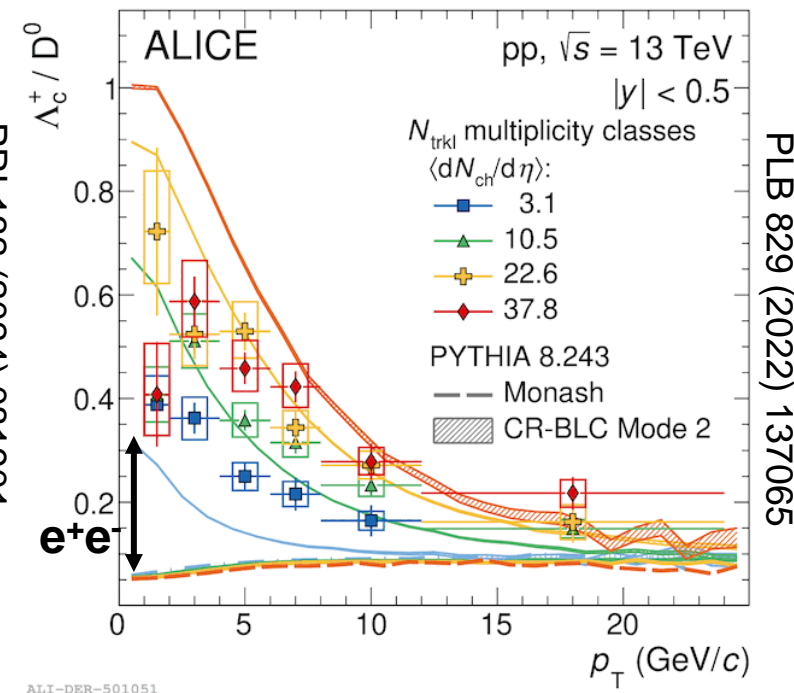
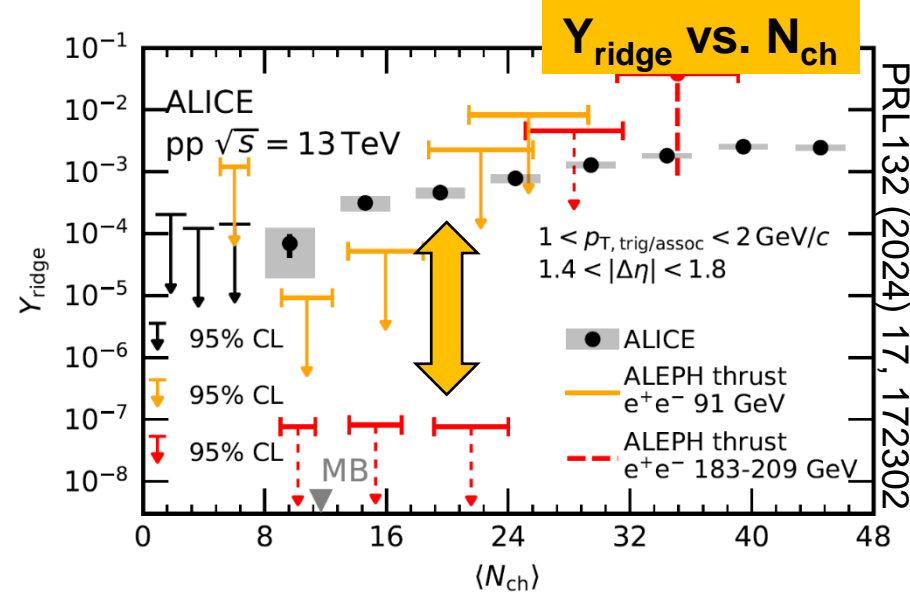
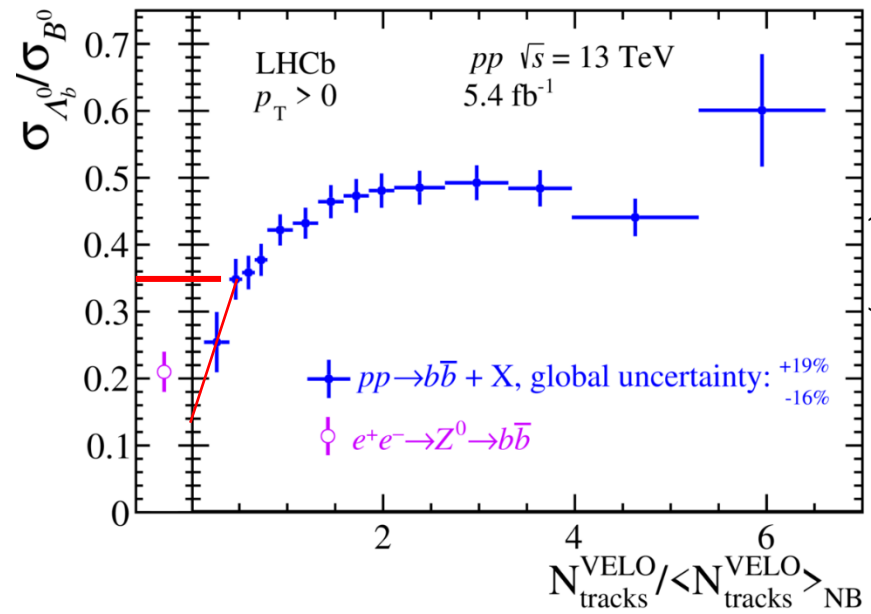
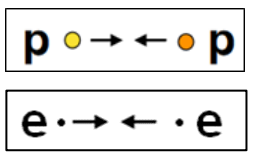


# Low-Multiplicity pp and e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>

- No ridge observed in elementary e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> collisions (archived ALEPH data)
- But in pp at the same multiplicity
  - Not so dense system needed for multi-particle effects

→ Mazeliauskas (Wednesday 10:00)

- Open question:
  - $\Lambda_c/D$  and  $\Lambda_b/B$  ratio







# Study of the Strong Interaction



# Study of the Strong Force

- Femtoscopic technique for particle pairs

$$C(k^*) = \frac{N_{same}(k^*)}{N_{mixed}(k^*)} = \int S(r^*) |\Psi(r^*, k^*)|^2 d^3r$$

