

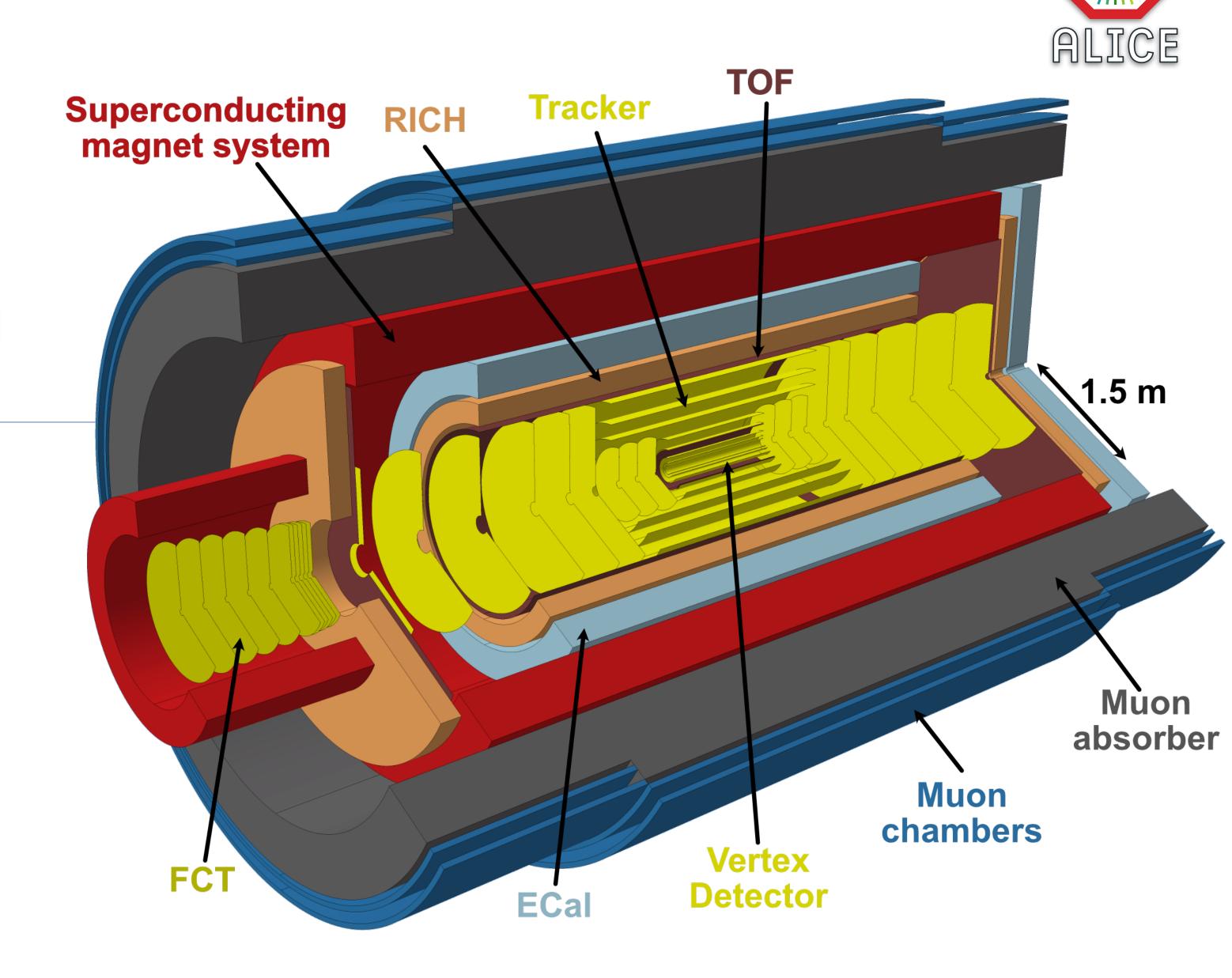
ALICE 3

a next-generation heavy-ion experiment for LHC Run 5 and beyond

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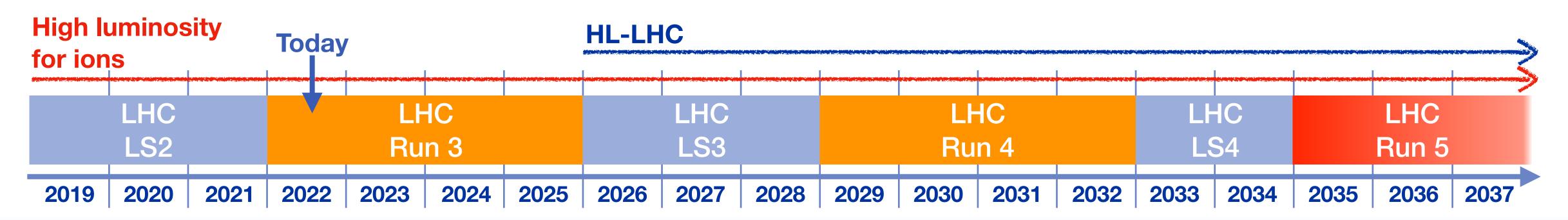
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## Outline

- High-luminosity era of the LHC
  - LHC programme
  - ALICE 2 (current state)
- Heavy-ion physics at the LHC
  - programme for Run 3 and 4
  - remaining questions beyond Run 4
- Next-generation experiment
  - → ALICE 3 for Run 5 & 6
  - detector concept
  - physics performance

European Particle Physics Strategy Update recommends full exploitation of the LHC, incl. heavy-ion programme



# LHC programme

Collision systems pp, pPb, Pb-Pb

pp, pPb, Xe-Xe, Pb-Pb pp, pO, OO, pPb, Pb-Pb

pp, pPb, Pb-Pb

pp, pA?, AA

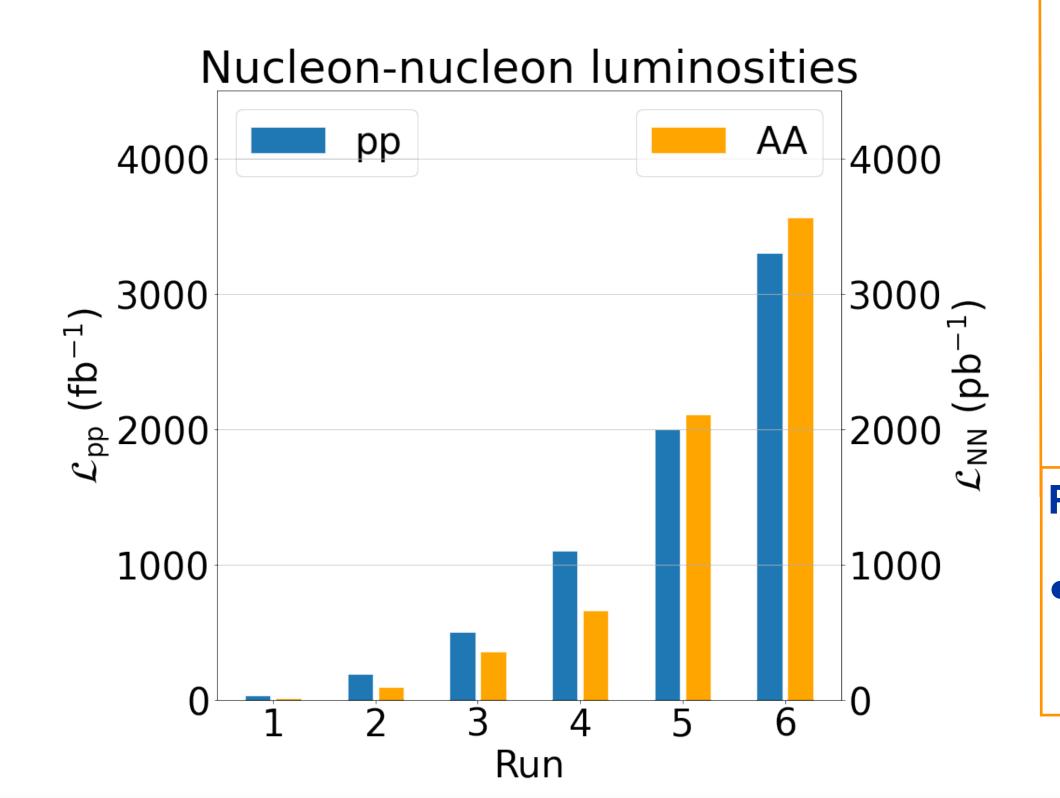
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LHC schedule

Run 1 2009 - 2013 Run 2 2015 - 2018 Run 3 2022 - 2025 Run 4 2029 - 2032 Run 5 2035 - ...

Run 6

Pb-Pb luminosity limited by LHC ~1-2·10<sup>27</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>



## Run 5 → higher luminosities for ions

mitigate space charge effects (SPS & LEIR),
 e.g. with lighter species

#### Run 4 → HL-LHC

• push pp luminosity to 4·10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

## Run 3 $\rightarrow$ high luminosity for ions (~7·10<sup>27</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and **OO**

- improved collimation systems
  - → lifted limitation in the LHC from bound-free pair production
  - ion luminosities now limited by bunch intensities from injectors

# ALICE upgrades

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High luminosity for ions

HL-LHC

**Higher luminosities for ions** 

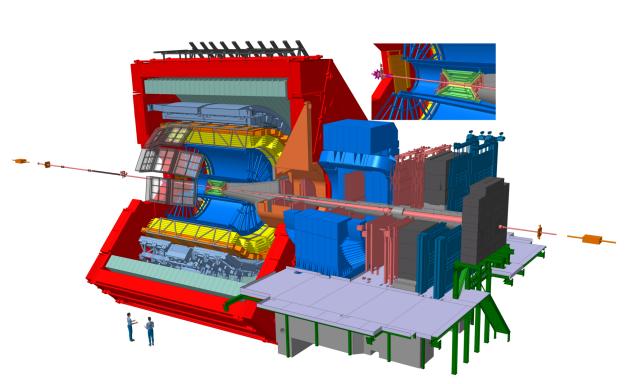


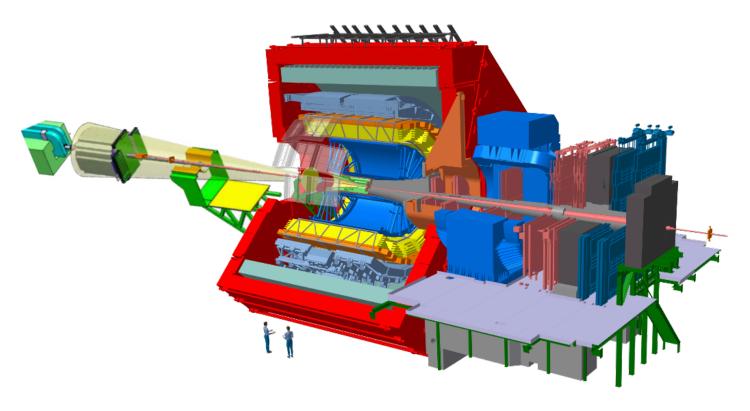
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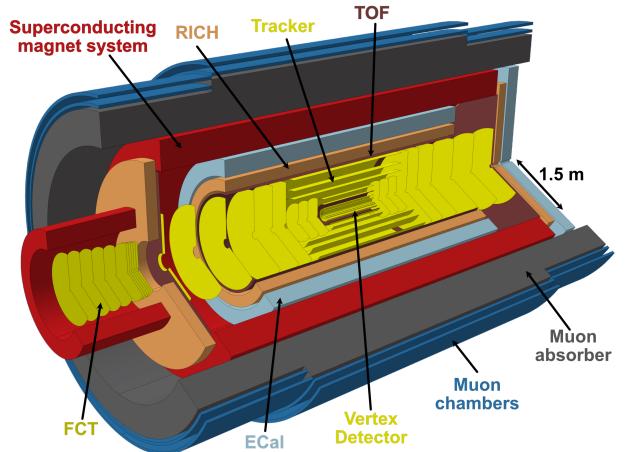
ALICE 2

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ALICE 3



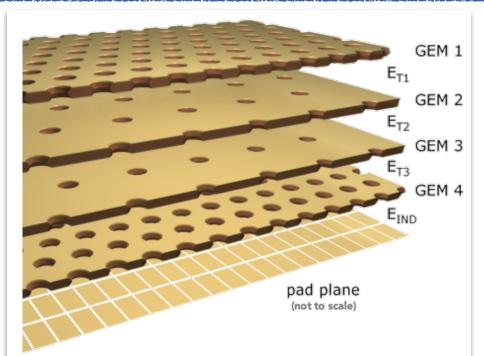




# ALICE 2

## **Time Projection Chamber**

 new readout chambers: MWPC → GEM





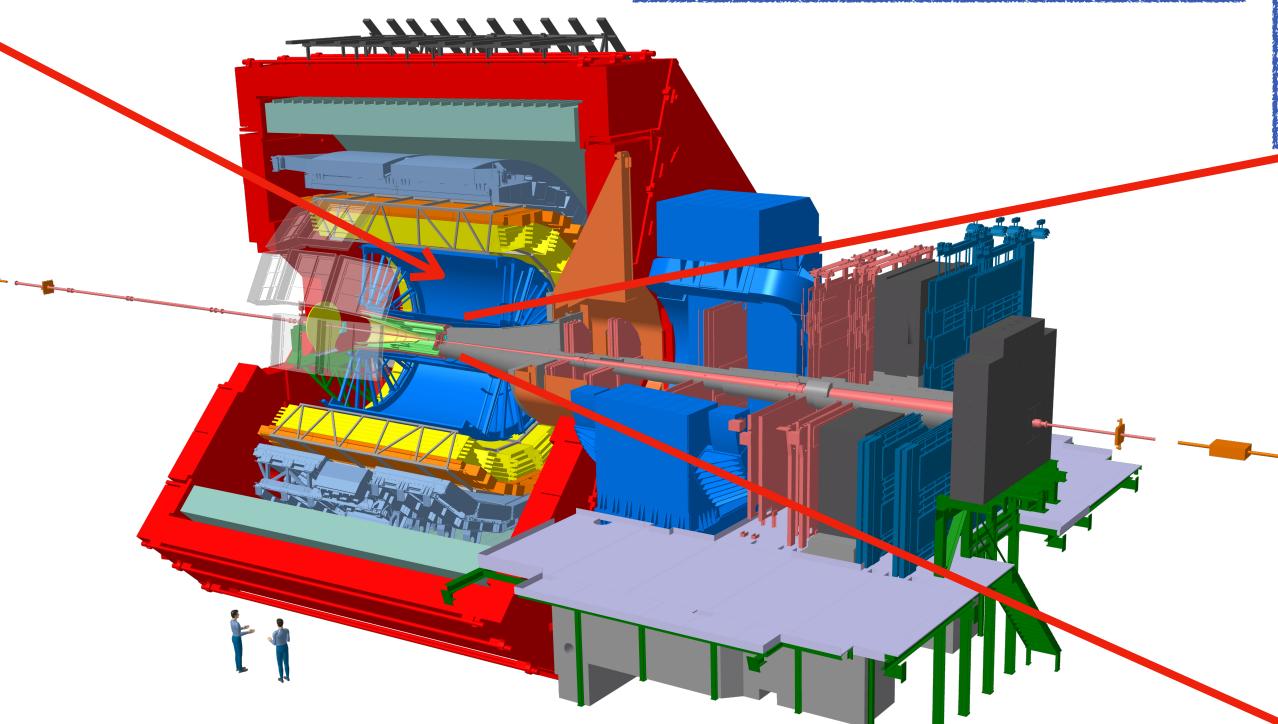
## **Integrated on-/off-line system**

- continuous readout
- GPU-based reconstruction parallel with data taking
- online event selection

**Consolidation and readout** upgrade of all subsystems

## **Fast Interaction Trigger**

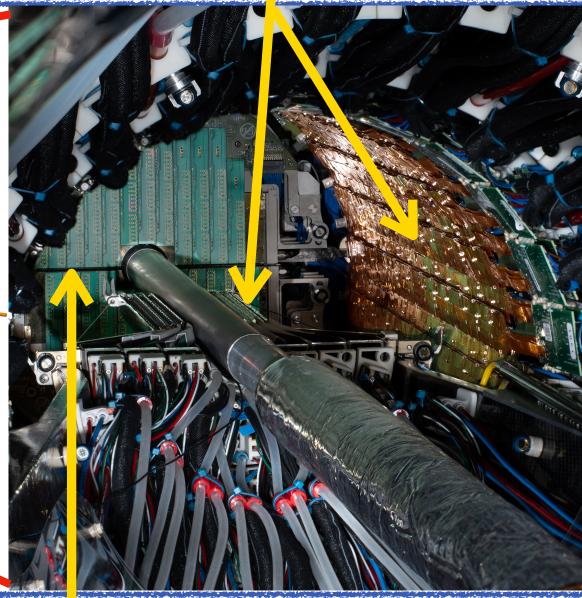
new detectors



- **"→ Continuous readout** with Pb-Pb @ 50 kHz
- **Better vertexing**

## **Inner Tracking System**

- 3 + 2 + 2 layers of MAPS (~10 m<sup>2</sup>)
- improved vertexing at higher rates



## **Muon Forward Tracker**

- MAPS-based tracker installed
- vertexing in forward acceptance (muon arm)

## ALICE 2.1

## **Time Projection Chamber**

**FoCal** 

new readout chambers:

MWPC → GEM

FoCal-E:

FoCal-H:

Cu-fibre

**Consolidation and readout** upgrade of all subsystems

FoCal-E

FoCal-H

#### **Fast Interaction Trigger**

new detectors

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## **Inner Tracking System**

