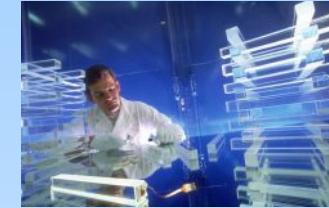
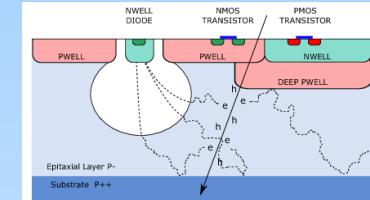
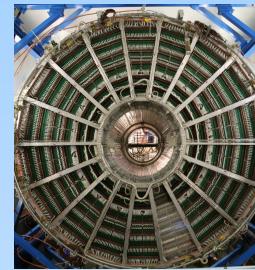


Results from the LHC

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The physics of particle detectors

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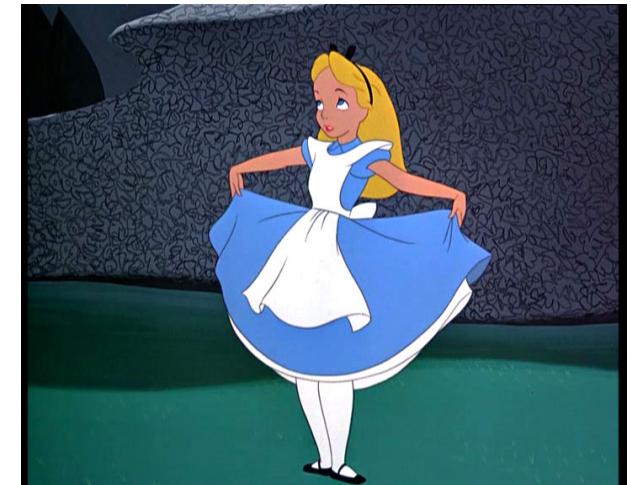
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The ALICE detector

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Outline

- ALICE: the heavy-ion experiment
- The quark-gluon plasma (QGP)
- Very few words about the LHC
- Heavy-ion collisions at the LHC
- ALICE:
 - The spectrometer
 - Inner Tracking System
 - Time Projection Chamber
 - Time of Flight detector
 - Transition Radiation Detector
 - Event centrality



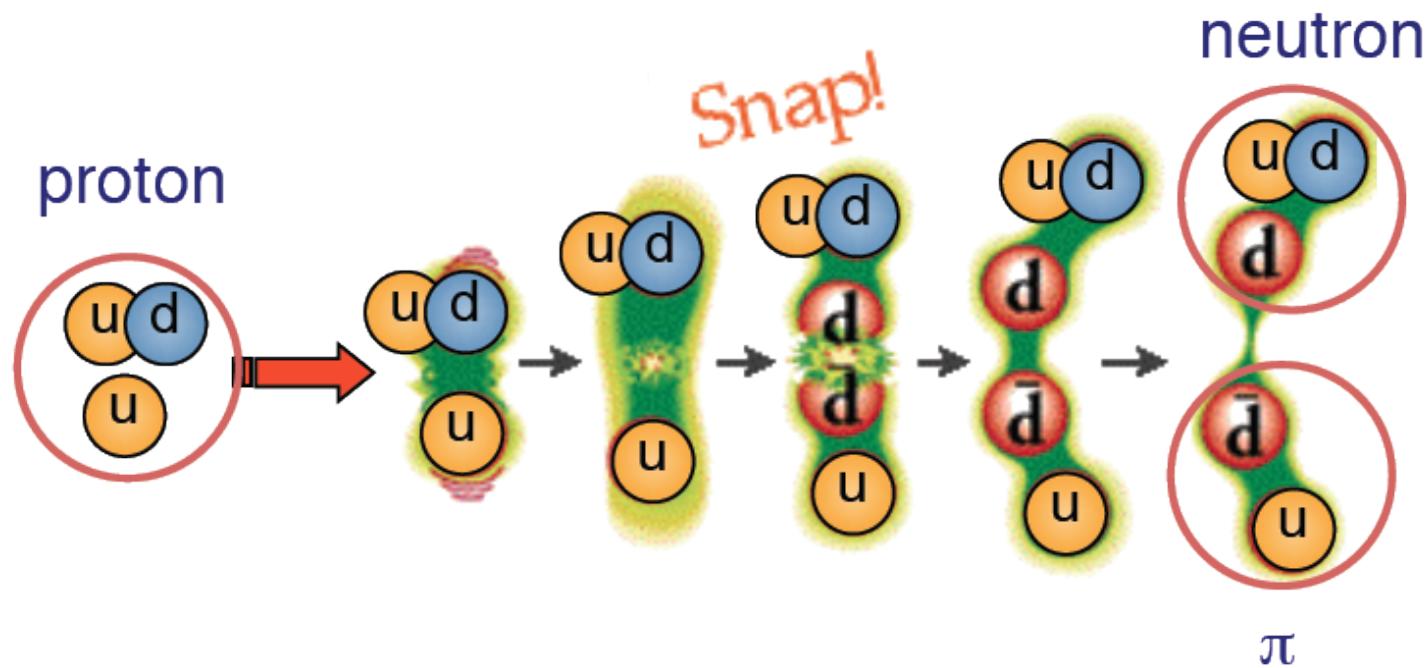
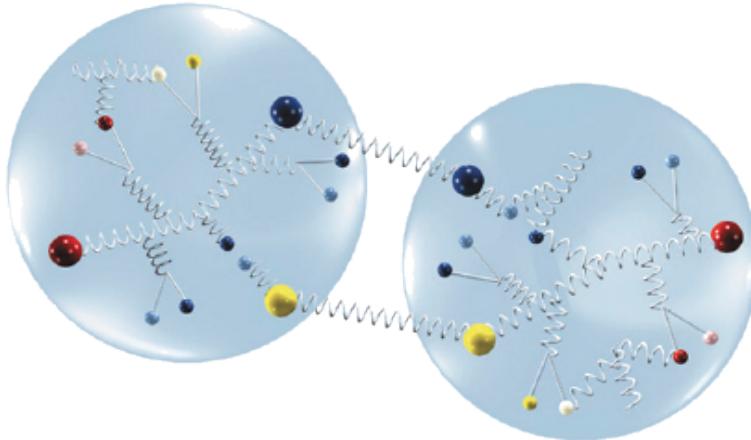
Some reading



- ALICE detector: <http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-0221/3/08/S08002/>
- ALICE performance: <http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1402.4476/>

Confinement

All matter we know, is confined:
colored quarks and gluons are
confined in colorless hadrons

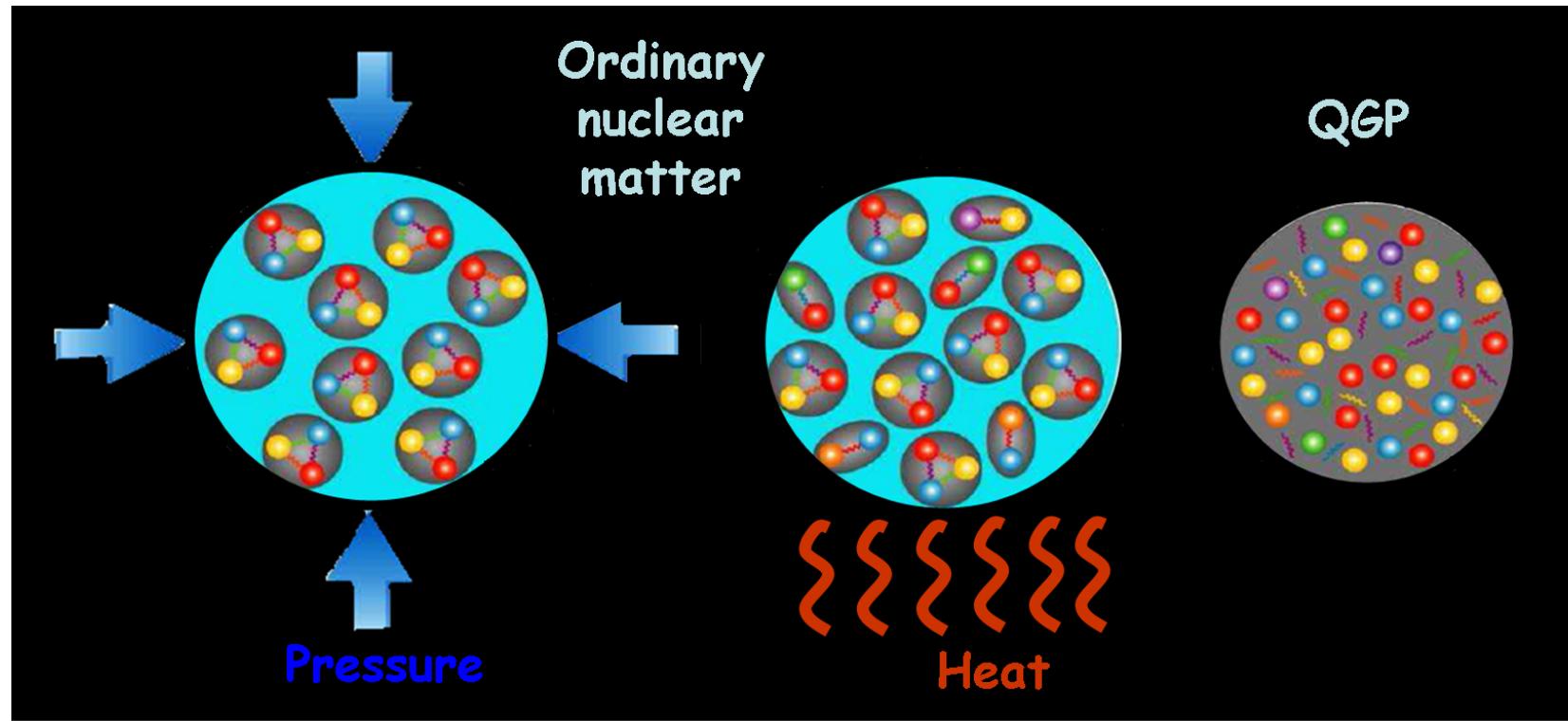




Quark-Gluon Plasma

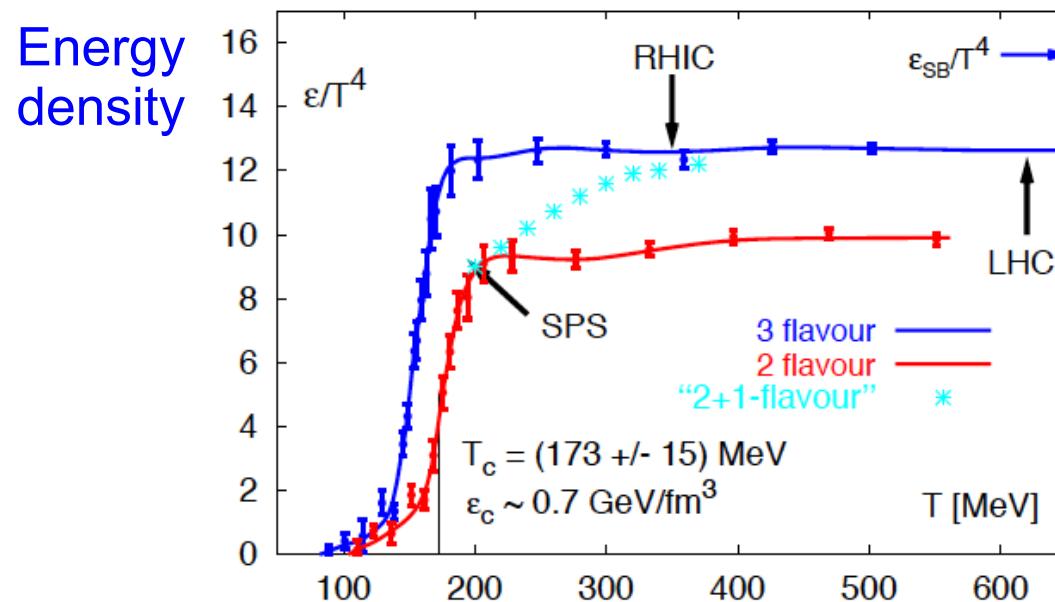
Asymptotic freedom → at VERY HIGH densities or temperature, strongly interacting partons become free → deconfined phase of matter

Cabibbo, Parisi PLB 59, 67 (1975); Collins, Perry PRL 34, 1353 (1975)



Transition temperature

- Hagedorn 1965: limiting temperature for hadronic systems ~ 140 MeV
- QCD on space-time lattice
 \rightarrow critical transition temperature from hadronic phase to the deconfined, plasma phase



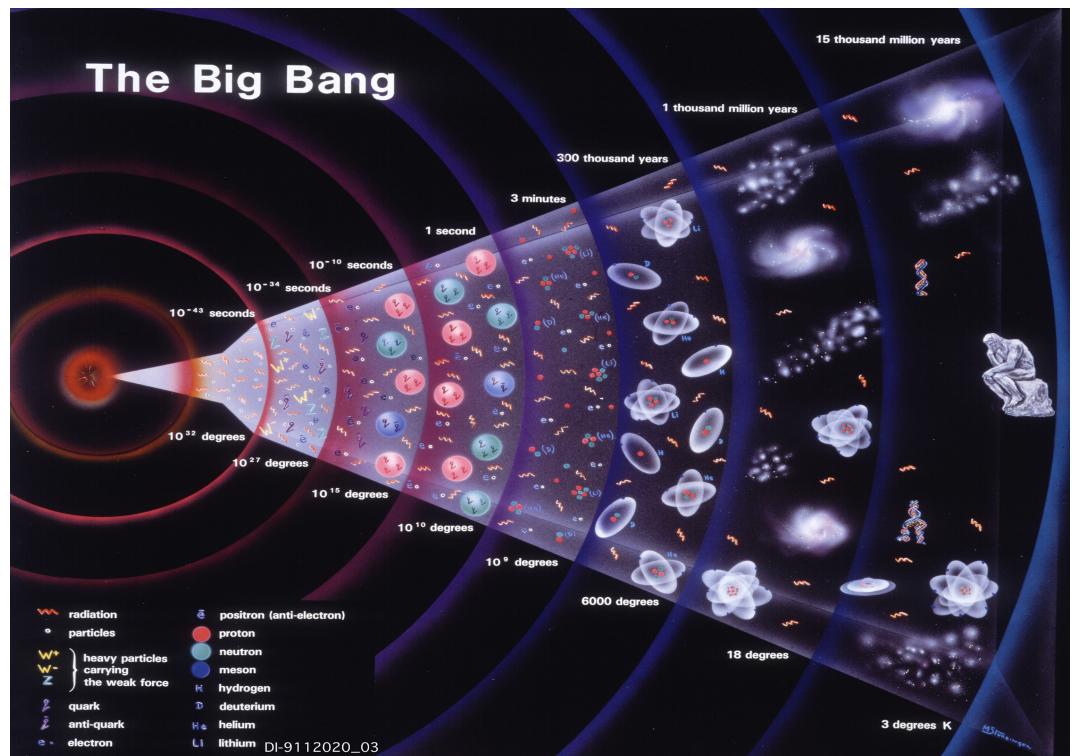
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- Energy density ~ 0.7 GeV/fm 3 $\rightarrow 5^*$ nuclear matter!

Dense and hot nuclear matter: why?

Status of matter in:

- Neutron stars and core-collapse supernovae
- First instants of our universe
 - 10^{-12} sec: electroweak phase transition
 - lasting until 10^{-5} sec: quark-gluon plasma



The Big Bang

15 thousand million years

1 thousand million years

300 thousand years

Nature

Quark-Gluon

Plasma

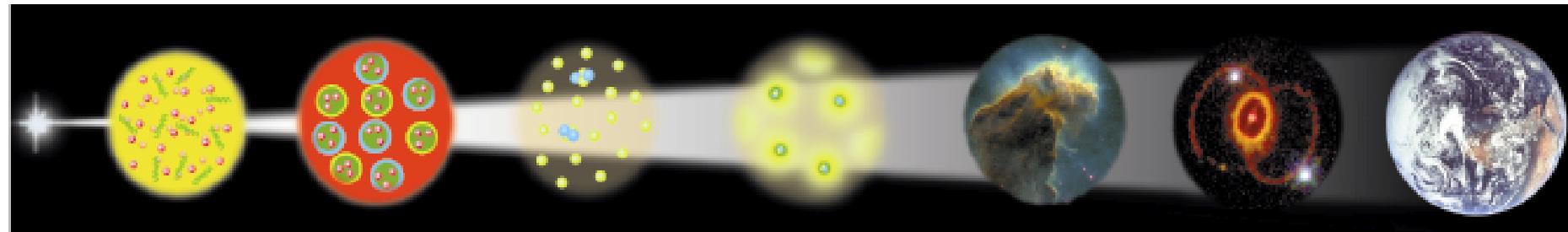
Nucleons

Nuclei

Atoms

Today

Big
Bang



10⁻⁶ sec

10⁻⁴ sec

3 min

15 billion

years

Experiment

- ~~ radiation
- particles
- W^+ W^- } heavy particles carrying the weak force
- Z
- q quark
- \bar{q} anti-quark
- e^- electron

- \bar{e} positron (anti-electron)
- proton
- neutron
- meson
- H hydrogen
- D deuterium
- He helium
- Li lithium

6000 degrees

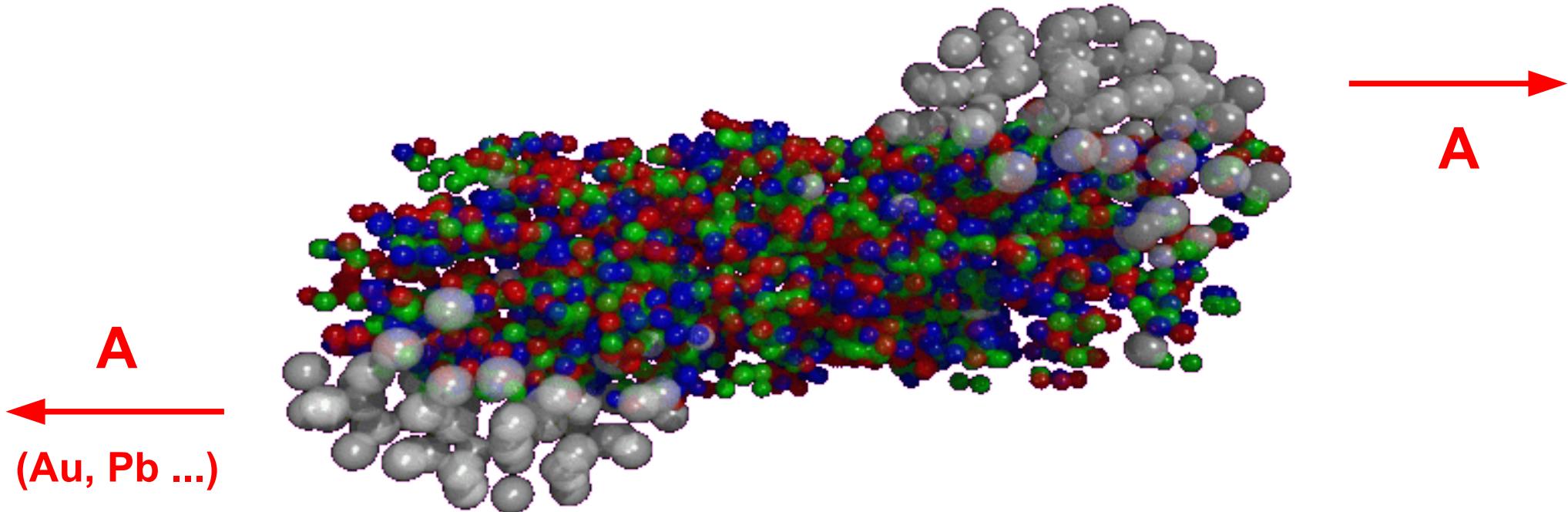
18 degrees

3 degrees K

MSL

QGP in the laboratory

Produced in the collisions of **heavy nuclei** at **high energies**
Since the early 1980s

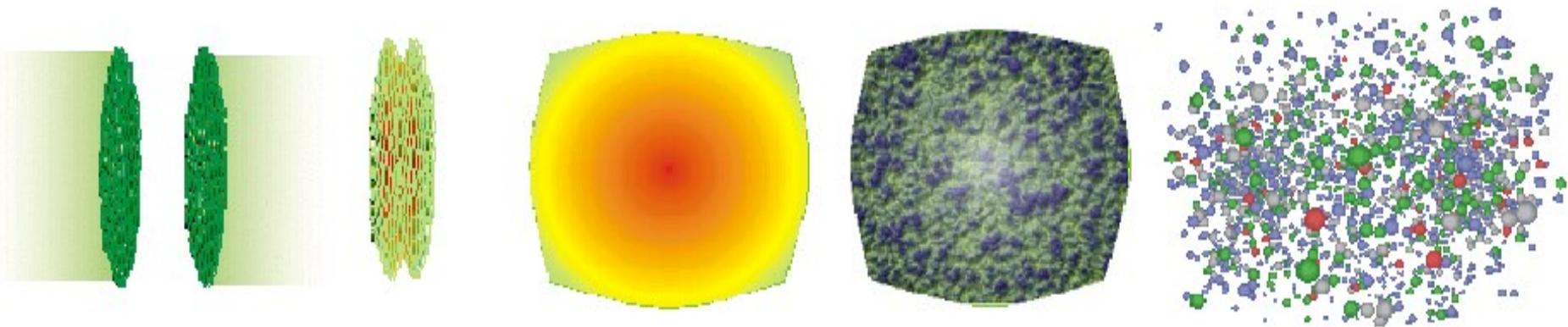


$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ from few GeV at AGS, SPS, GSI
up to 200 GeV at RHIC
up to 2.76 TeV at LHC

UrQMD

Ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions

High energy heavy ions collide ...