Distance  $r^*$

$$k^* = \frac{p_a^* - p_b^*}{2}$$

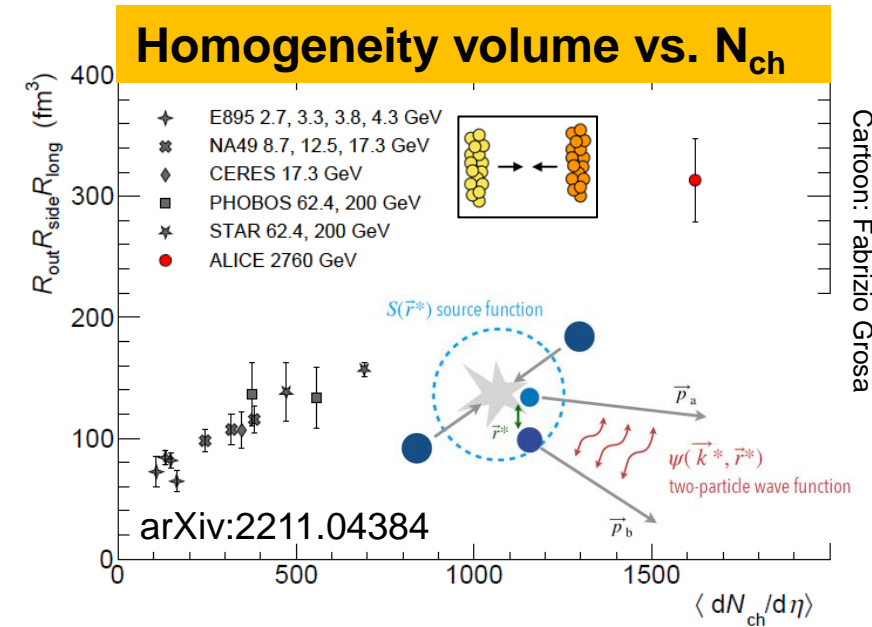
Correlation

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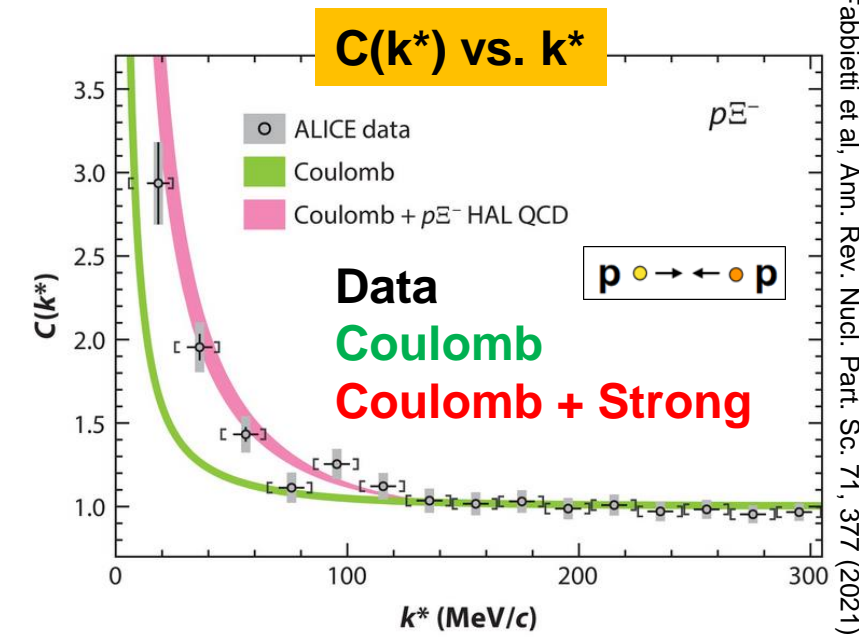
Wave function

- Like Hanbury Brown & Twiss interferometry
- Used to extract emitting source size in heavy ions
- If source small (e.g. pp coll.) and known, strong interaction of unstable hyperons be studied
  - $p\Xi$ ,  $\Lambda\Lambda$ ,  $p\Omega$
- Strong force needed to describe correlation
  - Lattice QCD calculations validated
    - HAL QCD: Sasaki K, et al. *Nucl. Phys. A* 998:121737 (2020)

→ Vazquez Doce (Wednesday 10:30)



Cartoon: Fabrizio Grosa



Fabbietti et al, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sc. 71, 377 (2021)





Short-term Future: LHC Run 3, 4

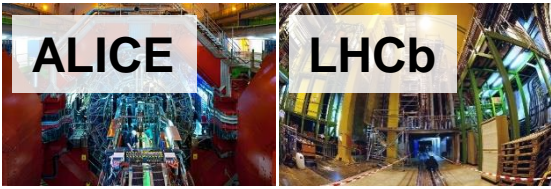
Long-term Future: LHC Run 5, 6





# High-Energy Frontier

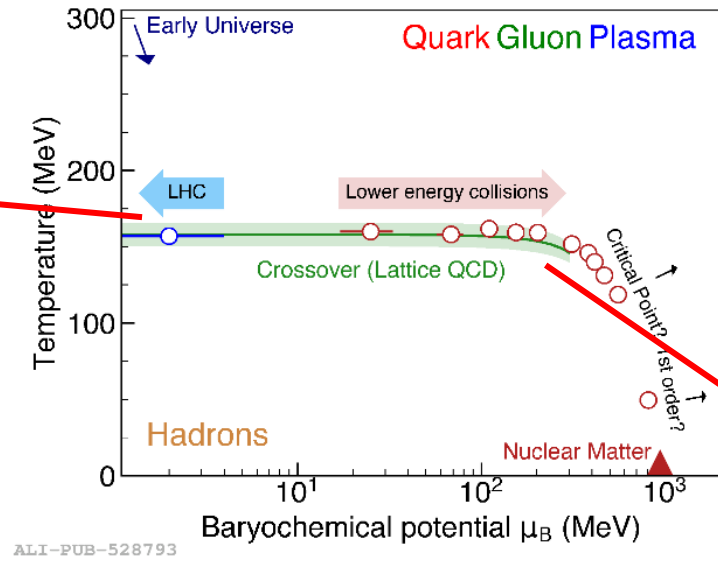
## LHC + RHIC



Major upgrades completed in 2021



Major upgrades planned in 2026-28



# Large- $\mu_B$ Frontier

## FAIR + NICA + SPS

10 nb<sup>-1</sup> Pb-Pb

10<sup>11</sup> MB events

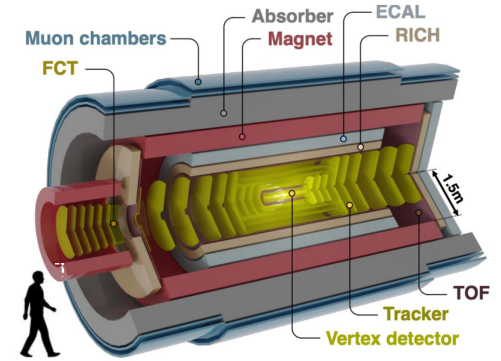
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200 pb<sup>-1</sup> pp

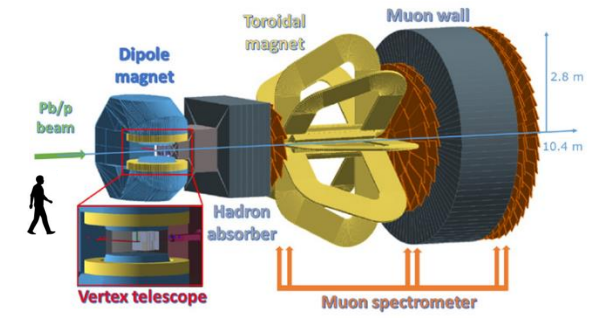
10<sup>6</sup> events  
N<sub>ch</sub> > 12 <N<sub>ch</sub>>  
(250 particles in |η| < 1.5)

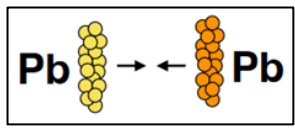
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### ALICE 3 (2035?)



### NA60+ (2029?)

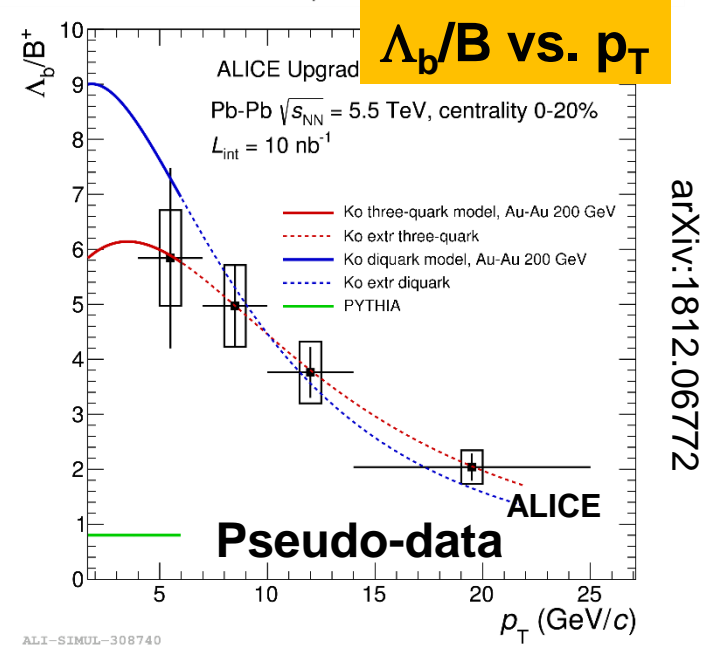
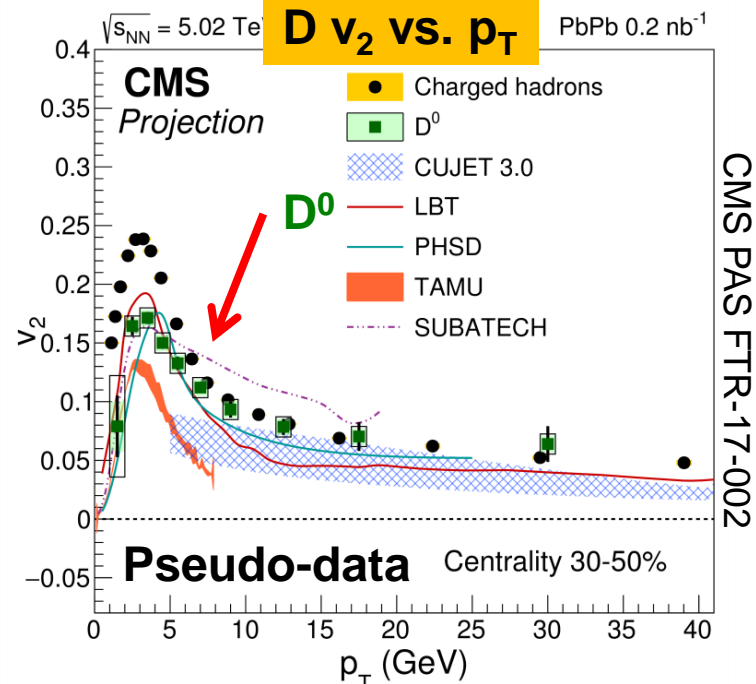