- 3 + 2 + 2 layers of MAPS (~10 m<sup>2</sup>)
- improved vertexing at higher rates
- ITS3 → Bent, wafer-scale monolithic pixel sensors for 3 innermost layers

## Integrated on-/off-line system

continuous readout

Si-W high-granular

hadronic calorimeter

elm. calorimeter

- GPU-based reconstruction parallel with data taking
- online event selection

- **" Continuous readout** with Pb-Pb @ 50 kHz
- **Better vertexing**
- **™→** Measurement of isolated photons

# Cylindrical Structural Shell Half Barrels

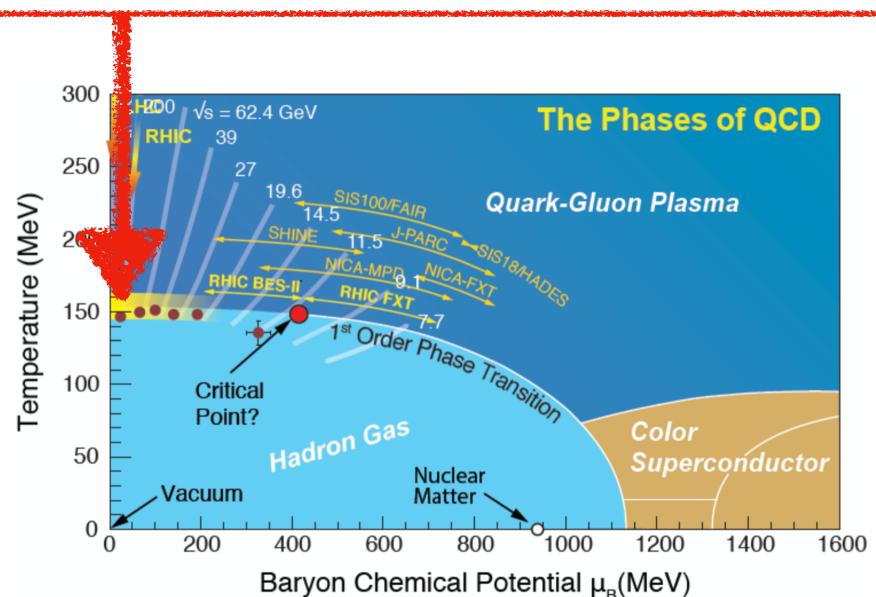
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# Heavy-ion physics at the LHC

## LHC for heavy-ion physics

- Unique potential
  - → high T, low µ<sub>B</sub>, large HF yields
- Progress enabled by
  - increased luminosity
  - improved detector performance, e.g. vertexing, acceptance



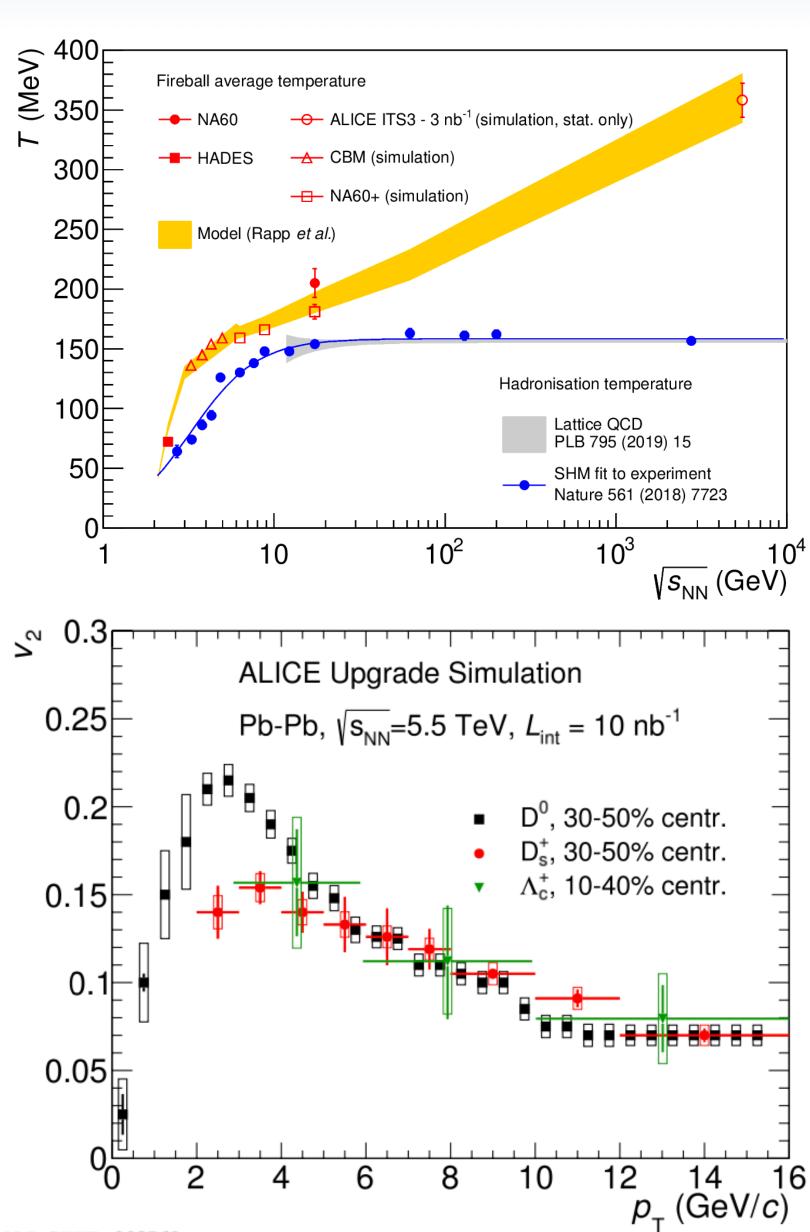
- QGP evolution from early phase onwards: temperature, chiral symmetry restoration, ...
  - → precision measurements of dilepton spectra
- Transport properties and thermalisation in the QGP
  - → precision measurements of heavy-flavour probes
- Transition of partons from the QGP to hadrons
  - → charmed baryons, exotic states
- Quenching and connection to collectivity in small systems
  - → systematic measurements of different collision systems
- Onset of collective behaviour
  - → high-multiplicity pp collisions, intermediate systems (pA, OO)
- Nuclear PDFs
  - → Ultra-peripheral collisions, pA
- Many more opportunities
  - → Low's theorem, BSM searches, ...



# Prospects for Run 3 & 4

- Runs 3 and 4 will bring new insights, e.g.
  - time-averaged thermal radiation from the quark-gluon plasma
  - medium effects and hadrochemistry of single charm
  - collectivity from small to large systems
  - jet substructure

Understanding of QGP will remain incomplete after Run 3 and 4





# Questions beyond Run 4

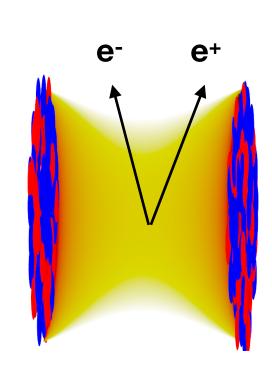
- Fundamental questions will remain open after LHC Run 3 & 4
  - → next-generation heavy-ion programme for LHC Run 5 & 6
  - What is the nature of interactions between highly energetic quarks and gluons and the quark-gluon plasma?
  - To what extent do quarks of different mass reach thermal equilibrium?
  - How do quarks and gluons transition to hadrons as the quark-gluon plasma cools down?
  - What are the mechanisms for the restoration of chiral symmetry in the quark-gluon plasma?
  - Does the production of ultra-soft photons deviate from Low's theorem?

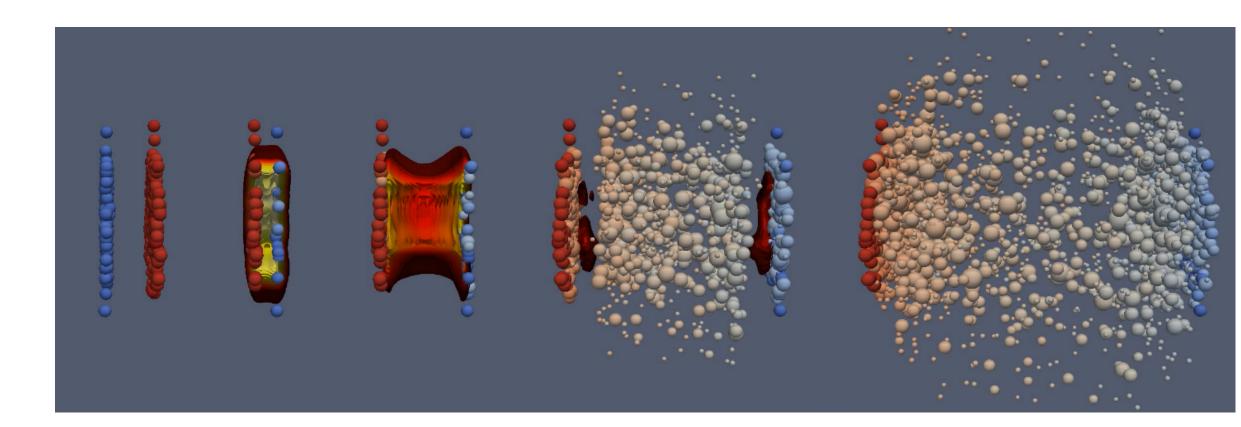


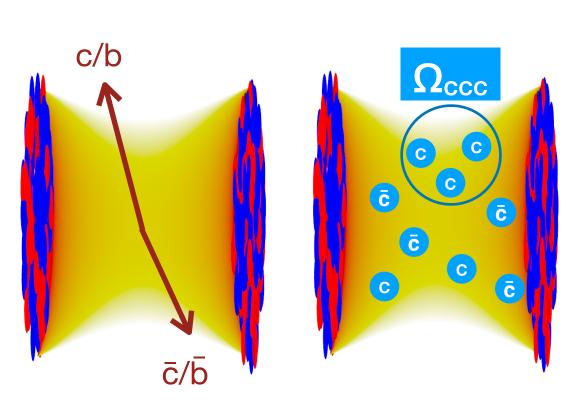
# Measurements beyond Run 4

- Further progress relies on
  - precision measurements of dileptons
    - evolution of the quark gluon plasma
    - mechanisms of chiral symmetry restoration in the quark-gluon plasma
  - systematic measurements of (multi-)heavy-flavoured hadrons
    - transport properties in the quark-gluon plasma
    - mechanisms of hadronisation from the quark-gluon plasma
  - hadron correlations
    - interaction potentials
    - fluctuations
  - ultra-soft photons
    - Low's theorem

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Electromagnetic radiation (  $\propto T^2$  )

Hadron momentum distributions, azimuthal anisotropy

Hadron abundances 'hadrochemistry'

**Hadron correlations, fluctuations** 

Heavy-ion collisions exhibit rich phenomenology and give access to many more topics,

e.g. collective effects, BSM searches, ...



## Probes

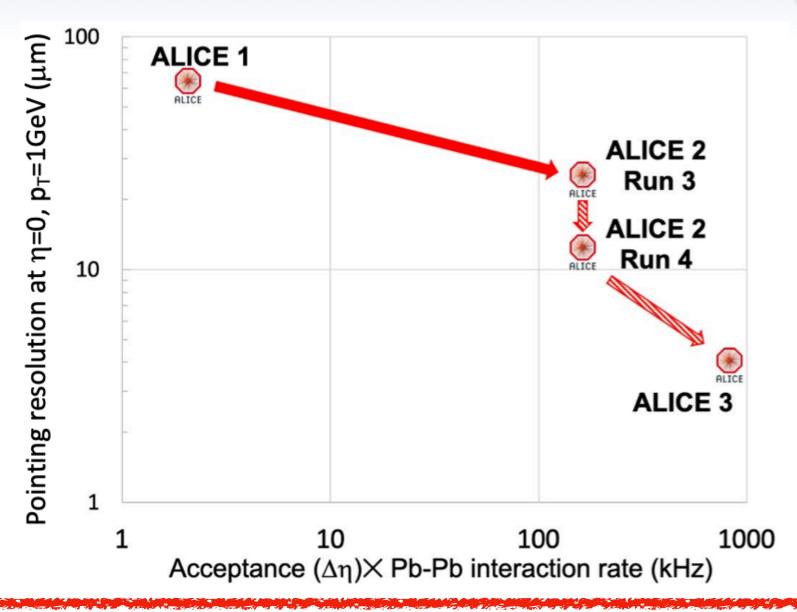
- Heavy-flavour hadrons (p<sub>T</sub> → 0, wide η range)
  - vertexing, tracking, hadron ID
- **Dileptons** (p<sub>T</sub> ~0.1 3 GeV/c, M<sub>ee</sub> ~0.1 4 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)
  - vertexing, tracking, lepton ID
- Photons (100 MeV/c 50 GeV/c, wide η range)
  - electromagnetic calorimetry
- Quarkonia and Exotica (pT → 0)
  - muon ID
- Jets
  - tracking and calorimetry, hadron ID
- Ultrasoft photons (pT = 1 50 MeV/c)
  - dedicated forward detector
- Nuclei
  - identification of z > 1 particles

Qualitative steps needed in detector performance and statistics

→ next-generation heavy-ion experiment

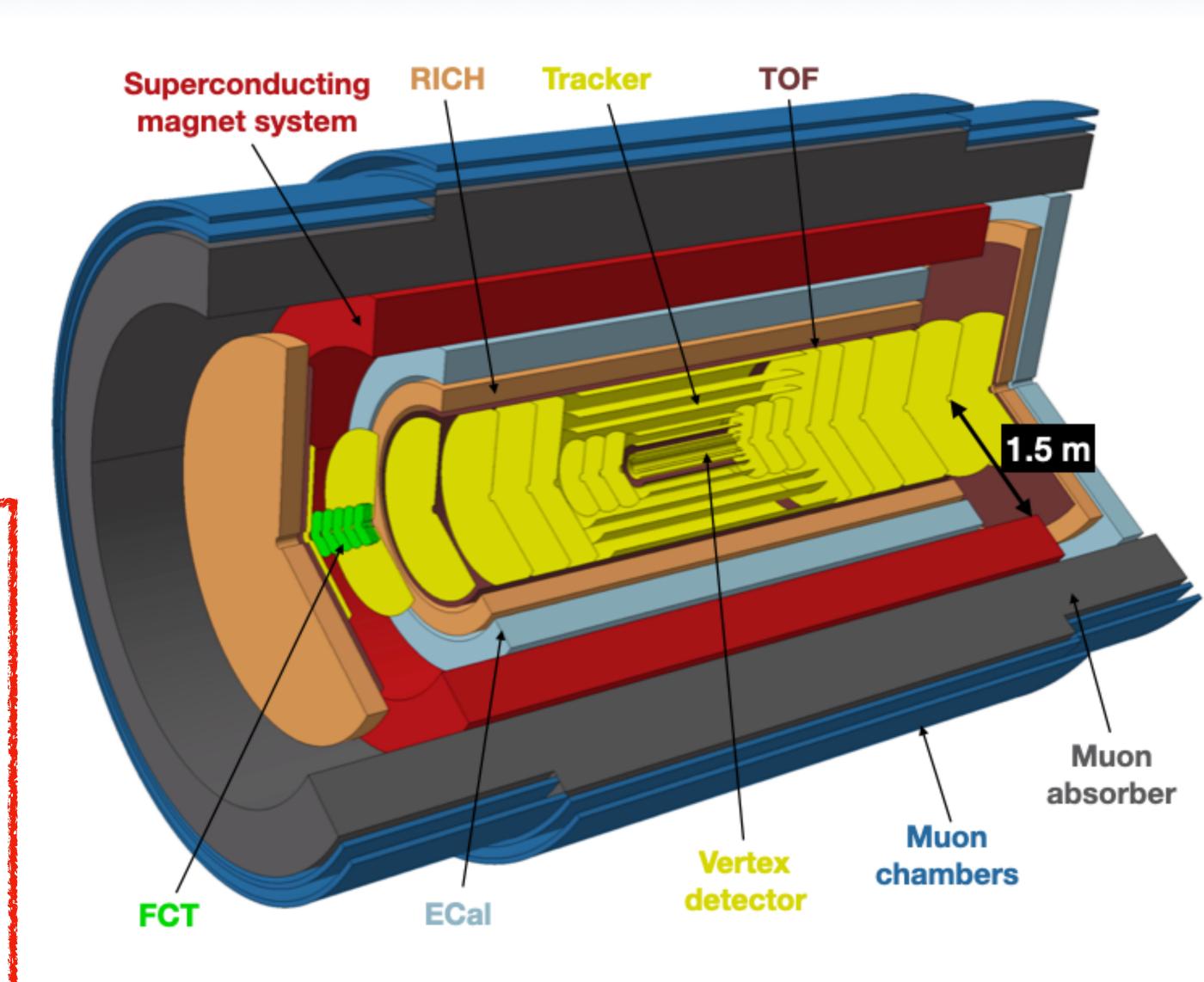


# ALICE 3



## Novel and innovative detector concept

- Compact and lightweight all-silicon tracker
- Retractable vertex detector
- Particle identification systems
- Large acceptance
- Superconducting magnet system
- Continuous read-out and online processing