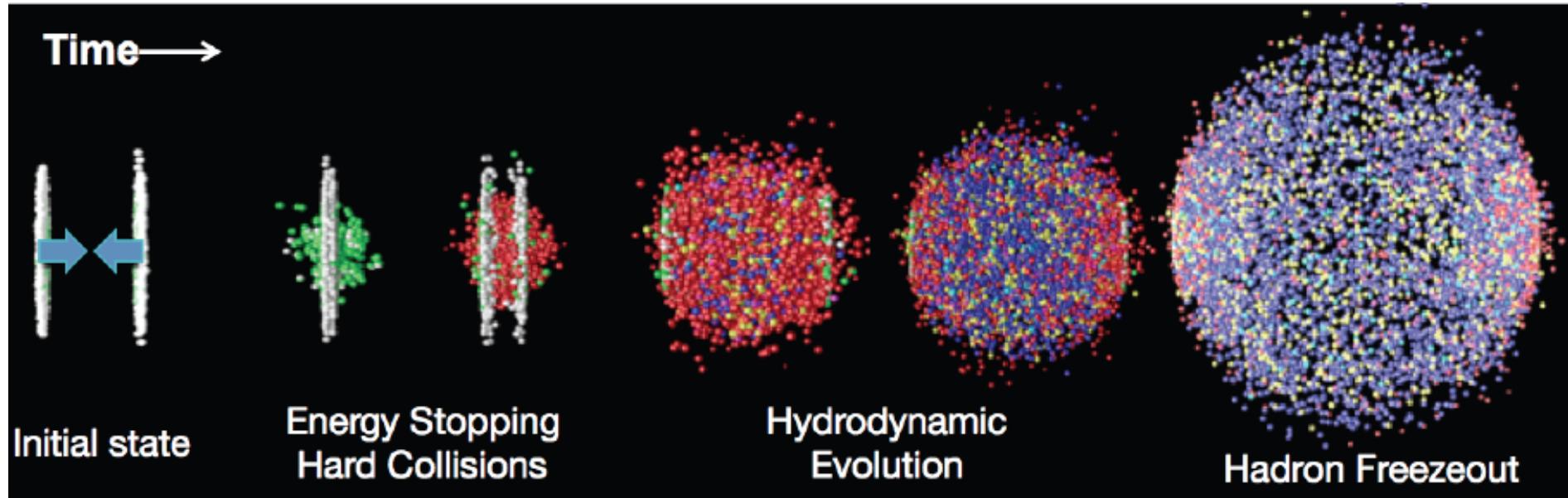


Under extreme conditions of temperature and density, they produce a state of matter called

QUARK-GLUON PLASMA

where quark and gluons are deconfined,
followed by chemical freeze-out,
and kinetic freeze-out

Collision phases



Thermalization:
equilibrium is established
($t < 1 \text{ fm}/c$)

Expansion and cooling:
($t < 10-15 \text{ fm}/c$)

Chemical freeze-out
(particle yields)
Kinetic freeze-out
(particle spectra)

Compress a very large amount of energy in a very small volume
 → “fireball” of hot matter, temperature $O(10^{12} \text{ K})$

- $\sim 10^5 \times T$ at the center of the sun
- $\sim T$ of the early universe (μs after Big Bang)

Collision phases: notes

Thermodynamic phases, phase transitions, temperatures ...

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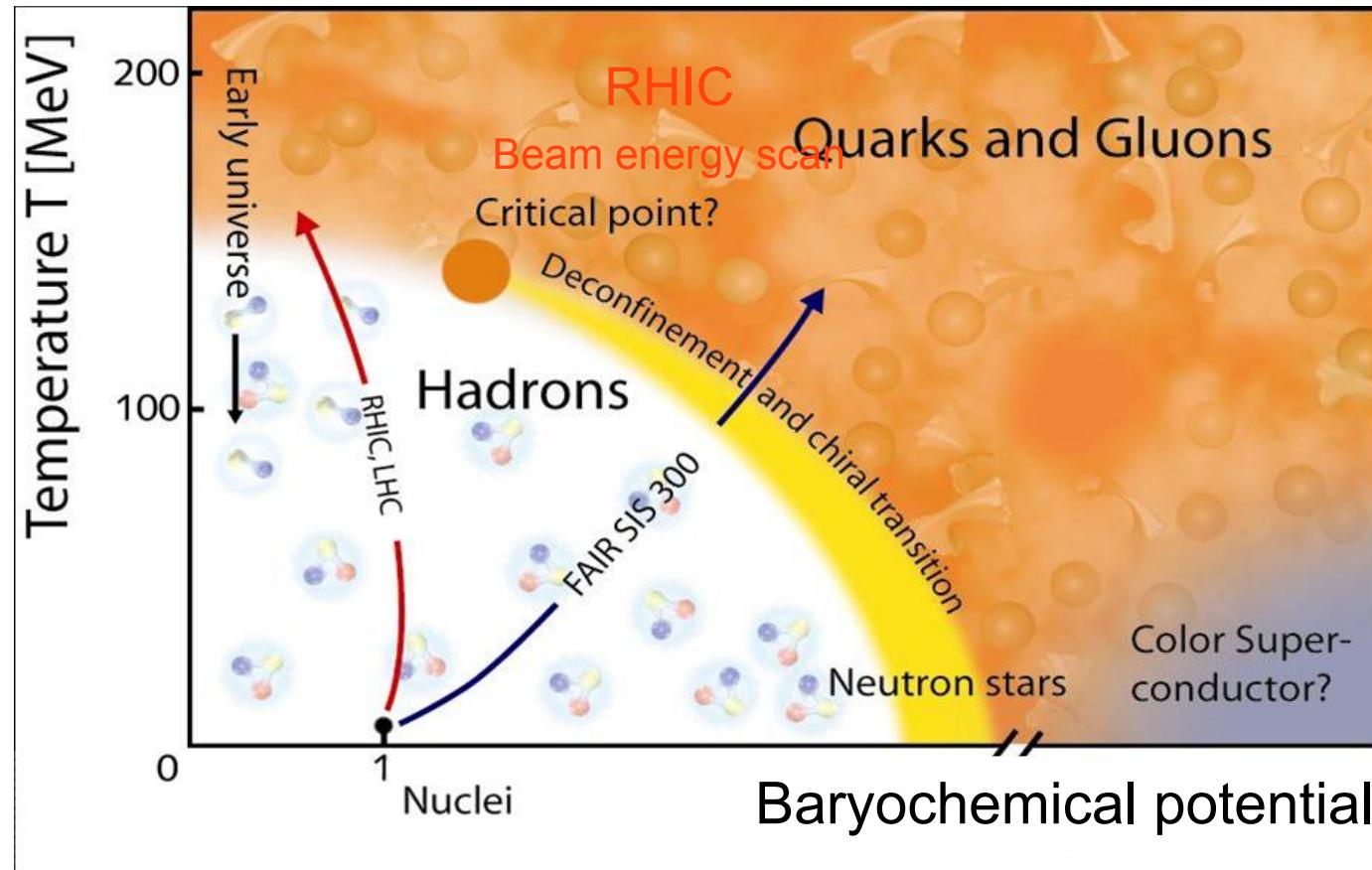
the system behaves like matter, not individual elementary particles:

- Large number of particles
- Local equilibrium (to define temperature, pressure, energy, entropy density, to investigate equation of state, speed of sound ...)
- System lifetime > inverse rate of interactions

Fireball of deconfined partons expands and cools → passes the deconfinement temperature again → hadronization:

- After the Big Bang: $\sim 10^{-5}$ sec
- In the lab: much less energy, much shorter lifetime: $\sim 10^{-22}$ sec

Phase diagram



RHIC, LHC:
very high temperature
low baryochemical potential
(~pressure in the water phase diagram)

FAIR, NICA:
lower temperature
high baryochemical potential

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



At CERN, Geneva, Switzerland



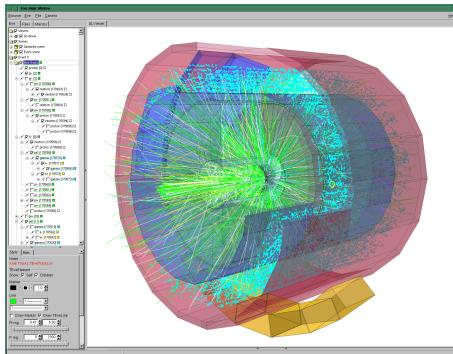
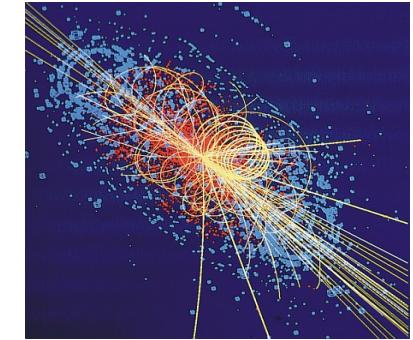
- 27 km length
- 4 main experiments

Colliding systems:

- **proton-proton**
up to $\sqrt{s}=14 \text{ TeV}$
2010-2013: 7, 8 TeV
2.76 TeV
- **Pb-Pb**
up to $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}=5.5 \text{ TeV}$
2010-2011: 2.76 TeV
- **p-Pb**
2012-3: $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}=5.02 \text{ TeV}$

From proton-proton ...

- Generation of mass (Higgs)
- New elementary particles (supersymmetric)
- Matter dominance over antimatter (CP violation)
- Gravity unification (extra dimensions, black holes)
- Overall QCD aspects (multiplicities, charm, beauty ...)



... to lead-lead collisions

- Study matter within the first microseconds of the Universe life (ALICE, but also CMS, ATLAS)

LHC in Numbers

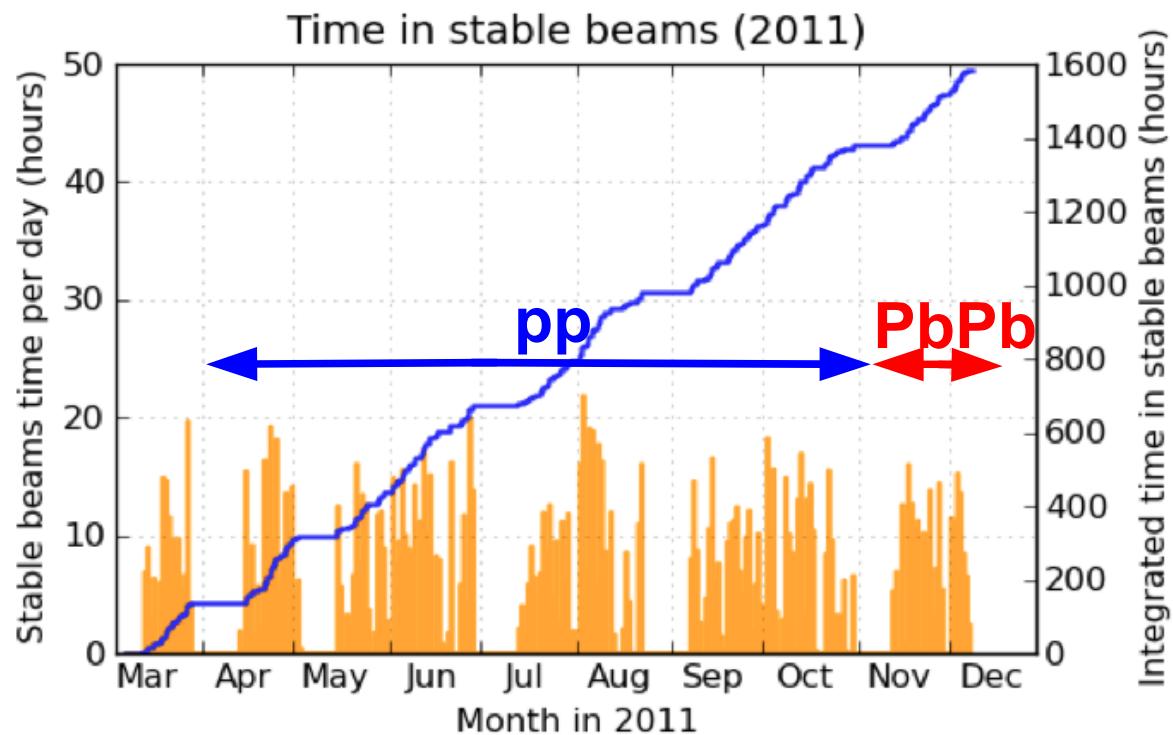


- 27 km long, 8 sectors
- **1232 dipole** magnets (15m, 30 tonnes each) to bend the beams
- Cooled with **120 tonnes of He at 1.9 K**
- pp: 2808 bunches/ring, each 1.15×10^{11} protons (8 min filling time)
Design luminosity: **$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$**
- PbPb: 592 bunches/ring, each 7×10^7 Pb ions
Design luminosity: $10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Transverse r.m.s beam size: **16 μm** , r.m.s. bunch length: 7.5 cm
- Beam kinetic energy: 362 MJ per beam (1 MJ melts 2 kg copper)
- Total stored electromagnetic energy: **8.5 GJ** (dipole magnets only)

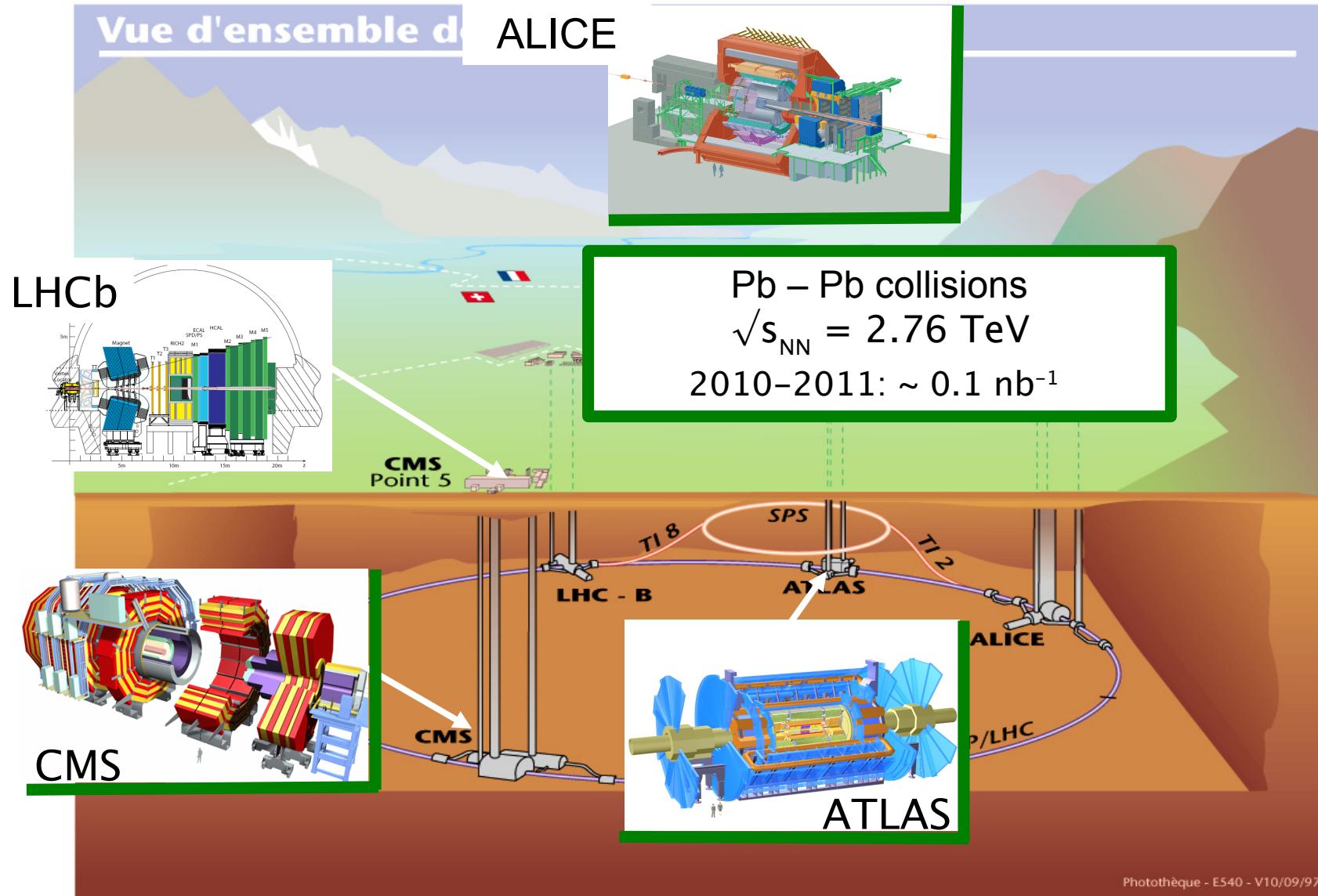
- Proton-proton
 - 0.9 TeV: Nov 2009, Mar 2010
 - 2.76 TeV: Mar 2011
 - 7 TeV: 2010, 2011
 - 8 TeV: 2012
- Pb-Pb
 - 2.76 TeV: 2010, 2011
- p-Pb
 - 5.02 TeV: (2012), 2013

During the year:

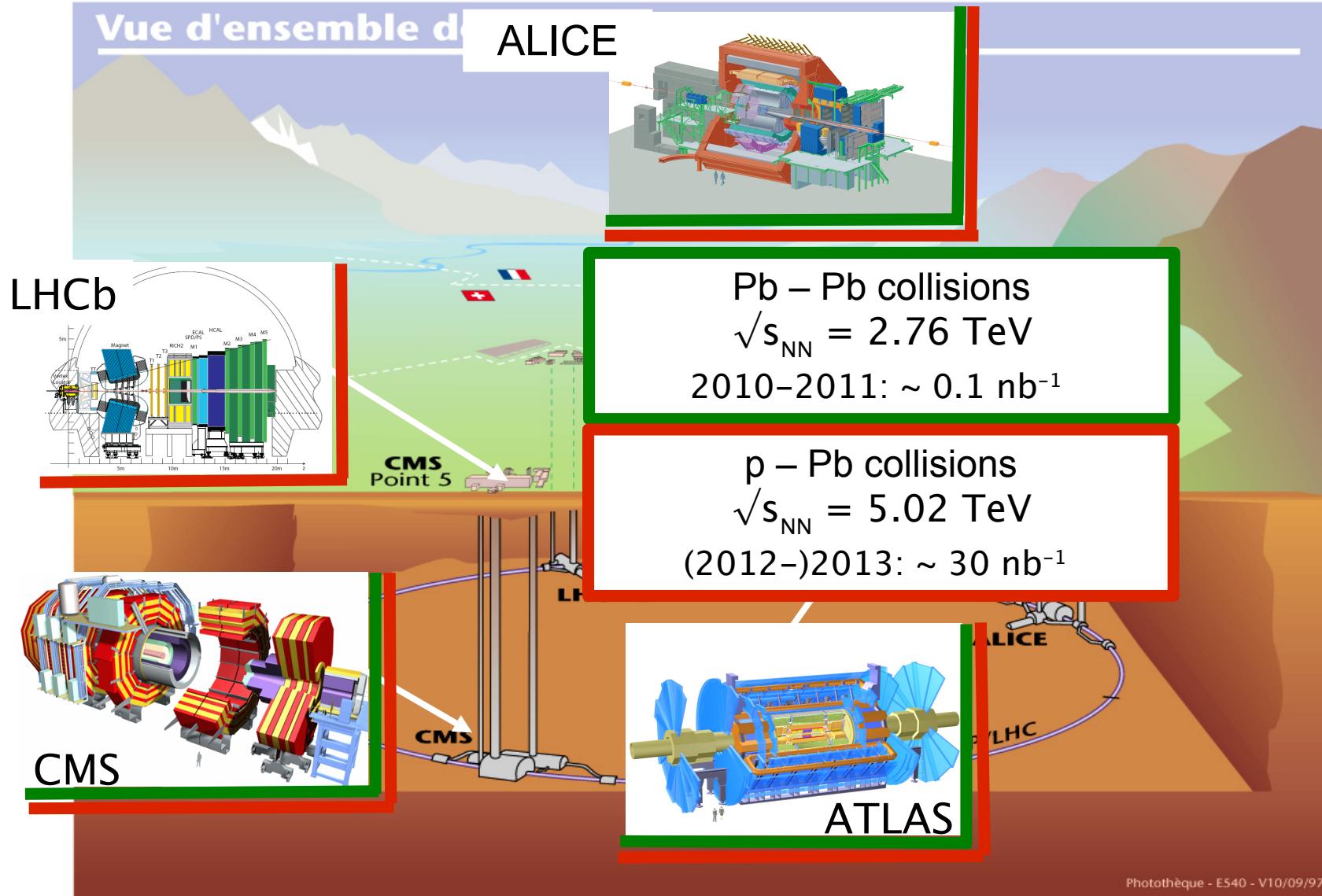
- March – October: pp collisions (~ 1400 hours of stable beams)
- November – December: 4 weeks of PbPb collisions (~ 200 hours)



Heavy ions at the LHC



Heavy ions at the LHC



Comparison SPS-RHIC-LHC

An old table!!!