Run 3 and 4

# Heavy Quark Hadronization

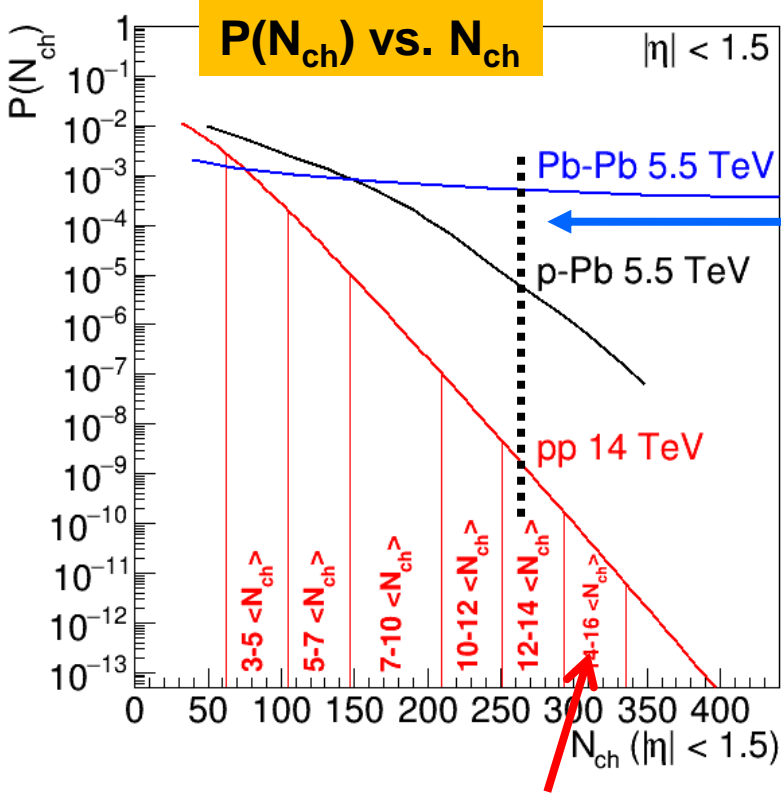
- Do heavy quarks **thermalize**?  
→ Charm and beauty  $v_2$  down to  $p_T = 0$
- Constrain temperature dep. of **diffusion coefficient**
- How does charm **form** in the QGP?  
– Baryon/meson ratios  $D_s/D$ ,  $\Lambda_c/D$ ,  $\Lambda_b/B$
- Influence of melting and (re)generation  
– Compare states with **different binding energy**
- Charm cross-section to  $p_T = 0$   
→ reduce (re)generation model uncertainties
- Quarkonia evolution within QGP and heavy quark hadronisation, e.g. **role of coalescence**





$p \rightarrow \leftarrow p$   
 Run 3 and 4

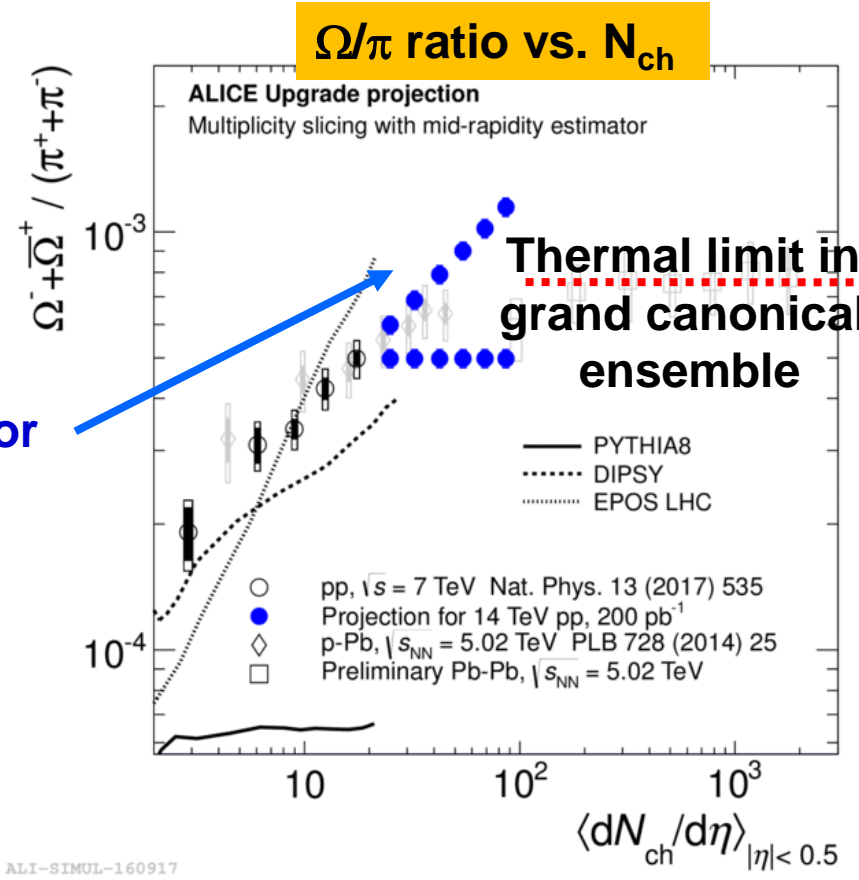
# Extremely High Multiplicity Events



**>25k events @ 14-16  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$**   
**~ 300 particles in  $|\eta| < 1.5$**

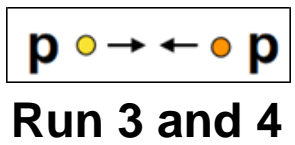
**65% central in Pb-Pb**

**14 TeV pp Projection for full Run 3 sample**



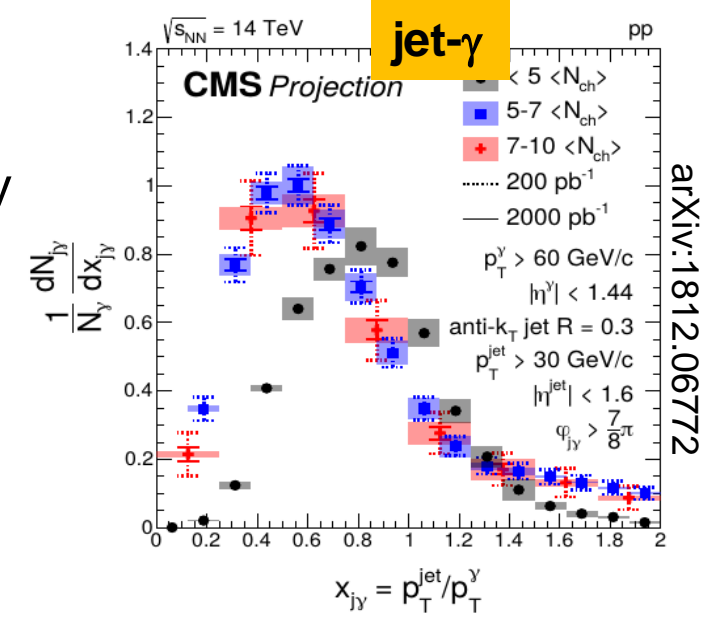
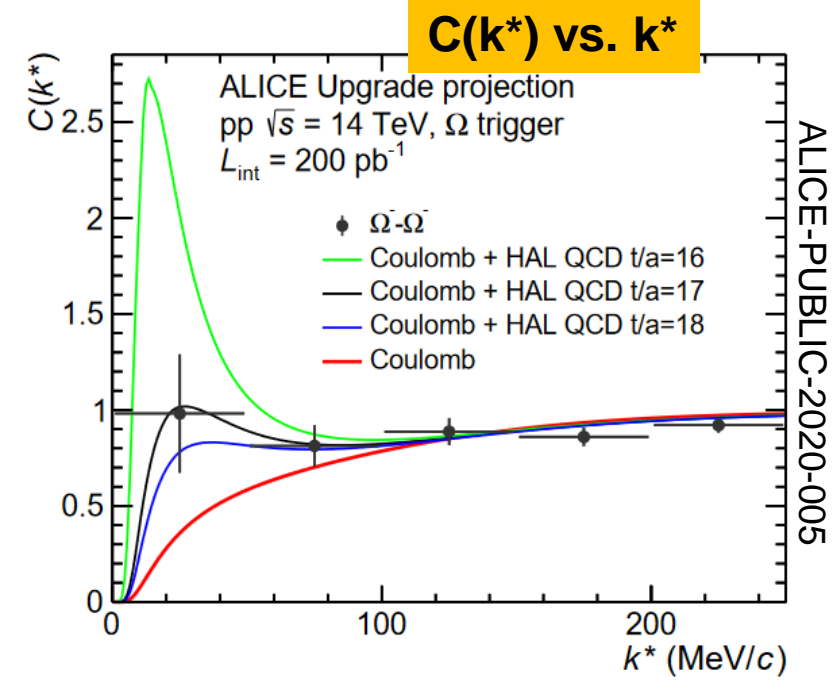
- Origin of collectivity in few particle system?
- Does strangeness enhancement continue with same trend?
- Thermal limit reached or exceeded in pp?

