

Future ALICE / ALICE 3

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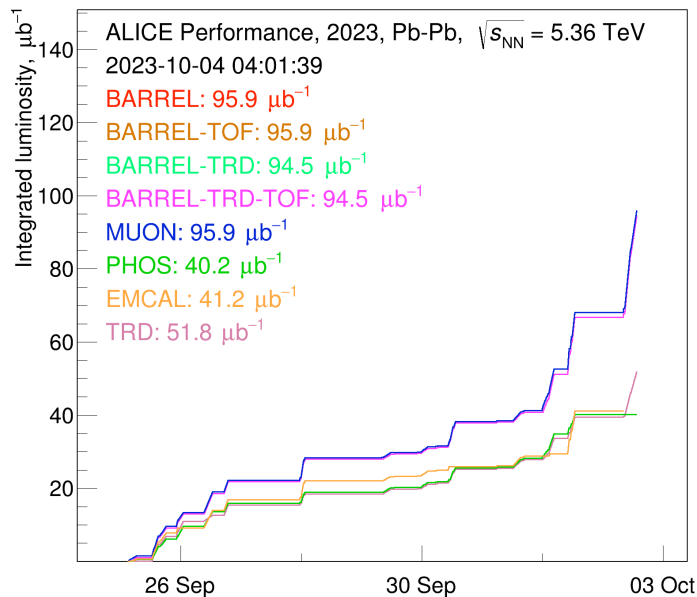
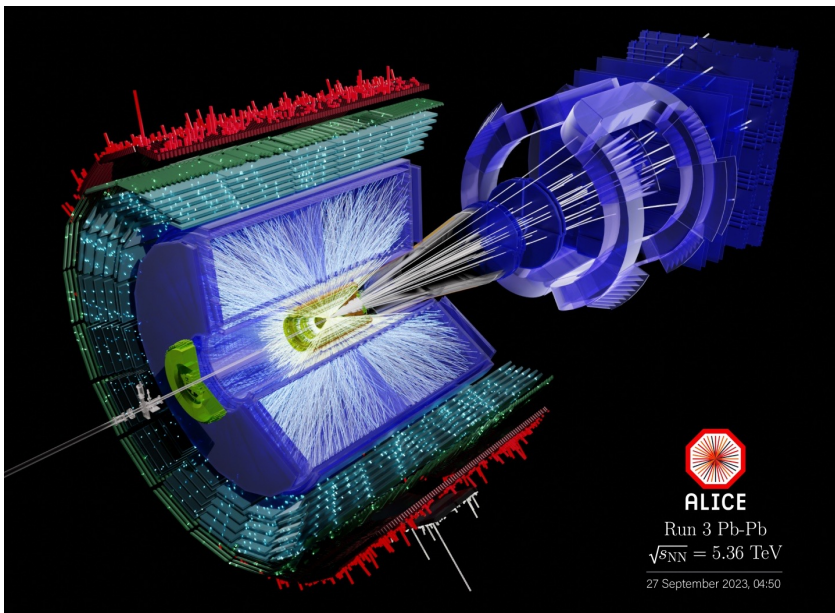


Last update: April 2023

Fresh news !!!

Pb-Pb run started on September 26, 2023

https://alice-collaboration.web.cern.ch/ALICE_HI2023

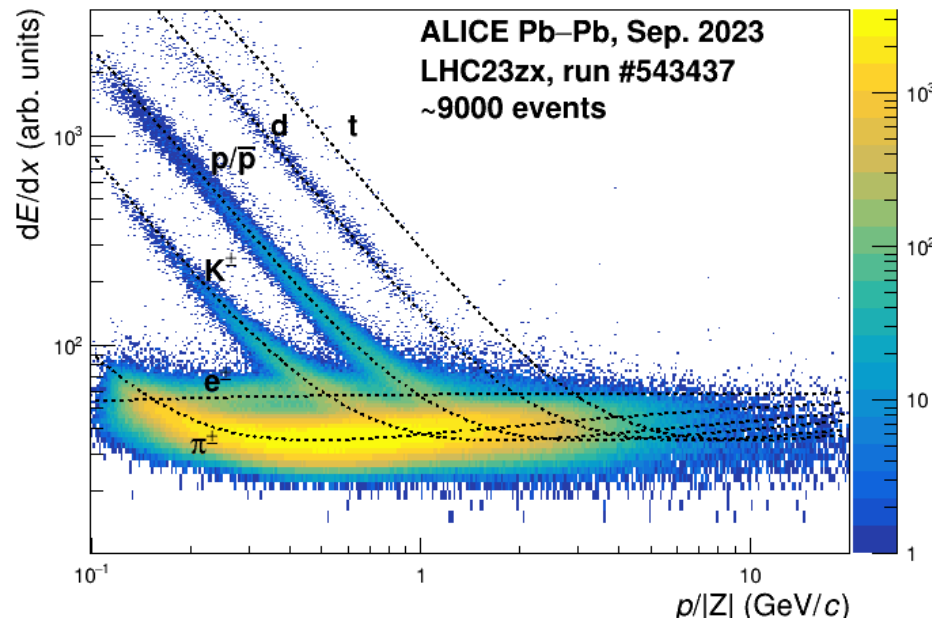
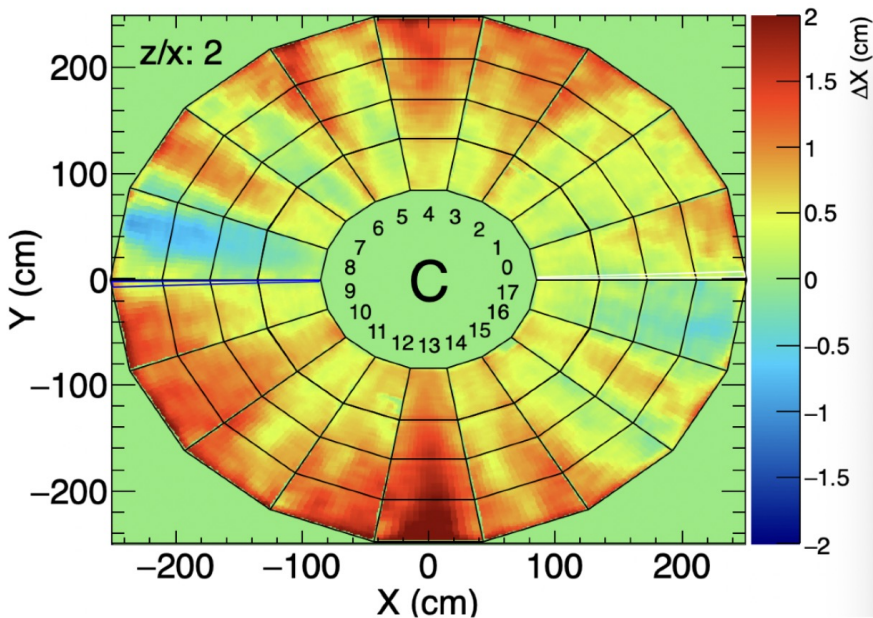


This morning: 740 M events recorded

TPC calibration and reconstruction in < 24 hours

First TPC distortion map (2 kHz)

First TPC dE/dx plot



September 26 27 28

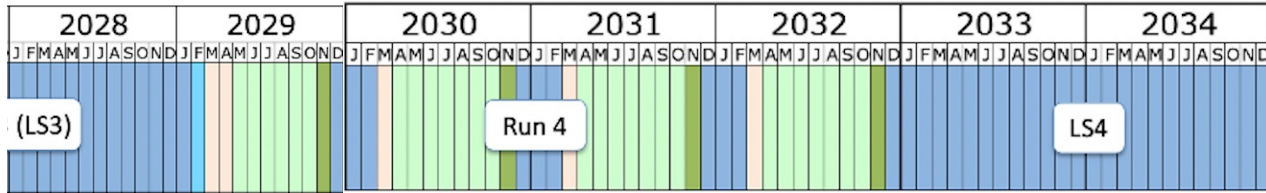
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Pb-Pb interaction rate: 2 k Hz 6 kHz

15 kHz

30 kHz

POF V: 2028 - 2034



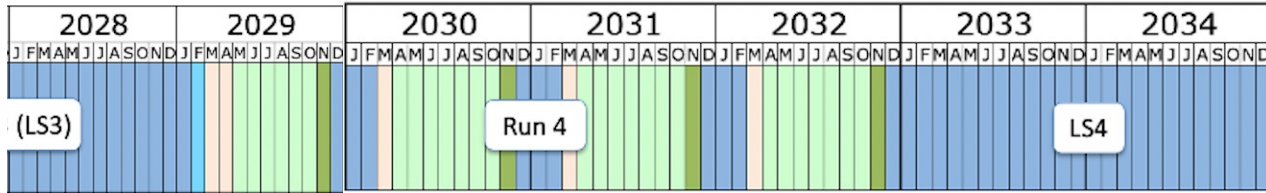
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Plenty of hadron physics!
Fantastic data samples!

ALICE in (Run 3 and) Run 4

- “Constant” operating budget:
common funds, detector operation and maintenance, shifts, representation at international conferences and workshops.
Very modest contribution to the ITS3 realization
- Stable personnel plan:
Critical items: TPC operation (1 retirement coming up)
only 3 temporary positions for young scientists (+ third party funding)

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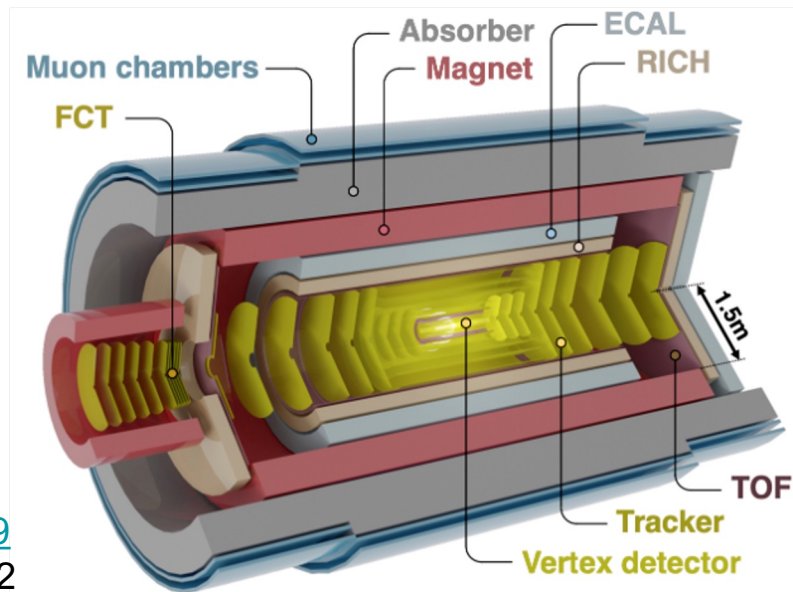


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Scoping document by early 2024