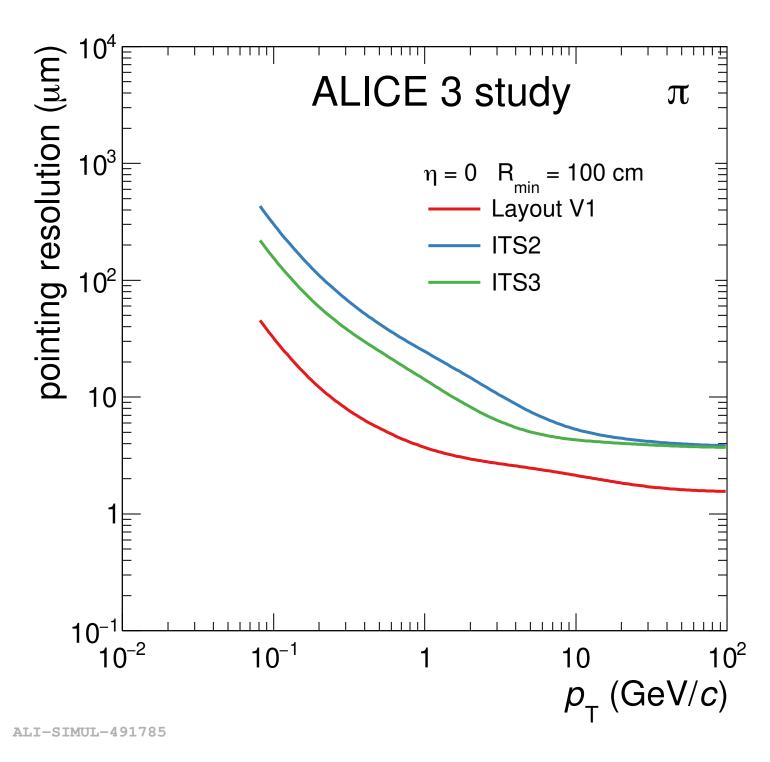
# Detector requirements

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Tracking $\frac{\text{Multi-charm baryons, dielectrons}}{\text{dielectrons}}$ $\frac{\sigma_{pT}}{p_T} \sim 1-2\%$ $\frac{\sigma_{pos}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 20 \text{ ps}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm, R}_{out} \approx 80 \text{ cr}}{\text{N}/\text{N}_0} \approx 1\% \text{ µm}}{\text{N}_0} \approx 20 \text{ ps}}{\text{RICH: aerogel, } \sigma_0 \approx 1.5 \text{ m}}{\text{RICH: aerogel, } \sigma_0 \approx 1.5 \text{ m}}{\text{Possibly preshower detectors}}$ Muon ID  Quarkonia, reconstruction of J/ $\Psi$ at rest, steel absorber: L ≈ 70 cm muon detectors  Lie. muons from 1.5 GeV/c muon detectors  Photons, jets large acceptance Pb-Sci calorimeter  PbWO4 calorimeter  Ultra-soft photons  Ultra-soft photons  Litra-soft photons  Proverd Conversion Trace	Vertexing		<u>-</u>		Retractable silicon pixel tracker $\sigma_{pos} \approx 2.5 \ \mu m, \ R_{in} \approx 5 \ mm, \ X/X_0 \approx 0.1 \%$ for first layer
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		Ultra-soft photons		measurement of photons in p <sub>T</sub> range 1 - 50 MeV/c	Forward Conversion Tracker based on silicon pixel sensors



# Vertexing

- Pointing resolution  $\propto r_0 \cdot \sqrt{x/X_0}$  (multiple scattering regime)
  - → 10 μm @ p<sub>T</sub> = 200 MeV/c
  - radius and material of first layer crucial
  - minimal radius given by required aperture:
    - R ≈ 5 mm at top energy,
    - R ≈ 15 mm at injection energy
    - → retractable vertex detector
- 3 layers within beam pipe (in secondary vacuum) at radii of 5 25 mm
  - wafer-sized, bent Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors
  - $\sigma_{pos}$  ~2.5 µm  $\rightarrow$  10 µm pixel pitch
  - 1 ‰ X<sub>0</sub> per layer



5x better than ALICE 2.1 (ITS3 + TPC)



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0.02

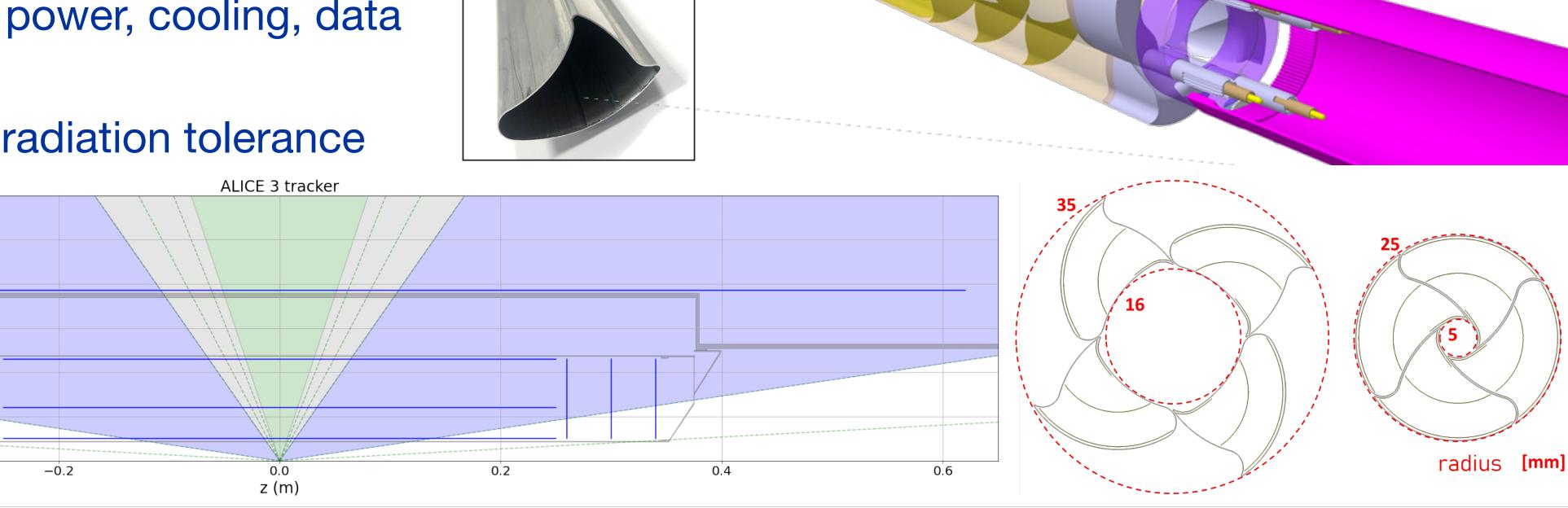
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## Vertex Detector

## Conceptual study

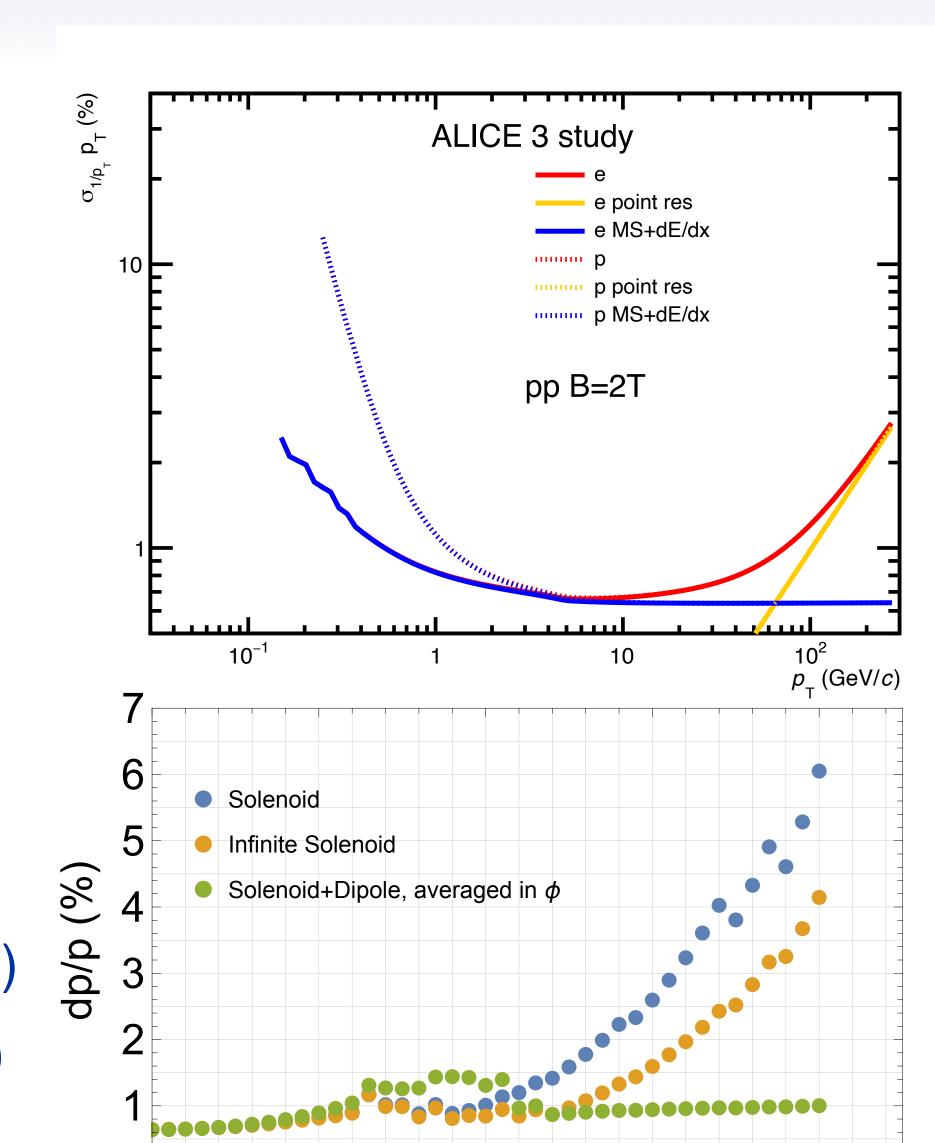
- wafer-sized, bent MAPS (leveraging on ITS3 activities)
- rotary petals for secondary vacuum (thin walls to minimise material)
- matching to beampipe parameters (impedance, aperture, ...)
- feed-throughs for power, cooling, data
- R&D challenges on mechanics, cooling, radiation tolerance





# Tracking

- Relative p<sub>T</sub> resolution  $\propto \frac{\sqrt{x/X_0}}{B \cdot L}$  (limited by multiple scattering)  $\sim 1 \%$  up to  $\eta = 4$ 
  - integrated magnetic field crucial
  - overall material budget critical
- ~11 tracking layers (barrel + disks)
  - MAPS
  - $\sigma_{pos} \sim 10 \ \mu m \rightarrow 50 \ \mu m \ pixel pitch$
  - R<sub>out</sub> ≈ 80 cm and L ≈ 4 m (→ magnetic field integral ~1 Tm)
  - timing resolution ~100 ns (→ reduce mismatch probability)
  - material ~1 %  $X_0$  / layer  $\rightarrow$  overall  $X/X_0$  = ~10 %

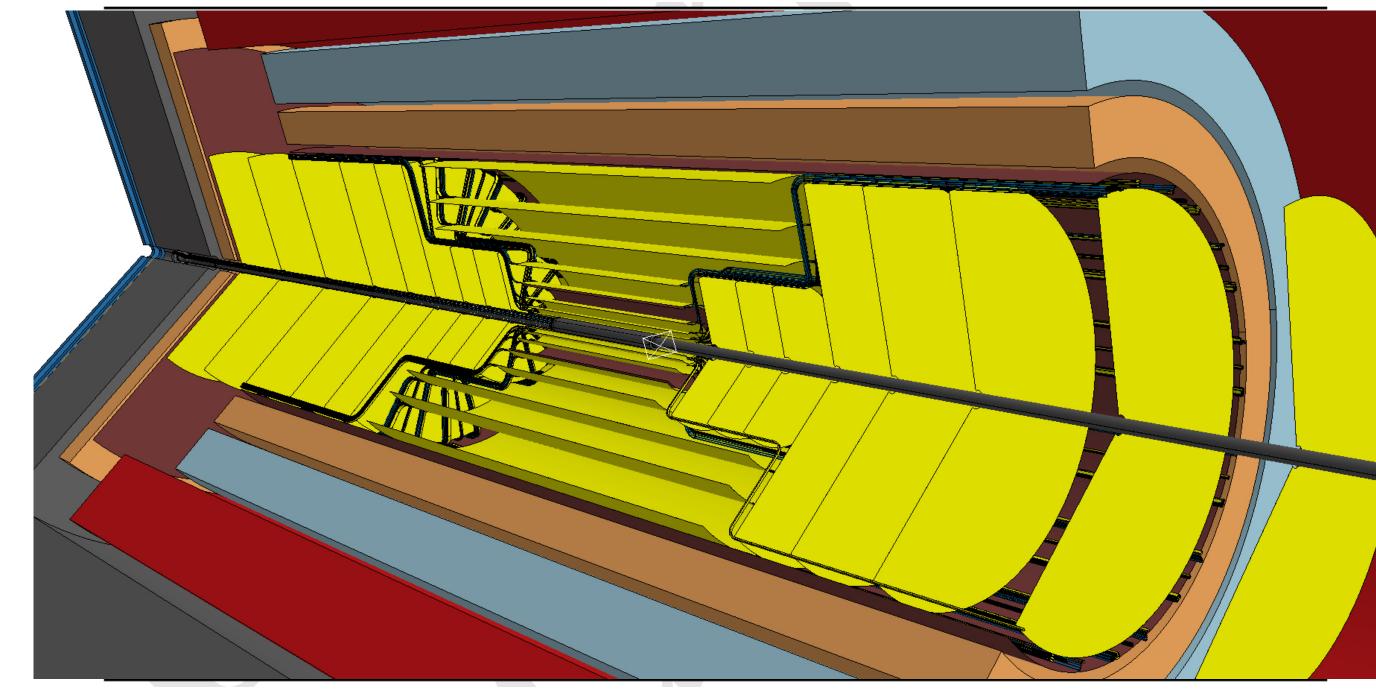


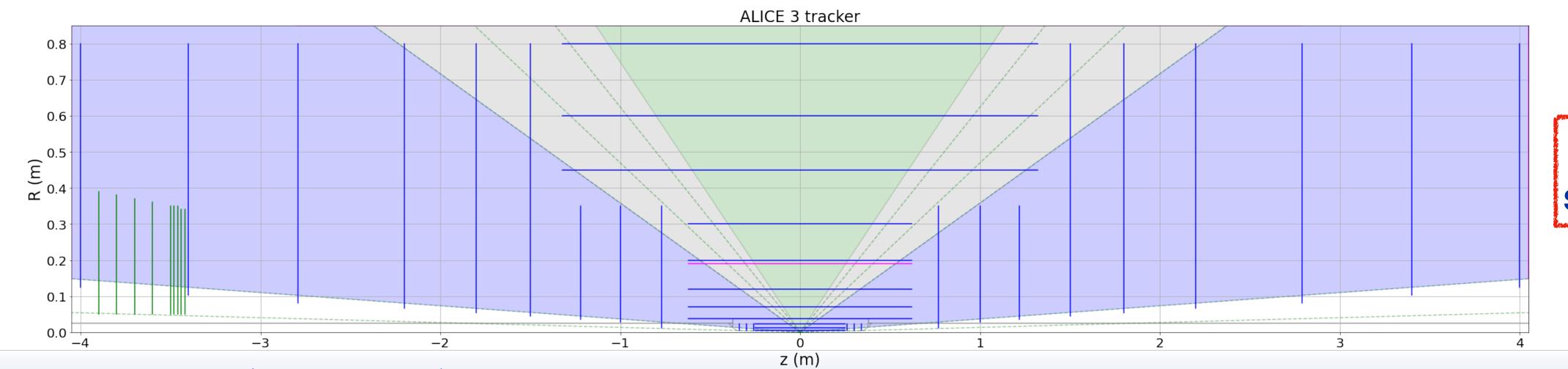
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# Outer Tracker

- MAPS on modules on water-cooled carbon-fibre cold plate
- carbon-fibre space frame for mechanical support
- R&D challenges on
  - powering scheme (→ material)
  - industrialisation





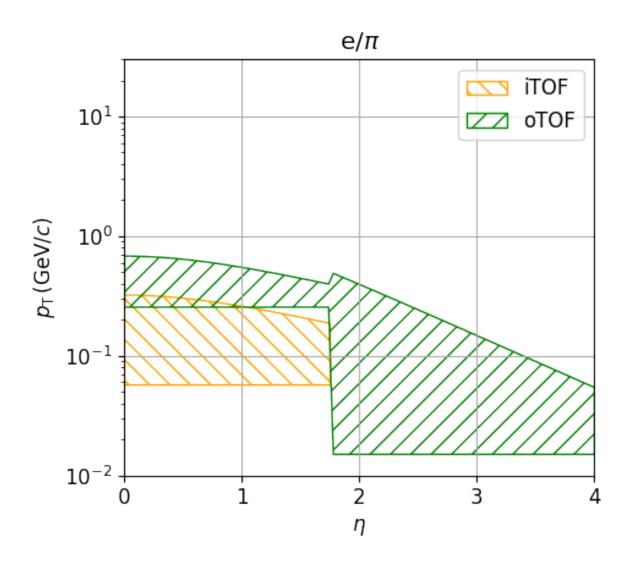
Total silicon surface ~60 m<sup>2</sup>

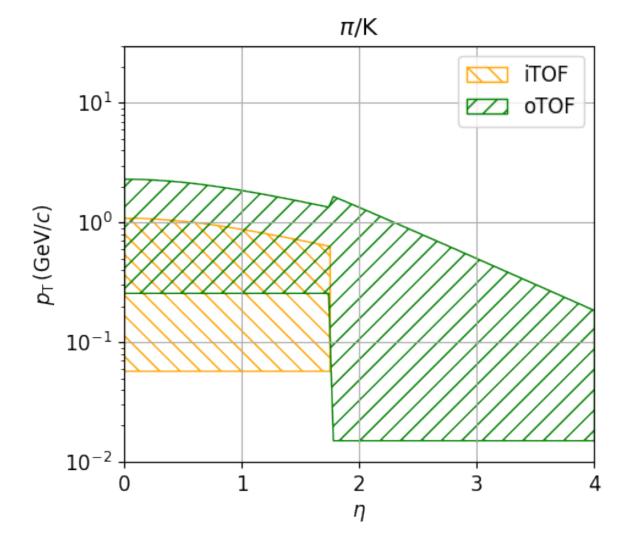


# Time of flight

- . Separation power  $\propto \frac{L}{\sigma_{
  m tof}}$ 
  - distance and time resolution crucial
  - larger radius results in lower p<sub>T</sub> bound
- 2 barrel + 1 forward TOF layers
  - outer TOF at R ≈ 85 cm
  - inner TOF at R ≈ 19 cm
  - forward TOF at  $z \approx 405$  cm
- Silicon timing sensors ( $\sigma_{TOF} \approx 20 \text{ ps}$ )
  - R&D on monolithic CMOS sensors with integrated gain layer