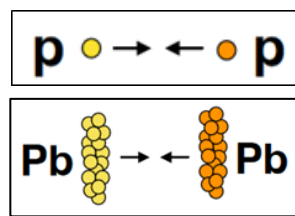




# pp Programme

- Special software triggers on fully reconstructed events for hyperon correlations
  - p-Ξ, Ω-Ω, Λ-d for precise study of strong interaction
  
- Energy loss in small systems
  - If  $v_n$  caused by final-state interactions, partons should lose energy
  - Energy loss through coincidence measurements
    - h-jet, jet-γ, jet-Z correlations





Run 3 and 4

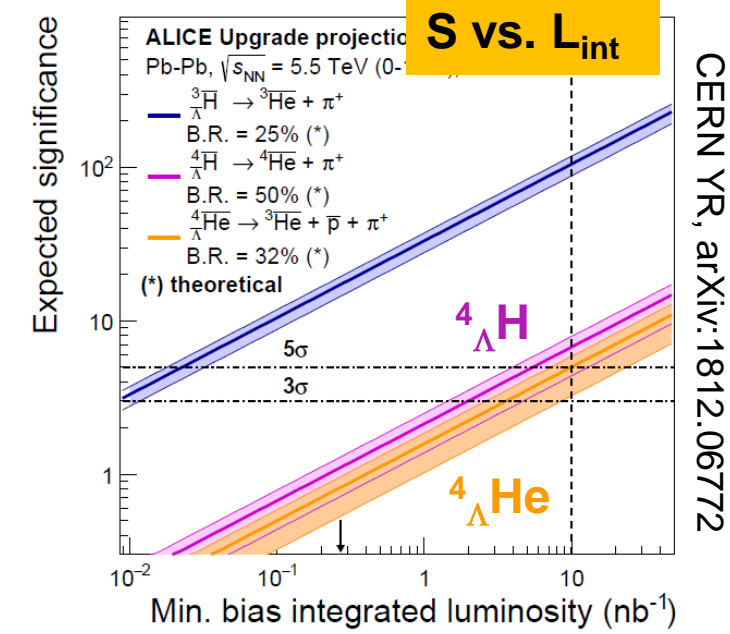
# (Anti-)(hyper-)nuclei

- Precision era for (anti-)(hyper-)nuclei production
  - Abundant d,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ;  $> 1000$   $^4\text{He}$
  - Significance above  $5\sigma$  for  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$
  - $v_2$  for loosely-bound objects (e.g. hypertriton)

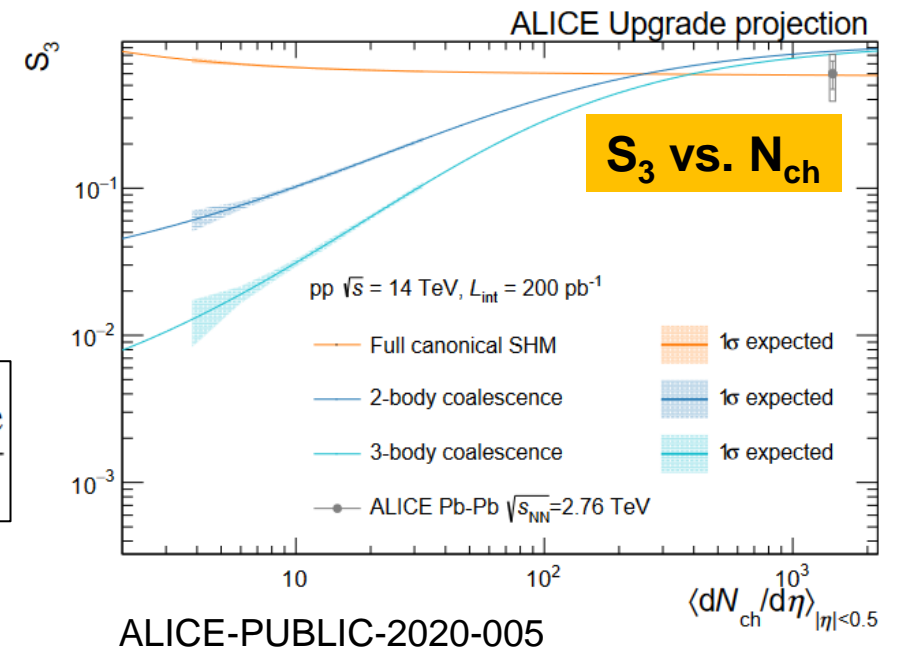
- Anti-d and anti- $^3\text{He}$  data inform astrophysical background in dark matter searches (AMS)

- Production mechanism
  - (Advanced) coalescence vs. thermal model

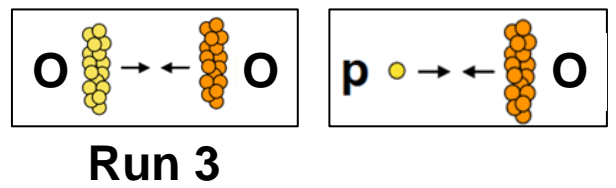
$$S_3 = \frac{^3\text{H}/^3\text{He}}{\Lambda/p}$$



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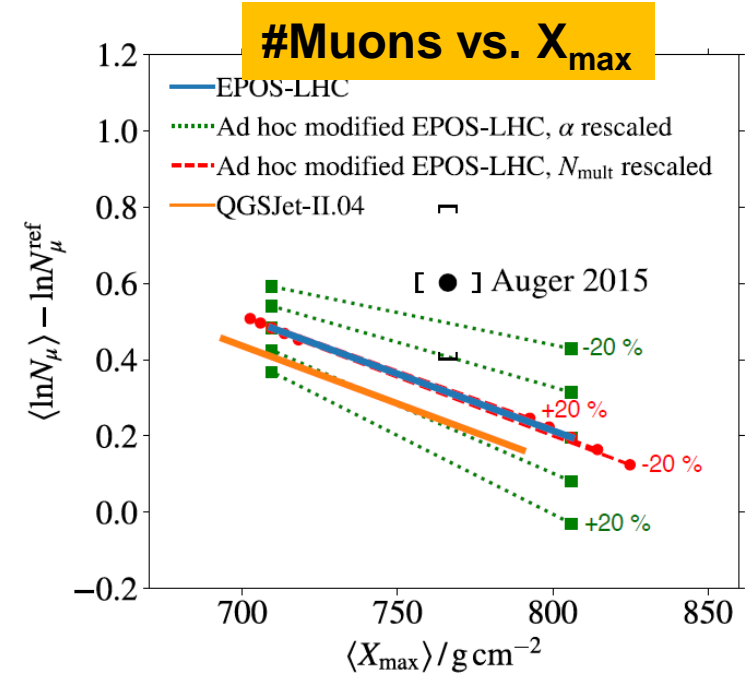
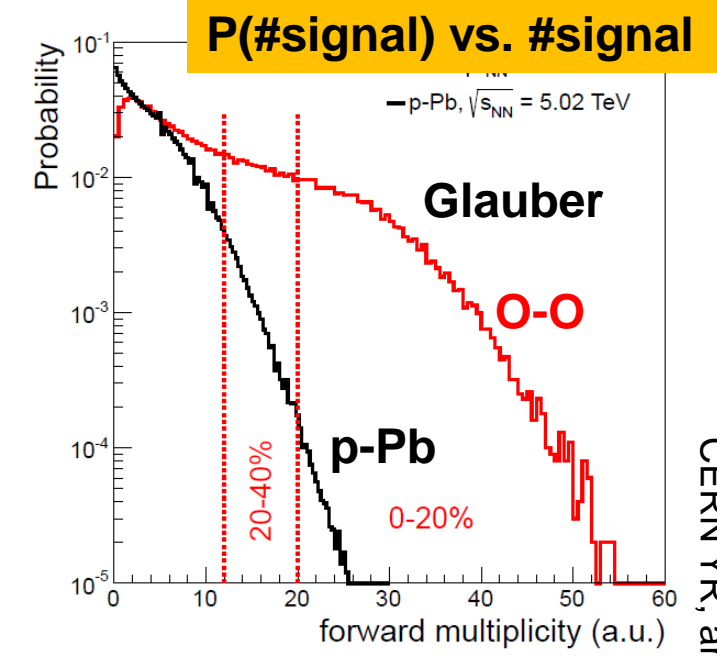