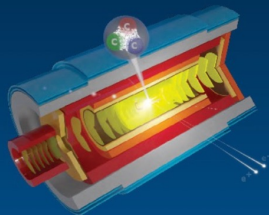


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Letter of intent

CERN-LHC-2022-009
LHCC-4018
4 November 2022
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A next-generation heavy-ion experiment at the LHC

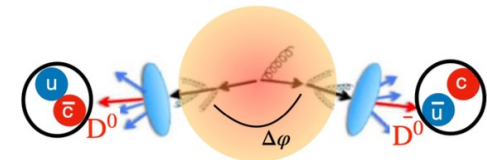
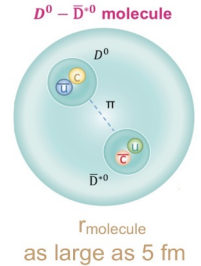
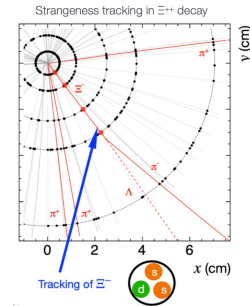
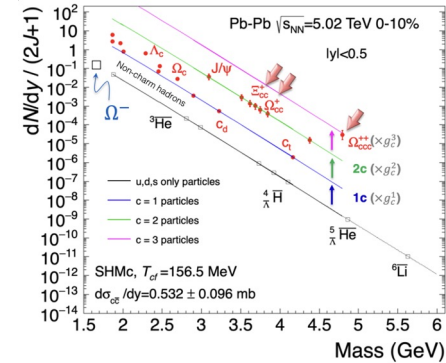
VERSION 2



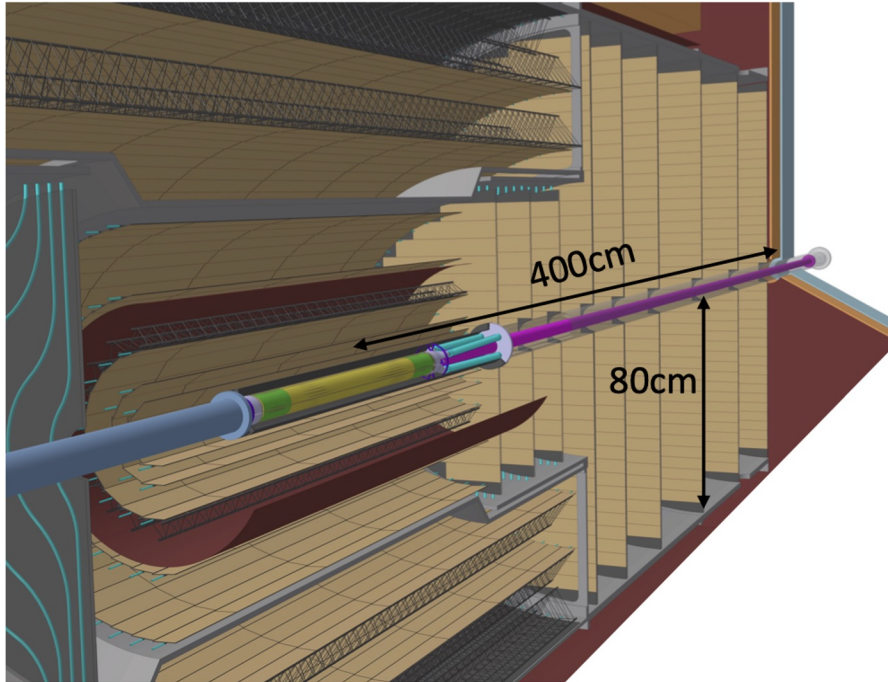
arXiv:2211.02491

ALICE 3: Physics → from 2035 = POF V

- **QGP thermal emission via dileptons:**
very high precision, access to the time evolution of the system temperature
- **Heavy-flavor physics:** 
multi-charmed hadrons: unique probe of hadronization
interaction between charm hadrons, structure of exotic states
D-Dbar (de-)correlations
heavy-quark transport
- First observation of charmed **nuclei?** 
Hyper-nuclei (strangeness tracking)
- Net quantum number fluctuations (wide rapidity range) 
- Soft photons (Low's theorem)
- Collisions of smaller nuclei 



ALICE 3: Outer Tracker



Interest of the German university groups:

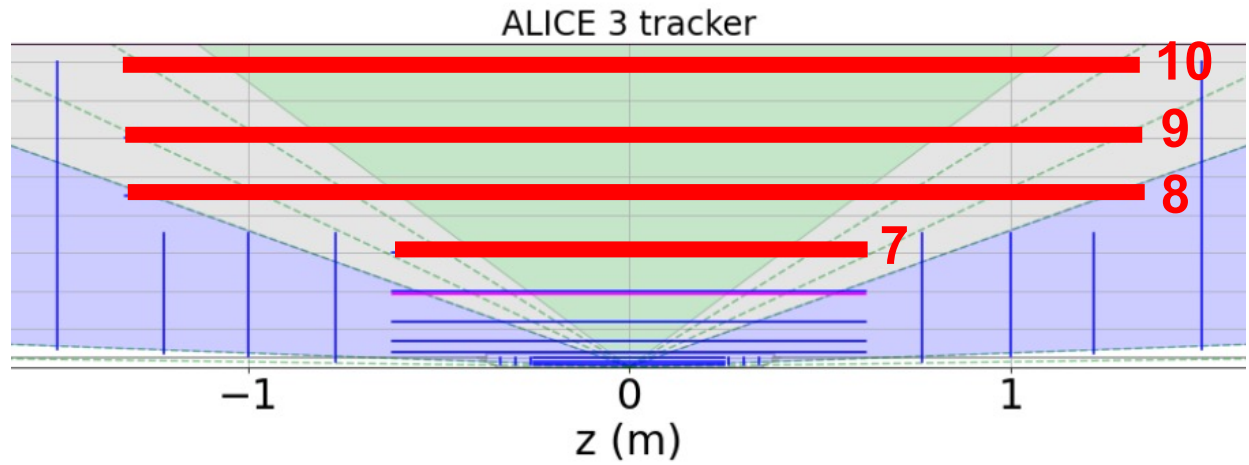
45 m² of pixel detectors:

- 8 rapidity units
- Compact ($R \sim 80$ cm, $z \sim \pm 400$ cm)
- Resolution ~ 10 μm \rightarrow pixels 50×50 μm^2
- 1% of X_0 per layer
- Low power density ~ 20 mW/cm²

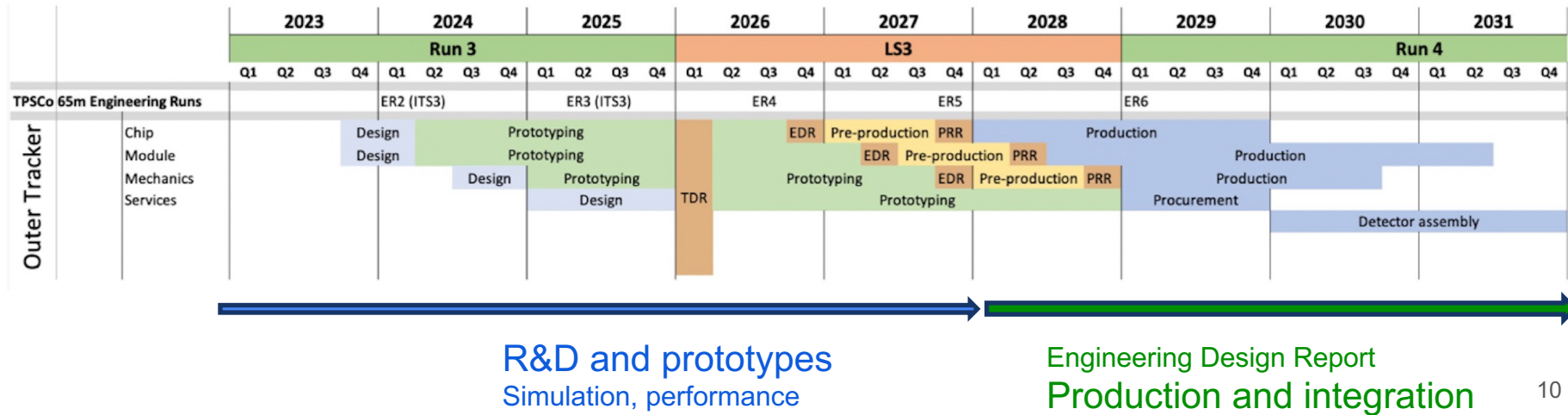
Industrialization of modules

GSI competences (DL, EE, workshops, ALICE) would be an ideal asset

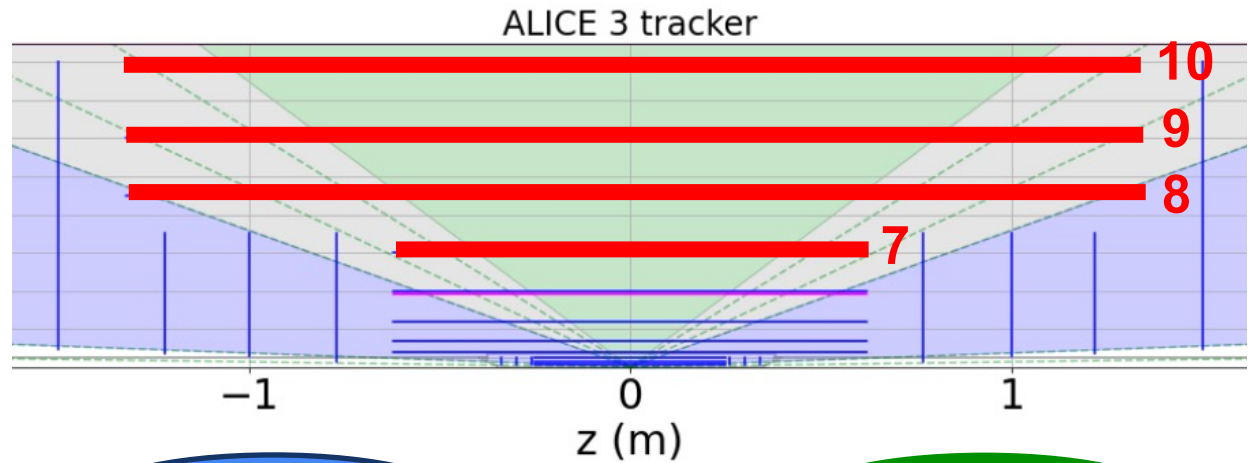
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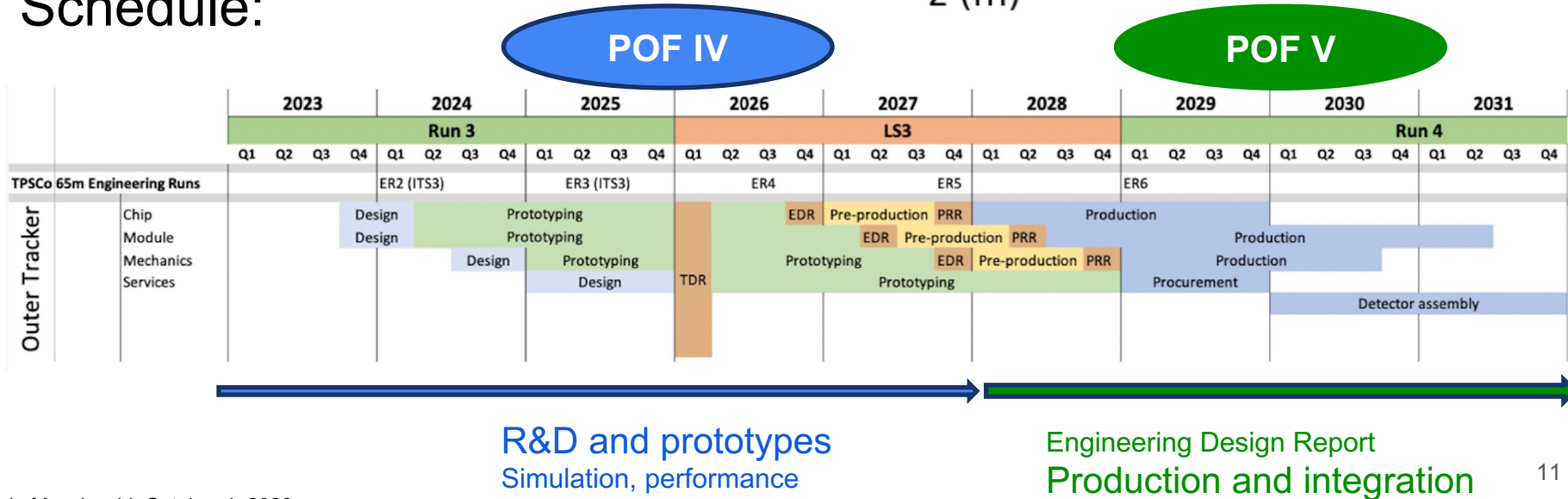
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start an effort on ASIC design of MAPS