Total silicon surface ~45 m<sup>2</sup>





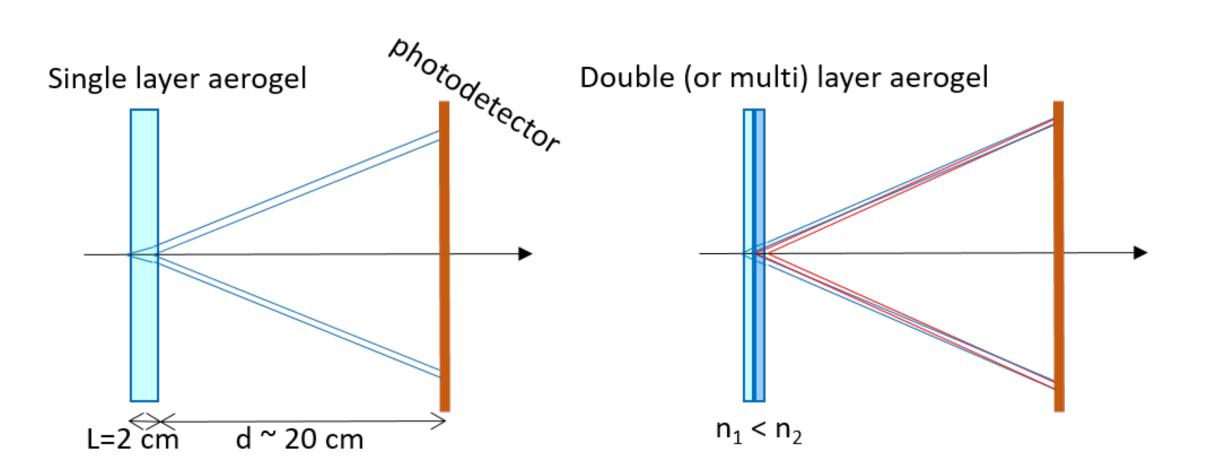


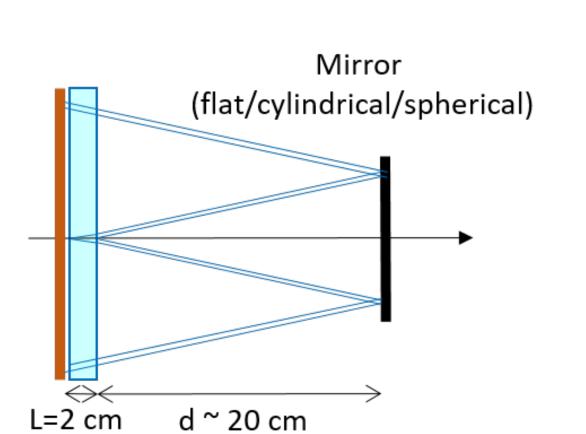
# Ring-Imaging Cherenkov

- Extend PID reach of outer TOF to higher pt
  - --- Cherenkov
  - aerogel radiator

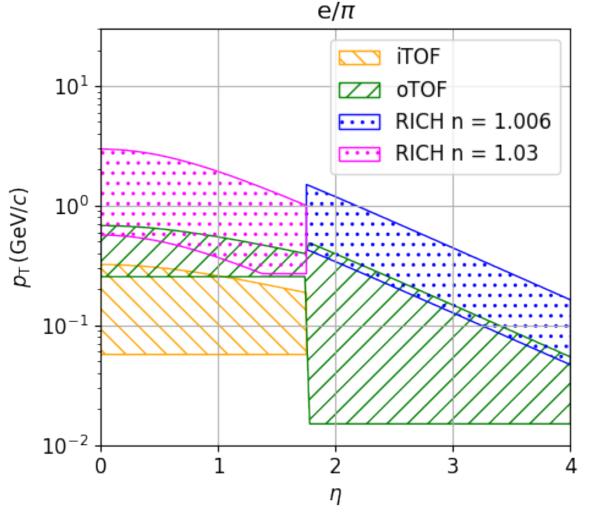
to ensure continuous coverage from TOF

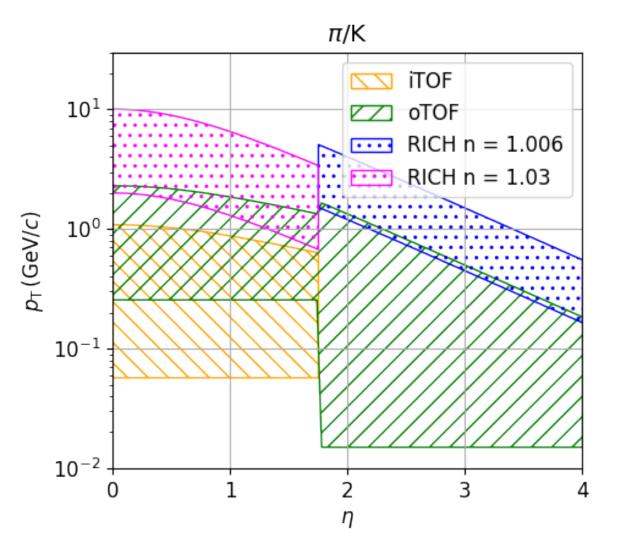
- $\rightarrow$  refractive index n = 1.03 (barrel)
- $\rightarrow$  refractive index n = 1.006 (forward)
- silicon photon sensors
  - R&D on monolithic photon sensors





Total SiPM surface ~60 m<sup>2</sup>







## Elm. calorimeter

- Large acceptance ECal
  - → sampling calorimeter (à la EMCal/DCal):
  - e.g. O(100) layers (1 mm Pb + 1.5 mm plastic scintillator)
- Additional high energy resolution segment at midrapidity or forward
  - → PbWO<sub>4</sub>-based

ECal module	Barrel sampling	Endcap sampling	Barrel high-precision
acceptance	$\Delta \varphi = 2\pi,$ $ \eta  < 1.5$	$\Delta \varphi = 2\pi,$ $1.5 < \eta < 4$	$\Delta \varphi = 2\pi,$ $ \eta  < 0.33$
geometry	$R_{\rm in} = 1.15 \text{ m},$  z  < 2.7  m	0.16 < R < 1.8  m, $z = 4.35  m$	$R_{\rm in} = 1.15 \text{ m},$  z  < 0.64  m
technology	sampling Pb + scint.	sampling Pb + scint.	PbWO <sub>4</sub> crystals
cell size	$30\times30\;mm^2$	$40 \times 40 \text{ mm}^2$	$22\times22\;\text{mm}^2$
no. of channels	30 000	6 000	20 000
energy range	0.1 < E < 100  GeV	0.1 < E < 250  GeV	0.01 < E < 100  GeV



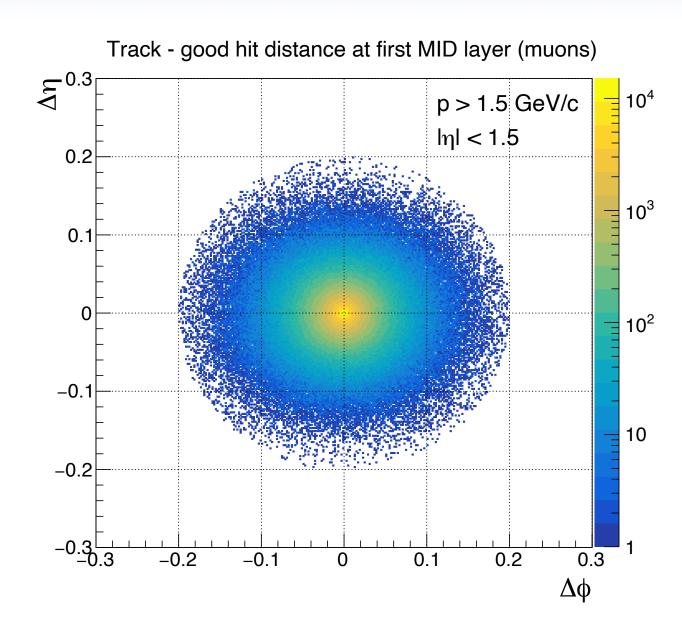
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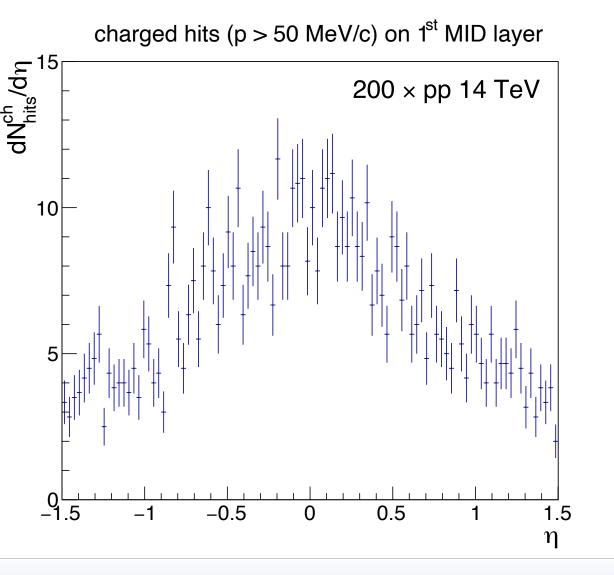
## Hadron absorber

~70 cm non-magnetic steel

## Muon chambers

- search spot for muons ~0.1 x 0.1 (eta x phi)
  - → ~5 x 5 cm<sup>2</sup> cell size
- matching demonstrated with 2 layers of muon chambers
  - scintillator bars with SiPM read-out
  - resistive plate chambers

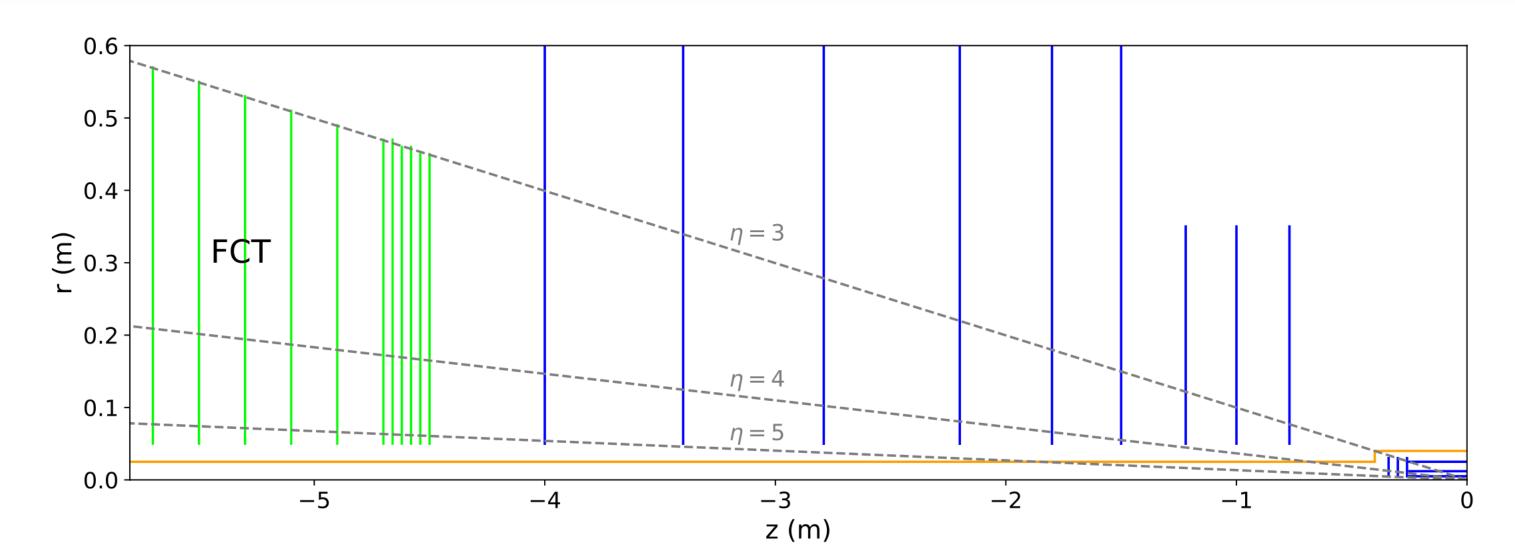






## Forward conversion tracker

- Thin tracking disks to cover 3 < η < 5
  - few ‰ of a radiation length per layer
  - position resolution < 10 μm</li>



## Research & Development

- Large area, thin disks
- Minimisation of material in front of FCT
- Operational conditions

Layer	z (m)	$r_{\min}$ (m)	$r_{\text{max}}$ (m)
0	-4.50	0.05	0.45
1	-4.54	0.05	0.45
2	-4.58	0.05	0.46
3	-4.62	0.05	0.46
4	-4.66	0.05	0.47
5	-4.70	0.05	0.47
6	-4.90	0.05	0.49
7	-5.10	0.05	0.51
8	-5.30	0.05	0.53
9	-5.50	0.05	0.55
10	-5.70	0.05	0.57



# Strategic R&D



## Silicon pixel sensors

- thinning and bending of silicon sensors
  - → expand on experience with ITS3
- exploration of new CMOS processes
  - → first in-beam tests with 65 nm process
- modularisation and industrialisation

### Silicon timing sensors

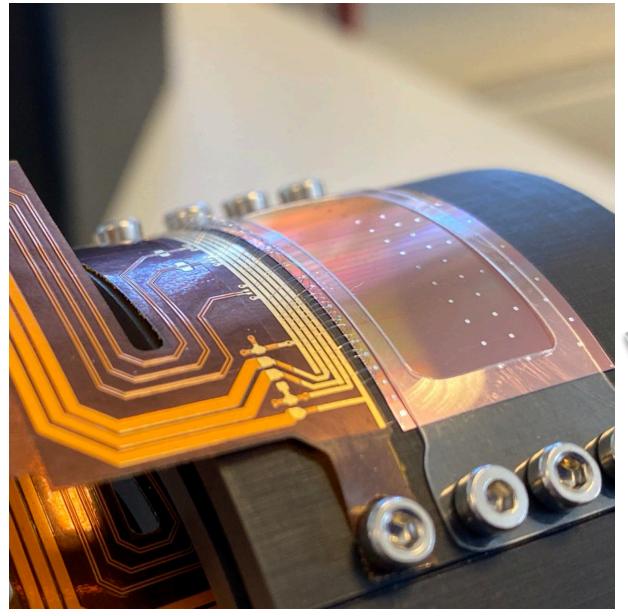
- characterisation of SPADs/SiPMs
  - → first tests in beam
- monolithic timing sensors
  - → implement gain layer

#### Photon sensors

- monolithic SiPMs
  - → integrate read-out

## Detector mechanics and cooling

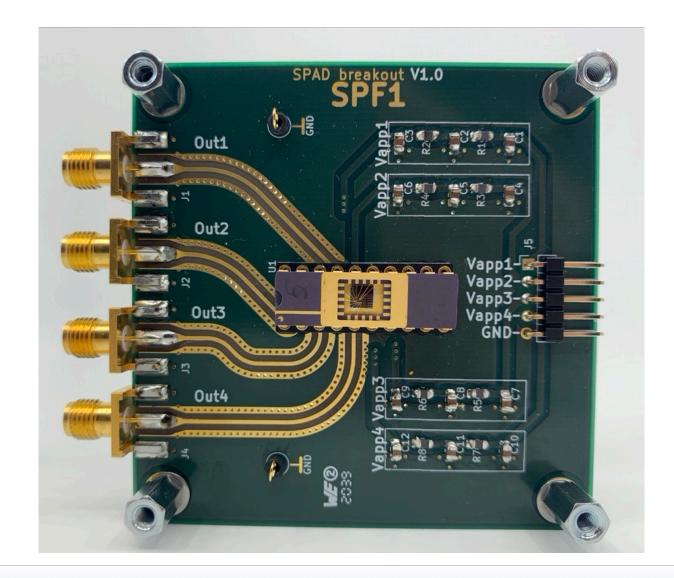
- mechanics for operation in beam pipe
  - → establish compatible with LHC beam
- minimisation of material in the active volume
  - → micro-channel cooling

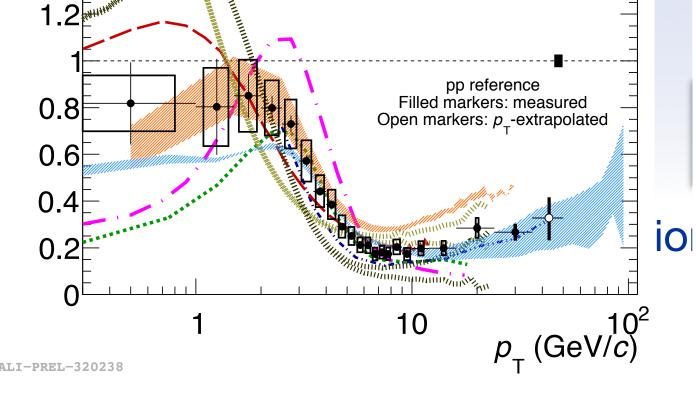




Unique and relevant technologies

→ Synergies with LHC, FAIR, EIC, ....