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# Oxygen Run

- O-O, p-O collisions in LHC planned for July 2025
  - 3 days p-O: ALICE: p-O: 2 nb<sup>-1</sup>, ~10<sup>8</sup> events
  - 1 day O-O: ALICE: O-O: 0.5 nb<sup>-1</sup>, ~7x10<sup>7</sup> events
- AA geometry but N<sub>ch</sub>, N<sub>part</sub>, N<sub>coll</sub> as p-Pb
  - Centrality shoulder allows **geometry selection** (N<sub>coll</sub>, ε<sub>2</sub>)
- System large enough to exhibit jet quenching
  - Critical test for energy loss for short path lengths
  - If no quenching in O-O
    - also p-Pb has insufficient energy density for quenching
- Cosmic-ray community expressed strong interest in p-O to constrain models for **cosmic-ray showers**
  - Muon deficit in cosmic-ray simulations mitigated by adding collective effects or strangeness  
(see e.g. arXiv:1902.08124)



CERN YR, arXiv:1812.06772

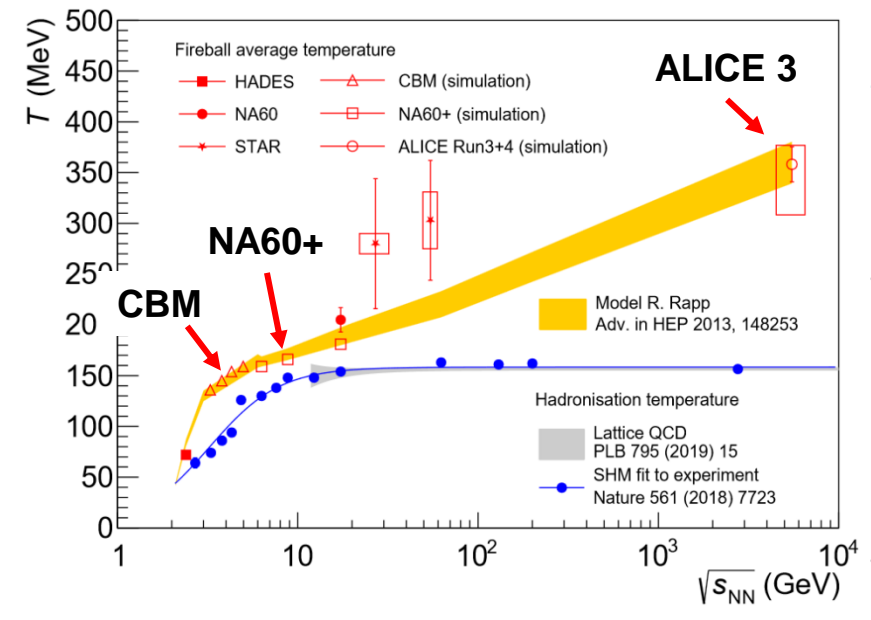
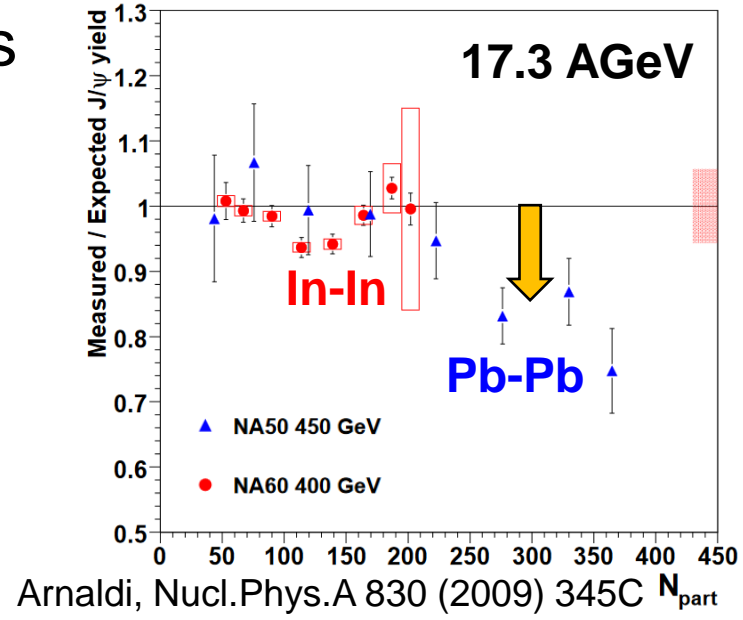
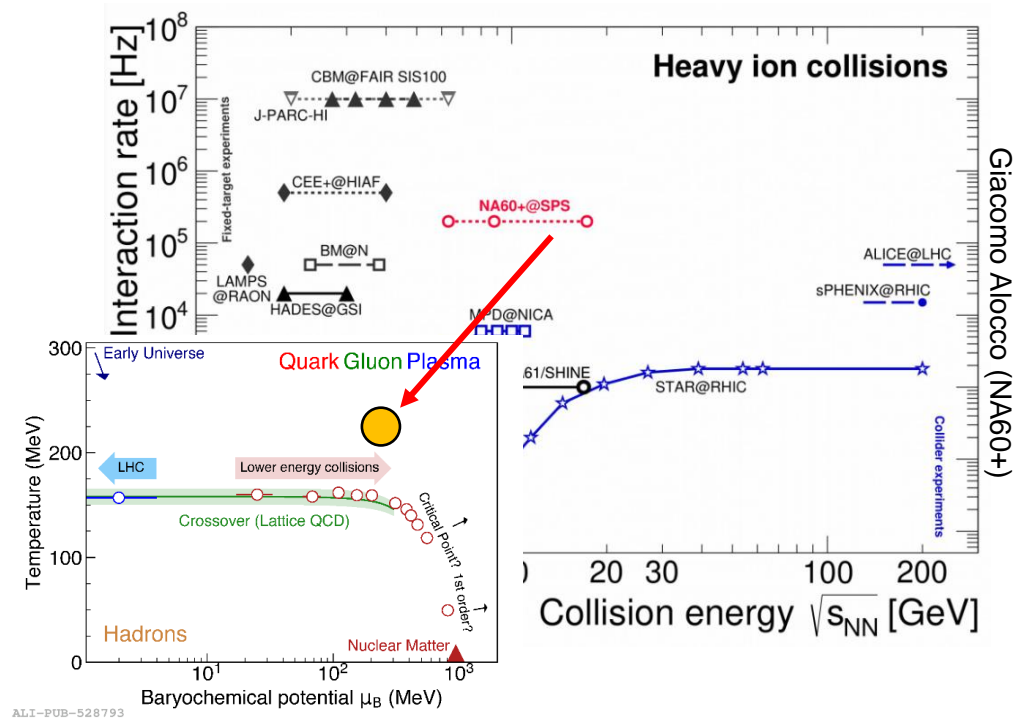




Run 4 and 5

# NA60+ @ SPS

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 6-17 \text{ GeV} @ >100 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow \text{QGP at high } \mu_B$
- T through thermal dimuons  $\rightarrow$  caloric curve
- Chiral symmetry restoration through  $\rho$ - $a_1$  mixing
- Charm hadronization
- QGP transport coefficients through open charm
- $J/\psi$  suppression beyond CNM effects