with PhD students, in cooperation with IPHC Strasbourg (A. Maire, J. Baudot)

aim at sensor for large area tracking systems, flexible to adapt to several experiments

first discussions are happening



DTS, MT

- **Module design** (together with Heidelberg and Bonn)

“Lego” module concept

Novel materials

Industrialization

- **Interconnections** (together with Hd, Bonn, KIT / DESY within DTS)

linked to industrialization, keeping the 45 m² in mind

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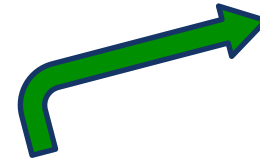
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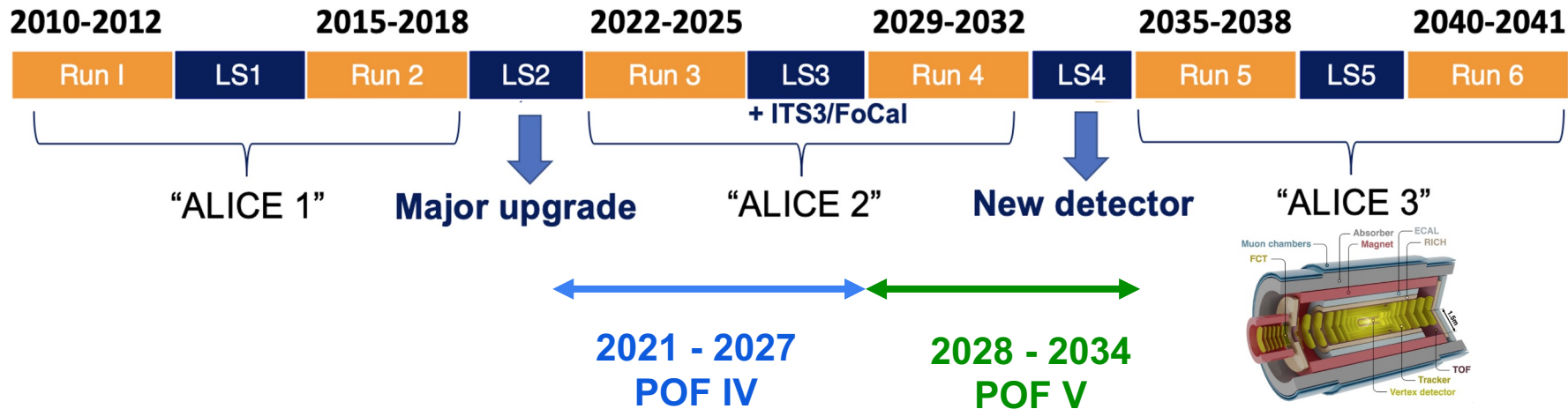


2024 – 2027: R&D and prototypes

- Moderate manpower increase (young scientists)
+ Heidelberg students (super attractive!)
- Moderate investment funds (largely depending on ASIC initiative)

NO EXACT ESTIMATES MADE YET

At a glance



- **Run 3**
- R&D and ITS3 construction
- R&D and prototypes for ALICE 3, OT
- **Run 4**
- Prototypes Outer Tracker, construction
- ALICE 3 physics performance studies

Spare: Run 5 and 6 integrated luminosities

System	$\mathcal{L}^{\text{month}}$	$\mathcal{L}^{\text{Run5+6}}$
pp	0.5 fb^{-1}	18 fb^{-1}
pp reference	100 pb^{-1}	200 pb^{-1}
A–A		
Xe–Xe	26 nb^{-1}	156 nb^{-1}
Pb–Pb	5.6 nb^{-1}	33.6 nb^{-1}

Spare: key physics observable and kinematic range of interest in ALICE 3

Observables	Kinematic range
Heavy-flavour hadrons	$p_T \rightarrow 0$, $ \eta < 4$
Dielectrons	$p_T \approx 0.05$ to $3 \text{ GeV}/c$, $M_{ee} \approx 0.05$ to $4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
Photons	$p_T \approx 0.1$ to $50 \text{ GeV}/c$, $-2 < \eta < 4$
Quarkonia and exotica	$p_T \rightarrow 0$, $ \eta < 1.75$
Ultrasoft photons	$p_T \approx 1$ to $50 \text{ MeV}/c$, $3 < \eta < 5$
Nuclei	$p_T \rightarrow 0$, $ \eta < 4$



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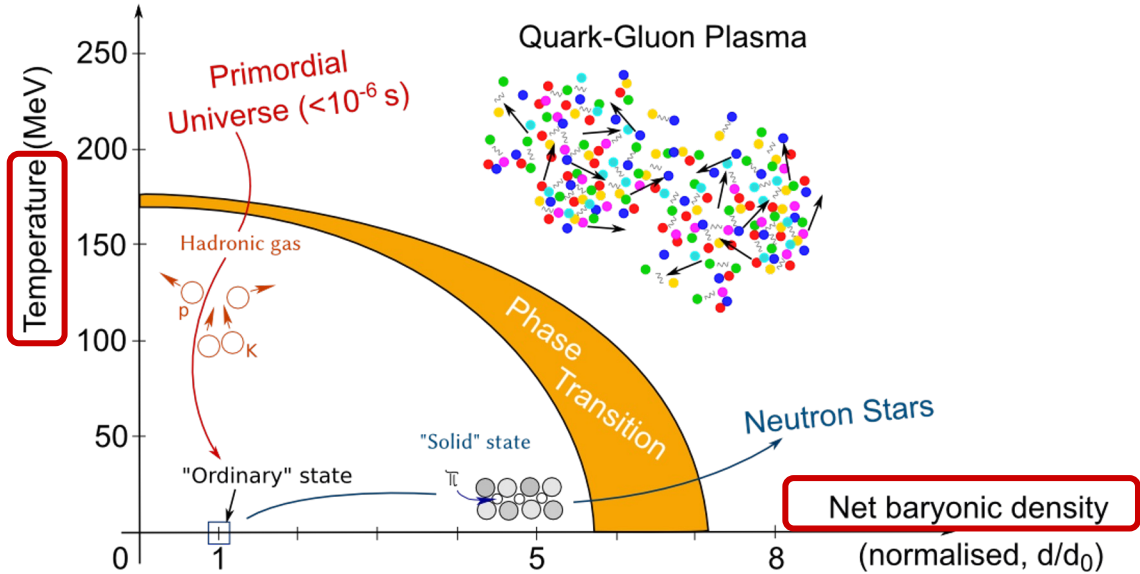
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Status and plans

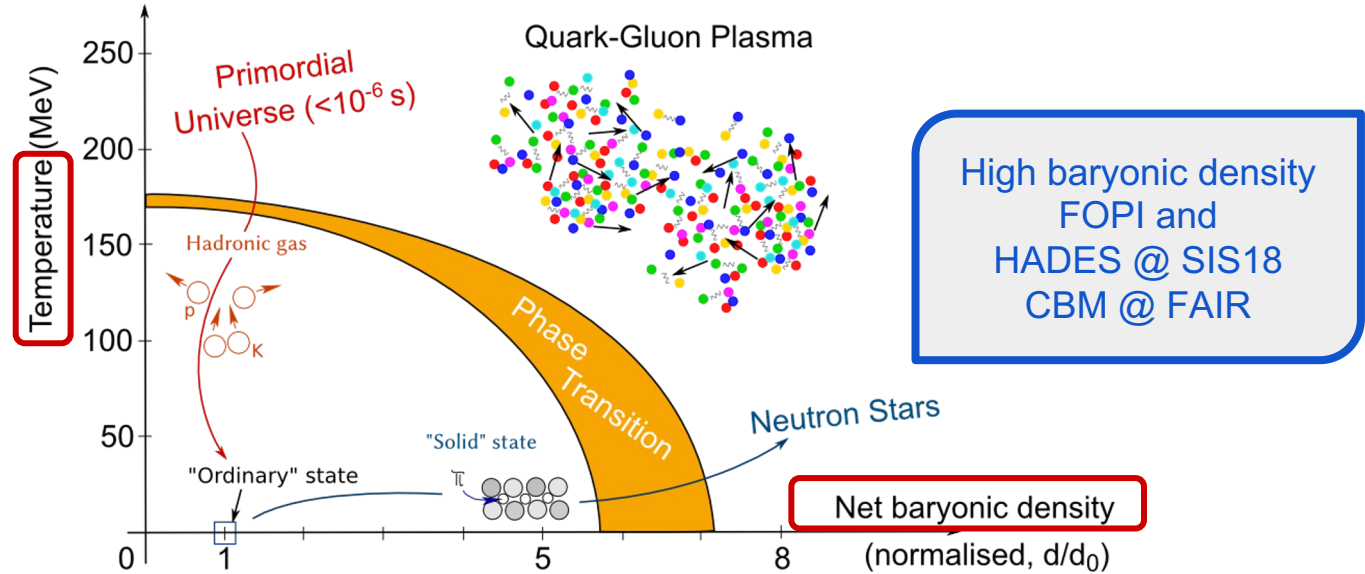
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GSI Research Retreat
July 18, 2023