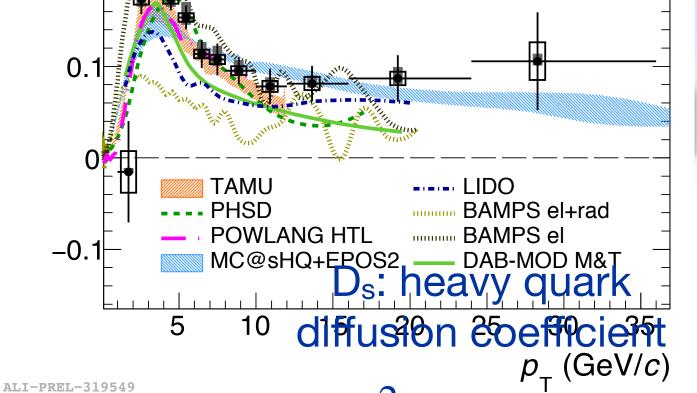




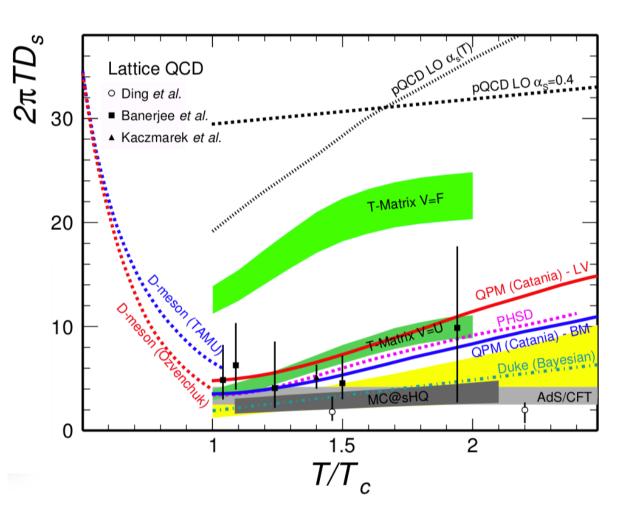


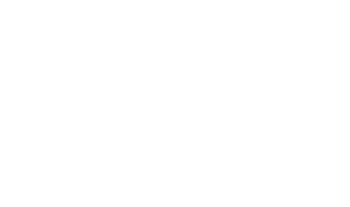
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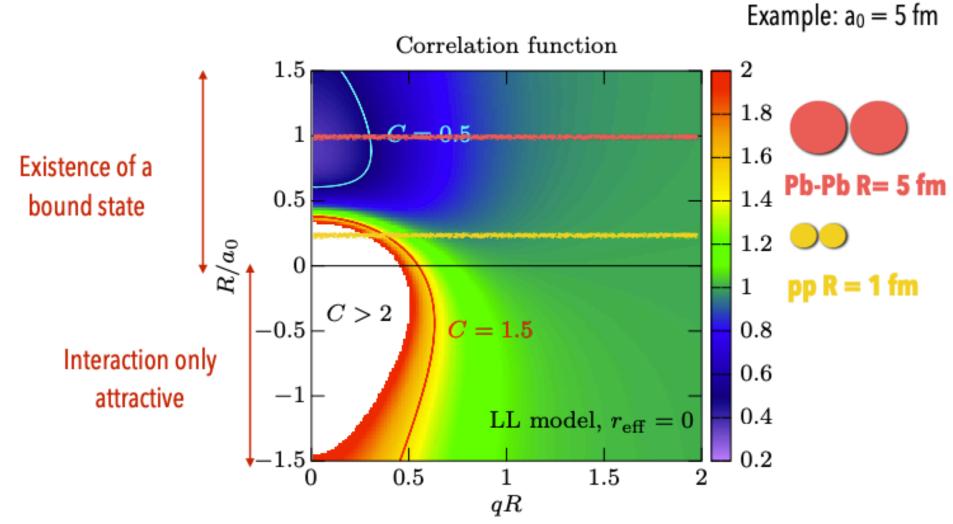
- Di-lepton and photo
- Electric conductivity
- Chiral symmetry restoration:  $\rho a_1$  mixing
- Heavy flavour diffusion and thermalisation in the QGP
  - Beauty and charm flow
  - Charm hadron correlations
- Hadronisation, final state interactions in heavy-ion collisions
  - Multi-charm baryon production: thermal processes/quark recombination
  - Quarkonia and exotic mesons: dissociation and regeneration
- Structure of exotic hadrons
  - Momentum correlations (femtoscopy)
  - Production yields dissociation in final state scattering
  - Decay studies in ultra-peripheral collisions
- New nuclear states: charm nuclei
- Susceptibilities
- Ultra-soft photons: experimental test of Low's theorem
- BSM searches: ALPs, dark photons
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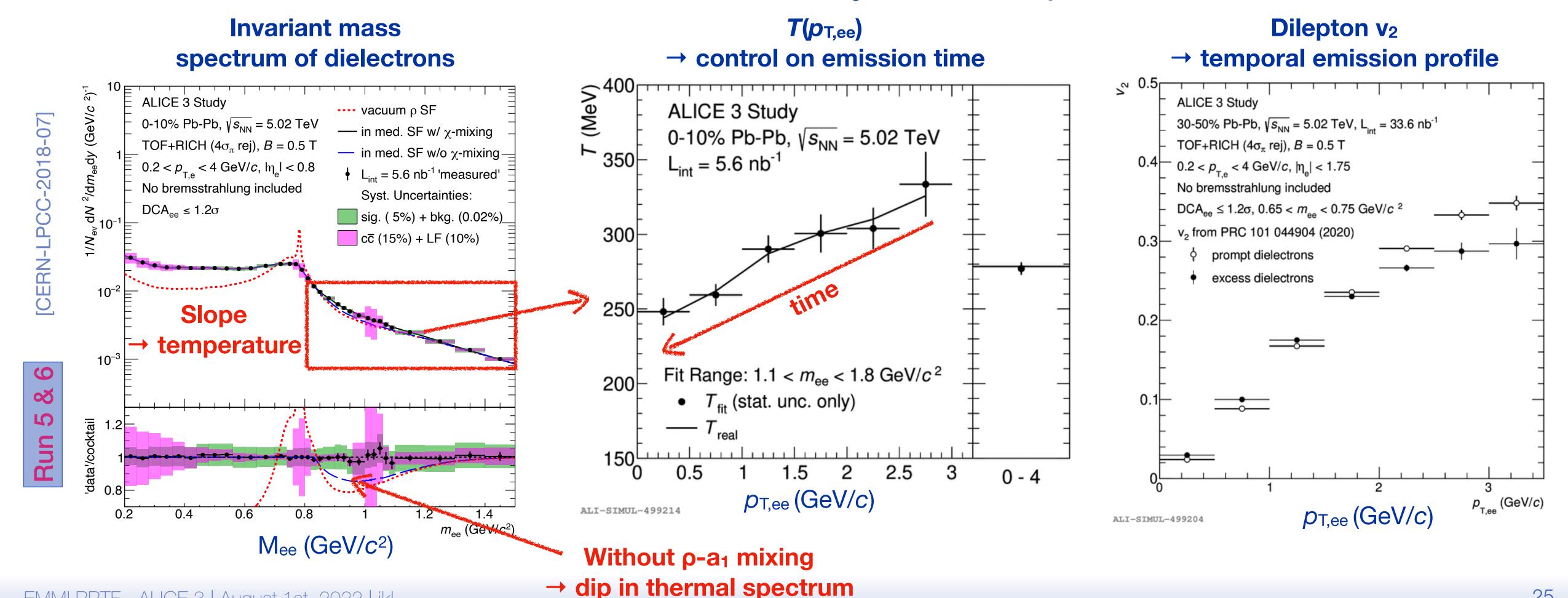


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# Time evolution & chiral symmetry

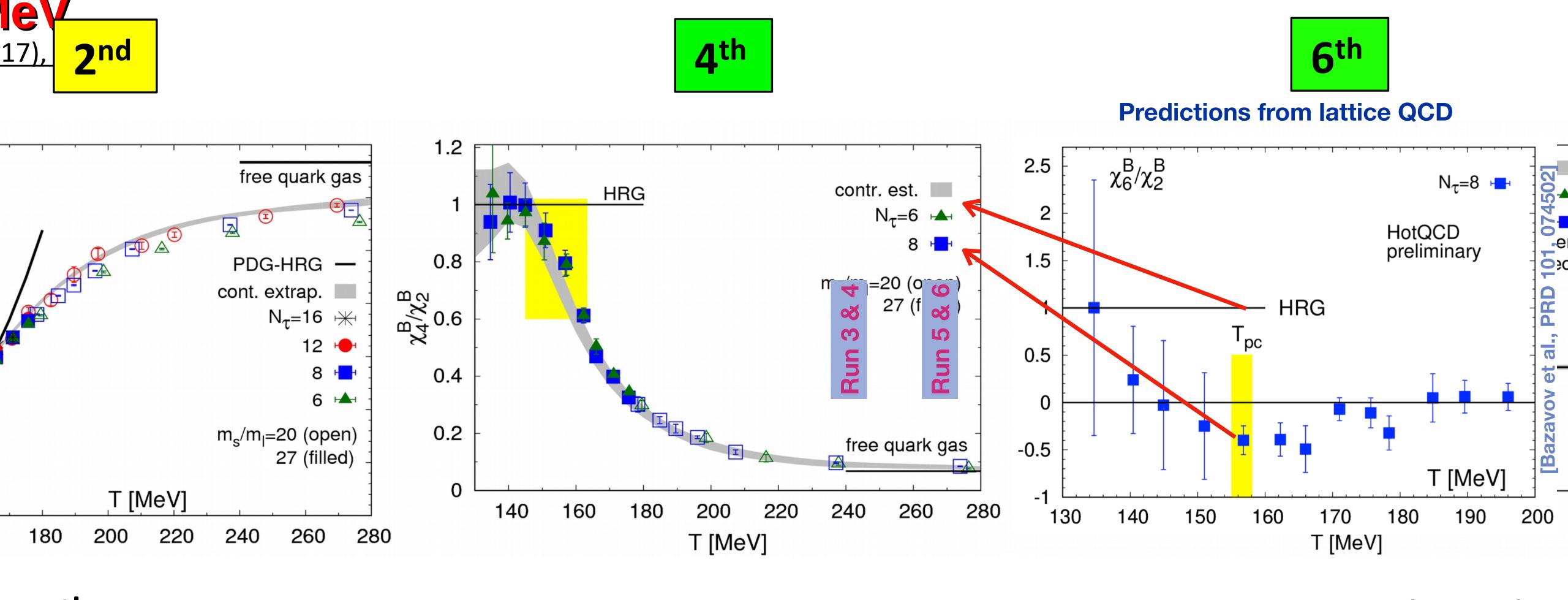
- Understand time evolution and mechanisms of chiral symmetry restoration
  - → high-precision measurements of dileptons, also multi-differentially
  - → further reduced material; excellent heavy-flavour rejection



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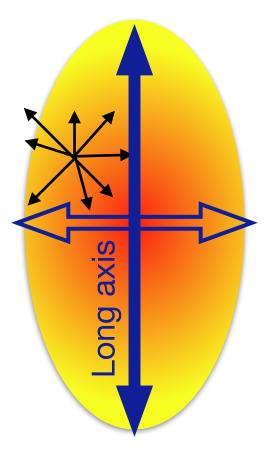


t 4<sup>th</sup> order LQCD shows a deviation from Hadron Resonance Gas (HRG)

# Heavy flavour transport

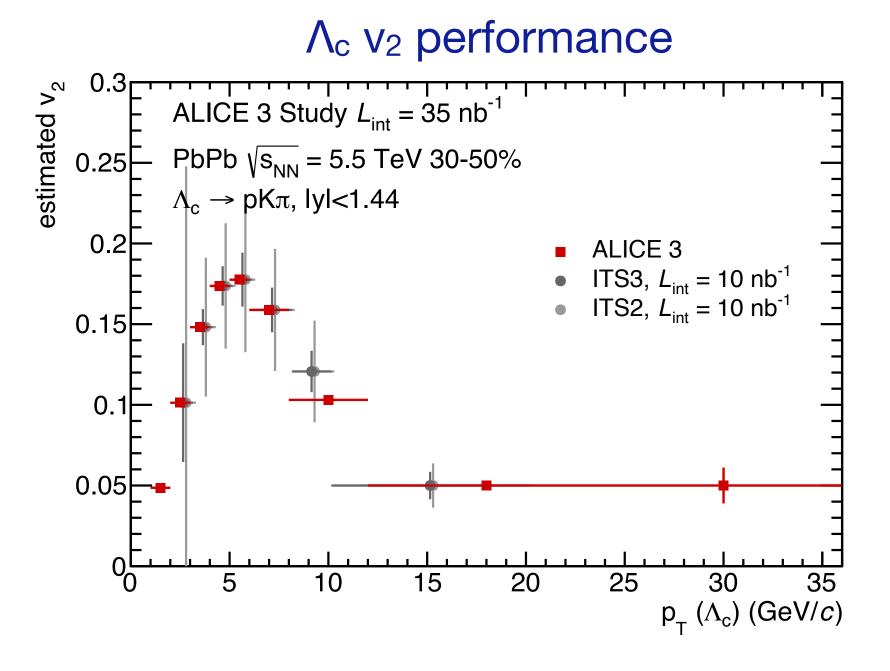


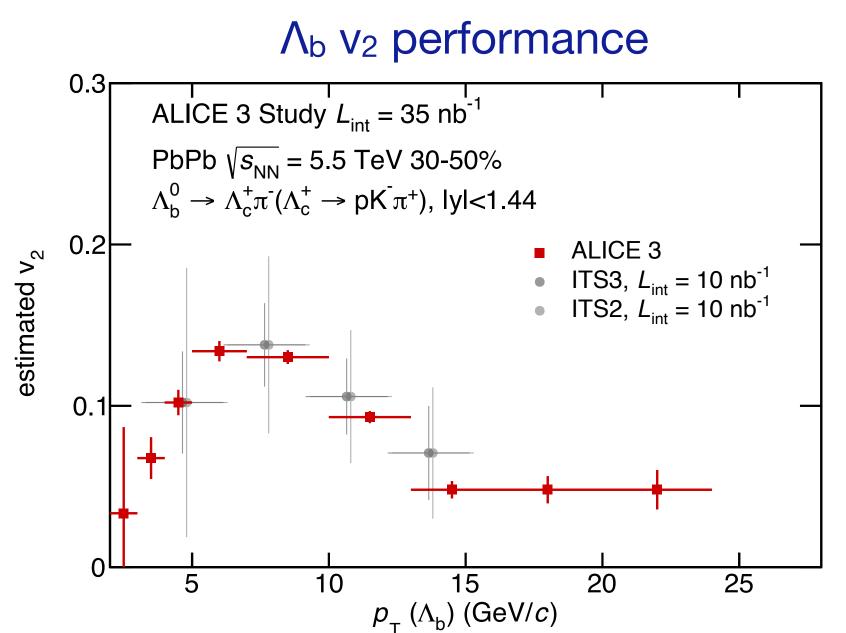
Non-central collision



Interactions with the plasma generate azimuthal anisotropy v<sub>2</sub>:

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2(\varphi - \psi)$$





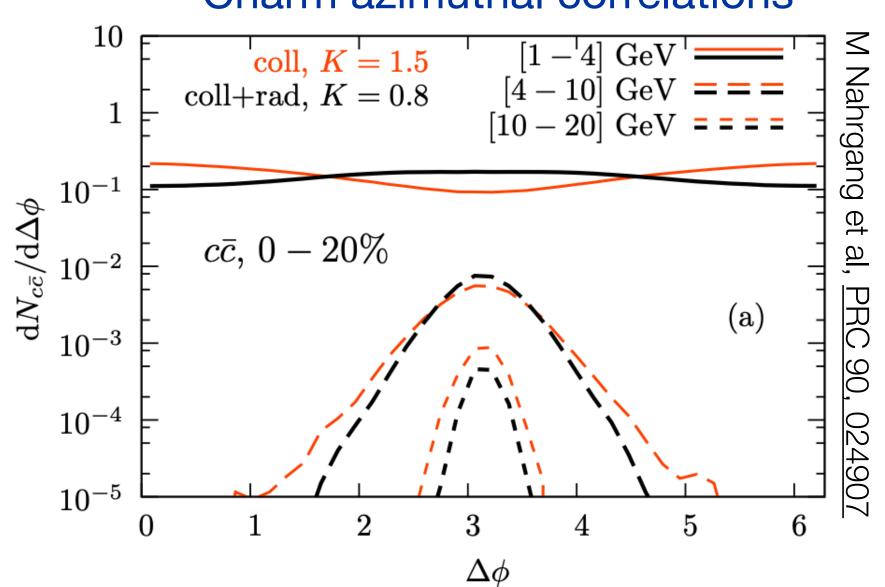
- Heavy quarks: access to quark transport at hadron level
  - Expect beauty thermalisation slower than charm smaller v<sub>2</sub>
- Need ALICE 3 performance (pointing resolution, acceptance) for precision measurement of e.g.  $\Lambda_c$  and  $\Lambda_b$   $v_2$