PbPb central collisions

	SPS	RHIC	LHC
E_{cm} [GeV]	17	200	5500
dN_{ch}/dy	500	700	3000 - 8000
E [Gev/fm ³] $t_0 = 1$ fm/c	≈ 2.5	≈ 3.5	15 - 40
t_{QGP} [fm/c]	<1	≈ 1	$\approx 4.5-12$

Fireball initial temperature

≈ 220 MeV

$\approx 4-700$ MeV

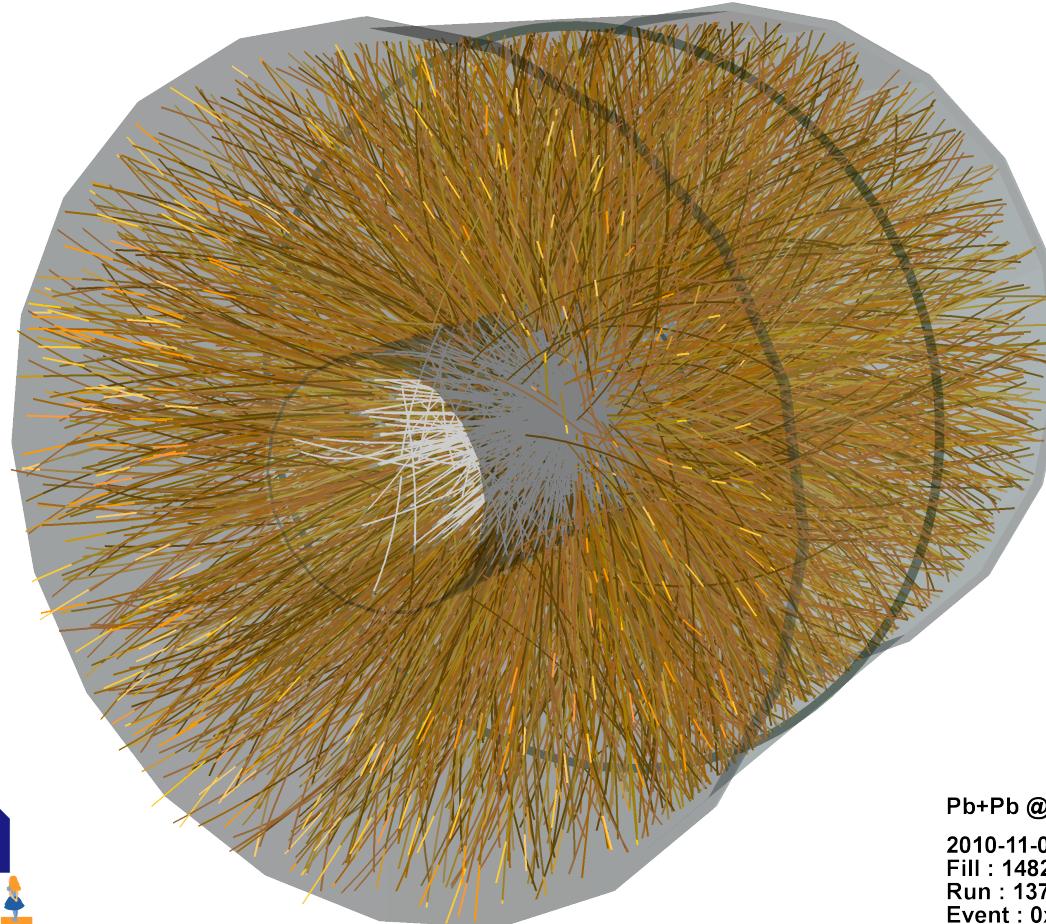


Significant increase in relevant parameters (ε , V, T)
Factor 10 from SPS to LHC

Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s}_{\text{NN}}=2.76$ TeV



Pb ions accelerated to ~ 290 TeV \rightarrow collision: 575 TeV !!!



Pb+Pb @ $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ ATeV
2010-11-08 11:30:46
Fill : 1482
Run : 137124
Event : 0x00000000D3BBE693

A Large Ion Collider Experiment

Dedicated experiment to study heavy-ion collisions

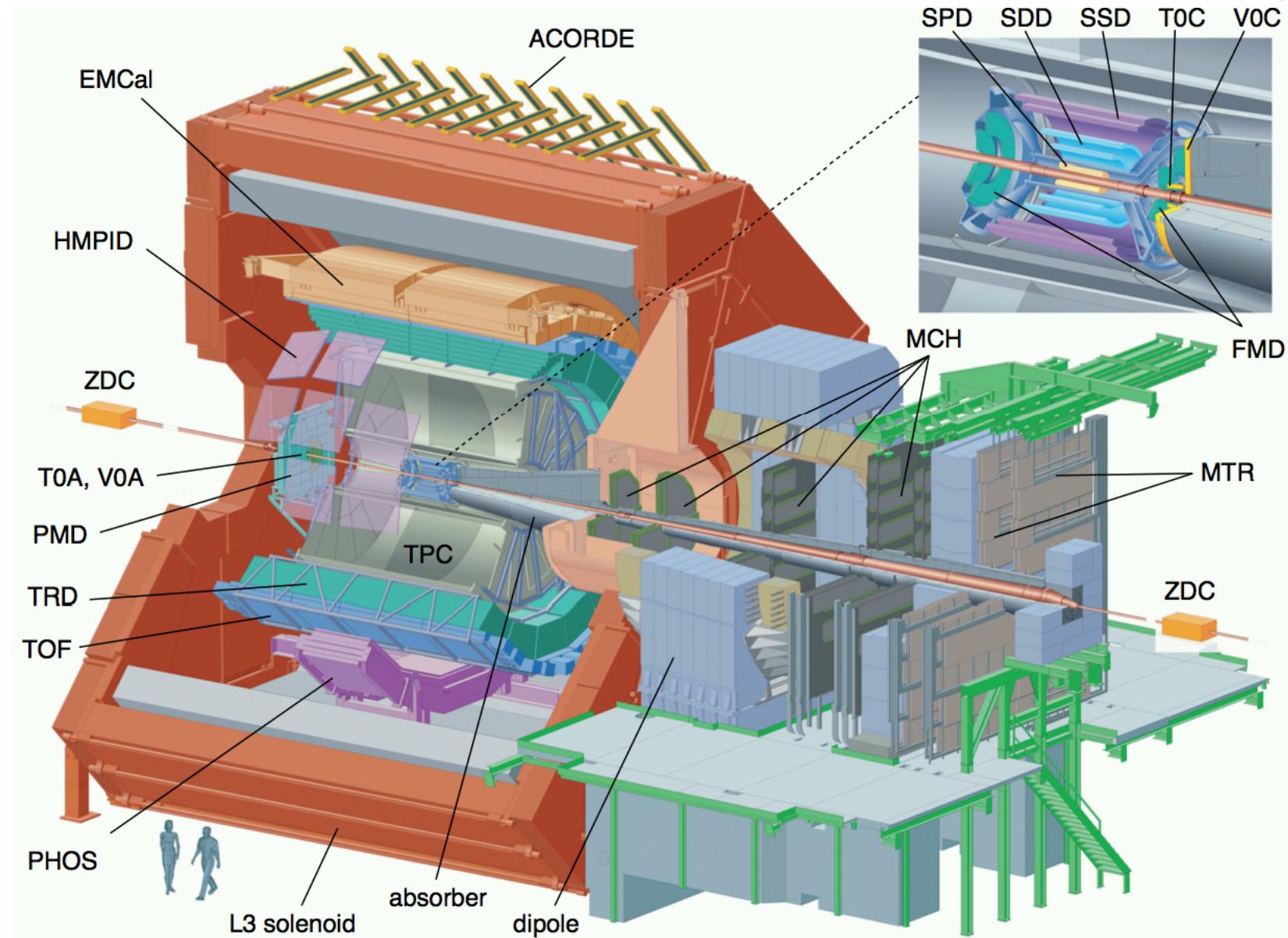
35 countries, 120 institutes, 1300 members





The ALICE Spectrometer

LHC Point 2
52 m
underground





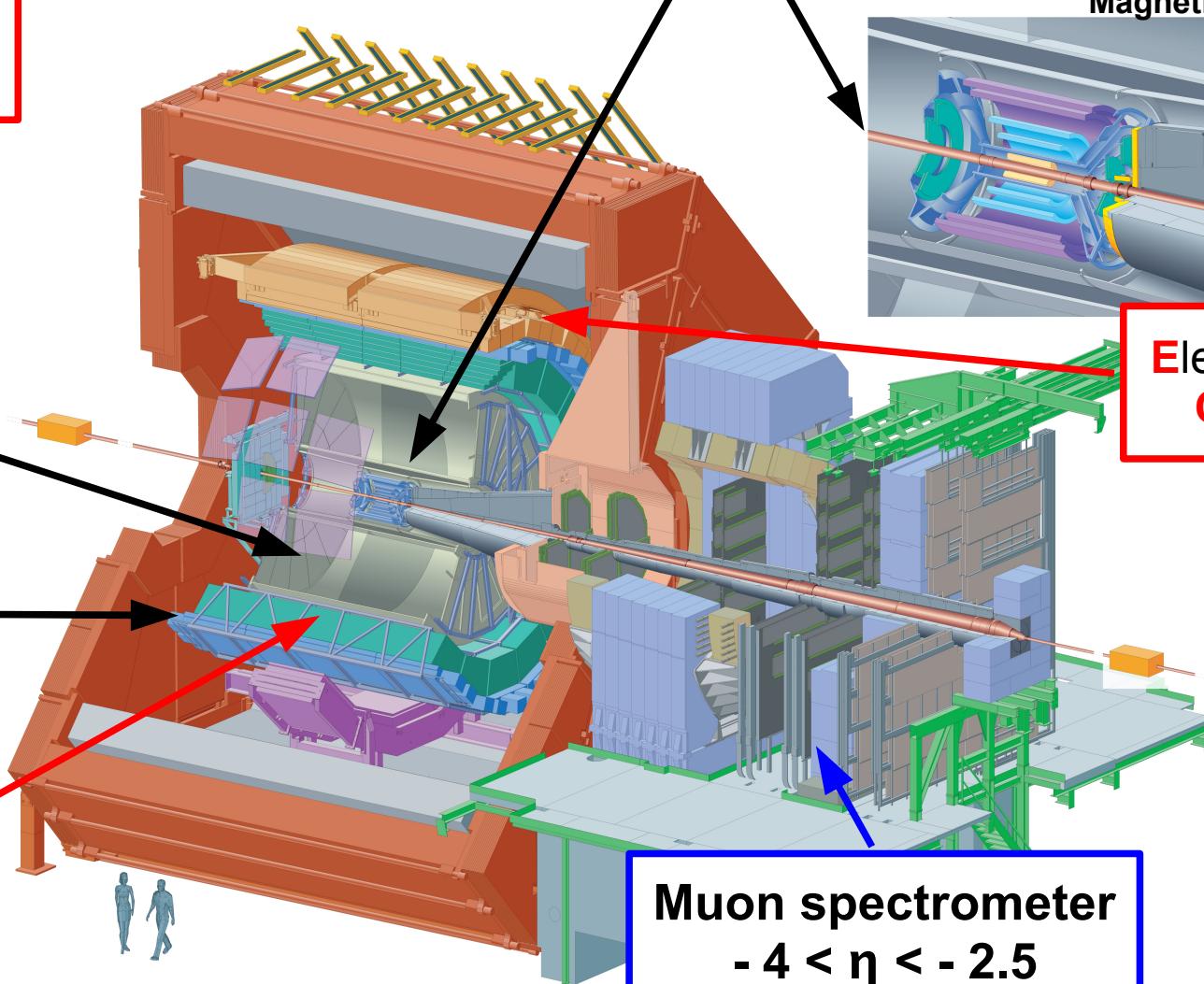
ALICE

The ALICE Spectrometer

Central barrel
 $|\eta| < 0.9$
L3 magnet: 0.5 T

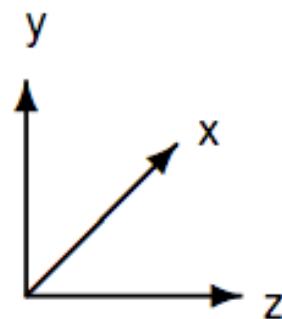
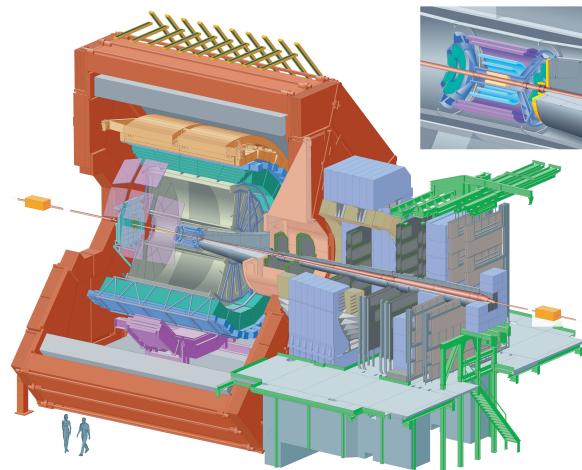
Inner Tracking System

Total weight : 16000 T
Overall diameter : 16 m
Overall length : 26 m
Magnetic field : 0.5 Tesla



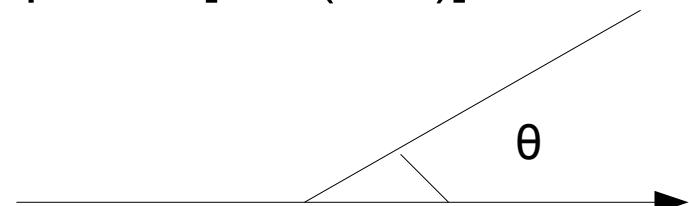
Coordinate system

The ALICE coordinate system is defined as follows: x-axis is perpendicular to the mean beam direction, aligned with the local horizontal and pointing to the accelerator centre; y axis is perpendicular to the x-axis and to the mean beam direction, pointing upward; z-axis is parallel to the mean beam direction. The positive z-axis is pointing in the direction opposite to the muon spectrometer



- Azimuthal angle ϕ
- Rapidity y
- Pseudorapidity η

$$\eta = -\ln [\tan (\frac{1}{2} \theta)]$$



Beam axis

Minimum bias, low momenta

The focus of ALICE is on maximal coverage of the (transverse) momentum spectra, because much of the most interesting physics for us sits at low momentum:

- Very moderate use of triggers (which are rather aimed at selecting high momentum, rare probes)
- Mostly so-called minimum bias data taking
- → huge data volumes
- Low value of the magnetic field (0.5 Tesla) for optimal tracking of low p_T tracks

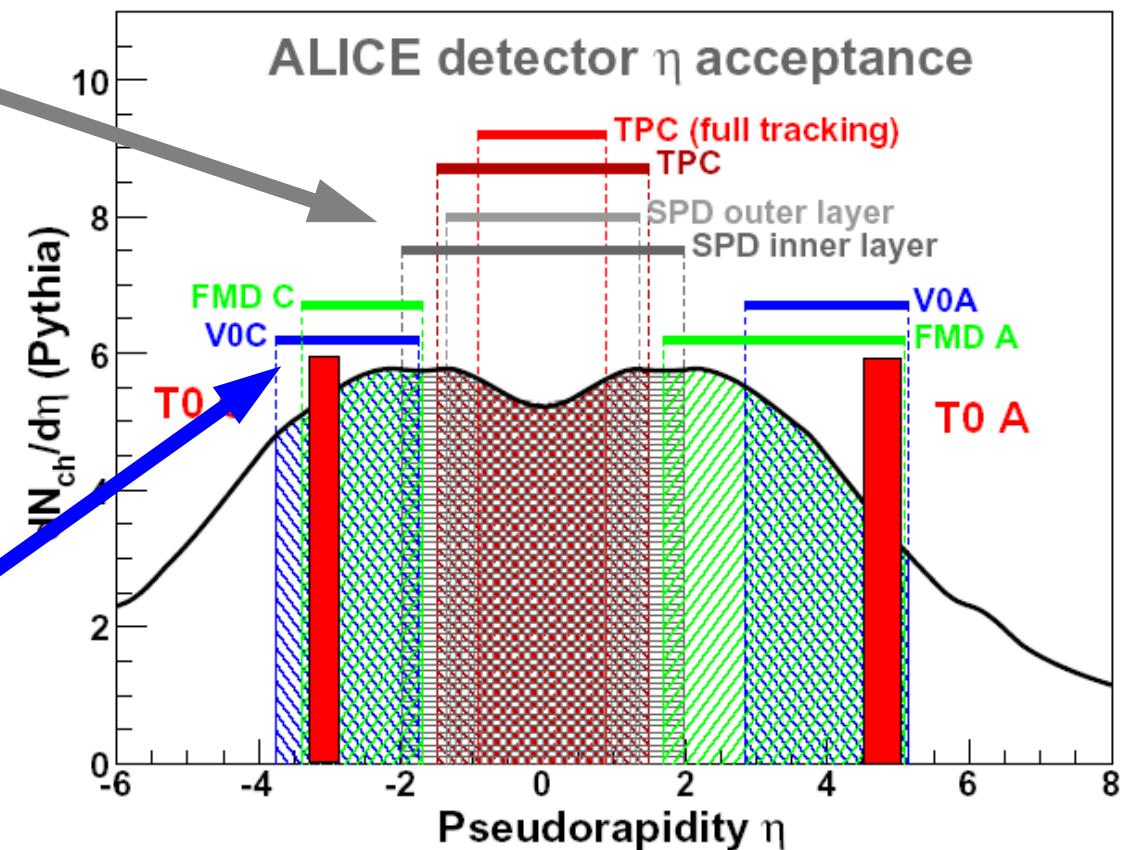
ALICE Minimum Bias Trigger



Silicon Pixel Detector (SPD):
inner: 3.9cm radius, $|\eta|<2$
outer: 7.6cm radius, $|\eta|<1.4$

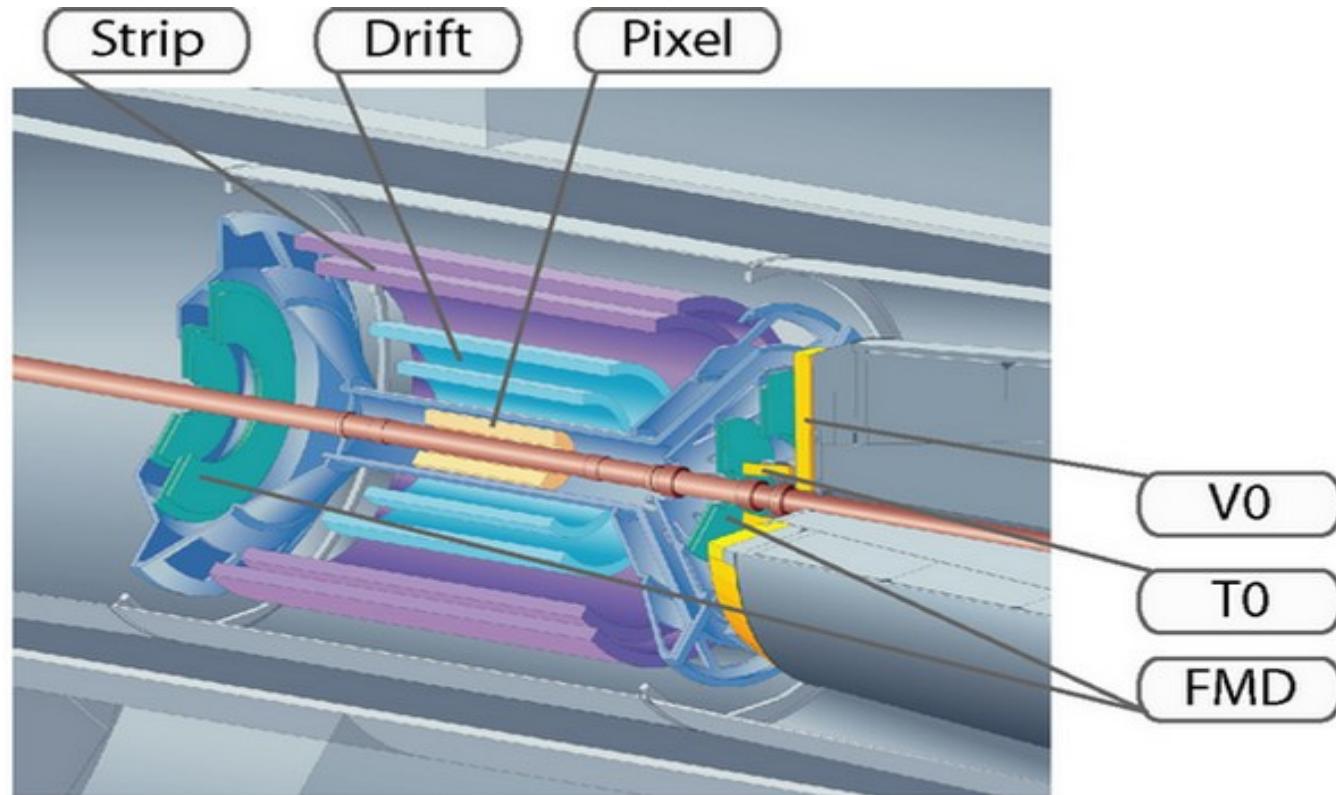
OR

Scintillator Hodoscopes:
V0A: $z=3.3\text{m}$, $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$
V0C: $z=-0.9\text{m}$, $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$