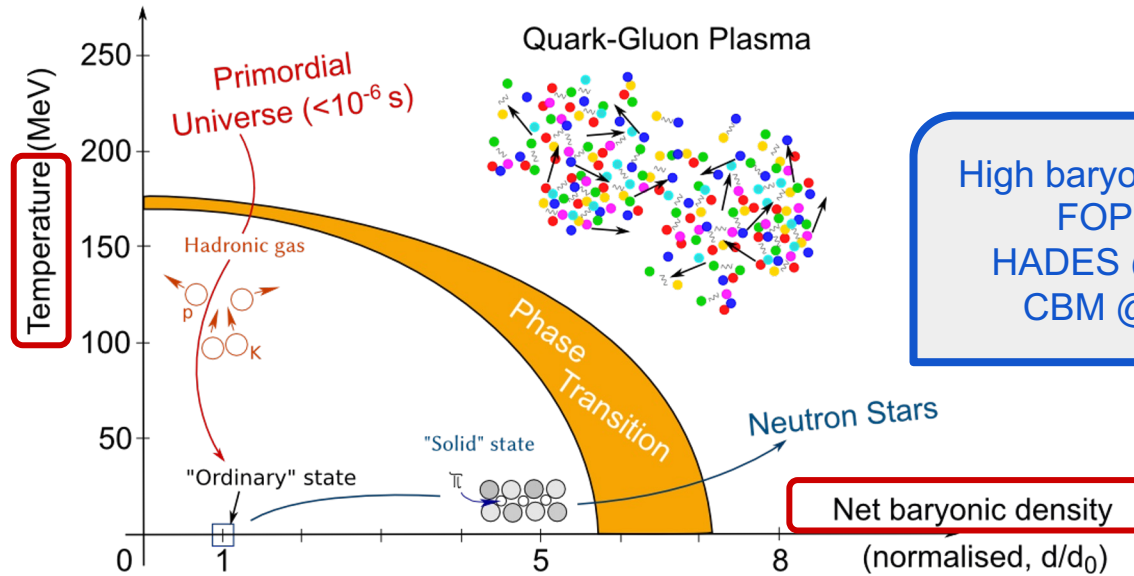
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A Large Ion Collider Experiment @GSI since 1996

Peter Braun-Munzinger, S.M. (2011)

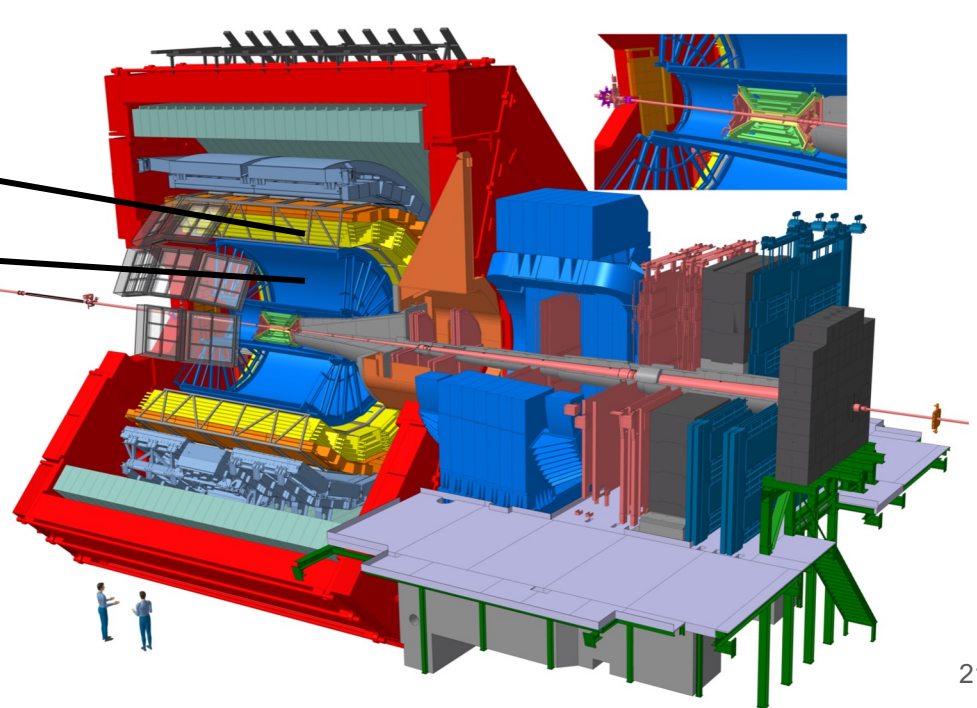
& Detector Laboratory
& Scientific IT Department

Transition Radiation Detector

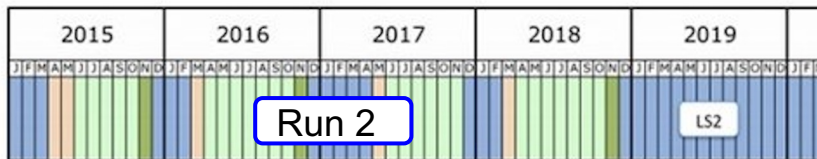
Time Projection Chamber

High Level Trigger

GRID Tier2 +
National Analysis Facility



LHC Runs 1 + 2: 2009 - 2018



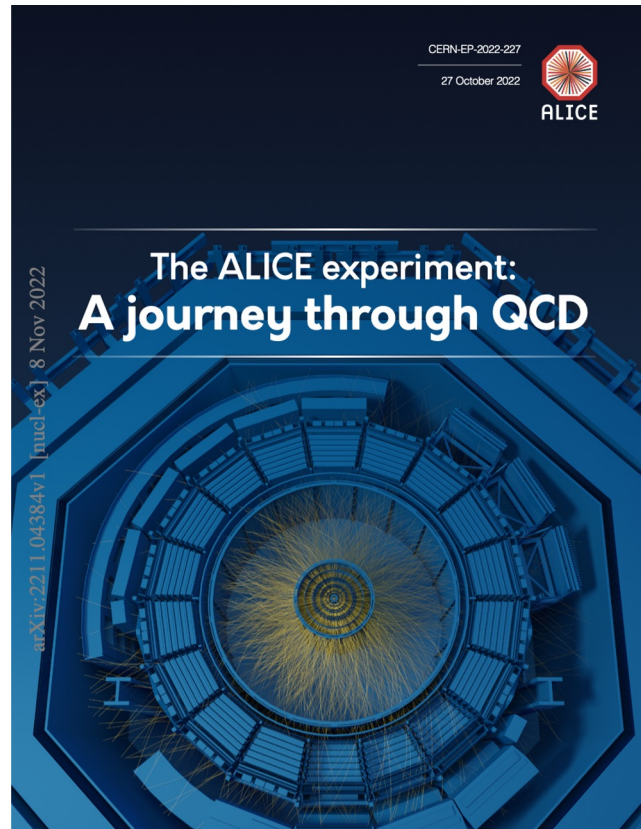
Pb-Pb: integrated luminosity = **1.0 nb⁻¹**
(up to few kHz interaction rate)

Proton-proton: 0.9 to 13.6 TeV
 2×10^9
events

Proton-lead

443 papers

>30 PhD theses
in our group: DA & HD

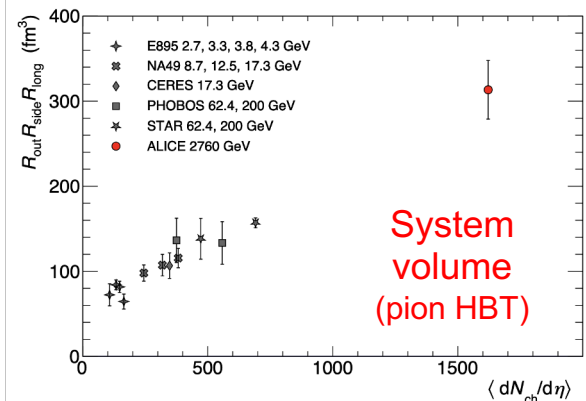


ALICE review:

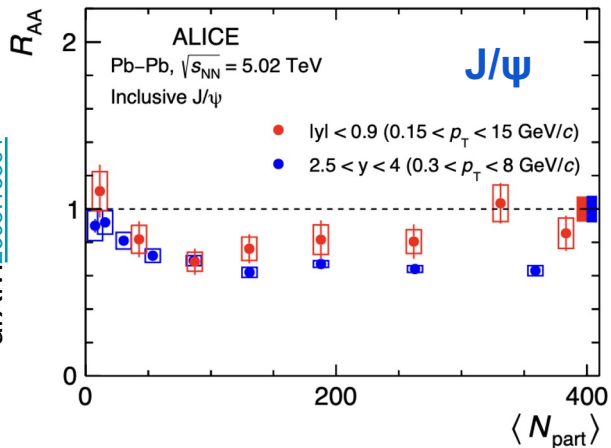
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.04384>

Hanbury-Braun and Twiss interferometry

Phys. Lett. B 696 (2011) 328–337 — 391 citations



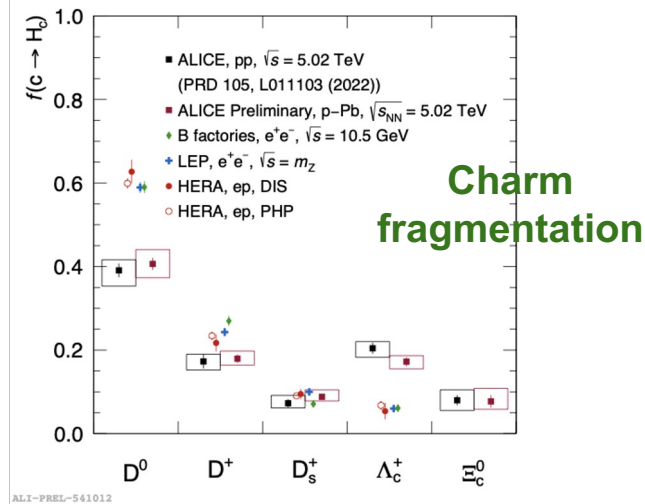
J/ψ production in Pb-Pb: Run 1+2 legacy paper



arXiv:2303.13361

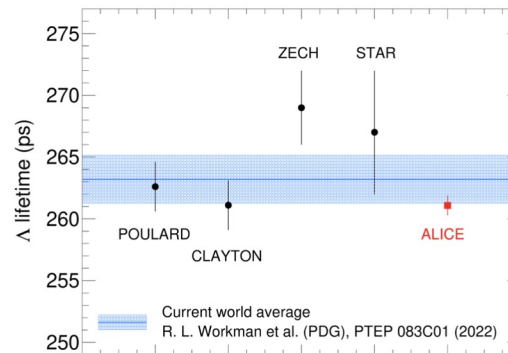
Charm fragmentation in hadronic collisions

KF particle, ML methods



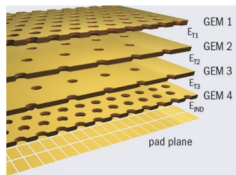
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Λ hyperon: precise lifetime measurement