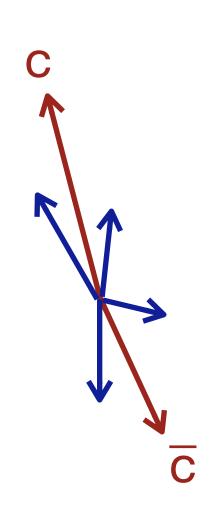
relaxation time  $\tau_Q = (m_Q/T) \; D_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$ 

# DD azimuthal correlations



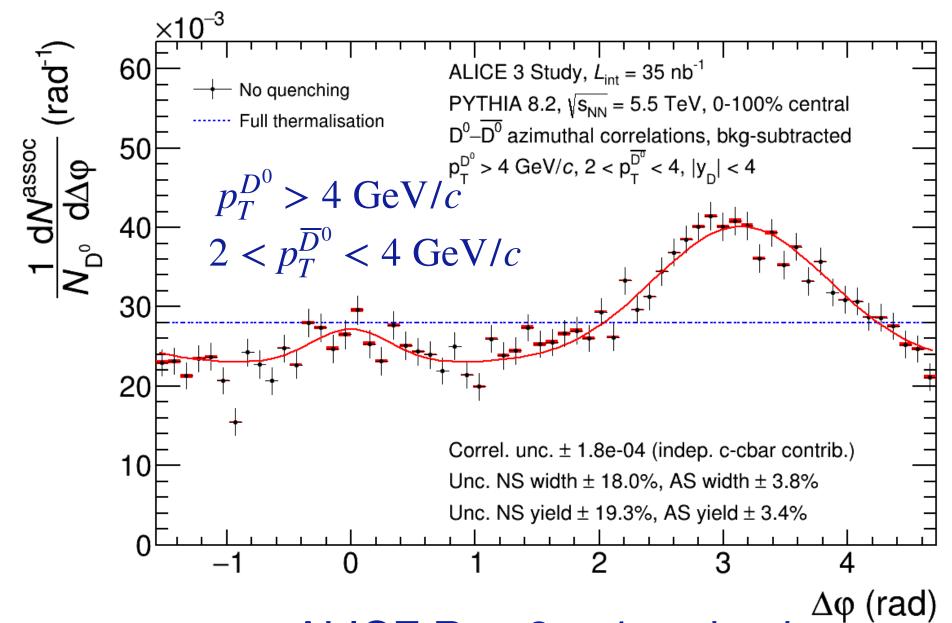
## Charm azimuthal correlations



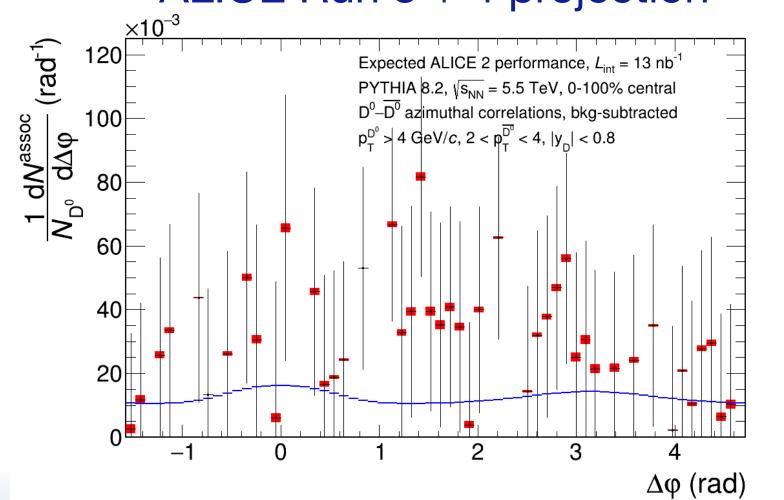


- Angular decorrelation directly probes QGP scattering
  - Signal strongest at low p<sub>T</sub>
- Very challenging measurement:
   need good purity, efficiency and η coverage
  - → heavy-ion measurement only possible with ALICE 3

## ALICE 3 projection: $D\overline{D}$ correlations

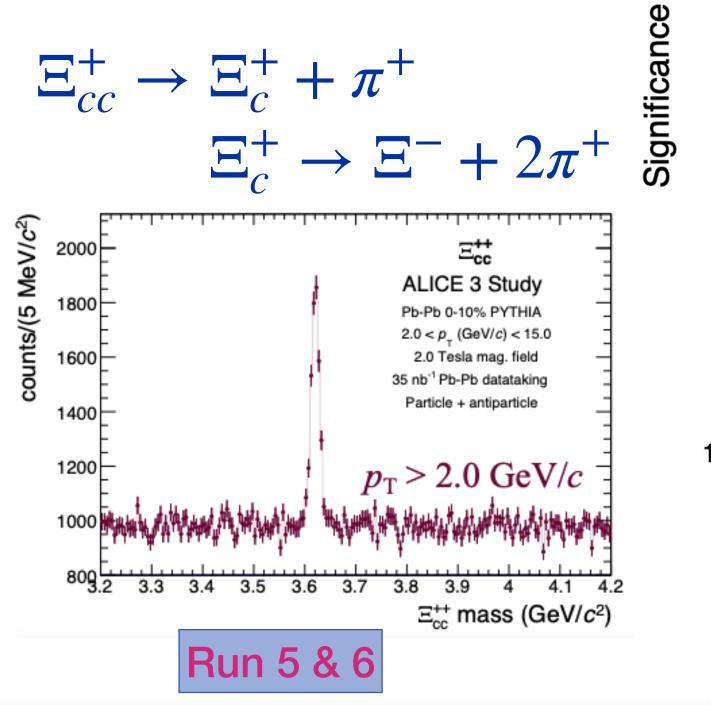


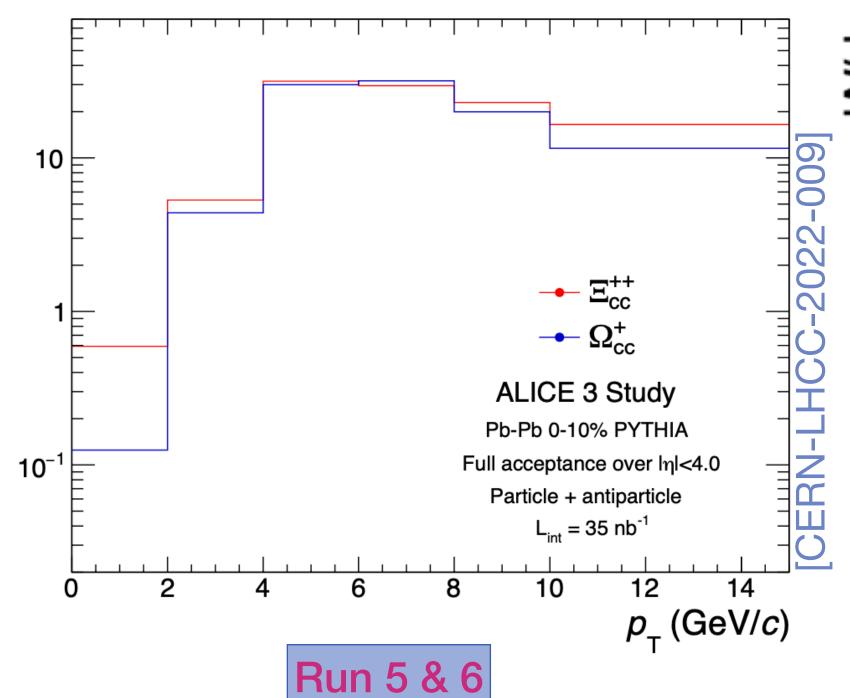
ALICE Run 3 + 4 projection



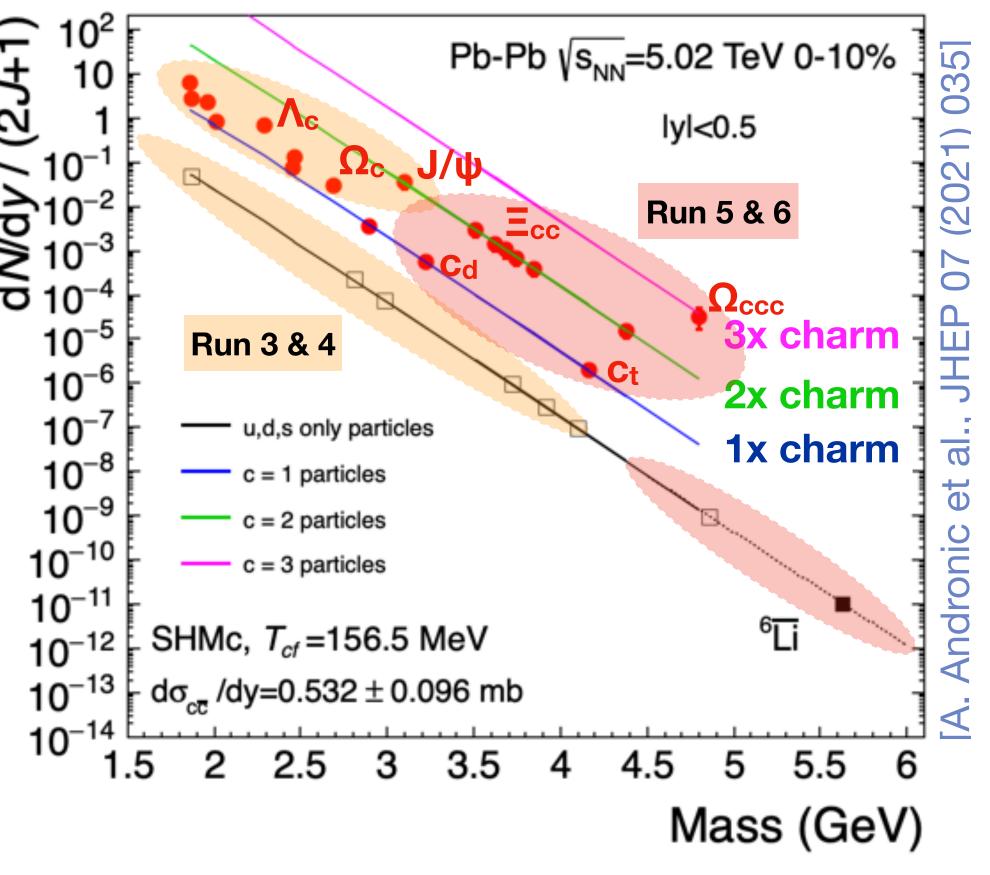
# Multi-charm baryons

- Expected enhancement of multi-charm states provides high sensitivity to equilibration
  - → systematic measurement of hadron yields
  - → luminosity, acceptance, vertexing, PID, strangeness tracking





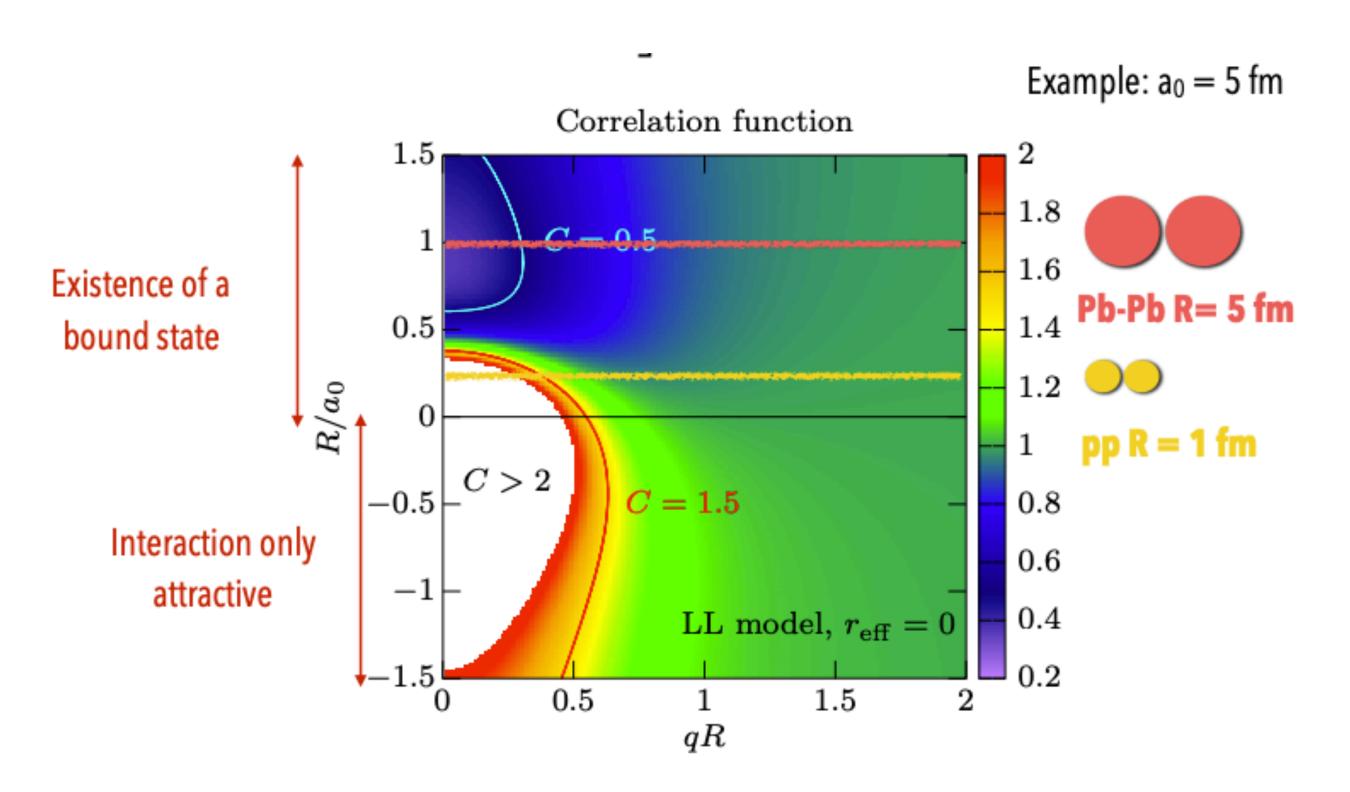
## Hadron yields in statistical hadronisation model





## Nature of exotic states

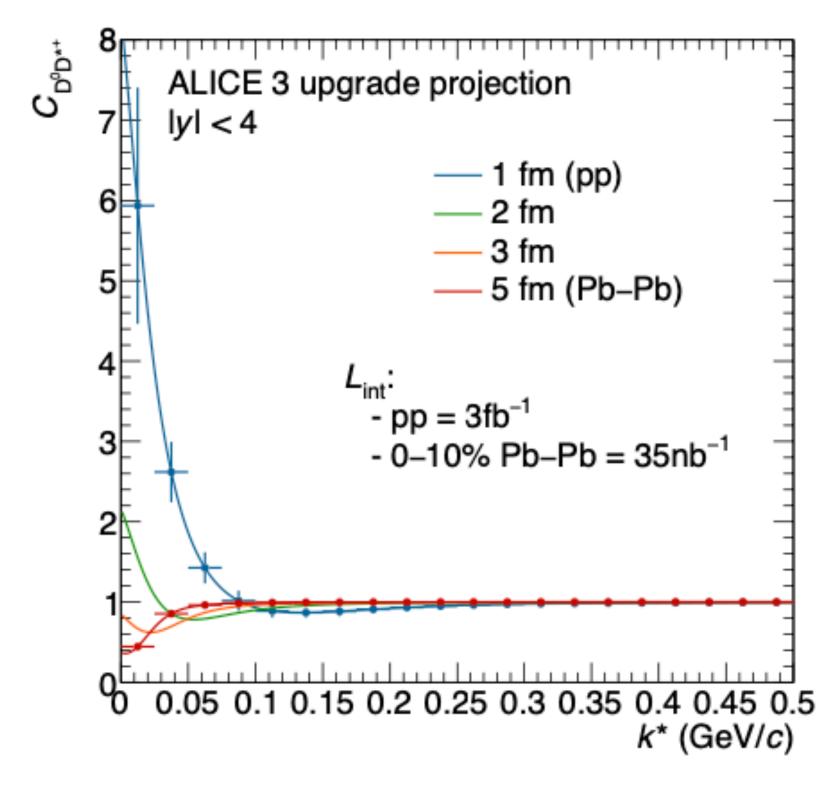




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- Study interaction between hadrons trough momentum correlation
- Carries information about existence of bound states

#### **DD\*** momentum correlation



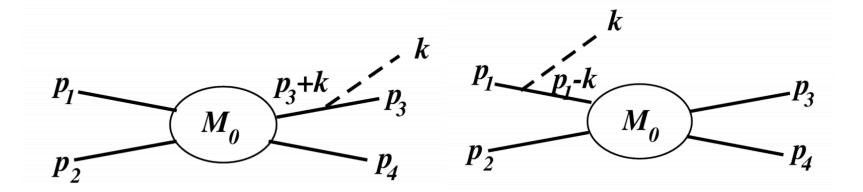
- Characteristic sign-change between pp and Pb-Pb in case of bound T<sub>cc</sub> state
- Effect clearly visible within experiment precision