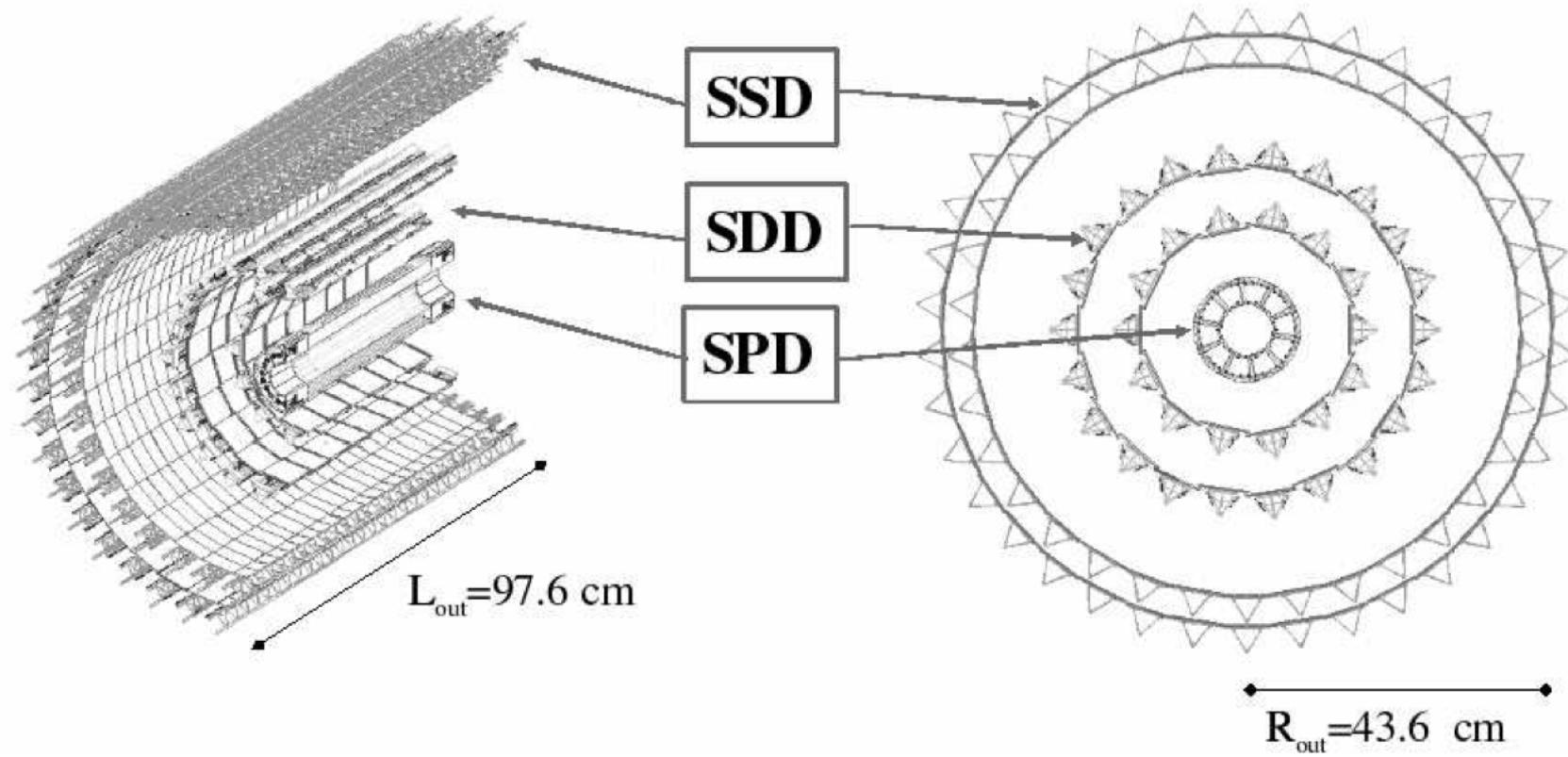


Plus coincidence with beam pickups

The Inner Tracking System

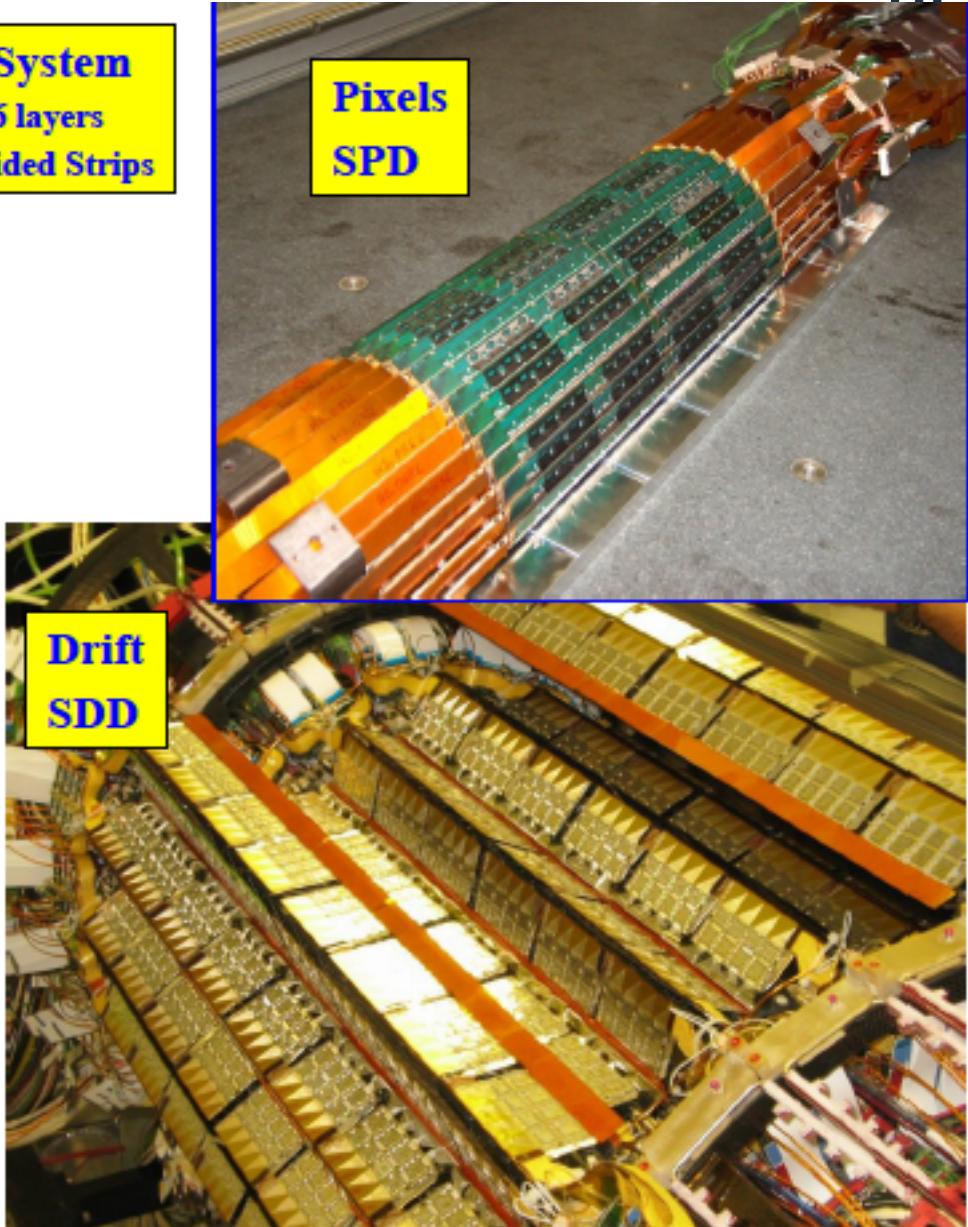


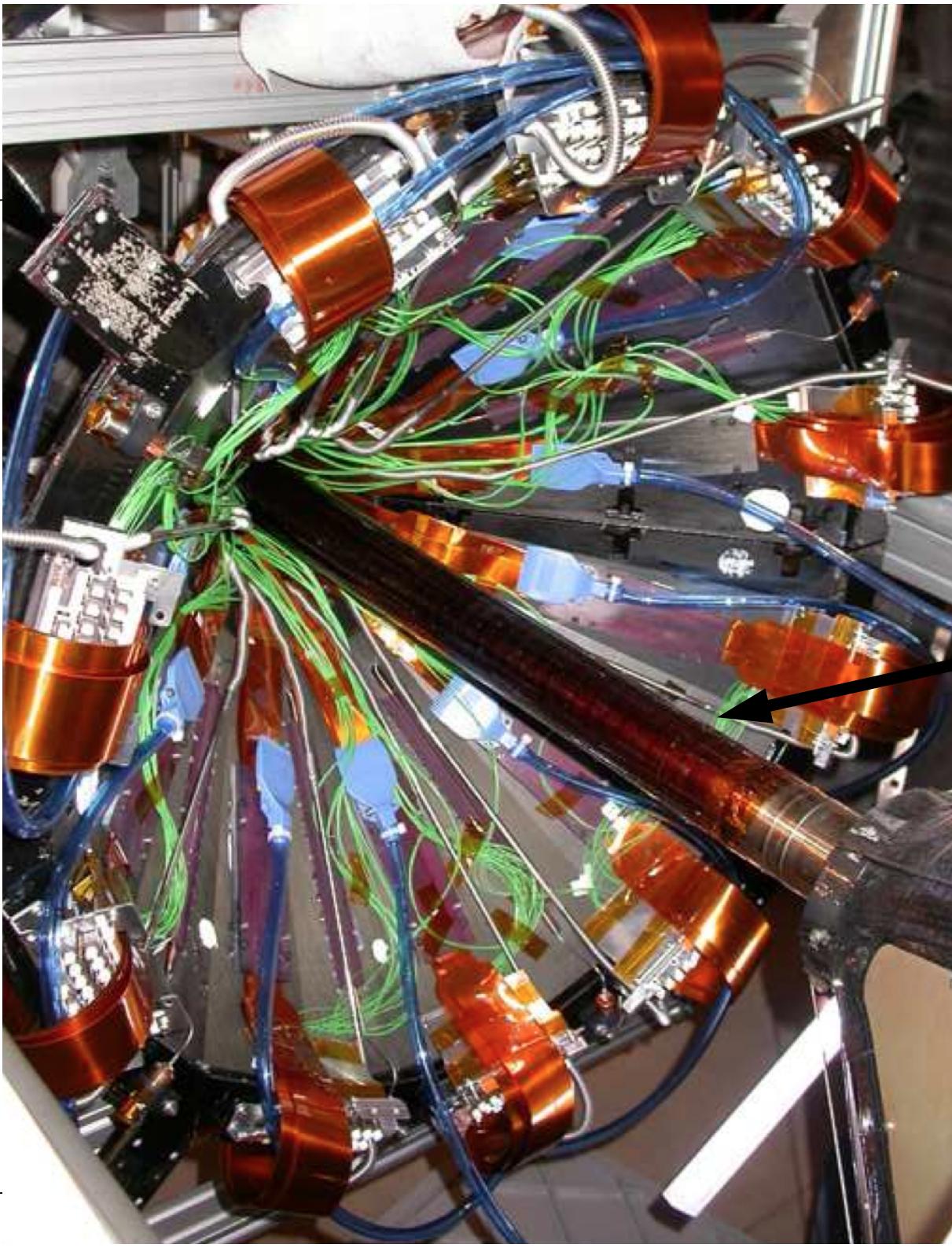
The Inner Tracking System





Inner Tracking System
~ 10 m² Si detectors, 6 layers
Pixels, Drift, double sided Strips



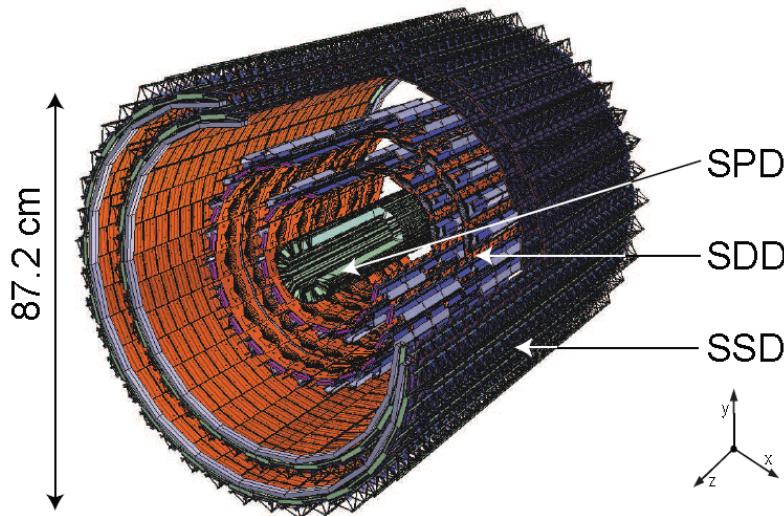


Beryllium beam pipe

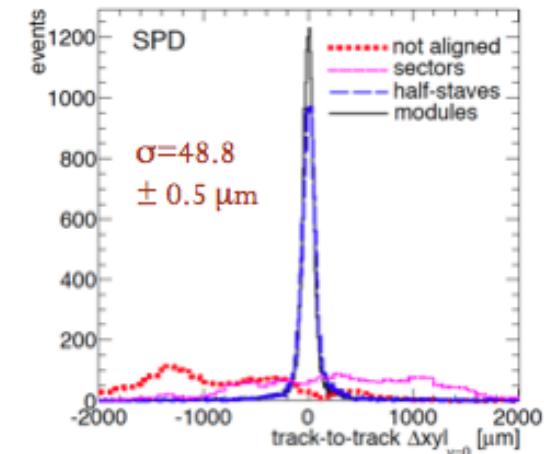
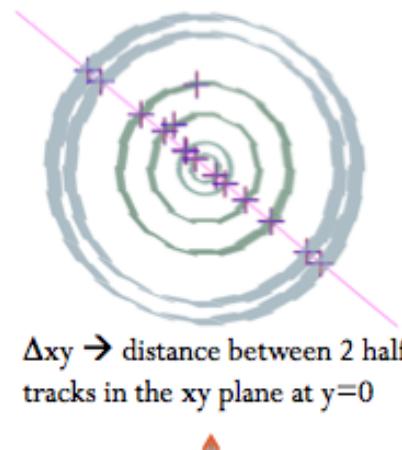
4 m long
58 mm inner diameter
0.8 mm thickness

Innermost SPD layer at
radius of 3.9 cm

The Inner Tracking System



Alignment: results

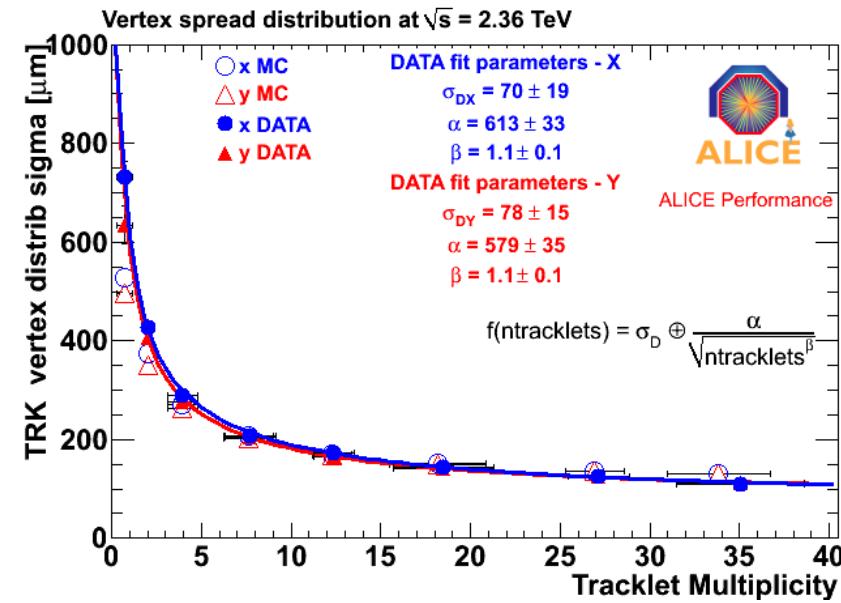


Silicon vertex detector

3 technologies:

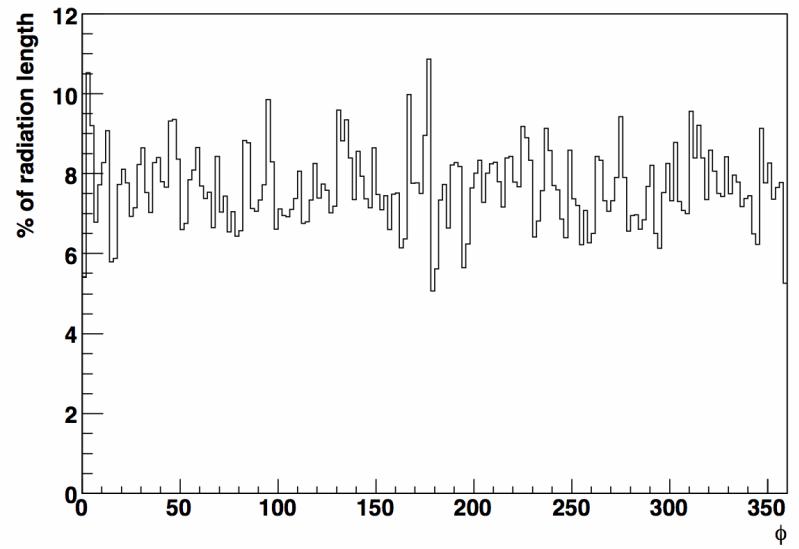
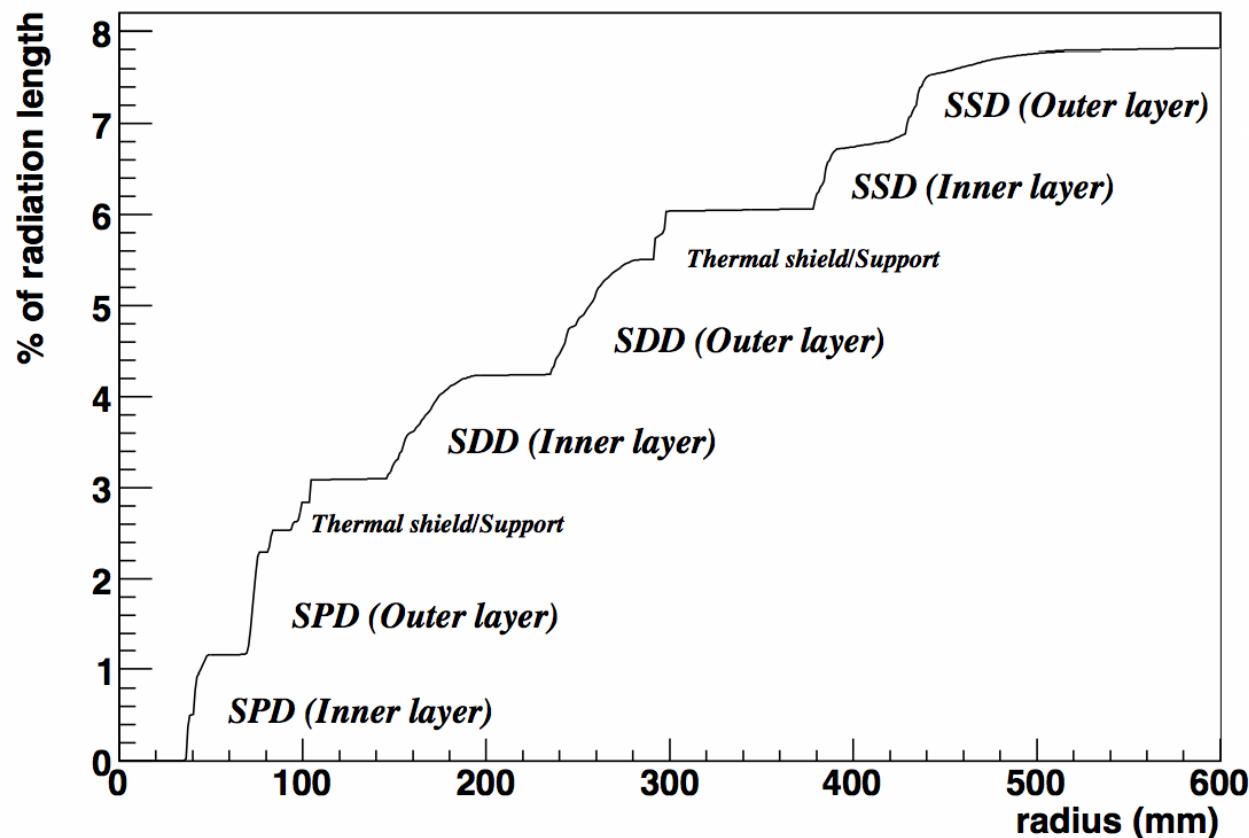
- 10 million pixels
- 133 k drift detector channels
- 2.6 million microstrips

Excellent tracking and vertexing!