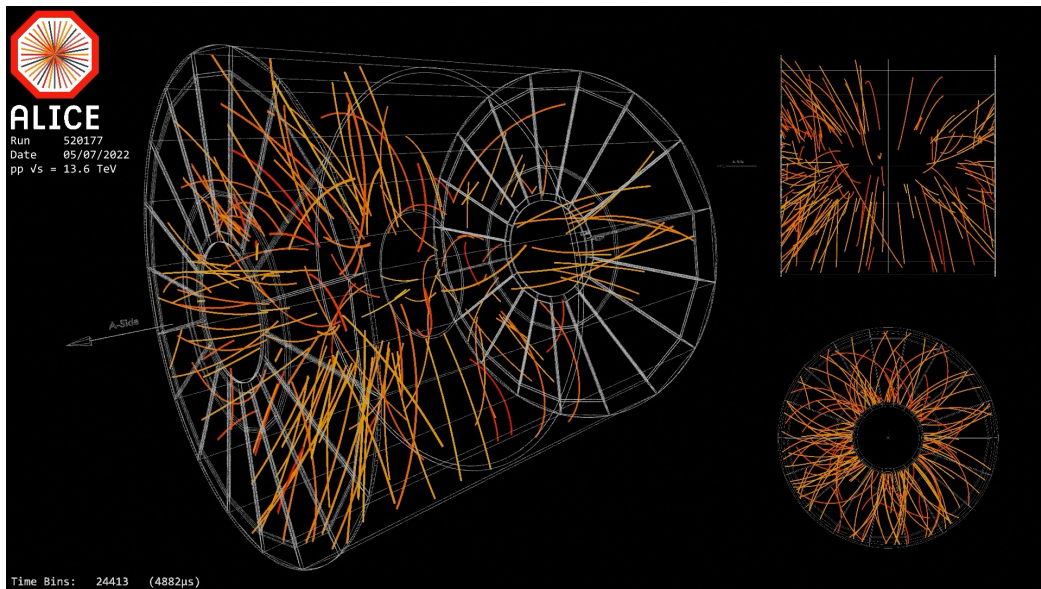
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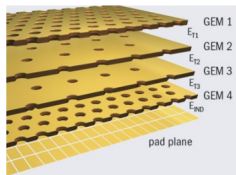


GEM Time Project Chamber

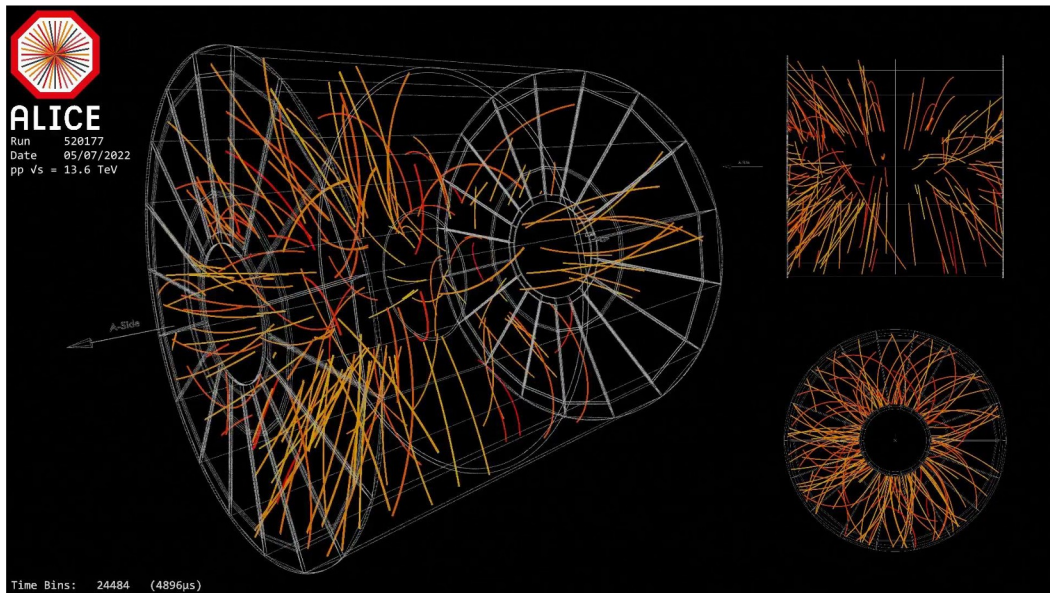
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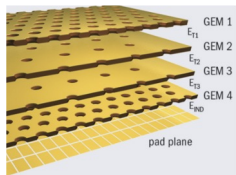
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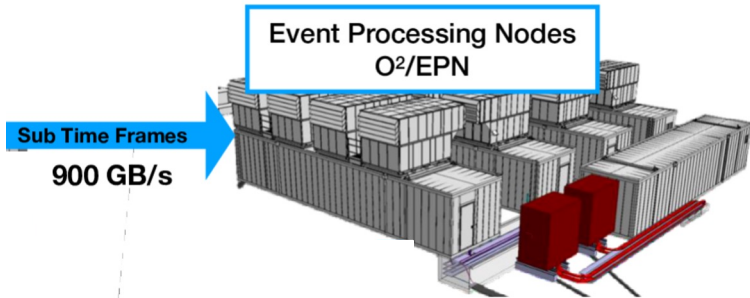
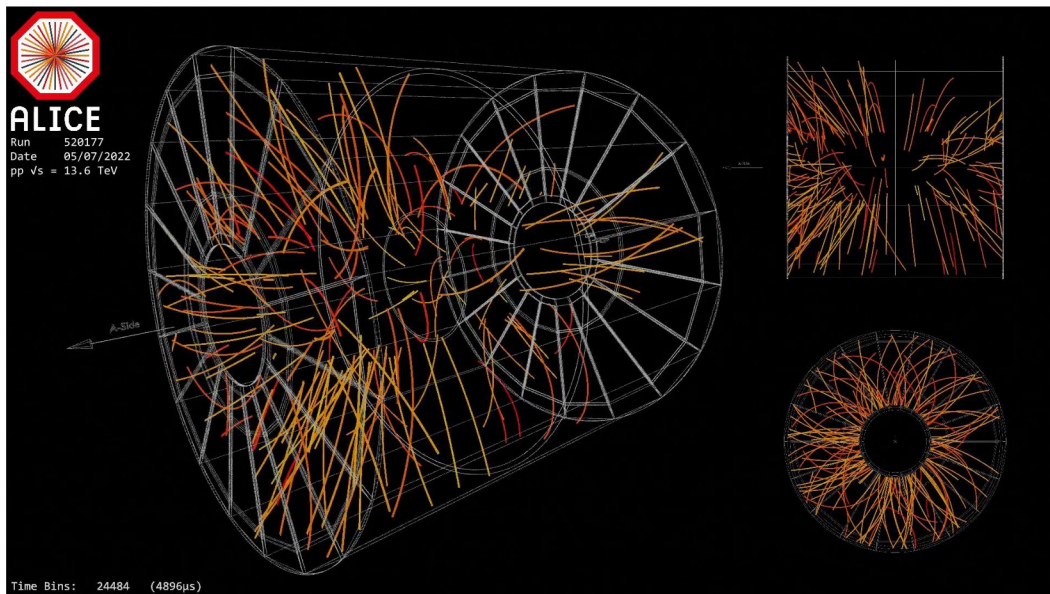


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O² Online-Offline framework EPN farm



~ 250 servers
~ 2000 GPUs and CPUs
for calibration and reconstruction

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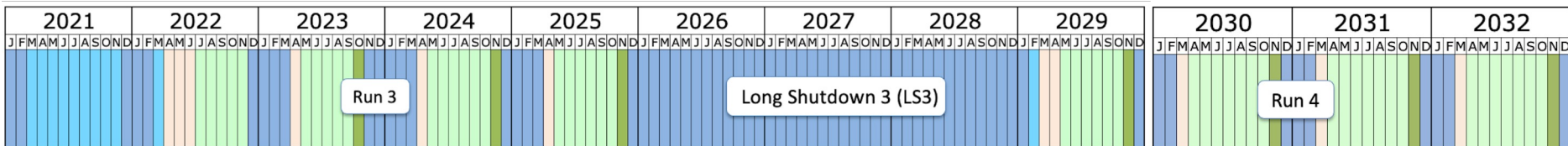


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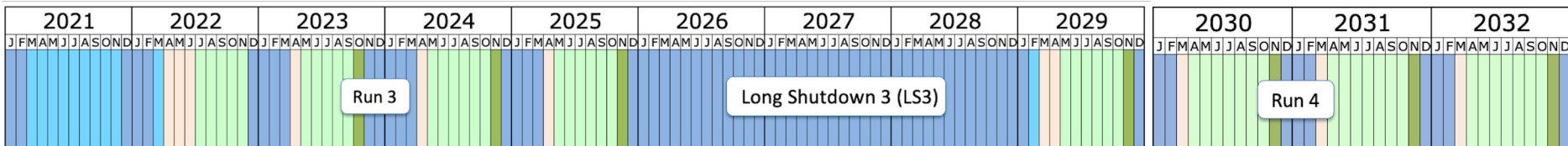
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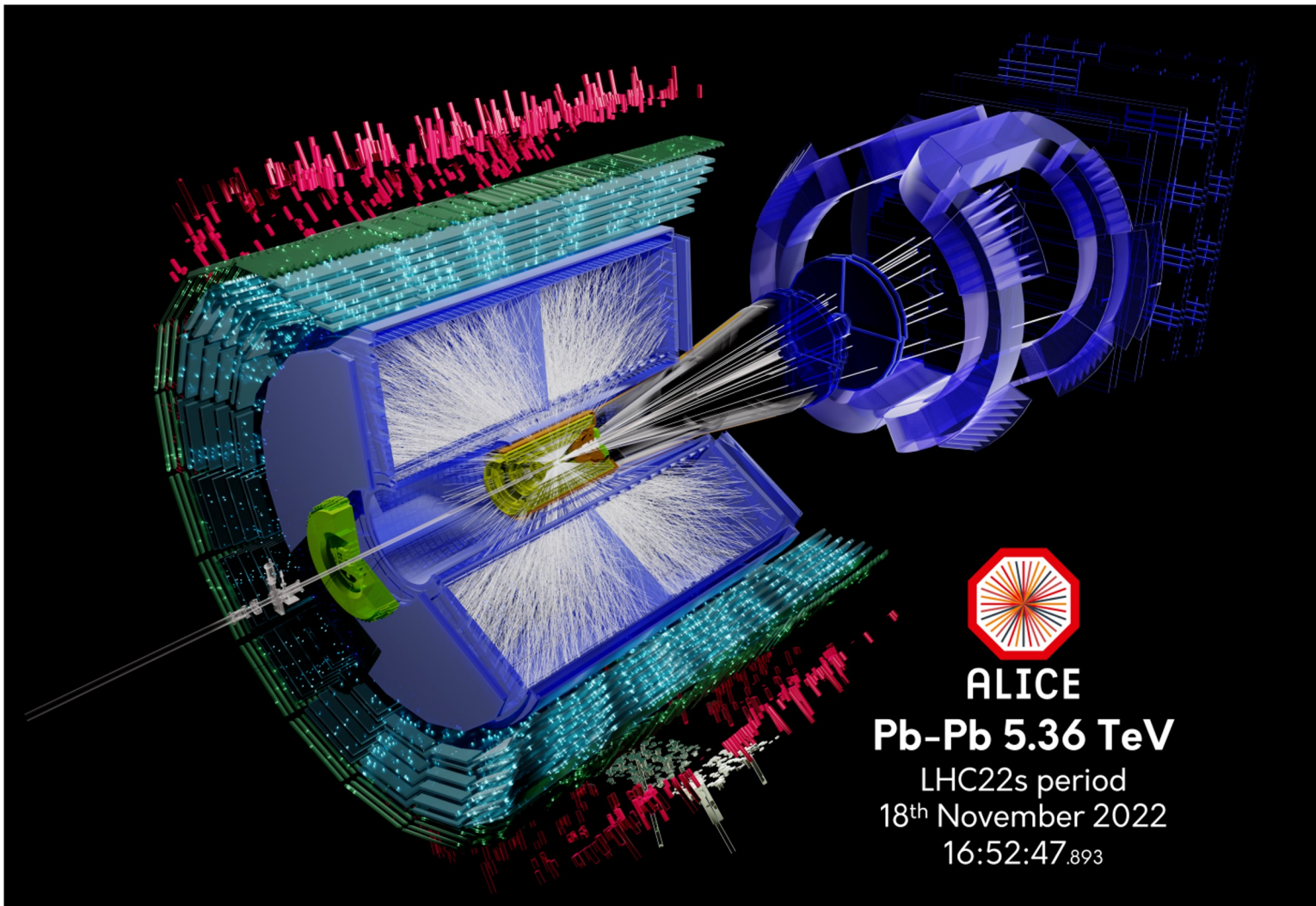