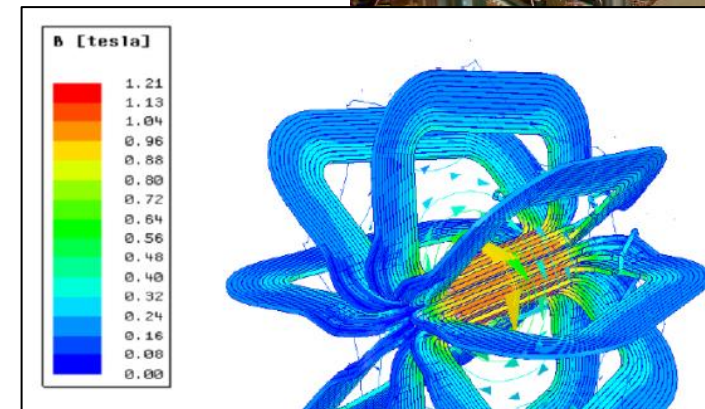
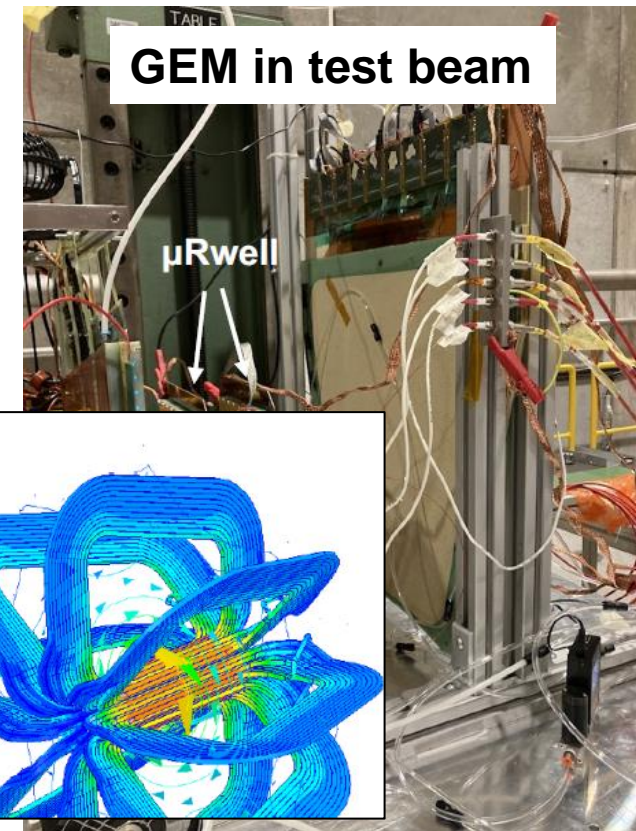
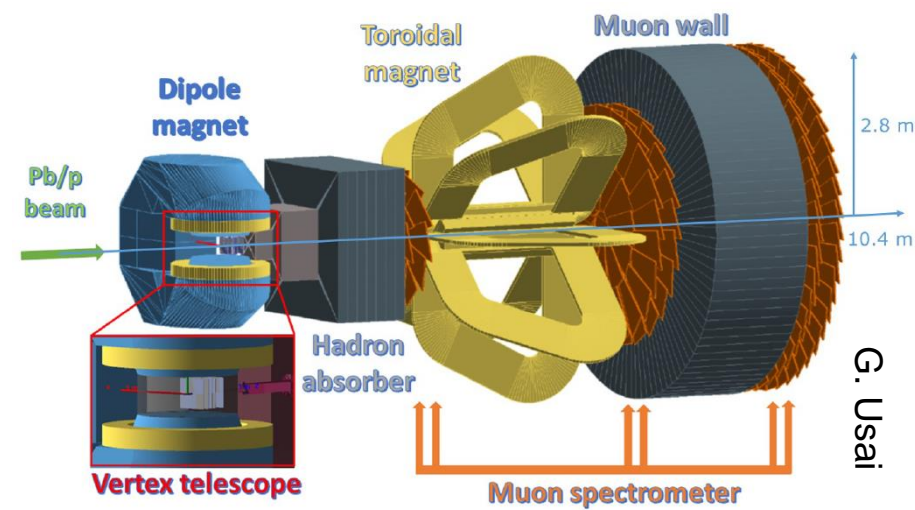
Compilation: T. Galatyuk, A. Kalweit, I. Vorobyev



Run 4 and 5

# NA60+ @ SPS

- Significant R&D ongoing
  - Silicon detector: based on MOSAIX from ALICE ITS3 (MAPS and stitching)
  - Muon detector: prototype beam tests for design choice: GEM or MWPC
  - Toroidal magnet: 1:5 prototype built and tested
  - Trigger and reconstruction software ongoing
- Low  $\sqrt{s}$  p beams require secondary p from SPS
- Status & Plan
  - [LoI](#) submitted in 2022. Positive assessment by SPSC
  - Technical proposal to be submitted this year
  - Installation in LS3 (2026-2028)
  - Data taking in Run 4 and 5 (2029-2038)



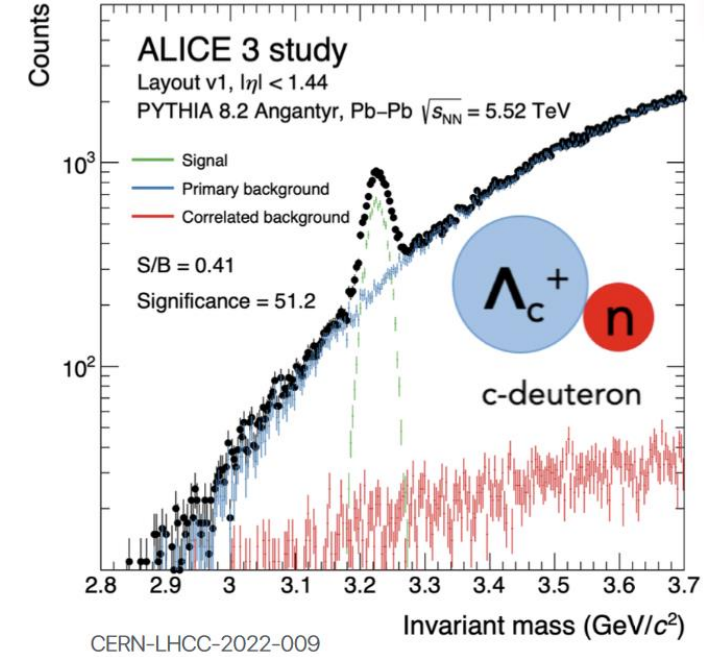
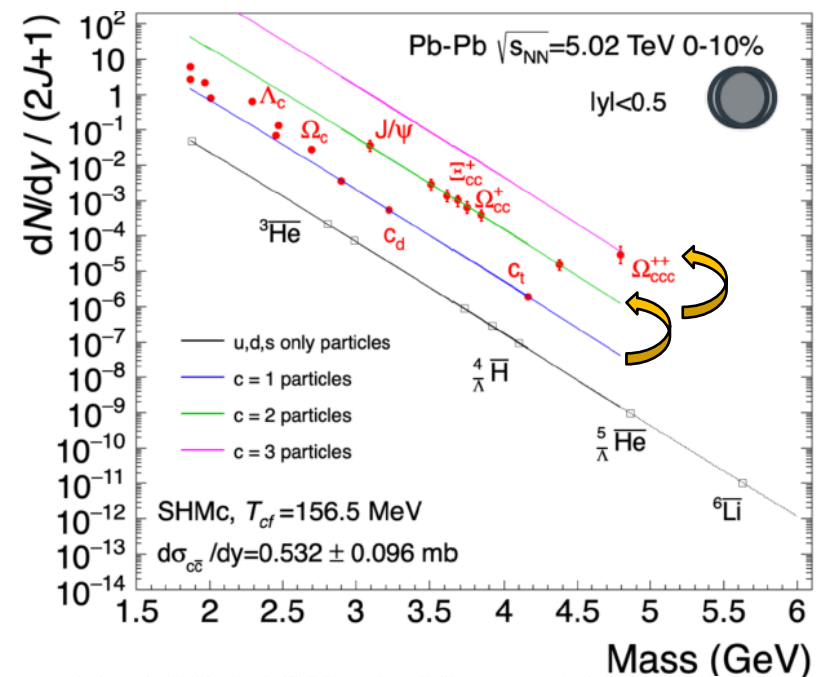