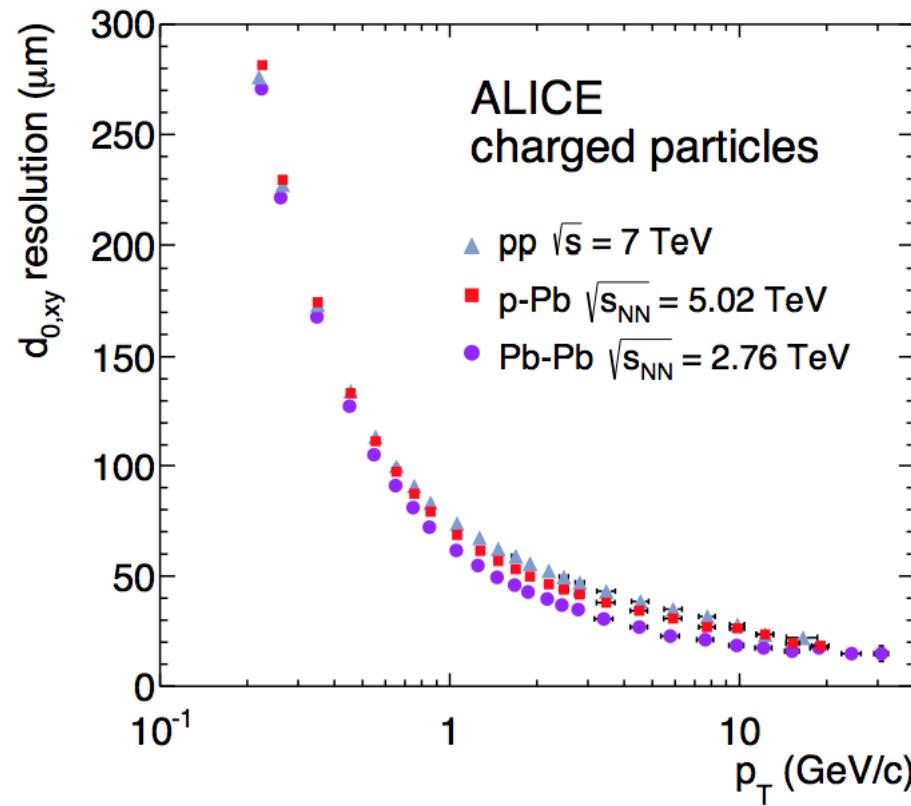
Material thickness

Resolution is dominated by the multiple scattering experienced by particles in the detector material



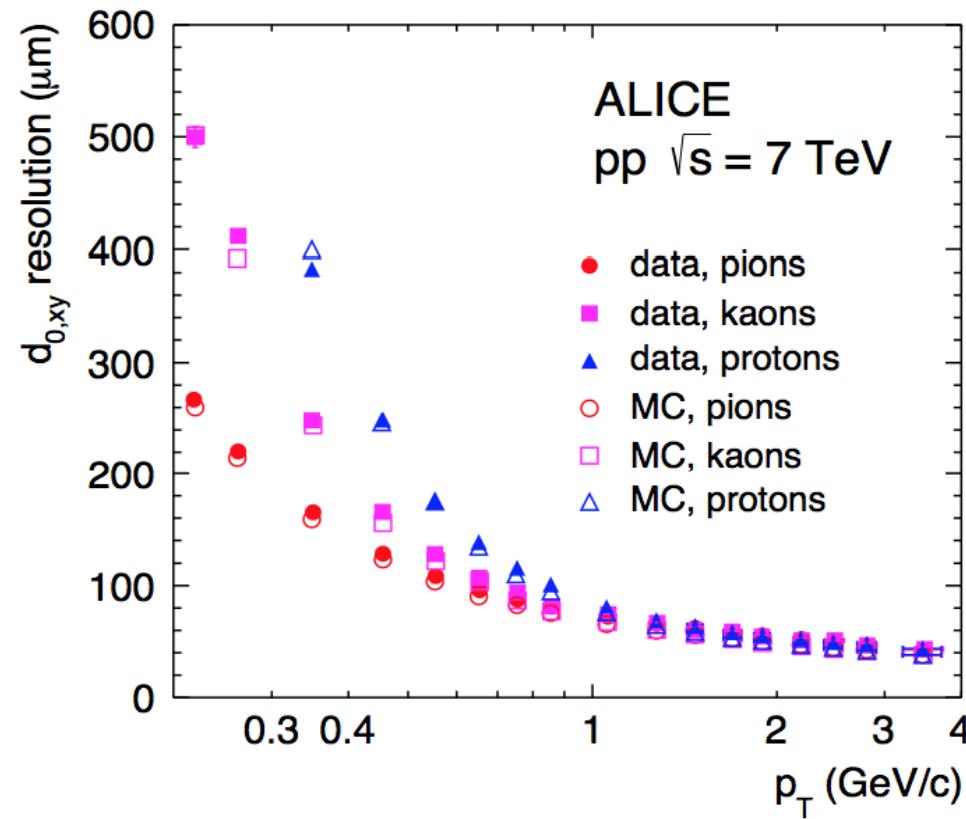
Spatial resolution - 1

Resolution on the impact parameter of **charged tracks** to the primary interaction vertex:



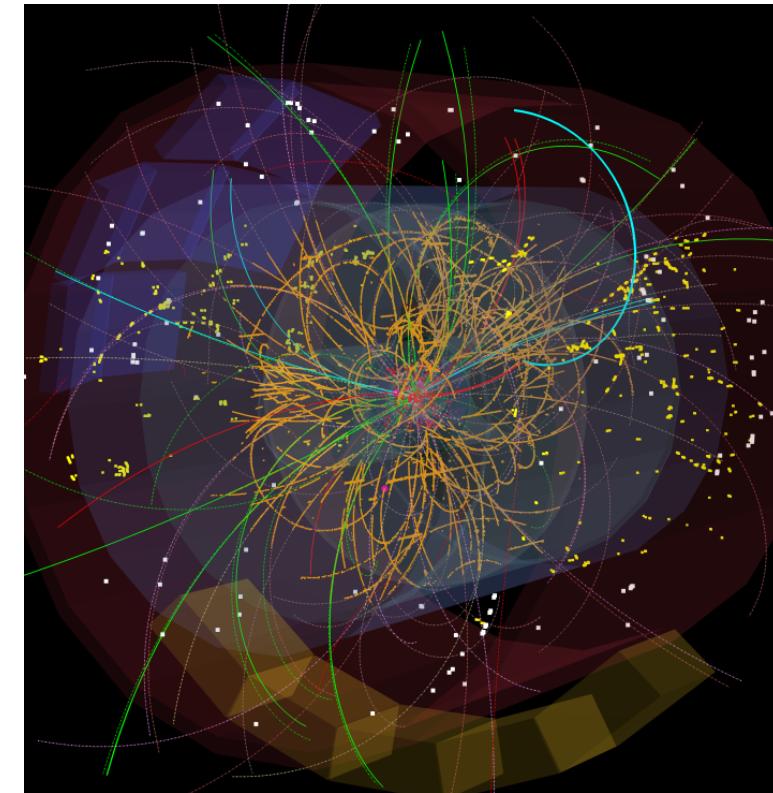
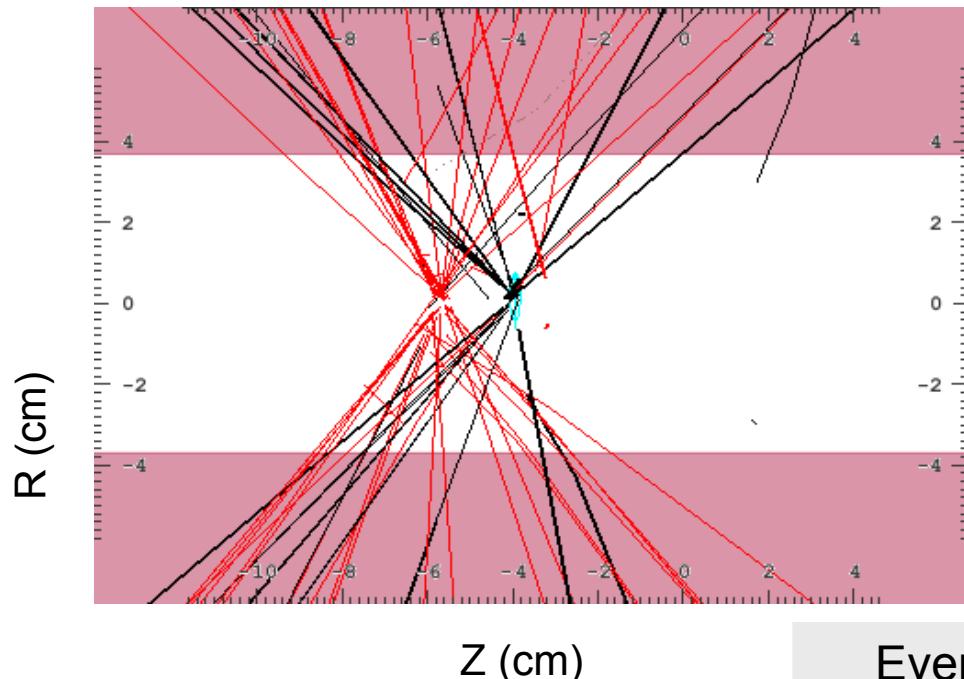
Spatial resolution - 2

Resolution on the impact parameter of **identified particles** to the primary interaction vertex:



ALICE Specialties

- Very low momentum cutoff (~ 0.1 GeV/c)
- p_T reach up to 100 GeV/c
- Excellent particle identification
- Efficient minimum bias trigger
- **Excellent vertex capabilities**



Event display of a pile-up event at 900 GeV



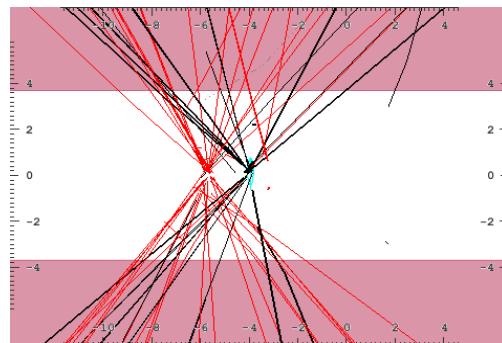
Pile-up in pp

ALICE

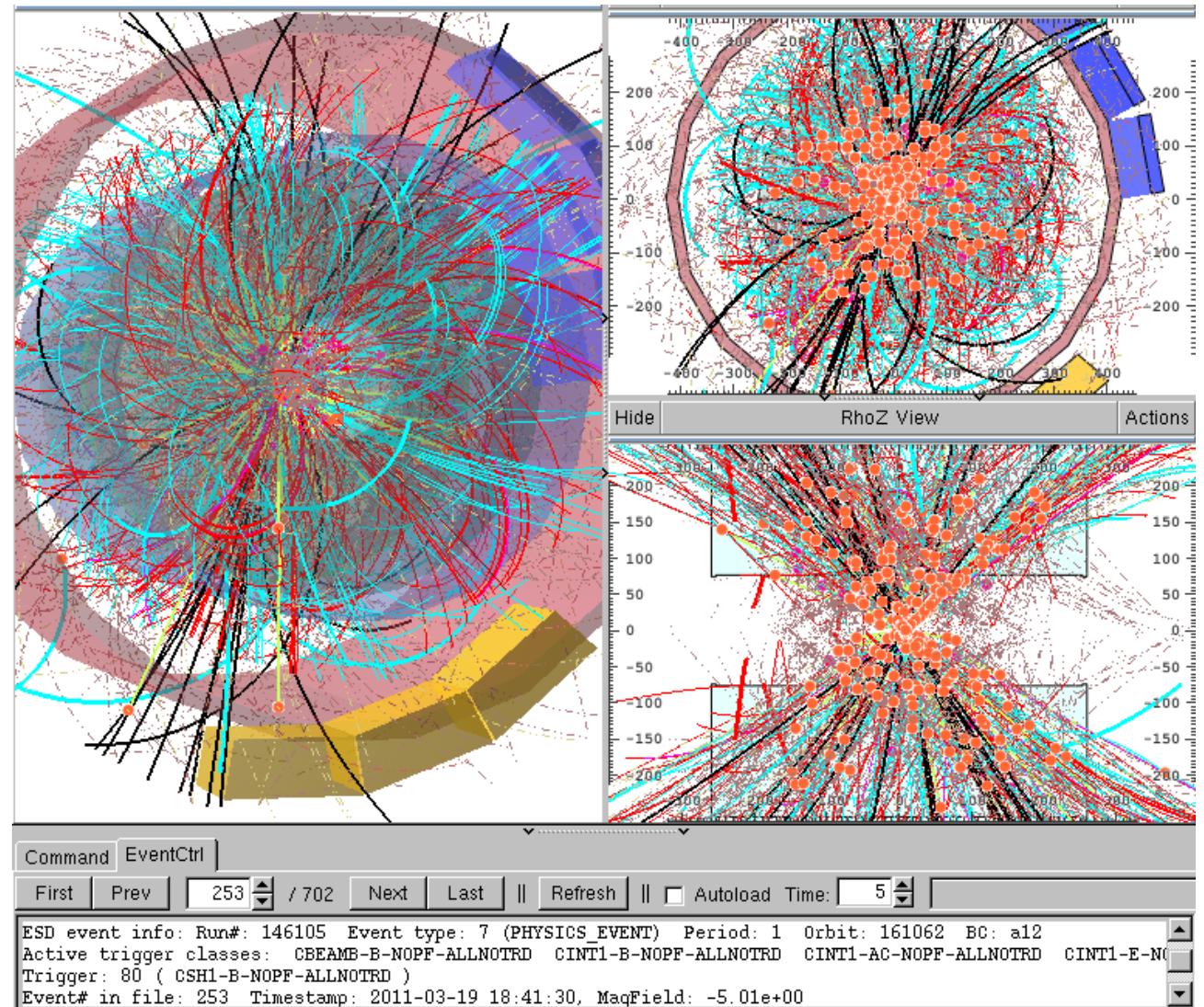
Events become a real
“mess”.

We need to learn to
handle this in
reconstruction and in
analysis !!! (e.g.
normalization to cross
sections)

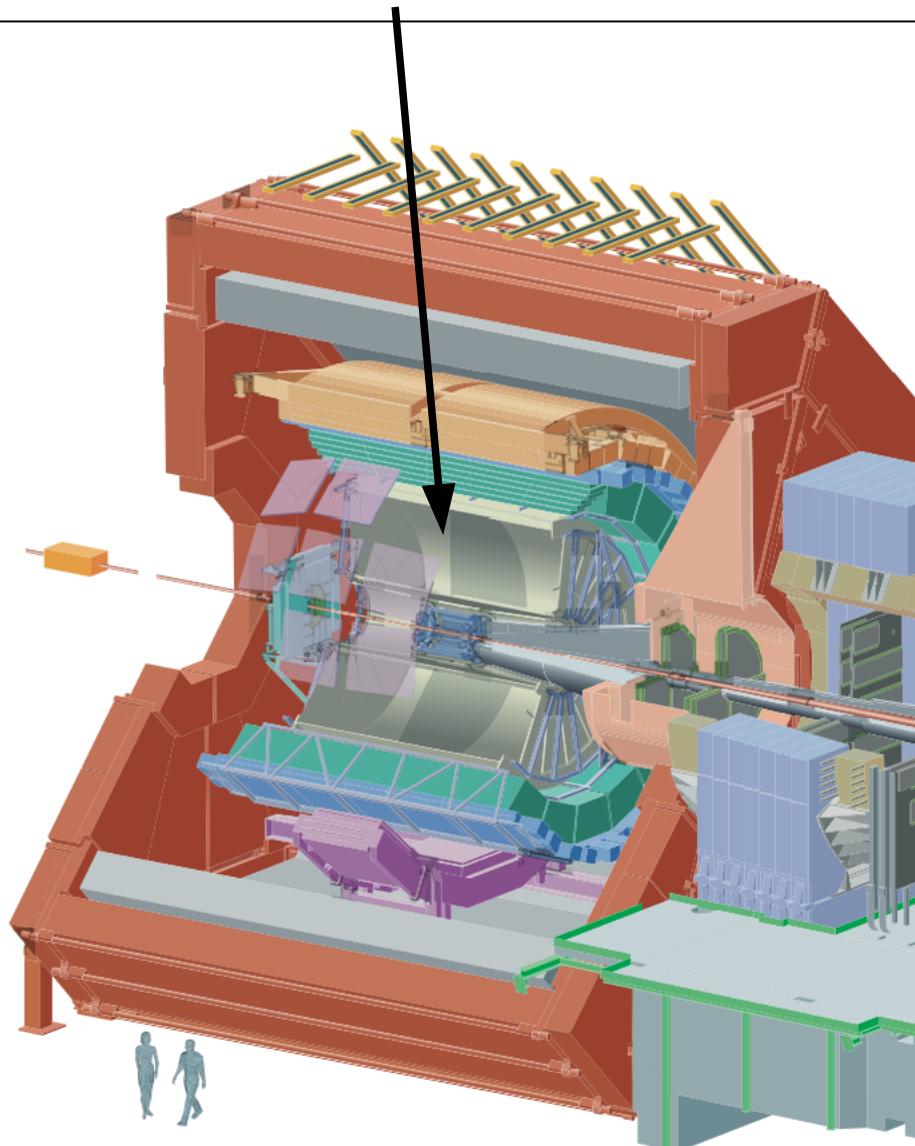
R (cm)



Z (cm)



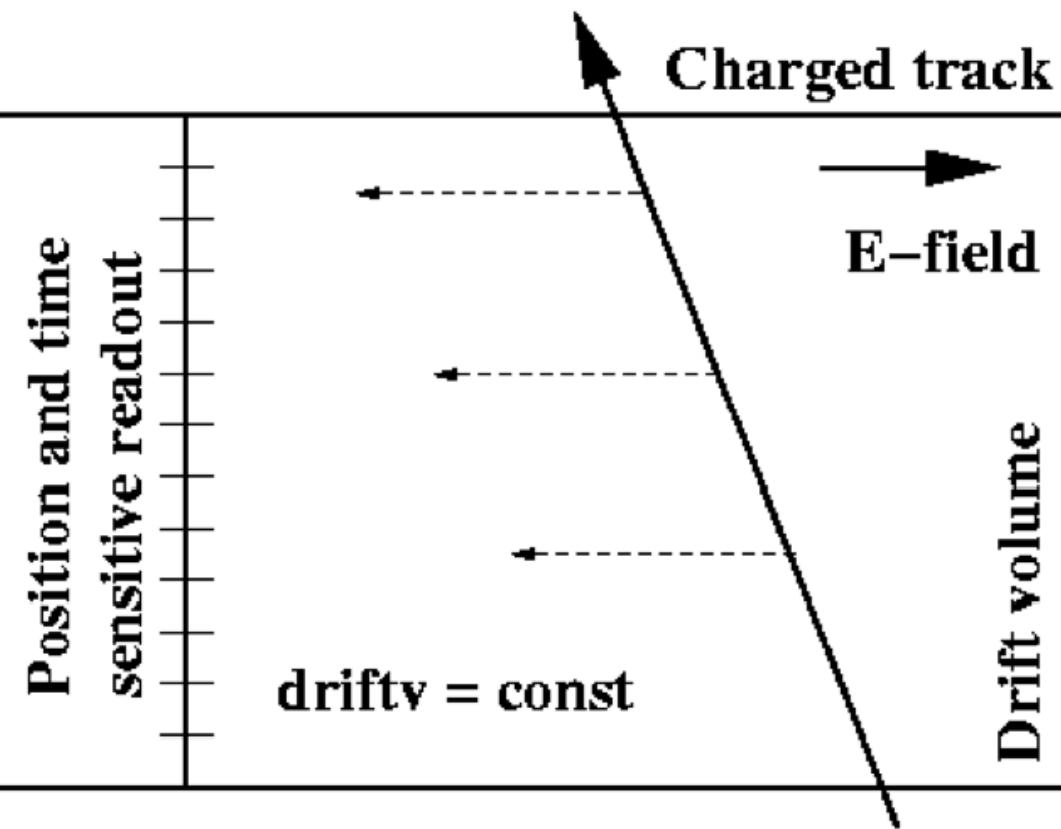
Time Projection Chamber



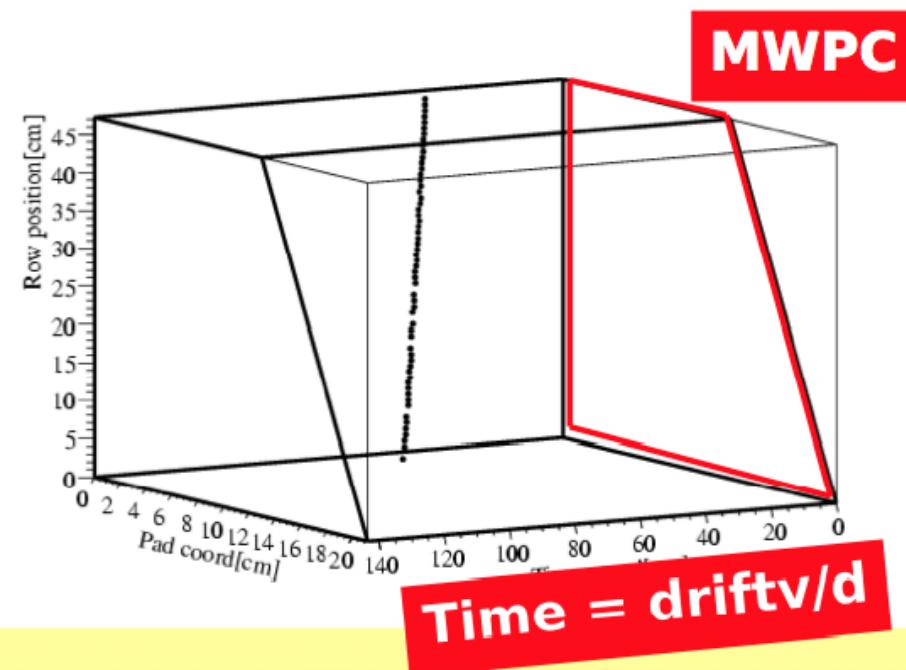
- The heart of ALICE
 - Tracking
 - Particle identification
- The largest ever built in the world: $\sim 90 \text{ m}^3$
- Designed to track up to 8000 particles per rapidity unit!!!
- Badly challenged by LHC (background, rates) but anyhow exceptional performance!