Huge statistics with improved detector performance !

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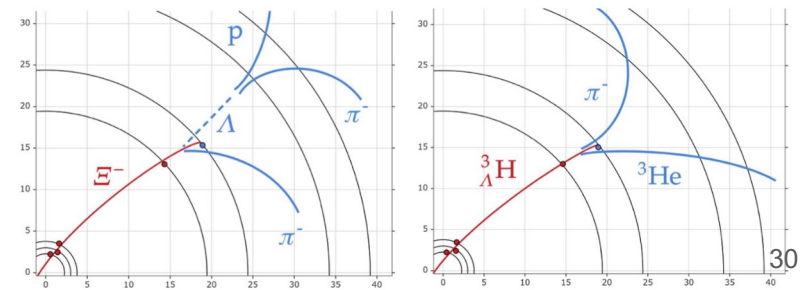
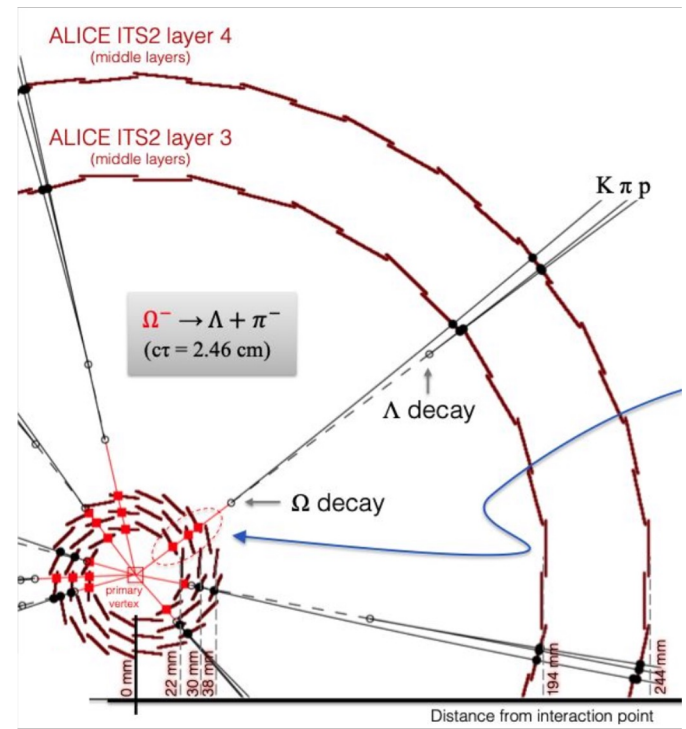
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Open heavy flavors: **charm** and **beauty**
(baryons in Pb-Pb)

Heavy quarkonia states

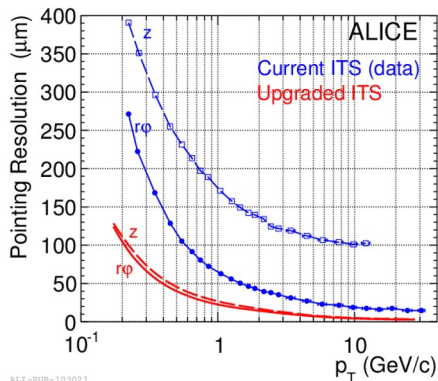
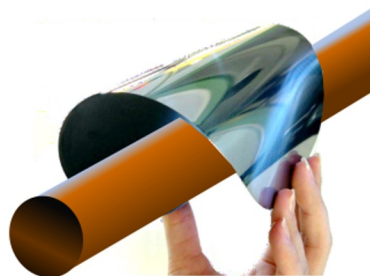
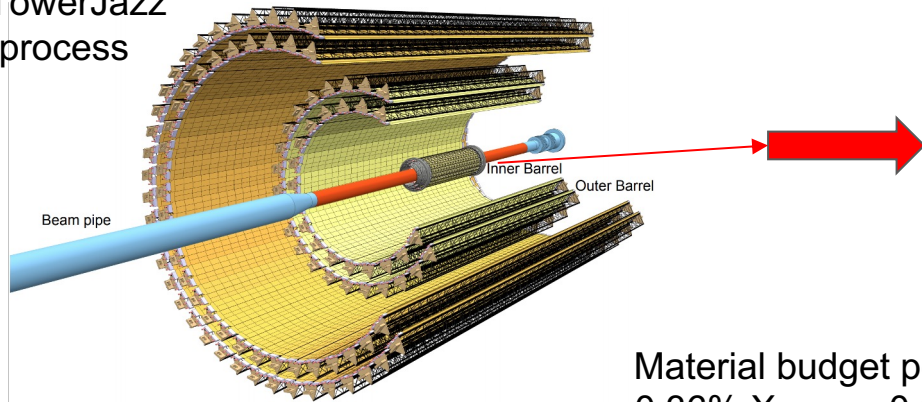
Hyper-nuclei

→ Strangeness tracking
with KF Particle code



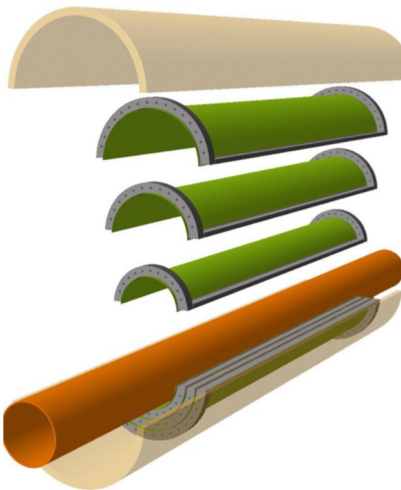
ALICE Inner Tracking System (ITS) → ITS2 → ITS3

ALPIDE monolithic active pixel sensor
 CMOS TowerJazz
 180 nm process



Material budget per layer
 $0.36\% X_0 \rightarrow 0.05\% X_0$

Radius of innermost layer
 $22 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 18 \text{ mm}$



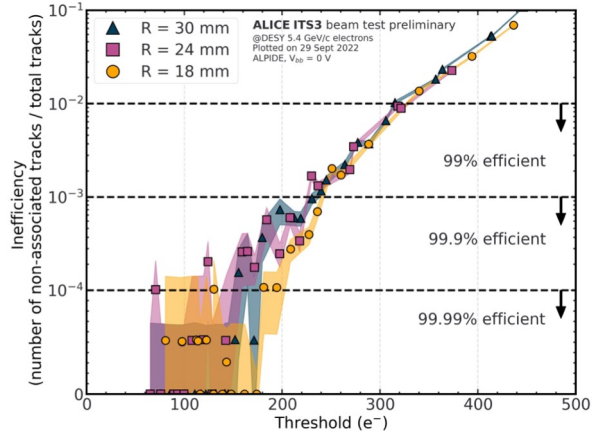
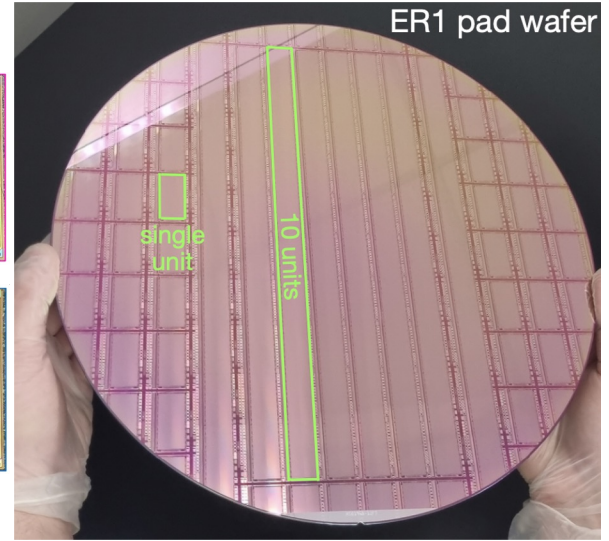
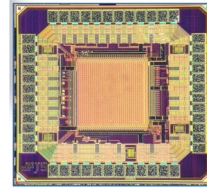
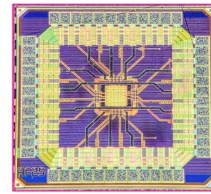
Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors: R&D ↔ pixels at DL, Michael Deveaux

Since 2019 (HD students)

Bending (ALPIDes)