Run 5 and 6

# ALICE 3 @ LHC

- Detector for LHC Run 5 and 6 (2035-41)
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5-6$  TeV (PbPb, XeXe, InIn?, KrKr?)
  - Species driven by detector design and physics (no scan!)
- Thermal leptons
  - Precise medium temperature, chiral symmetry restoration
- Multiple charm ( $\Xi_{CC}$ ,  $\Omega_{CC}$ , ...) production
 
$$\Xi_{CC}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_C^+ \pi^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+ \quad \Omega_{CC}^+ \rightarrow \Omega_C^0 \pi^+ \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$
  - Hadronization models; coalescence on quark level
- Heavy-quark correlations:  $D^0$ - $D^0$  for QGP scattering
- Quarkonia beyond S-wave:  $\chi_c$  and  $\chi_b$ 
  - Dynamics of bound-state interactions within QGP
- Hadronic interactions and bound-state formation
  - For example:  $D$ - $D^*$  and c-deuteron
- Ultra-soft photons

→ Triloki (Monday 18:30)



arXiv:2211.02491



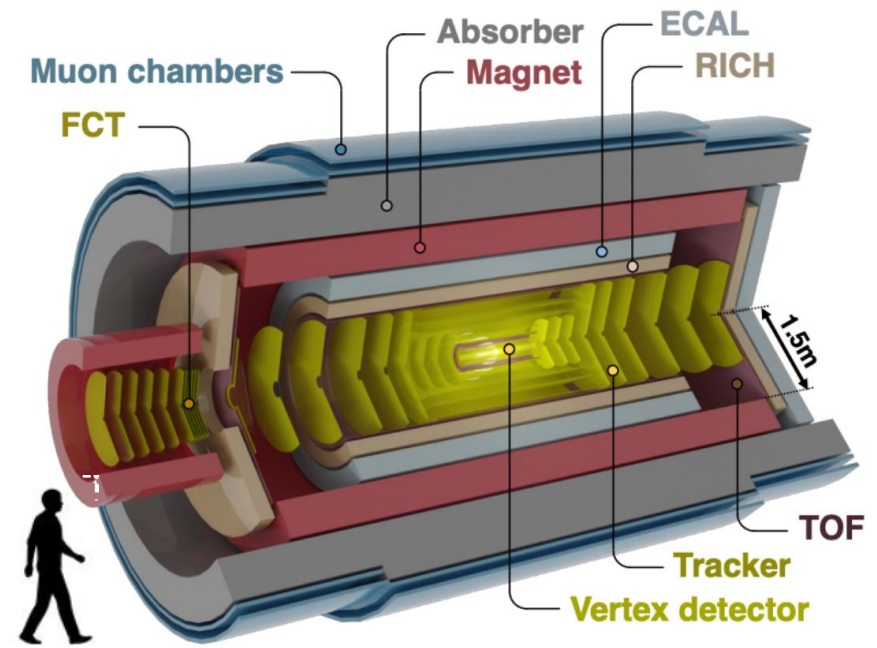


Run 5 and 6

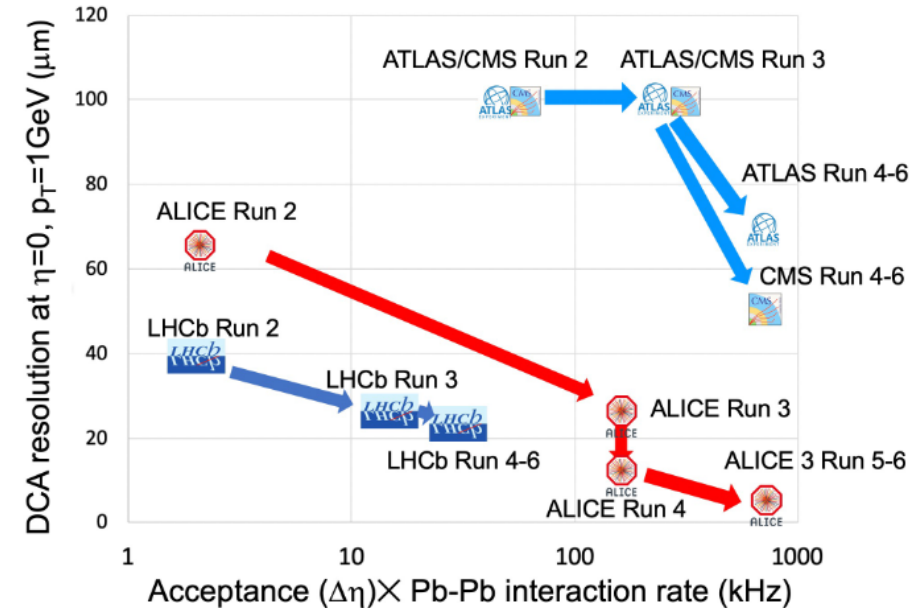
# ALICE 3 @ LHC

- Retractable vertex detector 5 mm from beam
  - Pointing resolution 3-4  $\mu\text{m}$  @ 1 GeV
  - $X/X_0 \sim 0.1\%$  per layer
- All-silicon tracker ( $p_T$  resolution 1% @ 1 GeV)
- ECAL, RICH and muon detectors
- Continuous readout and online processing  
Pb-Pb:  $35 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  | pp  $18 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Strangeness tracking: a MHz bubble chamber
- Status & Plan
  - [LoI](#) submitted in 2022. Positive assessment by LHCC
  - Scoping document to be submitted this year
  - Installation in LHC LS4 (2033-2034)
  - Data taking in LHC Run 5 and 6 (2035-2041)

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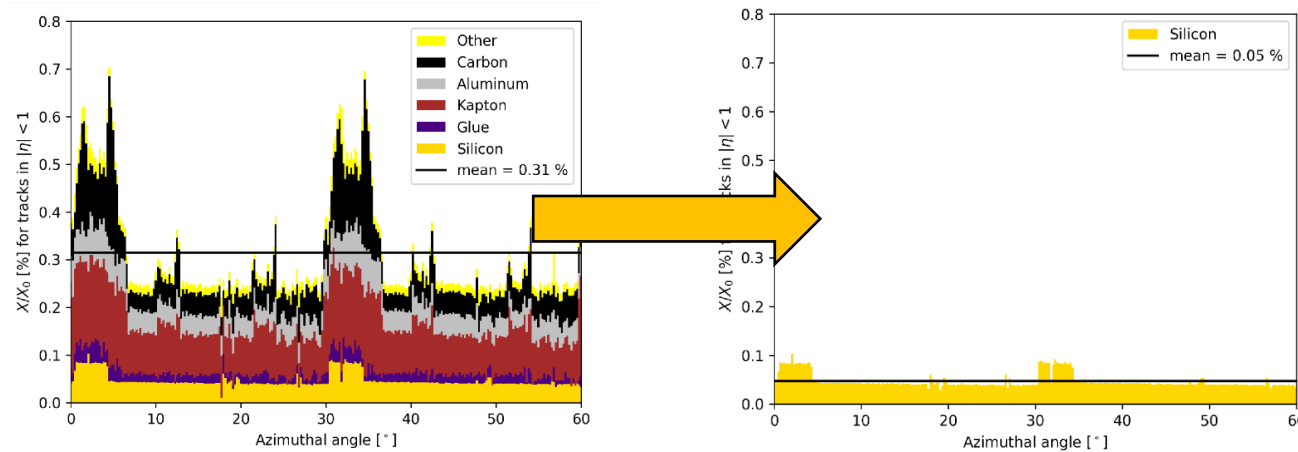
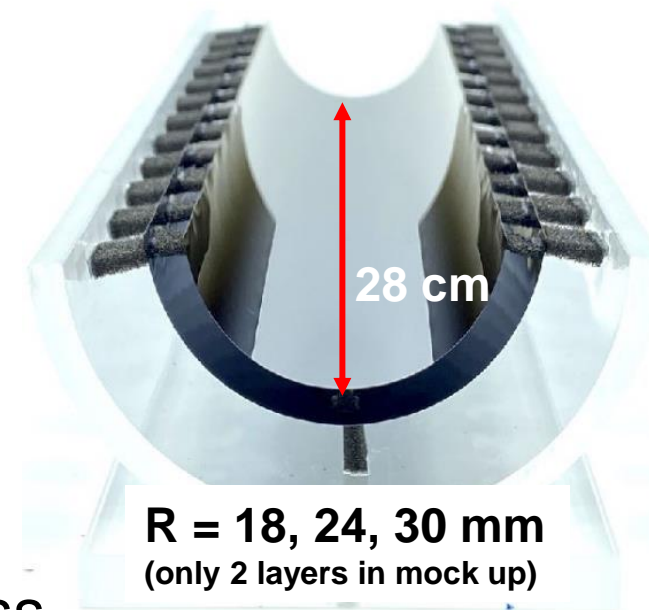