TPC Working Principle



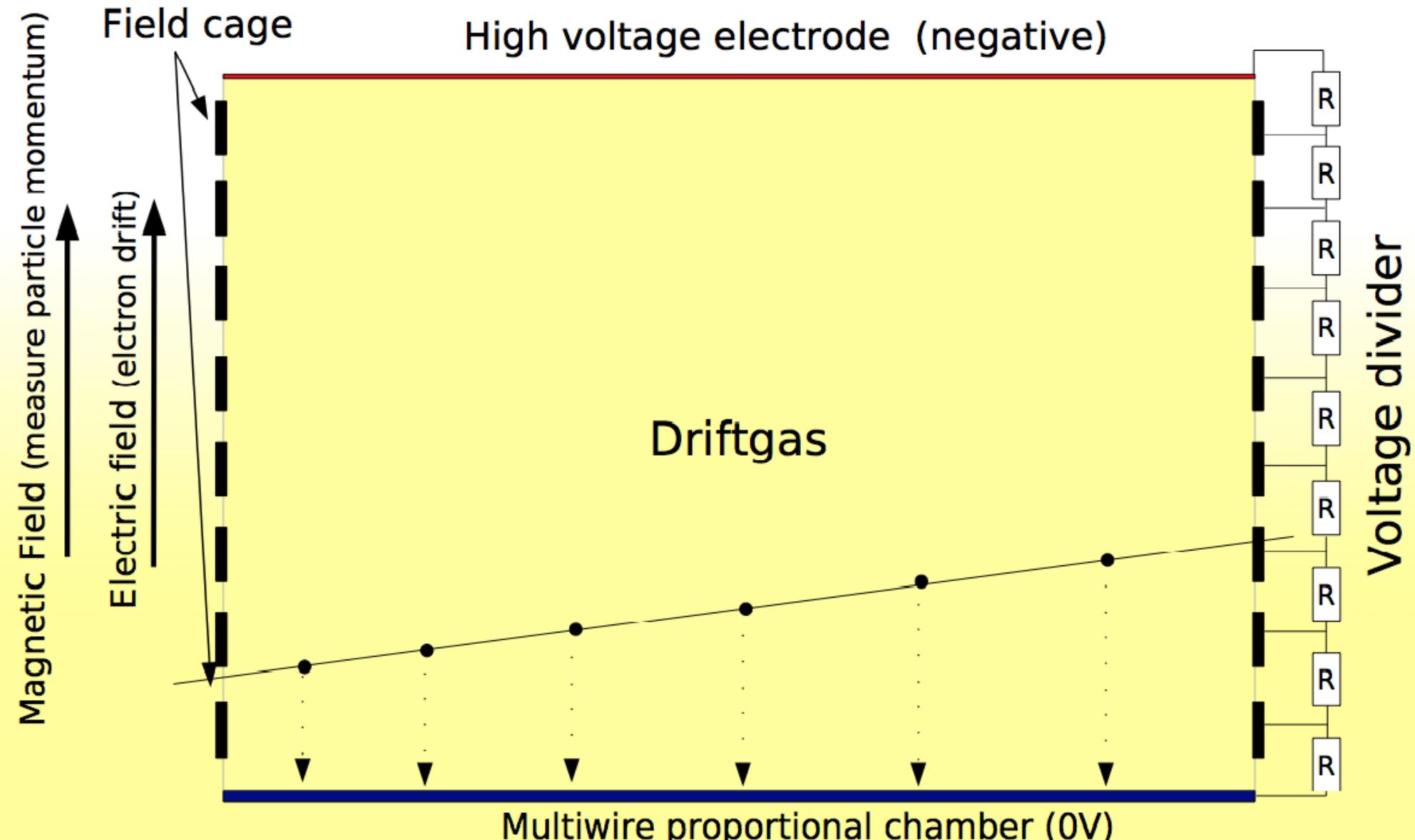
Test data showing 3d tracking



- Charged track ionizes gas molecules
- Ionized electrons drift (because of E-field) to readout
- Read out measures the 2d position (x, y) as a function of time ($z = \text{time} * \text{drift velocity}$) => 3d tracking

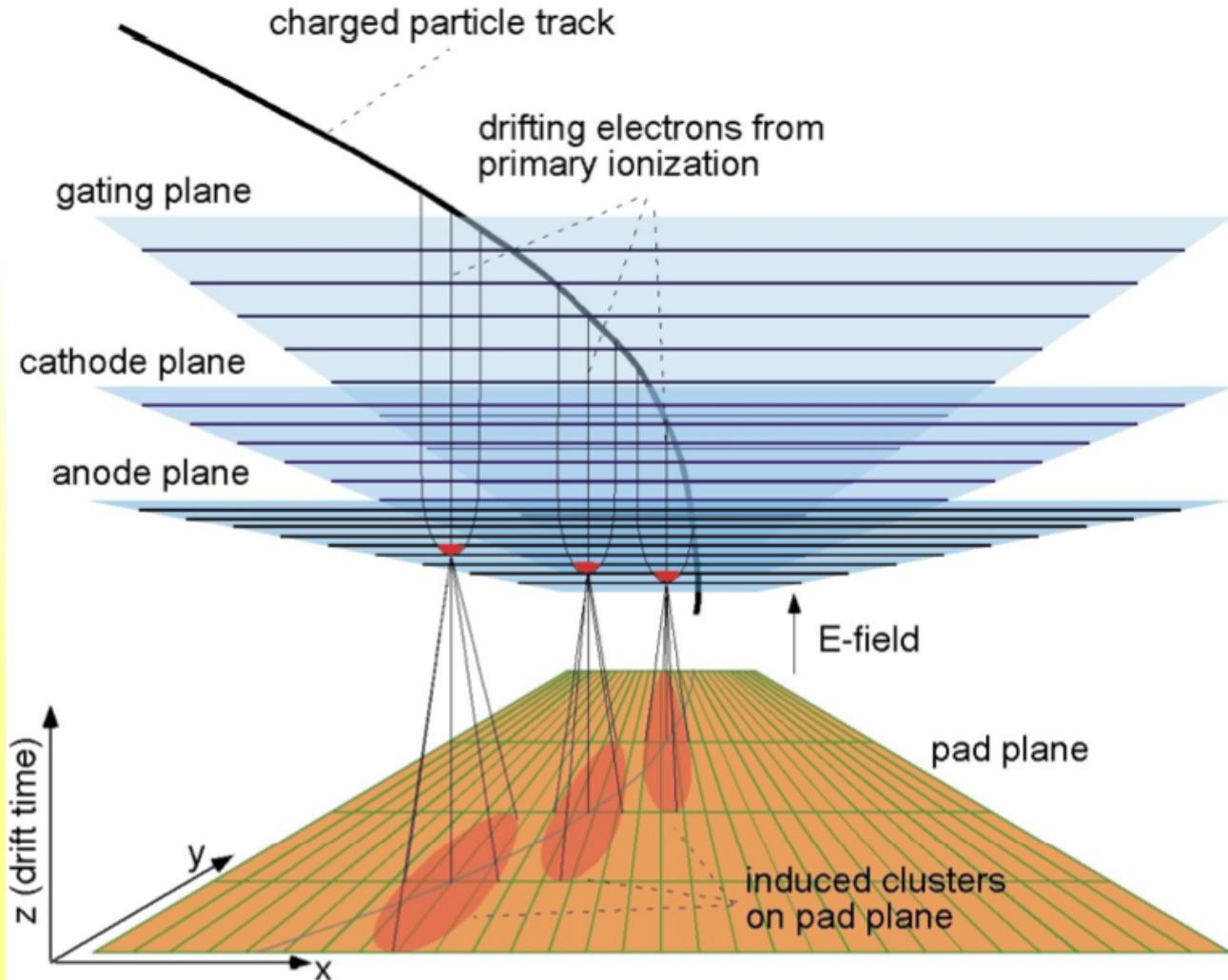


Structure of a TPC



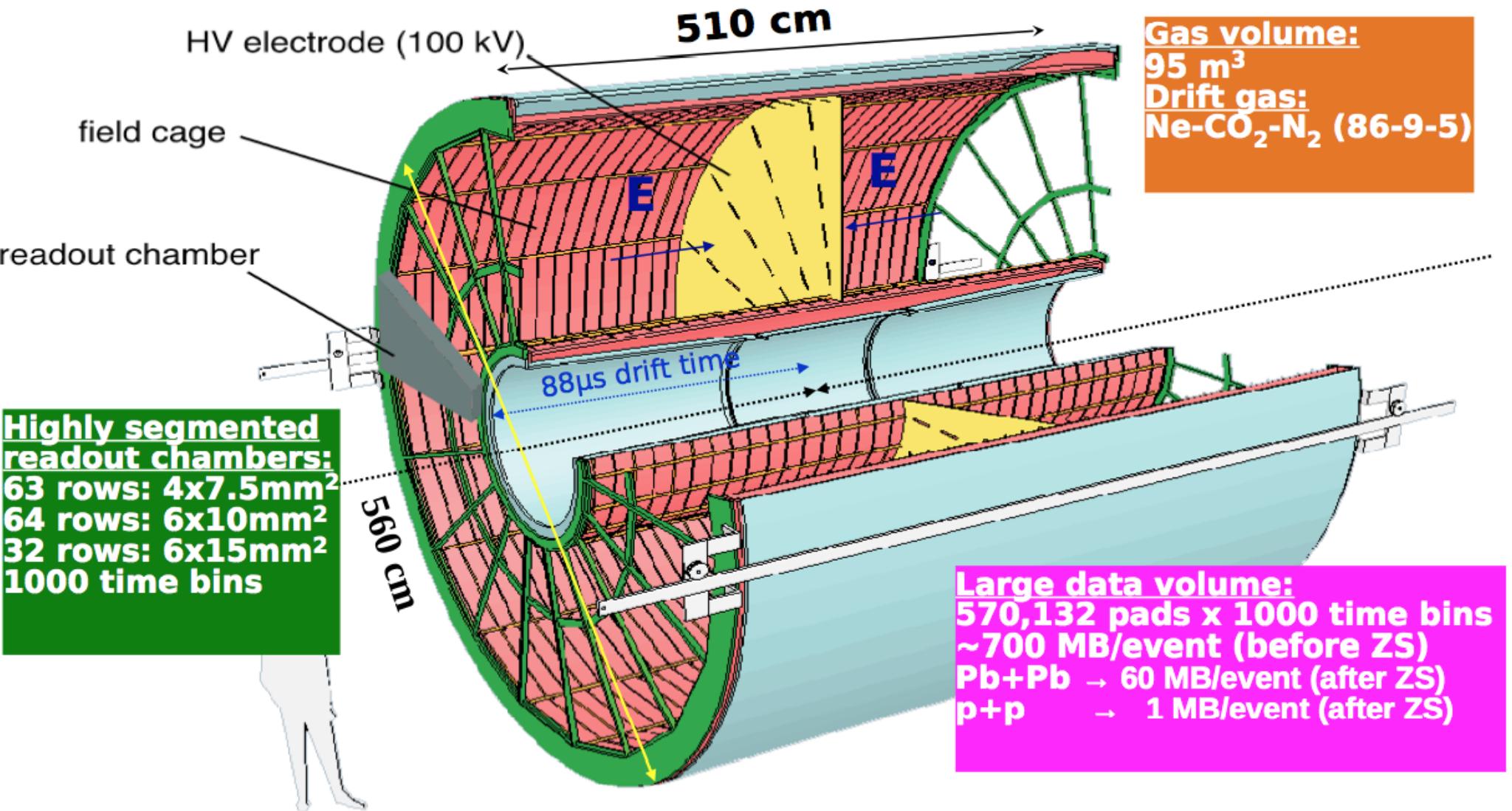


Amplification in the TPC



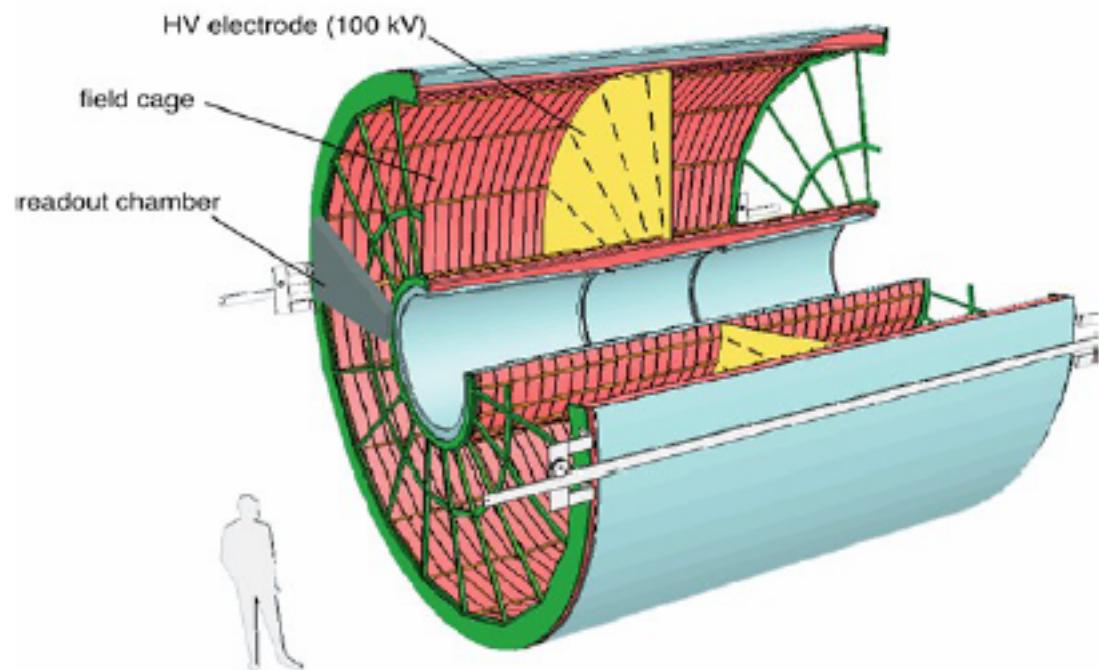
- Two coordinates (x, y) given by the **projection on the pad plane**
- Third coordinate (z) given by the **drift time and drift velocity** ($z = v_{\text{Drift}} \times t_{\text{Drift}}$)
- Anode: 1400 - 1650 V
- Cathode: 0 V
- Gating: -100 ± 90 V open closed
- Gas gain $\approx 2 \cdot 10^4$

ALICE TPC Layout: The worlds largest TPC

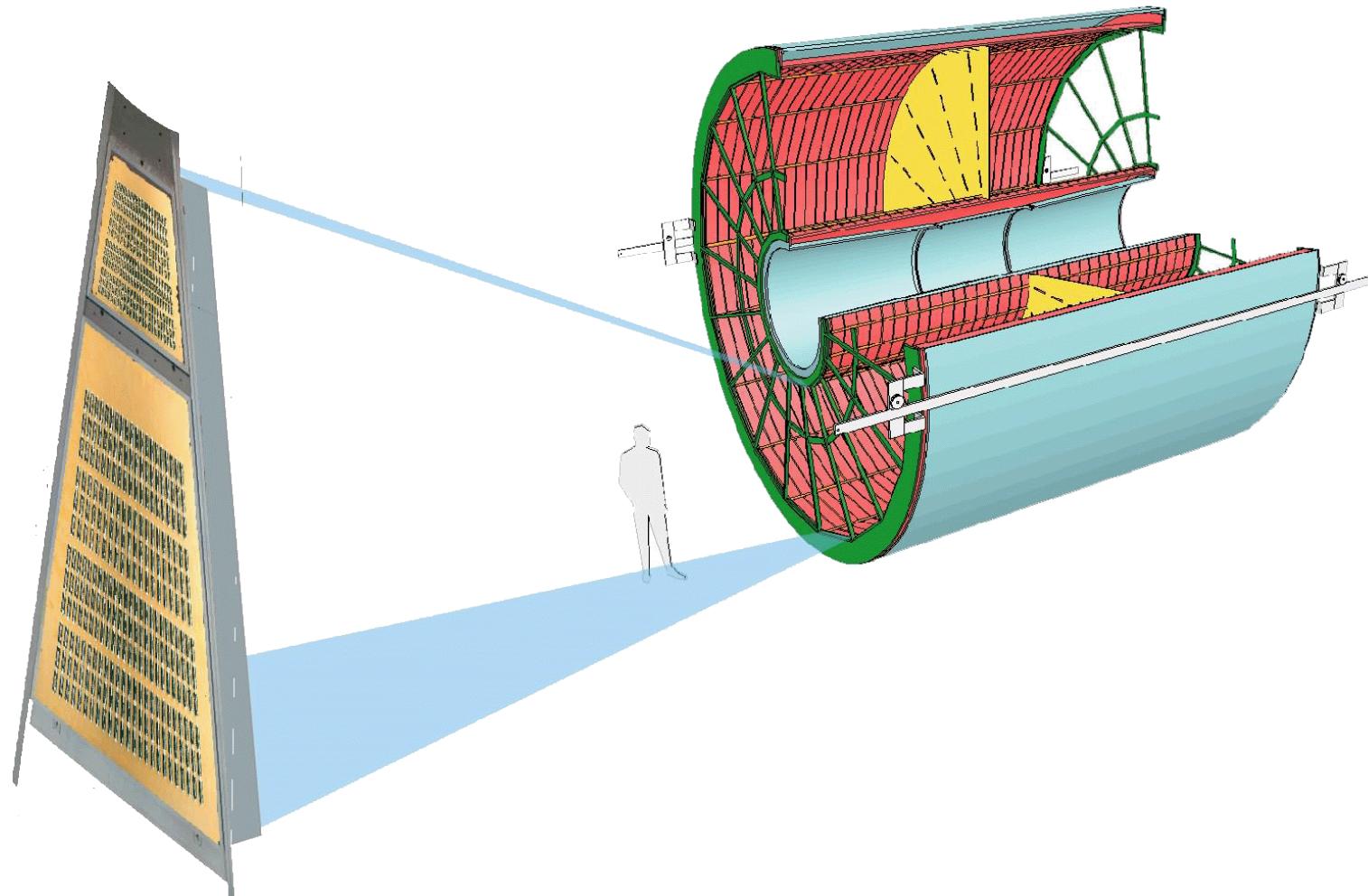


Time Projection Chamber

- Optimized for $dN/d\eta \approx 8000$
 - $l = 5 \text{ m}$, $\varnothing = 5.6 \text{ m}$, 88 m^3 ,
570 k channels,
 - up to 80 Mbytes/event (after 0 suppression)
- Features:
 - lightweight: 3% X_0 total material for perpendicular tracks
 - Drift gas: Ne (86) / CO₂ (9.5) / N₂ (4.5)
+ ~1 ppm O₂
 - novel digital electronics (ALTRO)
 - highly integrated, digital shaping; tail cancellation; 0-suppression; Baseline restoration
 - Powerful laser calibration system