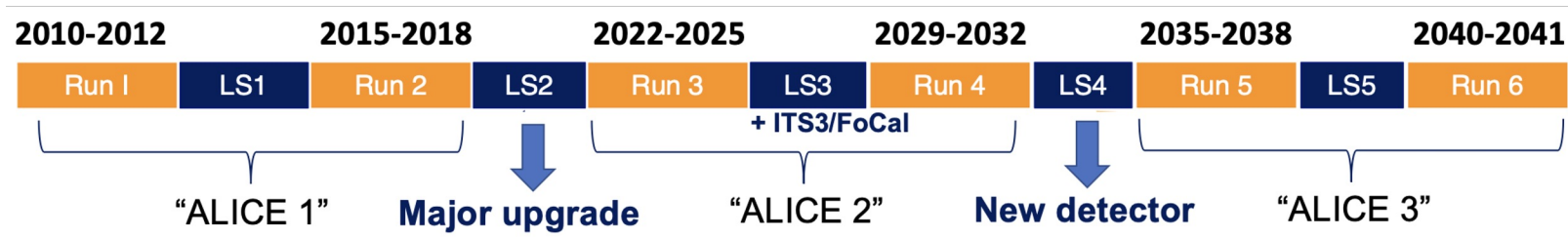


65 nm TPSCo technology with stitching



(Modest) contribution by GSI to ITS3 project

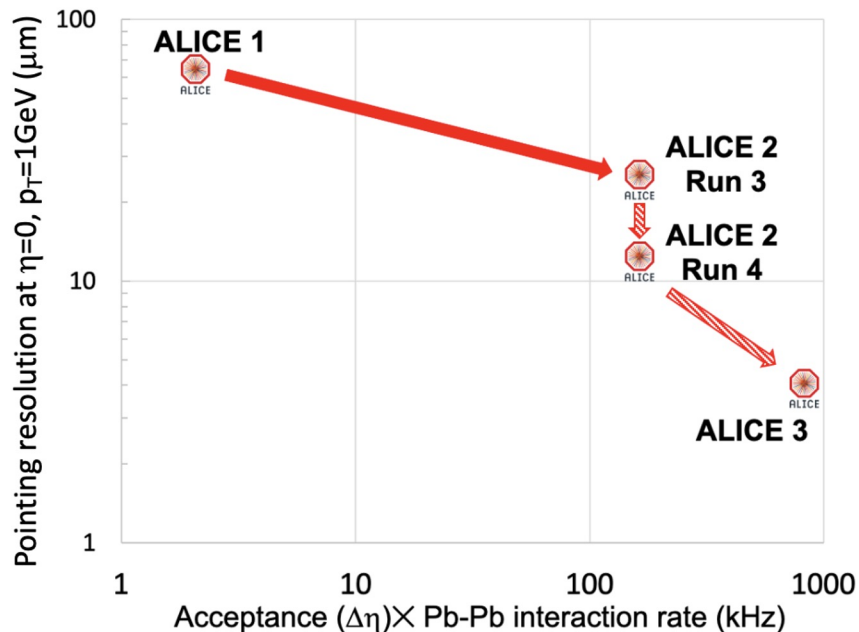
Beyond Run 4 (2032): ALICE 3



Enhance physics reach with better:

- Rate capabilities
- Acceptance
- Tracking precision

Gain access to unprecedented probes and precision

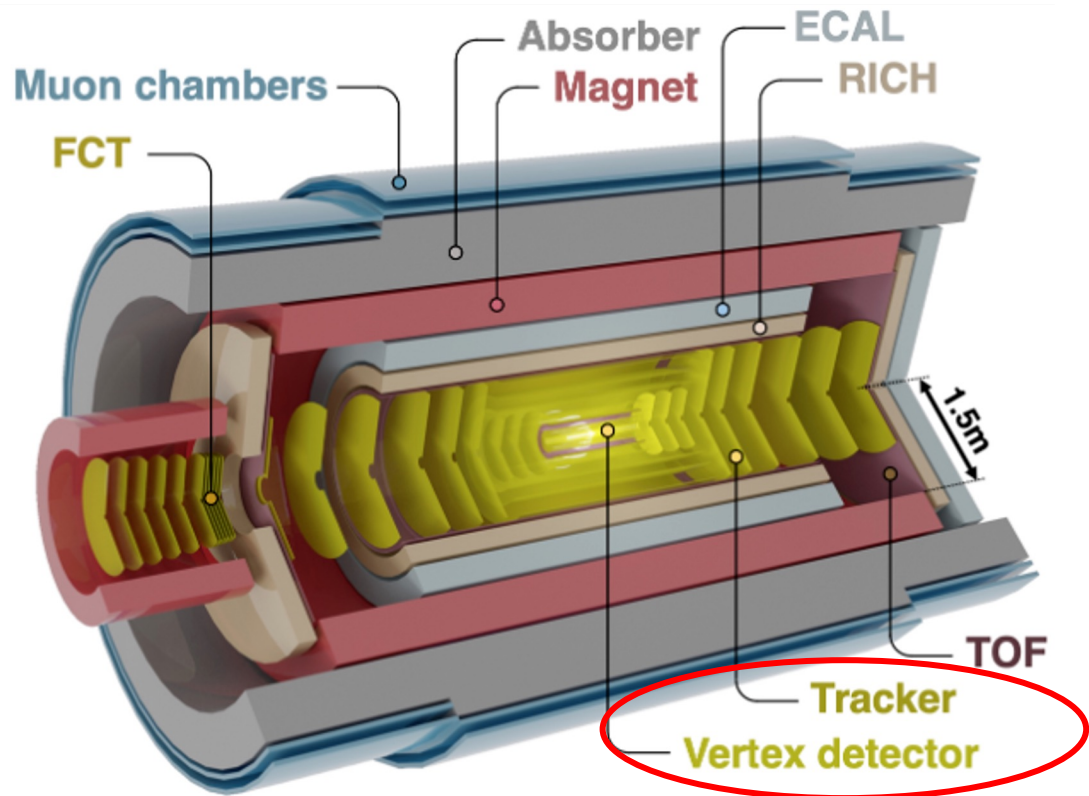


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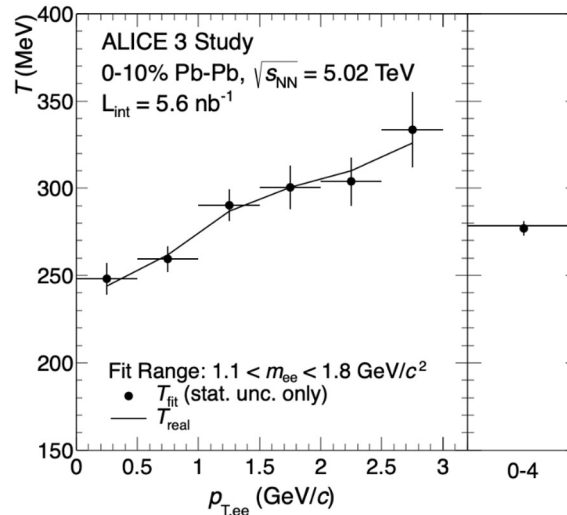
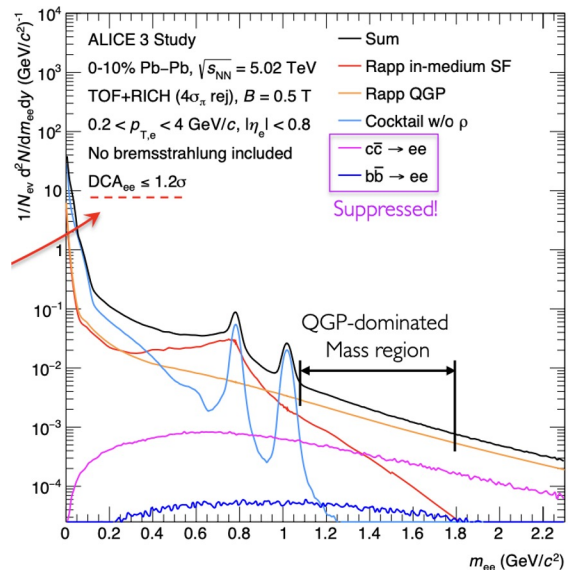
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ALICE 3 physics: QGP thermal emission via dileptons

- High precision tracking (impact parameter)
 - Electron identification (TOF, RICH, EMCal)
- Heavy-flavor rejection at low p_T

⇒ EXTREME PERFORMANCE



Access the time evolution of the temperature

ALICE 3 physics: heavy flavors

Multi-charm baryons:

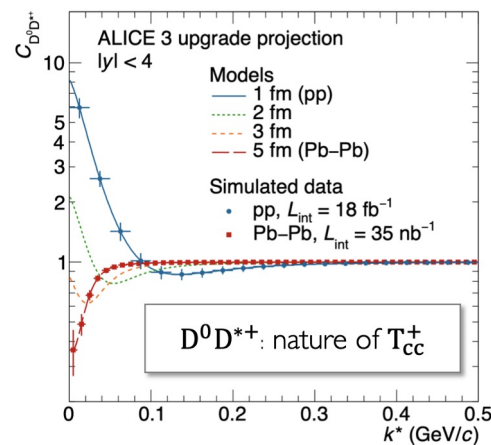
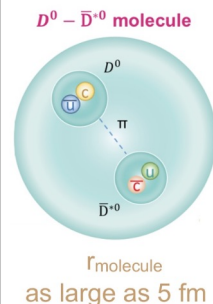
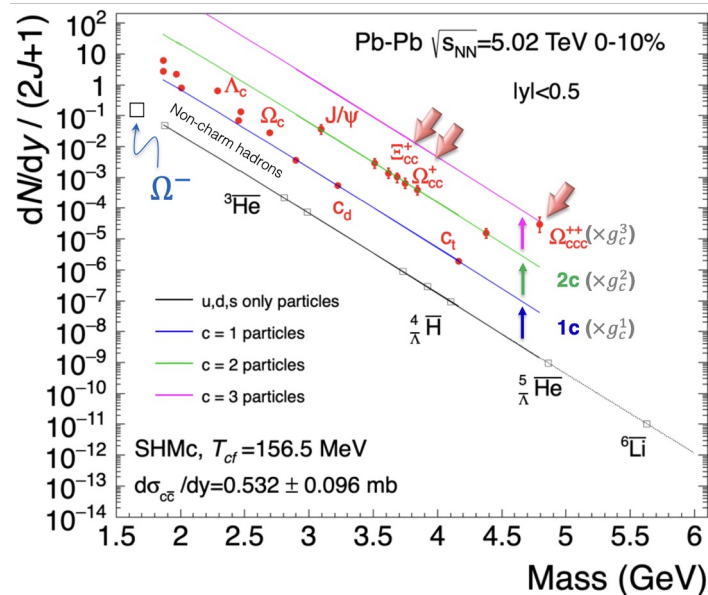
Unique probe of hadronization
(recombination of multiple charm quarks)