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# Silicon R&D

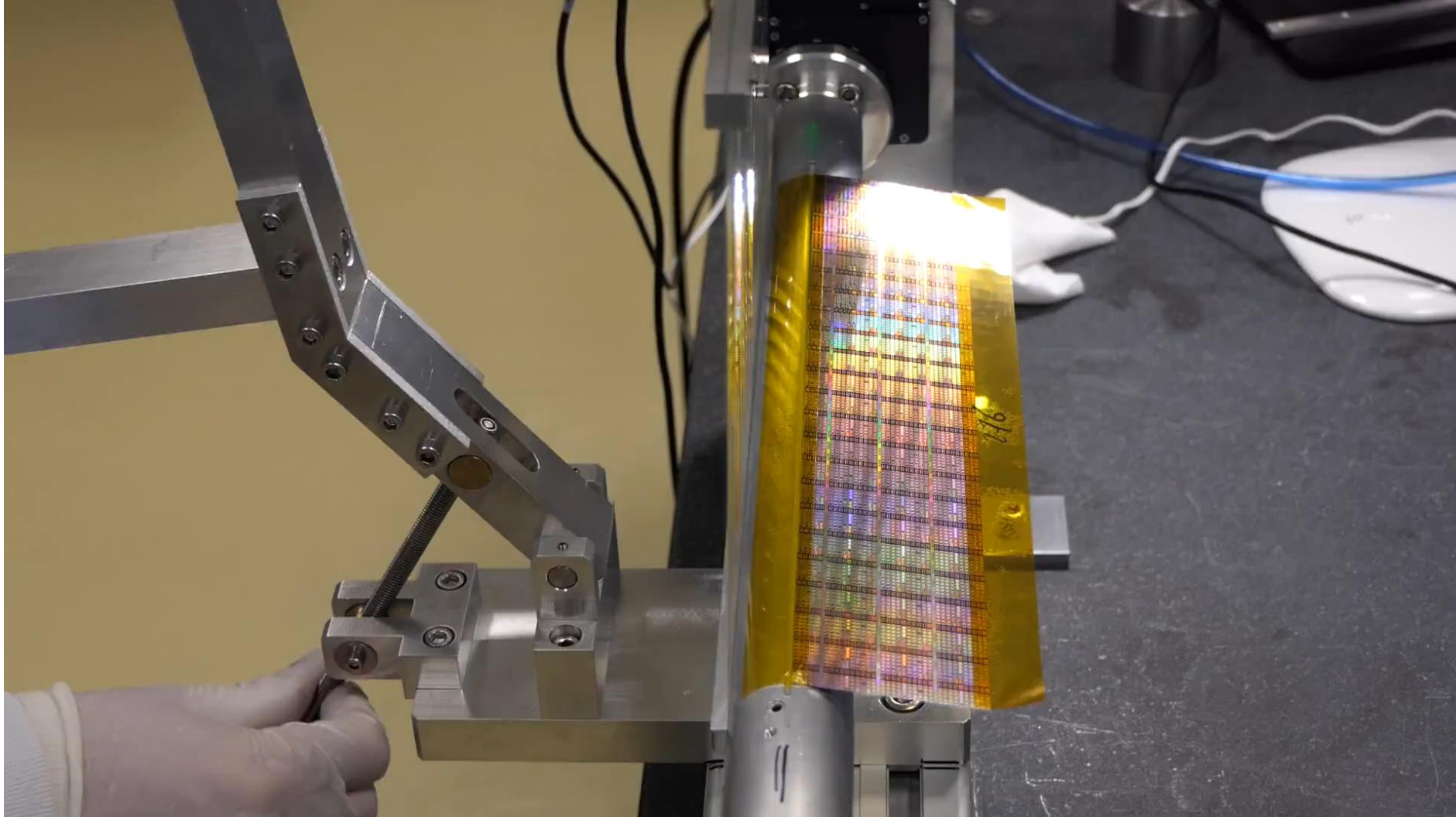
- ALICE ITS2 demonstrated: large scale ( $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$ ) use of monolithic active pixel sensors (MAPS),  $50 \mu\text{m}$  thin
- Ongoing R&D for ALICE ITS3
  - Wafer-scale sensors using stitching + bending
  - “Zero-mass” detector:  $0.02\text{-}0.04\%$   $X/X_0$  per layer
  - Carbon foam + air cooling (power consumption  $< 20 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ )



- ALICE 3 R&D for picosecond timing and radiation hardness

More details, see [seminar](#) by Magnus Mager

# Bending an ITS3 Sensor

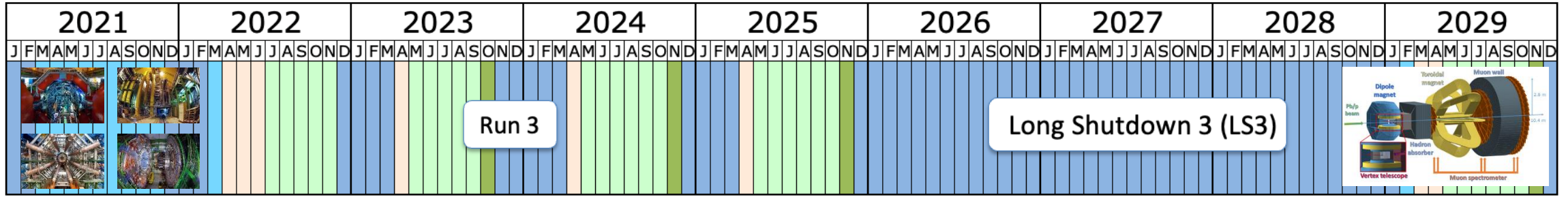


**$r = 18 \text{ mm} !$**





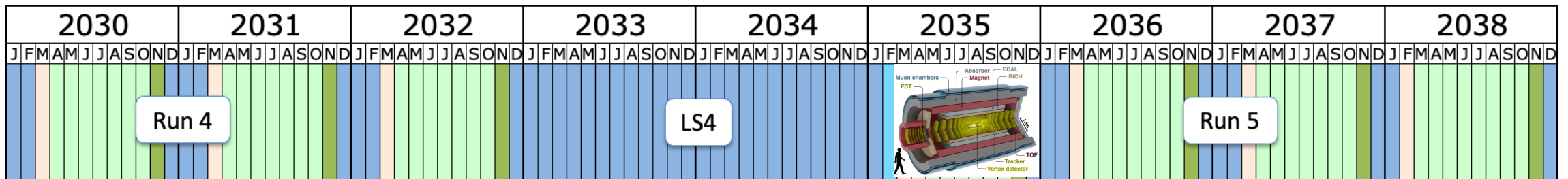
# Schedule



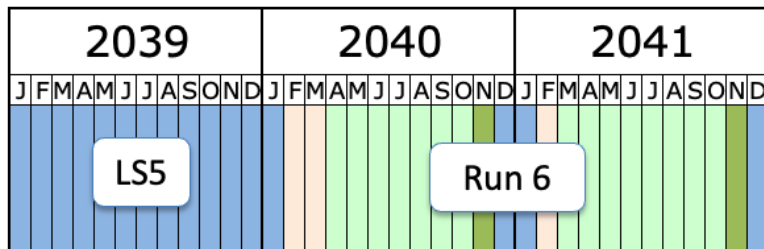
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★ **ALICE**

★ **NA60+**

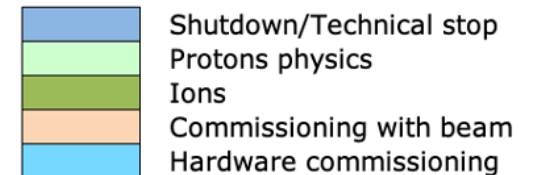


★ **ALICE 3**



★ **Approved**

★ **Proposed**



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# Summary

- Quark-Gluon Plasma produced in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions
  - Legacy of measurements, significant precision in particular in light-flavour sector
  - Detailed understanding of QGP medium properties
- Small-system observations (“collectivity”) challenge two paradigms at once
  - What is smallest system for which heavy ion “standard model” remains valid?
  - Can the standard tools for pp physics remain standard?
- Challenge to find *universal* hadronization model for these phenomena
- Future programme until end of LHC (in 2041)
  - Measure QGP dynamics with charm states
  - Study multi-charm production and temperature evolution of QGP

**Thank you for your attention!**