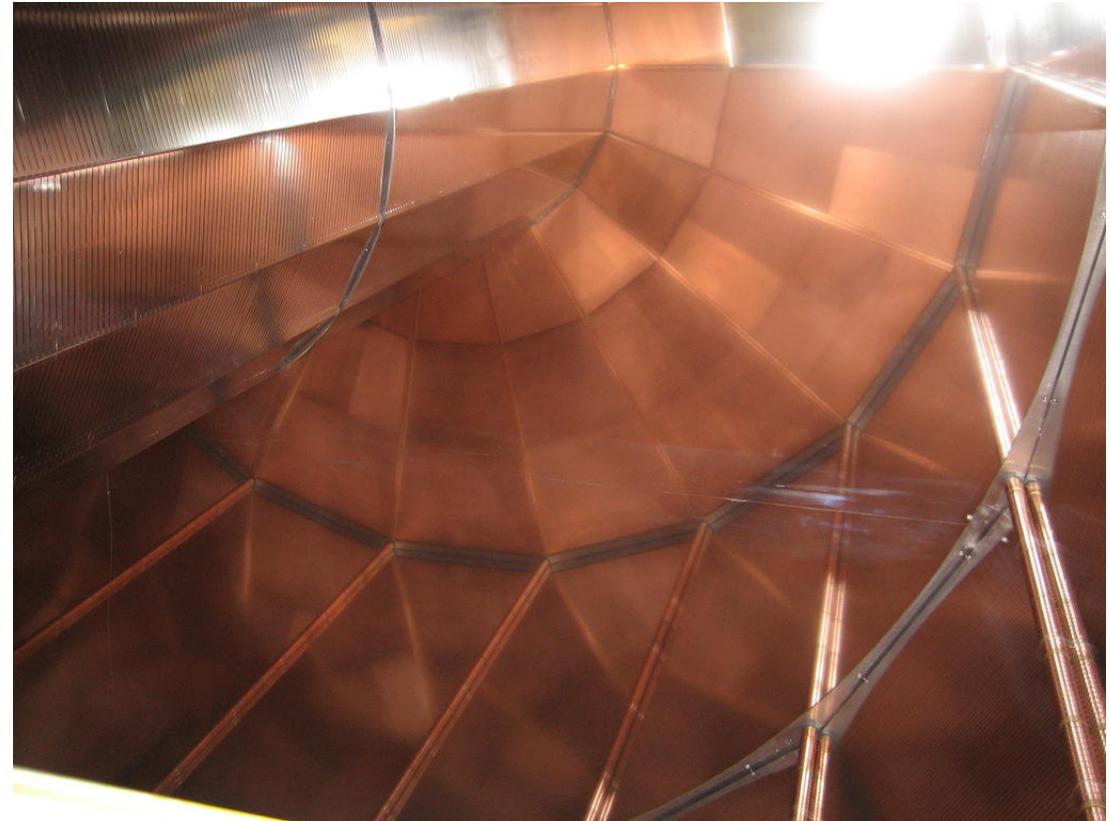
The TPC readout chambers



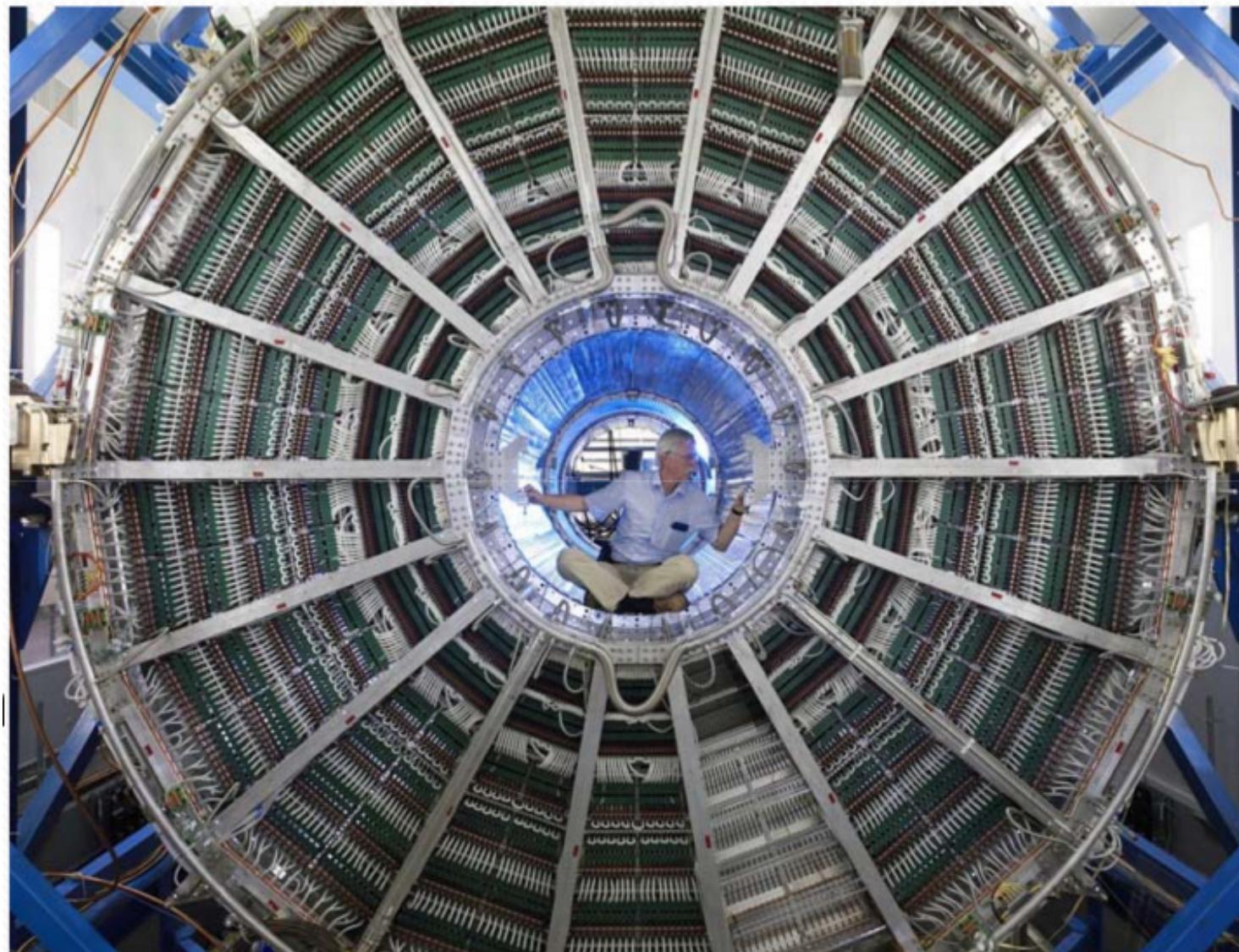
One readout chamber:
the wires are visible



Photograph of the inside of the ALICE TPC, showing the strips of the field cage and the central electrode. The image of the trapezoidal Inner ReadOut chambers (IROC) and Outer ReadOut Chambers (OROC) are reflected on the central electrode



ALICE – TPC



ALICE – TPC

The TPC as assembled above ground on its way to the ALICE cavern



Tracking efficiency - TPC

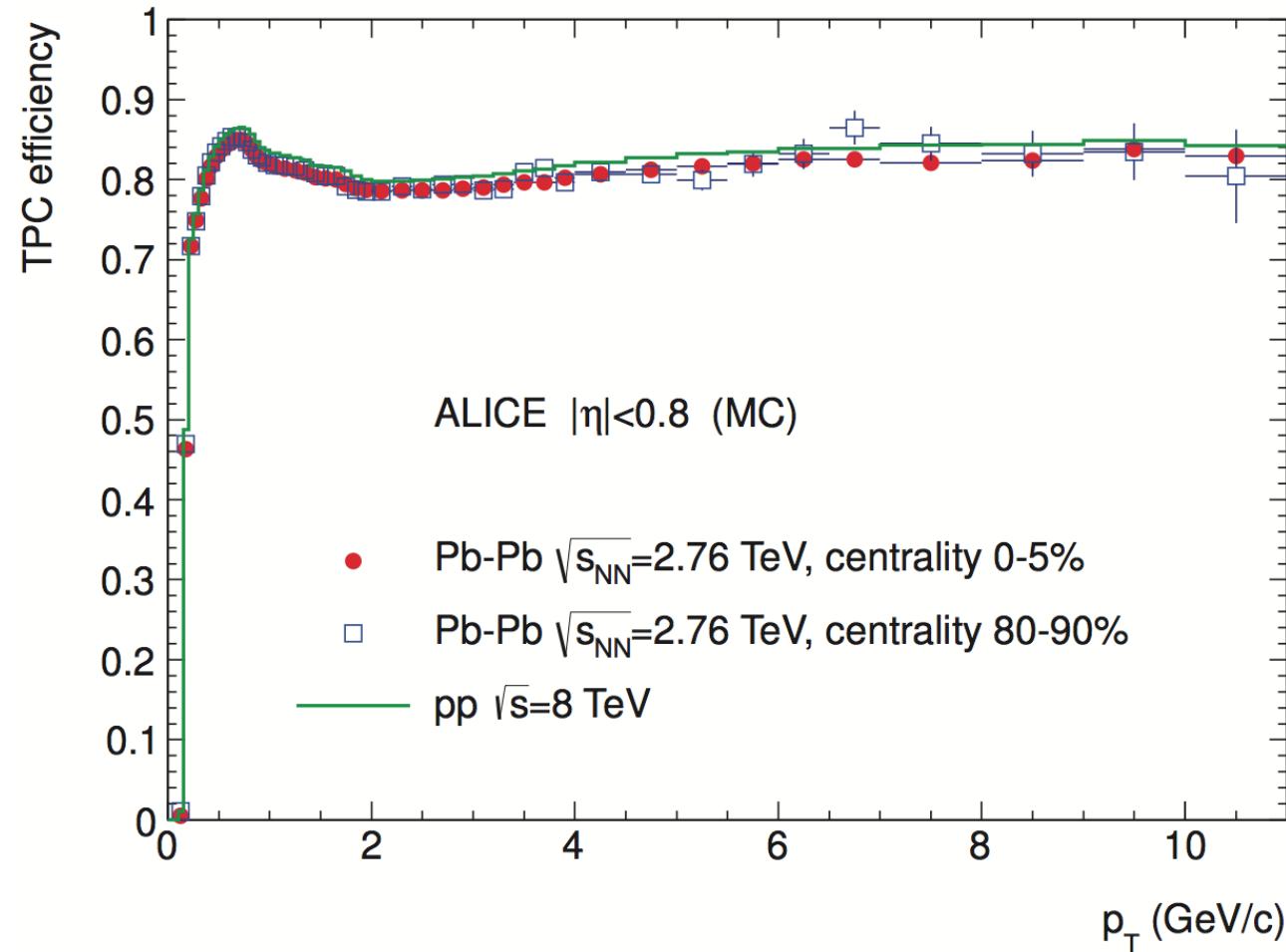


Fig. 19. TPC track finding efficiency for primary particles in pp and Pb-Pb collisions (simulation). The efficiency does not depend on the detector occupancy.

ITS – TPC matching efficiency

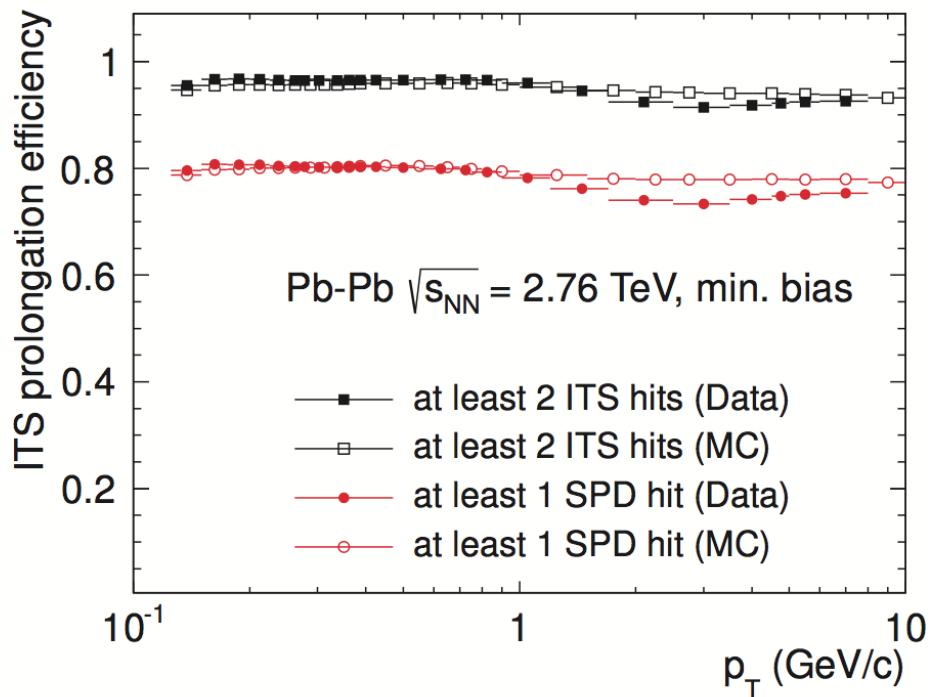
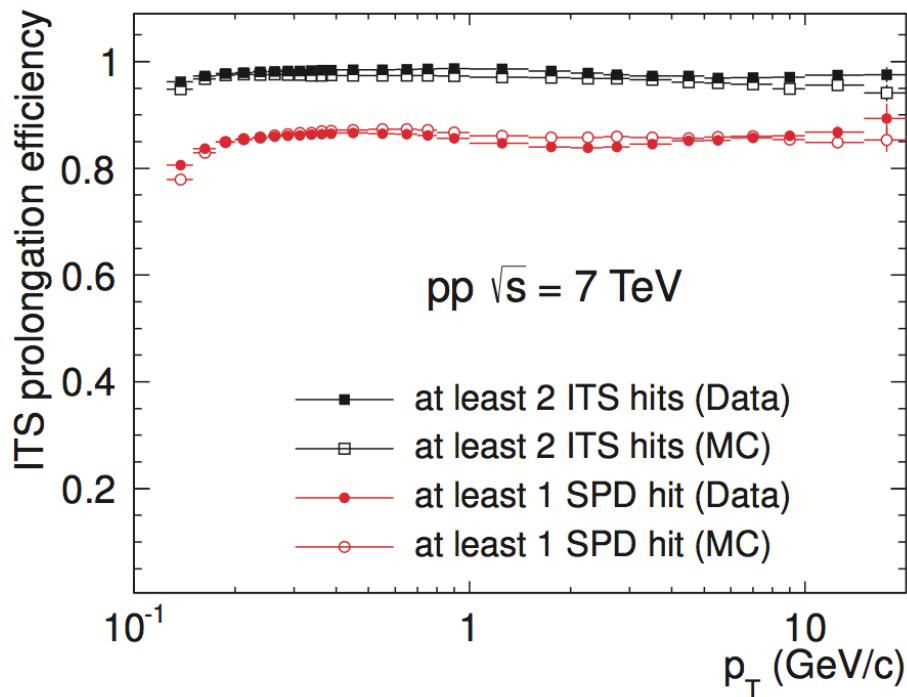
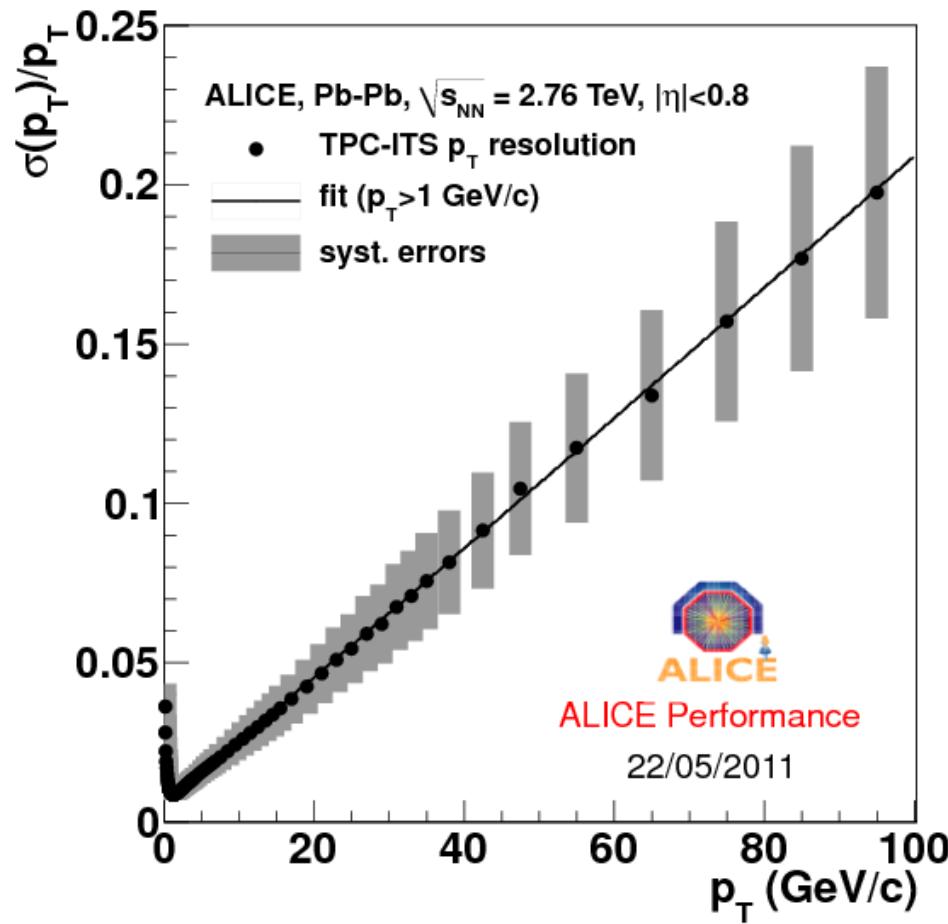


Fig. 20. ITS–TPC matching efficiency versus p_T for data and Monte Carlo for pp (left) and Pb–Pb (right) collisions.

Track Momentum Resolution



Track Momentum Resolution

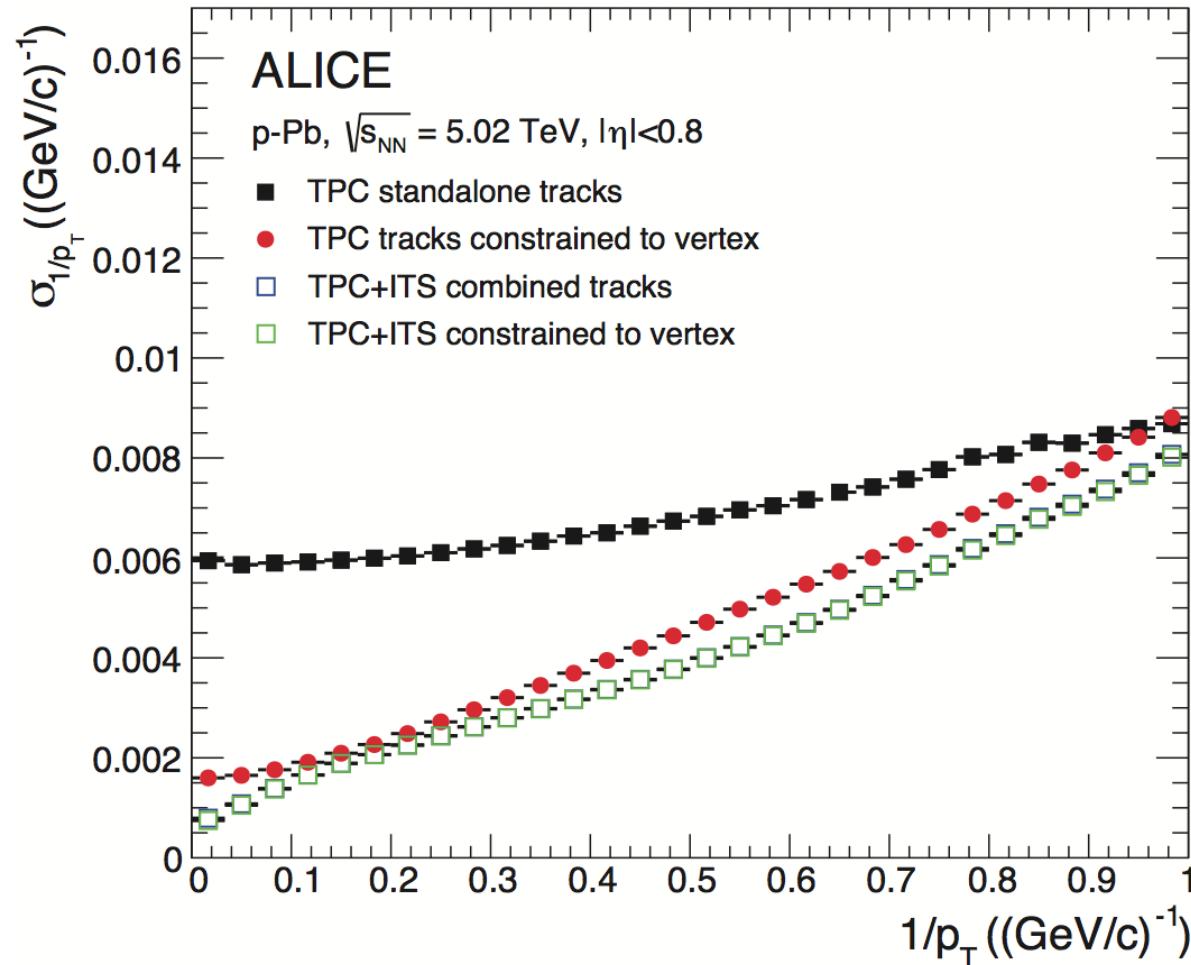


Fig. 23. (Color online) The p_T resolution for standalone TPC and ITS–TPC matched tracks with and without constraint to the vertex. The vertex constrain significantly improves the resolution of TPC standalone tracks. For ITS–TPC tracks, it has no effect (green and blue squares overlap).