# Low's theorem — soft photons

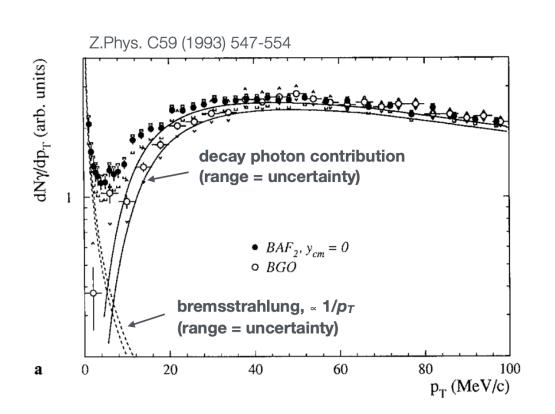


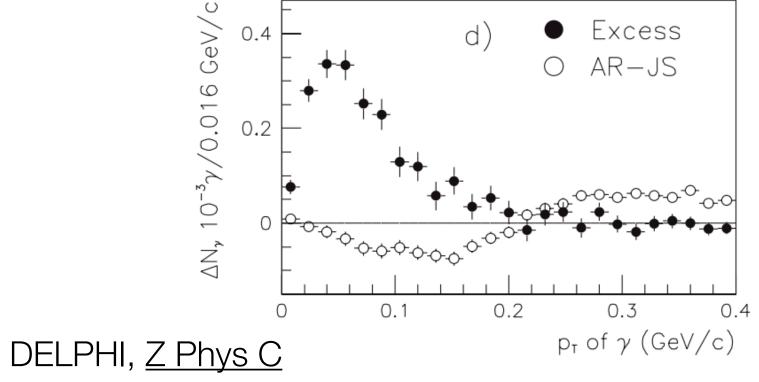
• Low's theorem: production of soft photons linked to charged final state (not to "blob")

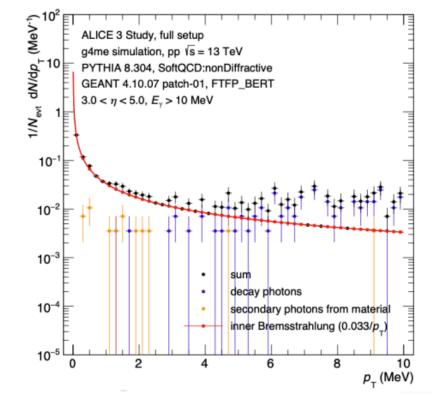
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N^{\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{k}} = \frac{\alpha}{(2\pi)^{2}} \frac{-1}{E_{gamma}} \int \left(\mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{p}_{1} \dots \mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{p}_{N}\right) \left(\sum_{\mathrm{Particle}\ i} \frac{\eta_{i}e_{i}\mathsf{P}_{i}\mathsf{K}}{\mathsf{P}_{i}\mathsf{K}}\right)^{2} \frac{\mathrm{d}N^{\mathrm{H}}}{\mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{p}_{1} \dots \mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{p}_{N}}$$



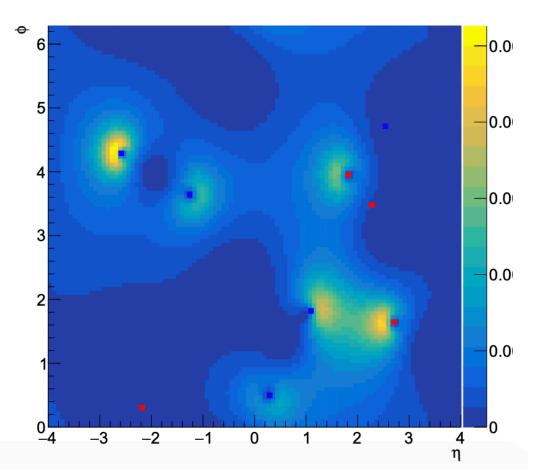
Observational question: Photon excess in association with **hadrons** seen in previous experiments (not in e+e-  $\rightarrow \mu$ + $\mu$ -)



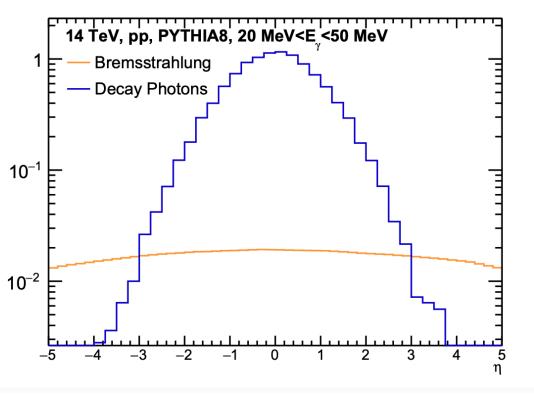




## Single event photon emission



## Rapidity distribution signal and decay



Observable: (ultra-)soft photons ( $p_T < 50 \text{ MeV/}c$ ) at forward rapidity

S/B best at large rapidity, very low p<sub>T</sub>

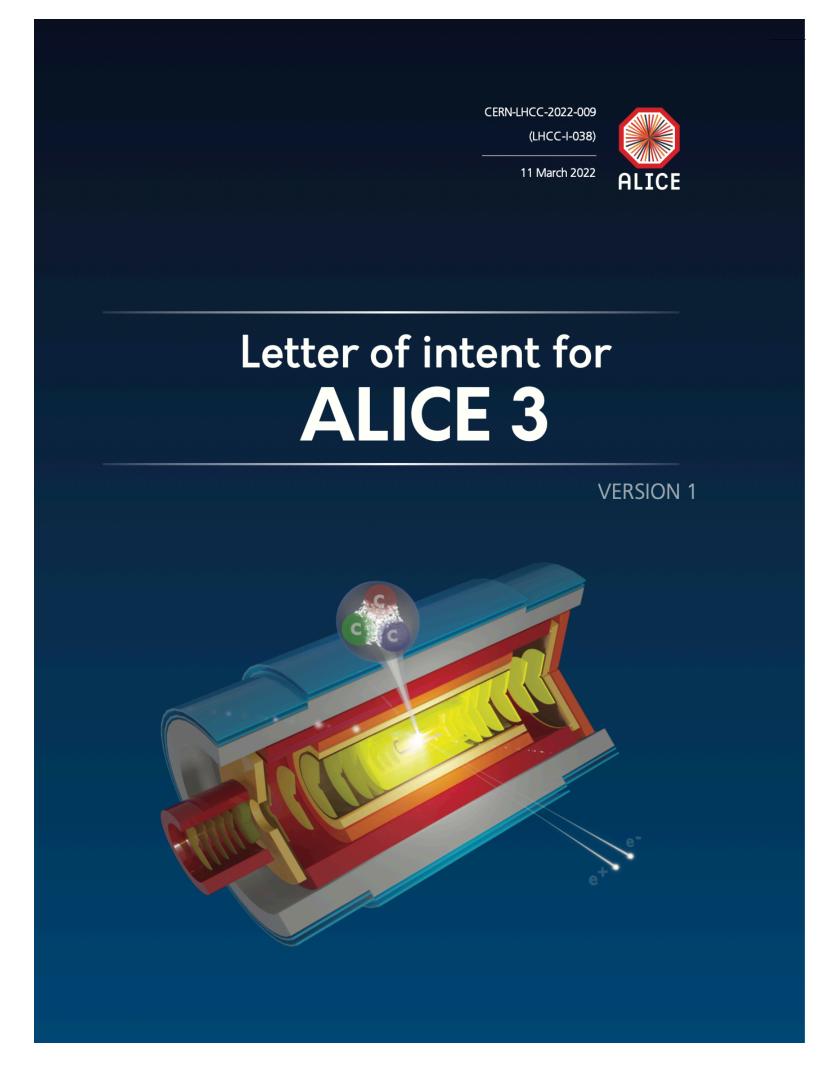


# Status and planning

- Physics case and detector concept developed in the course of 2020-2021 → Letter of Intent
  - endorsed by Collaboration Board in January 2022
  - LHCC review concluded in March 2022
    - → very positive evaluation [LHCC-149]
    - Exciting physics program
    - Detector well matched with physics program and strategically interesting R&D opportunities

#### Timeline

- 2023-25: selection of technologies, small-scale proof of concept prototypes
- 2026-27: large-scale engineered prototypes
  - → Technical Design Reports
- 2028-31: construction and testing
- 2032: contingency
- 2033-34: Preparation of cavern and installation of ALICE 3



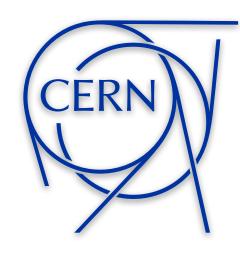
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## Conclusions

- ALICE 3 is needed to unravel the microscopic dynamics of the QGP
  - Properties of the quark-gluon plasma
  - Hadronisation and nature of hadronic states
  - Ultra-soft photons
  - and much more ....
- Innovative detector concept
   to meet the requirements for the ALICE 3 physics programme
  - building on experience with technologies pioneered in ALICE
  - requiring R&D activities in several strategic areas

## Thank you for your attention!





# Backup

# LHC experiments

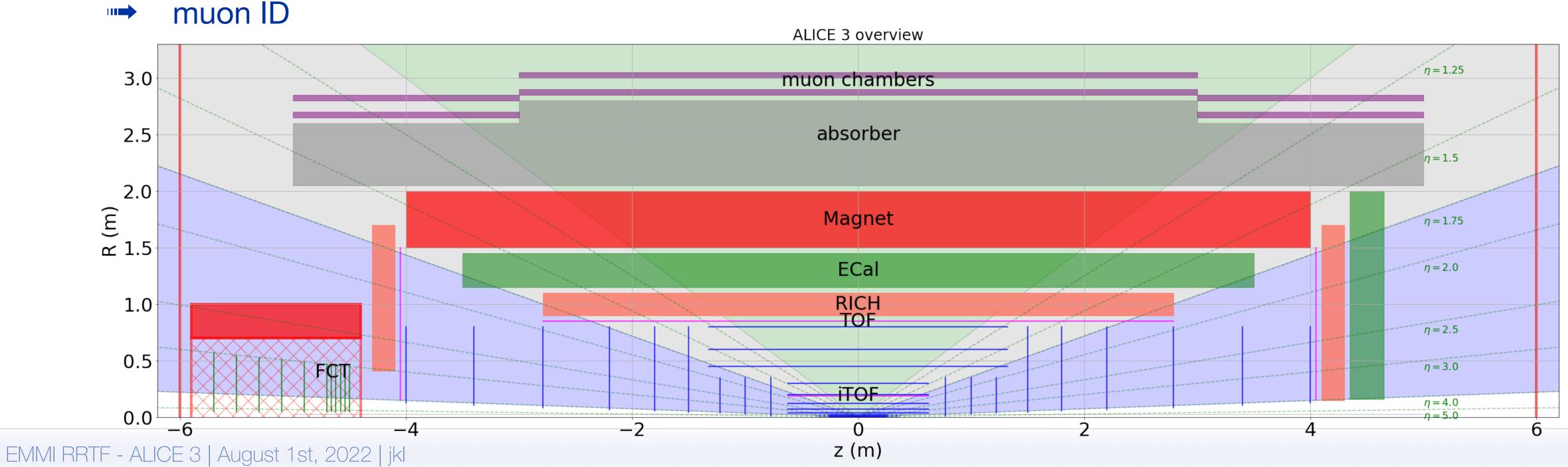
pp, pPb, pp, pO, OO, pp, pPb, pp, pA?, AA pp, pA?, AA Collision systems pp, pPb, Pb-Pb Xe-Xe, Pb-Pb pPb, Pb-Pb Pb-Pb Run 1 Run 2 Run 3 Run 4 Run 5 Run 6 LHC schedule 2029 - 2032 2009 - 2013 2015 - 2018 2022 - 2025 **High luminosity HL-LHC** for ions **Higher luminosities for ions ATLAS ATLAS ATLAS** phase I upgrades phase II upgrades CMS CMS **CMS** CMS phase I upgrades phase II upgrades **LHCb** LHCb LHCb LHCb phase IIb upgrades upgrade I(a) upgrade lb ALICE 2 ALICE 2.1 **ALICE 3 ALICE 1** phase IIb upgrades upgrade upgrade **ALICE** 

→ evolution of LHC and the experiments

## Probes and detector

- **Heavy-flavour hadrons** ( $p_T \rightarrow 0$ , wide  $\eta$  range)
  - vertexing, tracking, hadron ID
- **Dileptons** ( $p_T \sim 0.1 3 \text{ GeV/}c$ ,  $M_{ee} \sim 0.1 4 \text{ GeV/}c^2$ )
  - vertexing, tracking, lepton ID
- Photons (100 MeV/c 50 GeV/c, wide η range)
  - electromagnetic calorimetry
- - Quarkonia and Exotica ( $p_T \rightarrow 0$ )

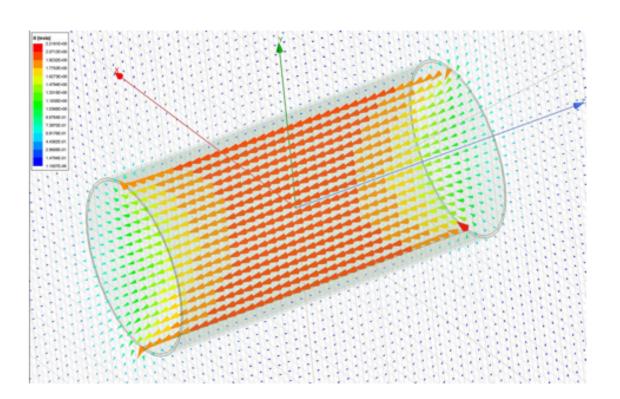
- Jets
  - tracking and calorimetry, hadron ID
- Ultrasoft photons ( $p_T = 1 50 \text{ MeV/c}$ )
  - dedicated forward detector
- Nuclei
  - identification of z > 1 particles

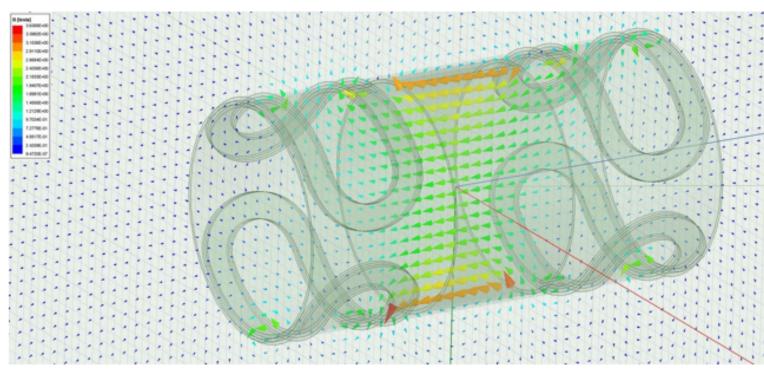


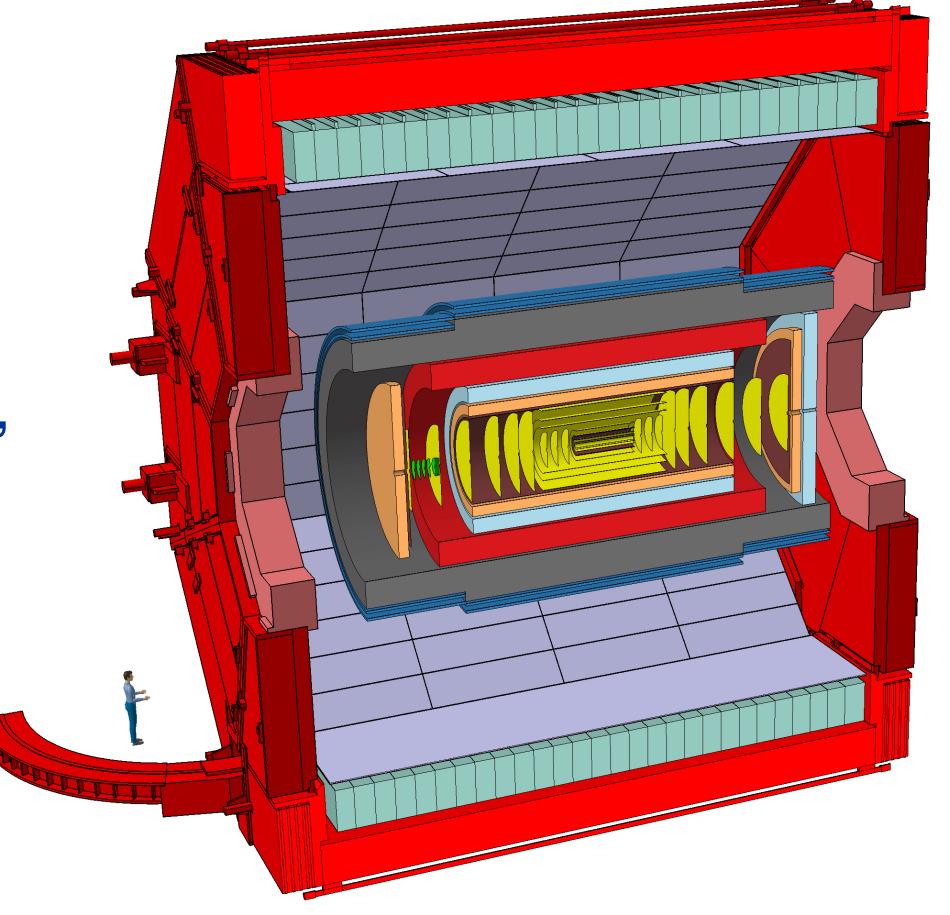


# Integration

- 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 optimised









# Running scenario

- Baseline approach for heavy-ion programme
  - maximise statistics for rare probes
     identify species best suited for physics programme
  - 6 running years with 1 month / year with that species
- Complemented with high-rate pp running (3 fb<sup>-1</sup> / year) at 14 TeV
- Consider special runs (low B field, pp reference, small systems), also based on insights from Run 3 & 4

new ideas under study, e.g. charge states and bunch splitting

## [https://indico.cern.ch/event/1078695/]

Nucleon-nucleon luminosity:  $\mathscr{L}_{\text{NN}} = A^2 \cdot \mathscr{L}_{\text{AA}}$ 

optimistic scenario	0-0	Ar-Ar	Ca-Ca	Kr-Kr	In-In	Xe-Xe	Pb-Pb
⟨L <sub>AA</sub> ⟩ (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	9.5·10 <sup>29</sup>	2.0.1029	1.9·10 <sup>29</sup>	5.0·10 <sup>28</sup>	2.3.1028	1.6·10 <sup>28</sup>	$3.3 \cdot 10^{27}$
⟨L <sub>NN</sub> ⟩ (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	2.4·10 <sup>32</sup>	3.3·10 <sup>32</sup>	3.0 · 1032	3.0 · 1032	3.0·10 <sup>32</sup>	2.6·10 <sup>32</sup>	1.4·10 <sup>32</sup>
£AA (nb-1 / month)	1.6·10 <sup>3</sup>	3.4.102	3.1·10 <sup>2</sup>	8.4·10 <sup>1</sup>	$3.9 \cdot 10^{1}$	2.6·10 <sup>1</sup>	5.6·10°
£ <sub>NN</sub> (pb <sup>-1</sup> / month)	409	550	500	510	512	434	242