Interactions between charm hadrons

And study nature of charm exotic states

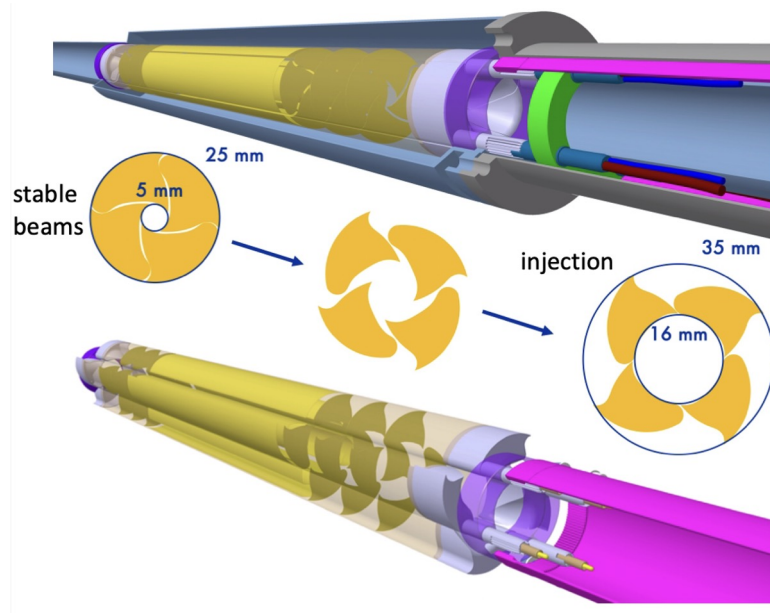
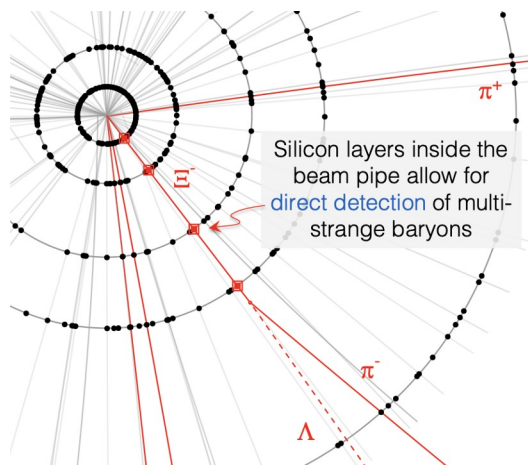
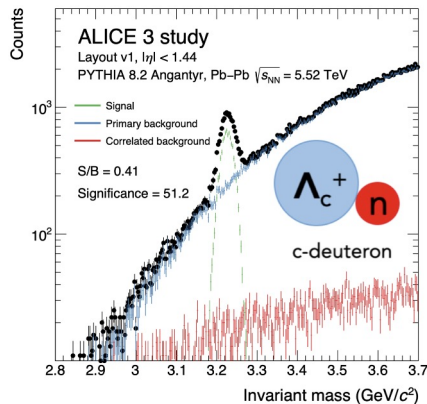
Plus D-D (de-)correlations

Heavy-flavor transport: e.g. Λ_c , Λ_b , v_2

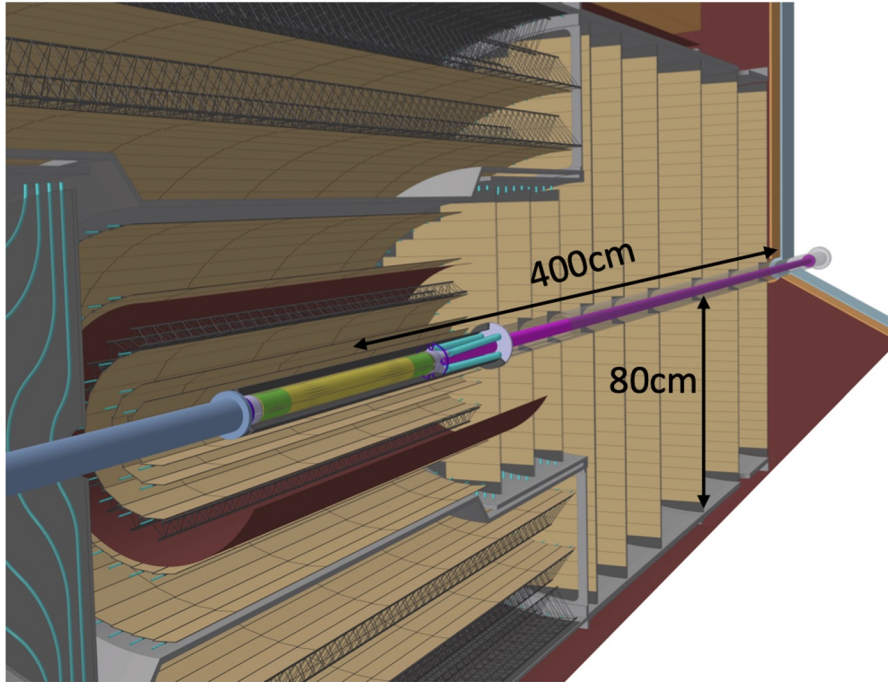


ALICE 3 physics: and more

- First observation of charmed nuclei?
- Super strangeness tracking with the ALICE 3 vertex detector
→ strange particles, hyper-nuclei



ALICE 3: Outer Tracker



Interest of the German university groups:

60 m² of pixel detectors:

- 8 rapidity units
- Compact ($R \sim 80$ cm, $z \sim \pm 400$ cm)
- Resolution ~ 10 μm \rightarrow pixels 50×50 μm^2
- 1% of X_0 per layer
- Low power density ~ 20 mW/cm²

Industrialization of modules

GSI competences (DL, EE, workshops, ALICE)
would be an ideal asset

A scoping document is being prepared (end 2023, beginning 2024)

Summary

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... and much more to explore
ahead of us!



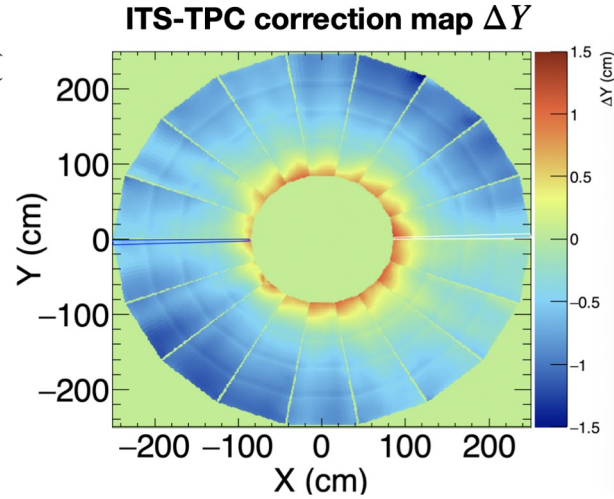
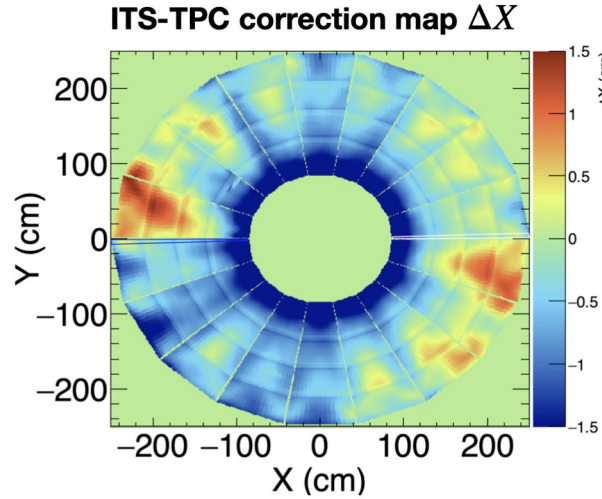
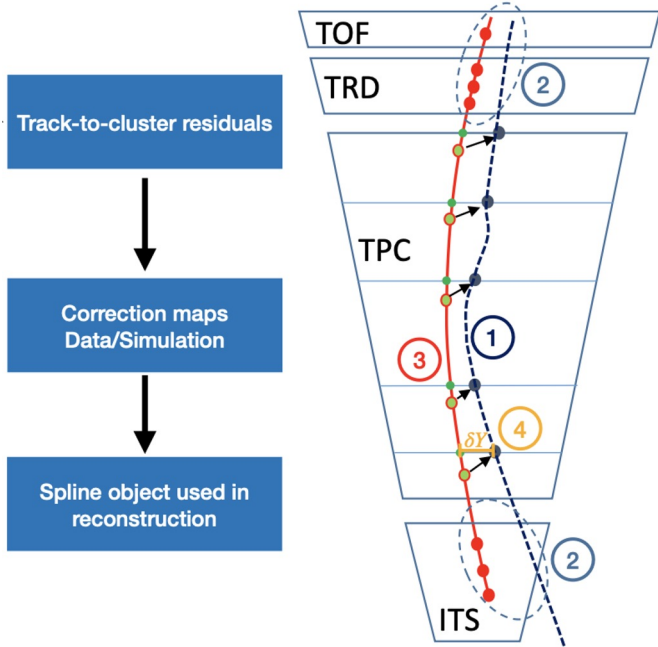
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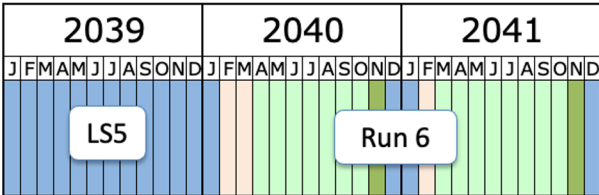
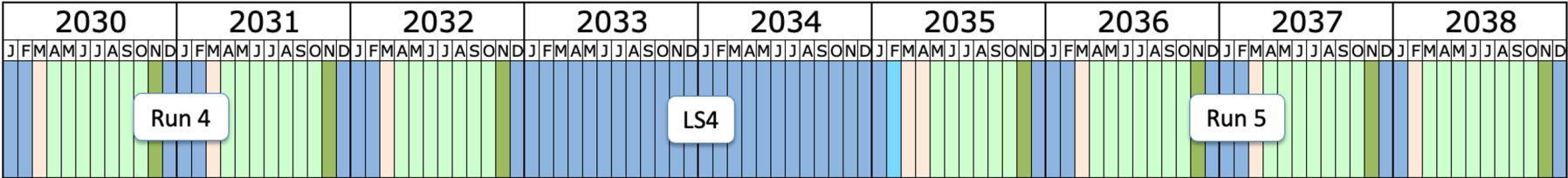
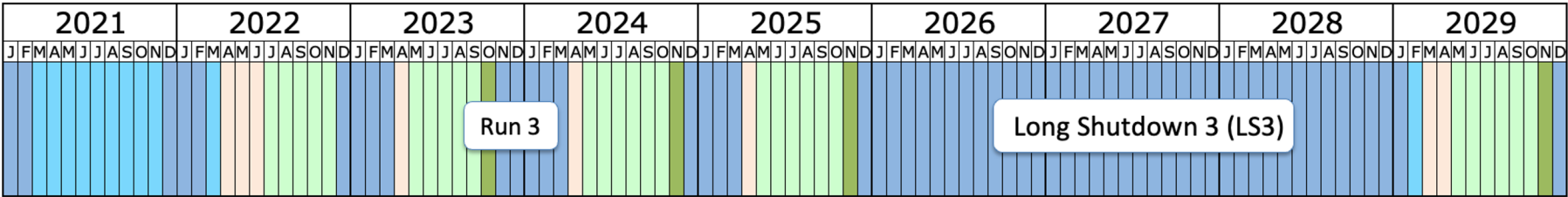
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GEM TPC: space charge distortion correction



LHC schedule



- Shutdown/Technical stop
- Protons physics
- Ions
- Commissioning with beam
- Hardware commissioning

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