Strength of QGP effects

(e.g. charm abundance, quenching, also background)

## Rates and radiation



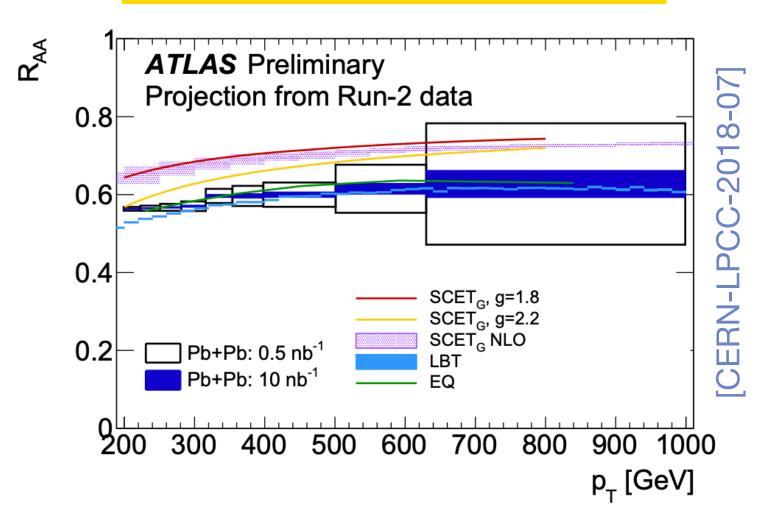
- Design to handle available heavy-ion luminosities,
   with current estimates hit rates similar across collision systems
- First layer at 5 mm → challenging hit rates and radiation load:
   ~1.5 10¹⁵ 1 MeV n<sub>eq</sub> / cm² per operational year (comparable to first layer in ATLAS/CMS)
- Moderate hit rates and radiation load in other layers, already at R = 20 cm (inner TOF) down to ~10<sup>12</sup> 1 MeV  $n_{eq}$  / cm<sup>2</sup> per operational year

		рр	Ar-Ar	Kr-Kr	Xe-Xe	Pb-Pb
	L <sub>AA</sub> (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	3.0·10 <sup>32</sup>	$3.2 \cdot 10^{29}$	$8.5 \cdot 10^{28}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{28}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{28}$
	$\langle L_{AA} \rangle$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	3.0·10 <sup>32</sup>	$2.0 \cdot 10^{29}$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{28}$	1.6·10 <sup>28</sup>	$3.3 \cdot 10^{27}$
	R <sub>hit</sub> (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	9.4·10 <sup>7</sup>	$6.9 \cdot 10^{7}$	$5.3 \cdot 10^{7}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{7}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^7$
R = 0.5 cm	NIEL (1 MeV n <sub>eq</sub> / cm <sup>2</sup> / month)	1.8·10 <sup>14</sup>	8.6·10 <sup>13</sup>	6.0·10 <sup>13</sup>	$4.1 \cdot 10^{13}$	1.9·10 <sup>13</sup>
	TID (Rad / m)	5.8·10 <sup>6</sup>	2.8·10 <sup>6</sup>	1.9·10 <sup>6</sup>	1.3·10 <sup>6</sup>	6.1·10 <sup>5</sup>
	R <sub>hit</sub> (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	5.9·10 <sup>4</sup>	4.3 · 104	3.3.104	2.8 · 104	2.2 · 104
R = 20 cm	NIEL (1 MeV n <sub>eq</sub> / cm <sup>2</sup> / month)	1.1·10 <sup>11</sup>	$5.4 \cdot 10^{10}$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{10}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{10}$
	TID (Rad / m)	3.6·10 <sup>3</sup>	1.7·10 <sup>3</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>3</sup>	8.2·10 <sup>2</sup>	3.8·10 <sup>2</sup>
R = 100 cm	R <sub>hit</sub> (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	2.4·10 <sup>3</sup>	1.7·10 <sup>3</sup>	1.3·10 <sup>3</sup>	1.1·10 <sup>3</sup>	8.8·10 <sup>2</sup>
	NIEL (1 MeV n <sub>eq</sub> / cm <sup>2</sup> / month)	4.5·10 <sup>9</sup>	2.1·10 <sup>9</sup>	1.5·10 <sup>9</sup>	1.0·10 <sup>9</sup>	4.7 · 108
	TID (Rad / m)	1.4·10 <sup>2</sup>	6.9·10 <sup>1</sup>	4.8·10 <sup>1</sup>	$3.3 \cdot 10^{1}$	1.5·10 <sup>1</sup>

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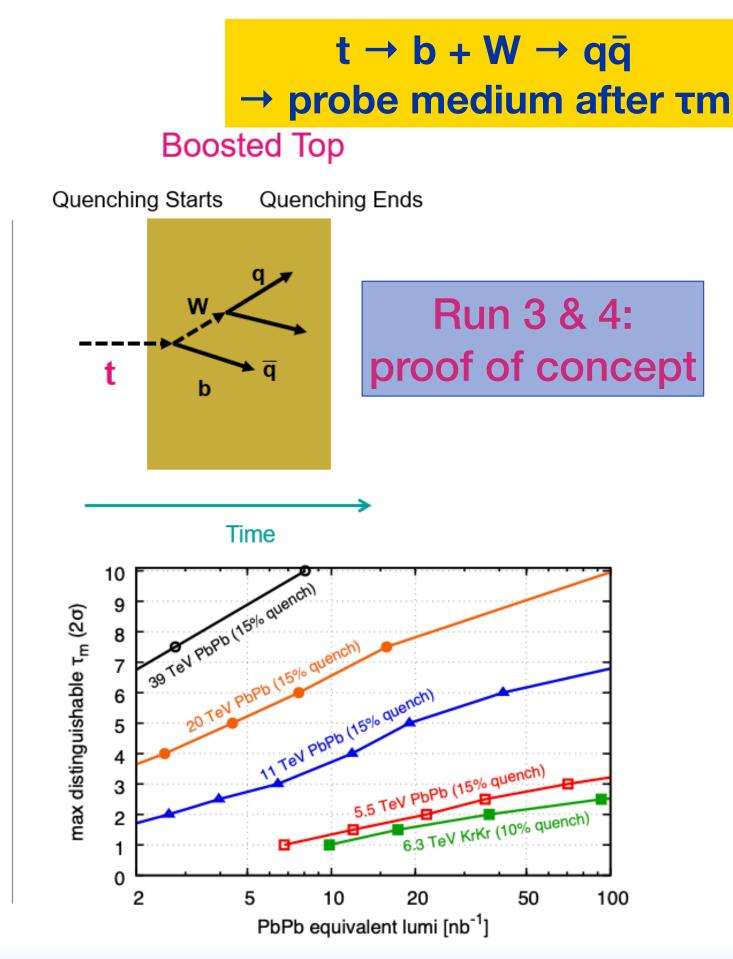
- Understand mass and time dependence as well as onset in small systems
  - → precision measurements, also with new probes and in intermediate systems
  - → statistics and new collision systems (OO, pO, also high-multiplicity pp)

## Precise jet RAA up to high pt

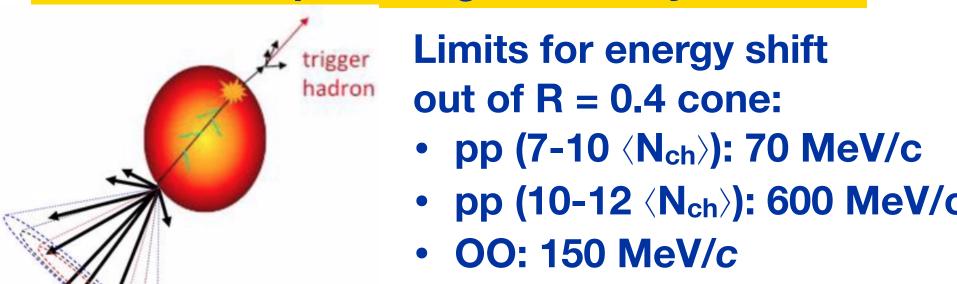


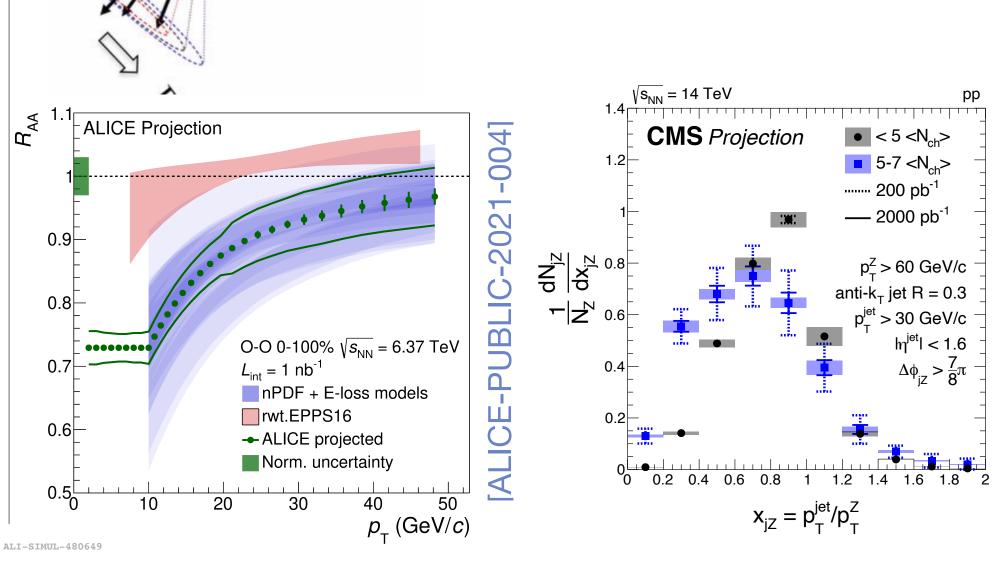
large samples allow us to look at tagged jets, substructure, ...

Run 3 & 4



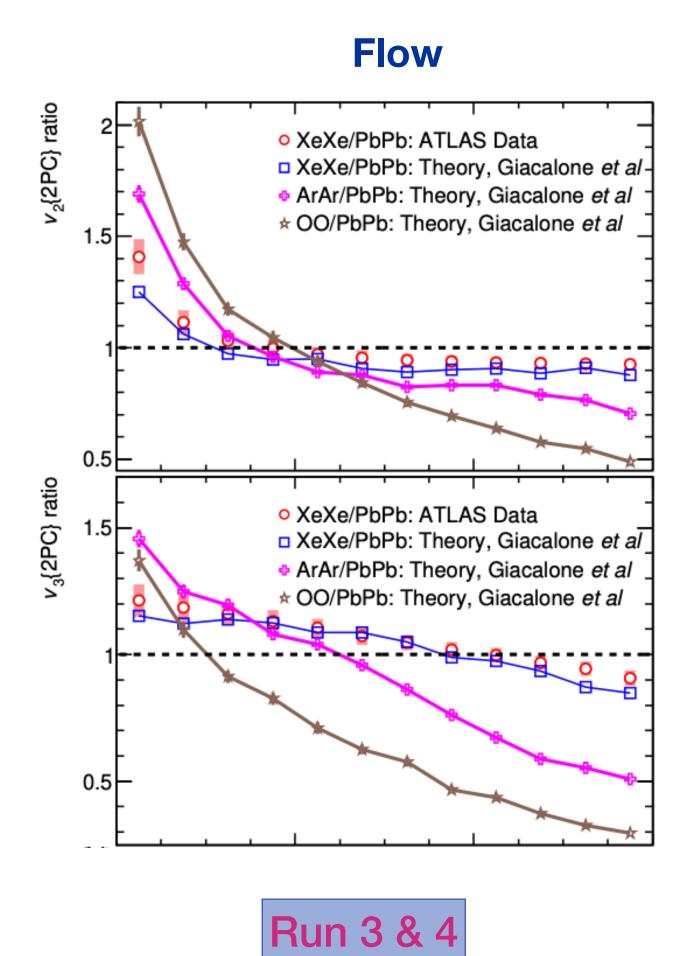
## Limits on quenching in small systems



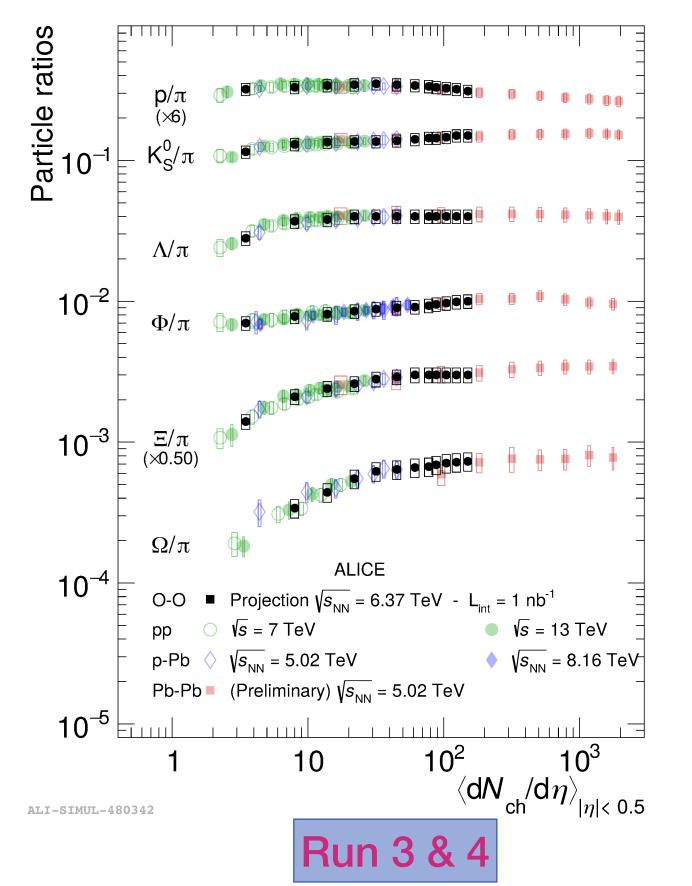


# Small systems

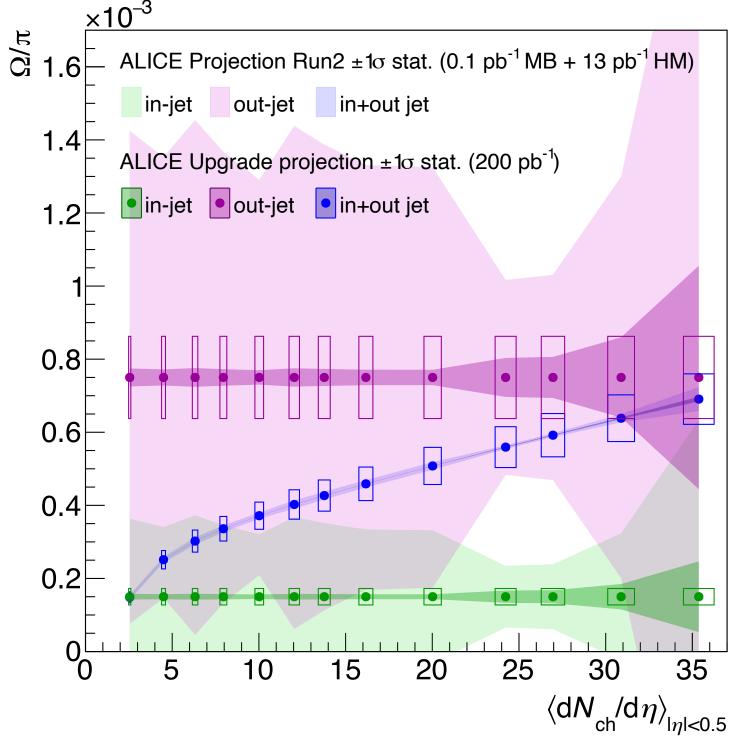
- Understand evolution from small to large systems
  - → systematic measurements of flow and particle production
  - → large high-multiplicity pp sample and new collision systems







## **Production of particles** in and out-of jets



Run 3 & 4