Decay reconstruction

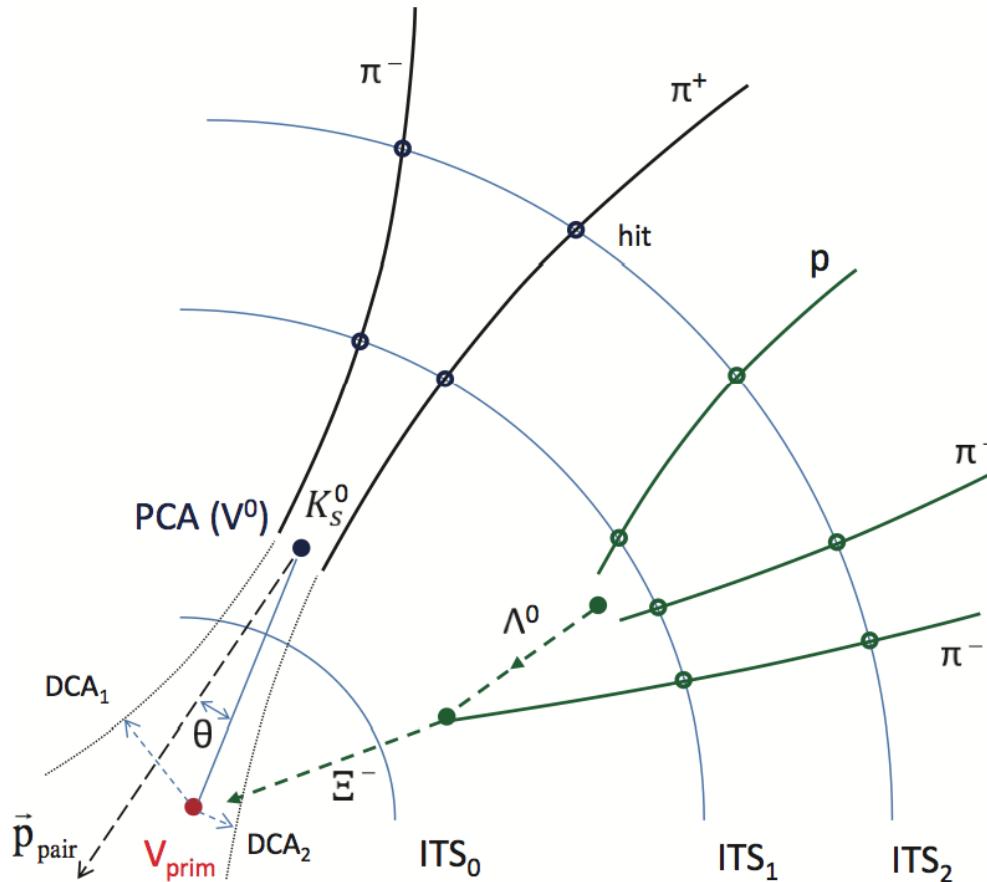
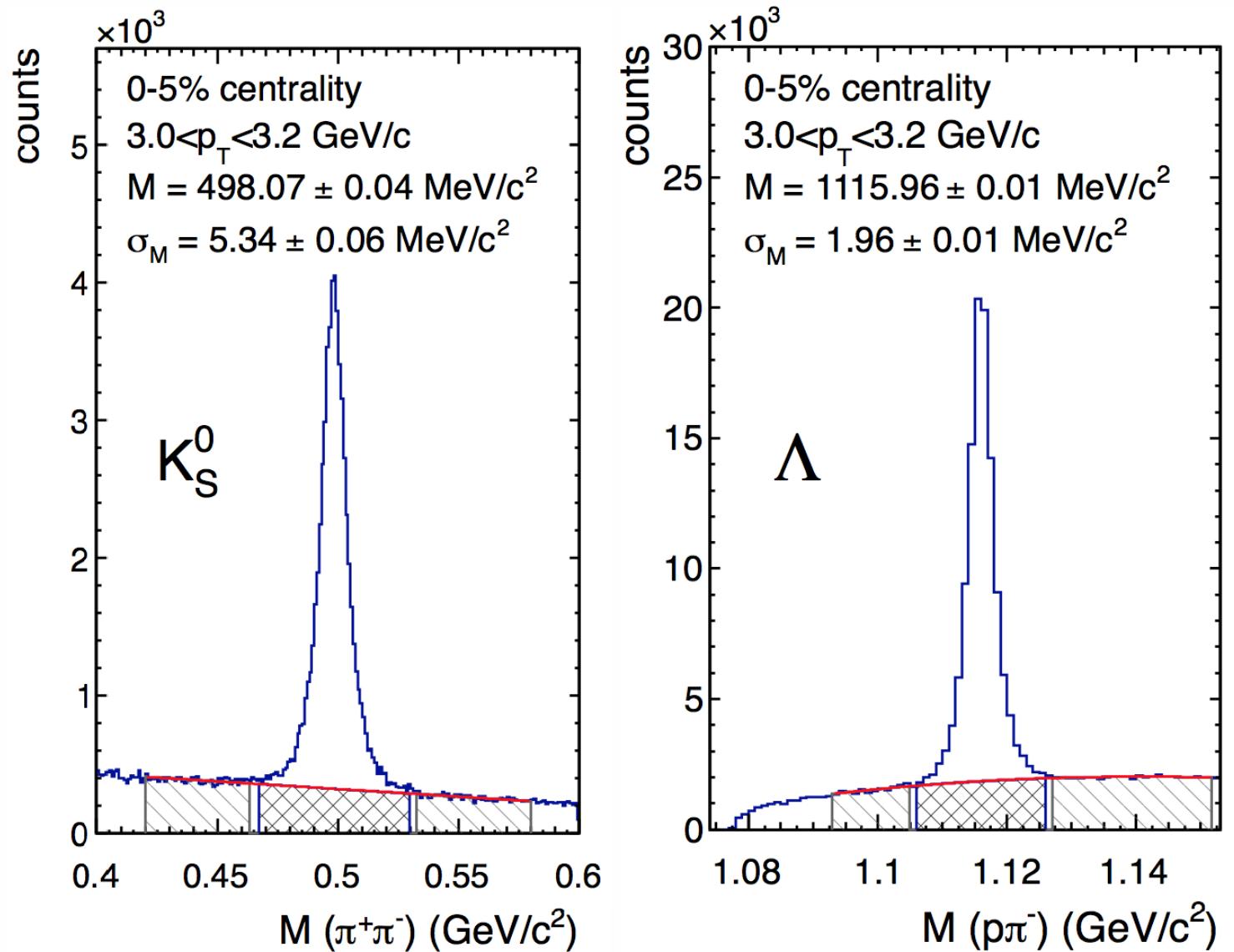


Fig. 28. Secondary vertex reconstruction principle, with K_S^0 and Ξ^- decays shown as an example. For clarity, the decay points were placed between the first two ITS layers (radii are not to scale). The solid lines represent the reconstructed charged particle tracks, extrapolated to the secondary vertex candidates. Extrapolations to the primary vertex and auxiliary vectors are shown with dashed lines.

Mass Resolution



Mass Resolution

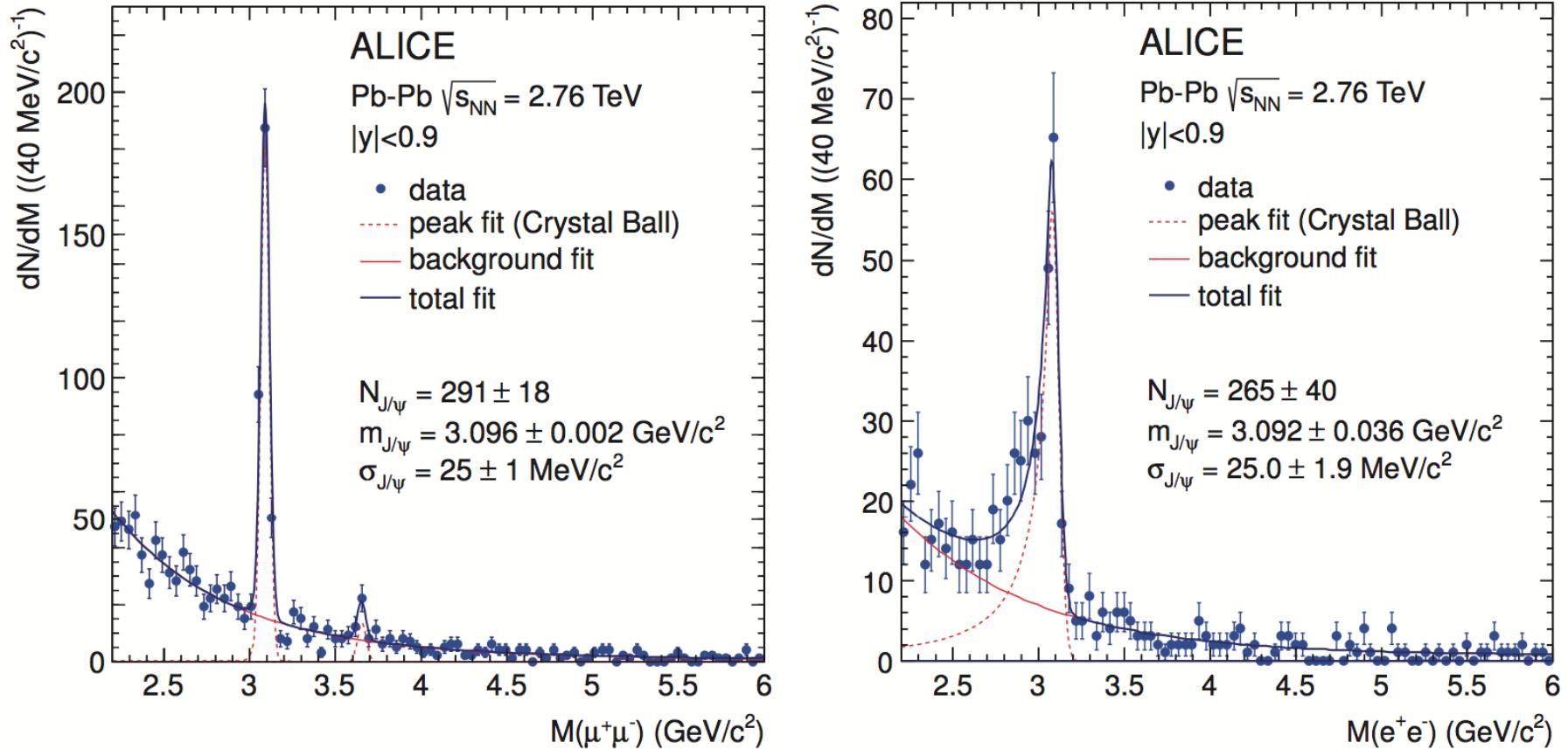


Fig. 24. Invariant mass spectra of $\mu^+\mu^-$ (left) and e^+e^- (right) pairs in ultraperipheral Pb–Pb collisions. The solid and dotted lines represent the background (exponential) and peak (Crystal Ball⁵⁰) fit components, respectively. The bremsstrahlung tail in the e^+e^- spectrum is reproduced in simulation. The mass resolution is better than 1%.

Primary vertex resolution

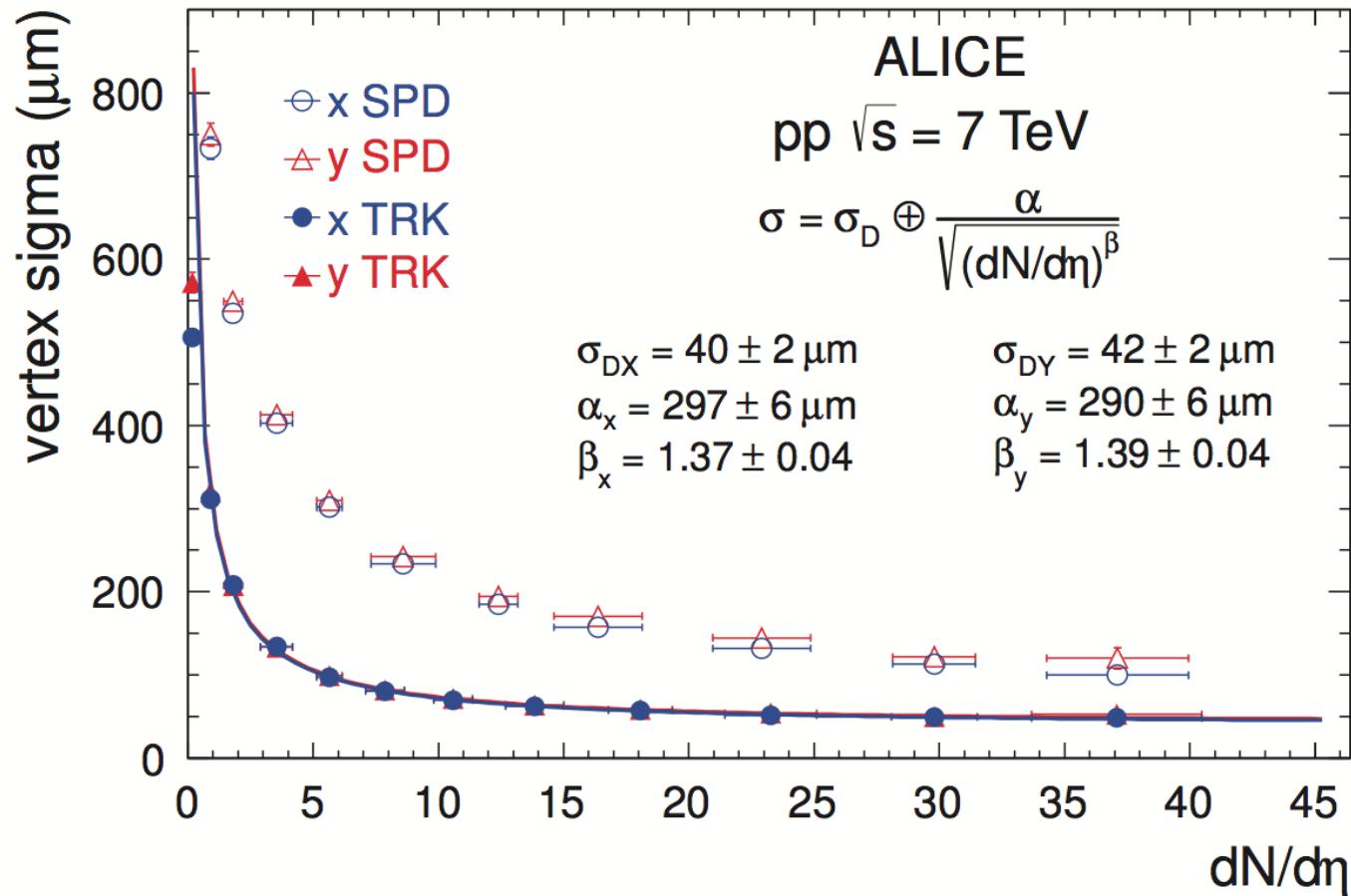


Fig. 27. Transverse width of the final vertex distribution (solid points), decomposed into the finite size of the luminous region σ_D and the vertex resolution $\alpha/\sqrt{(dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta)^\beta}$. For comparison, the widths of the preliminary (SPD) interaction vertices are shown as open points.

Decay length

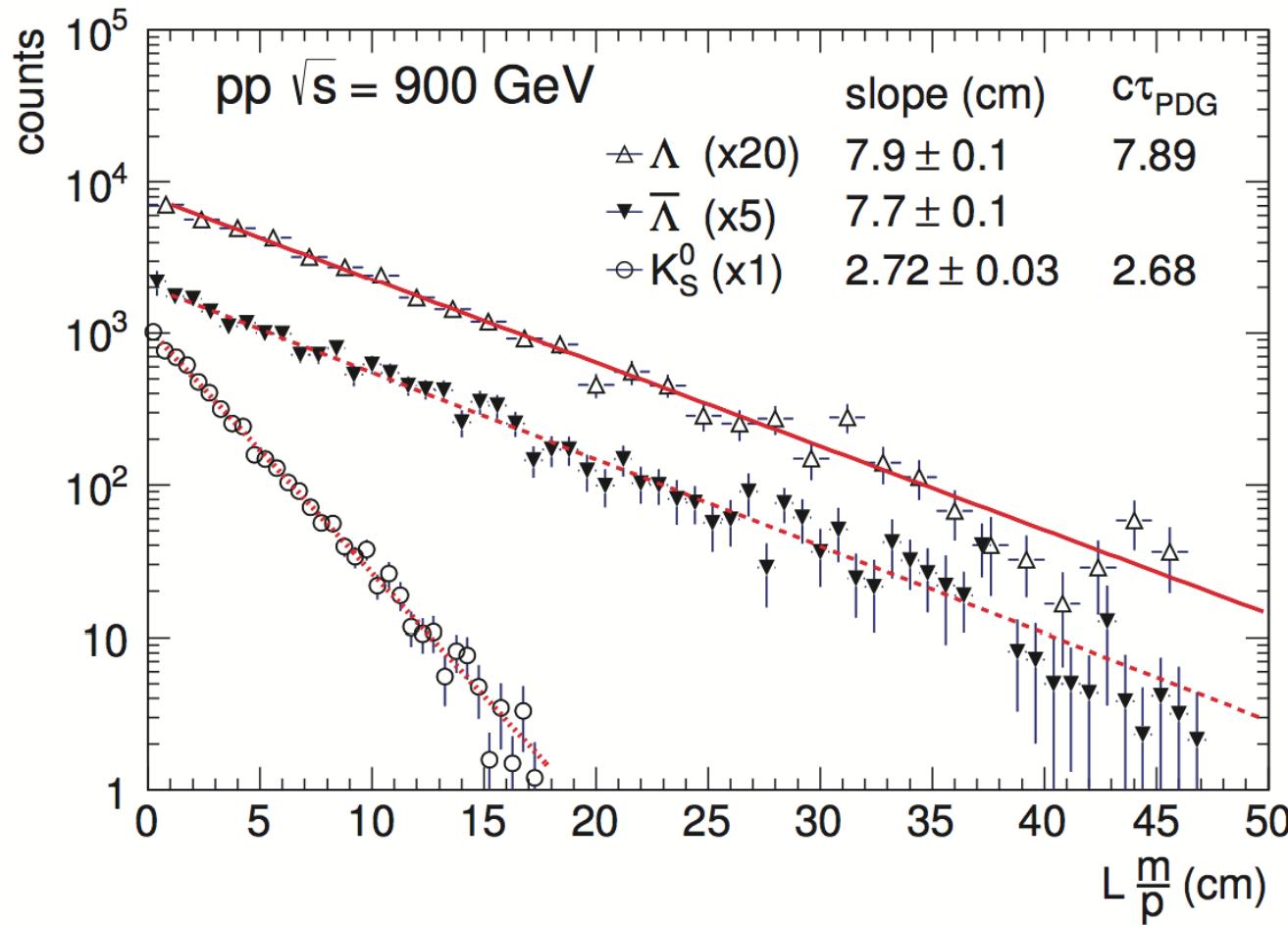
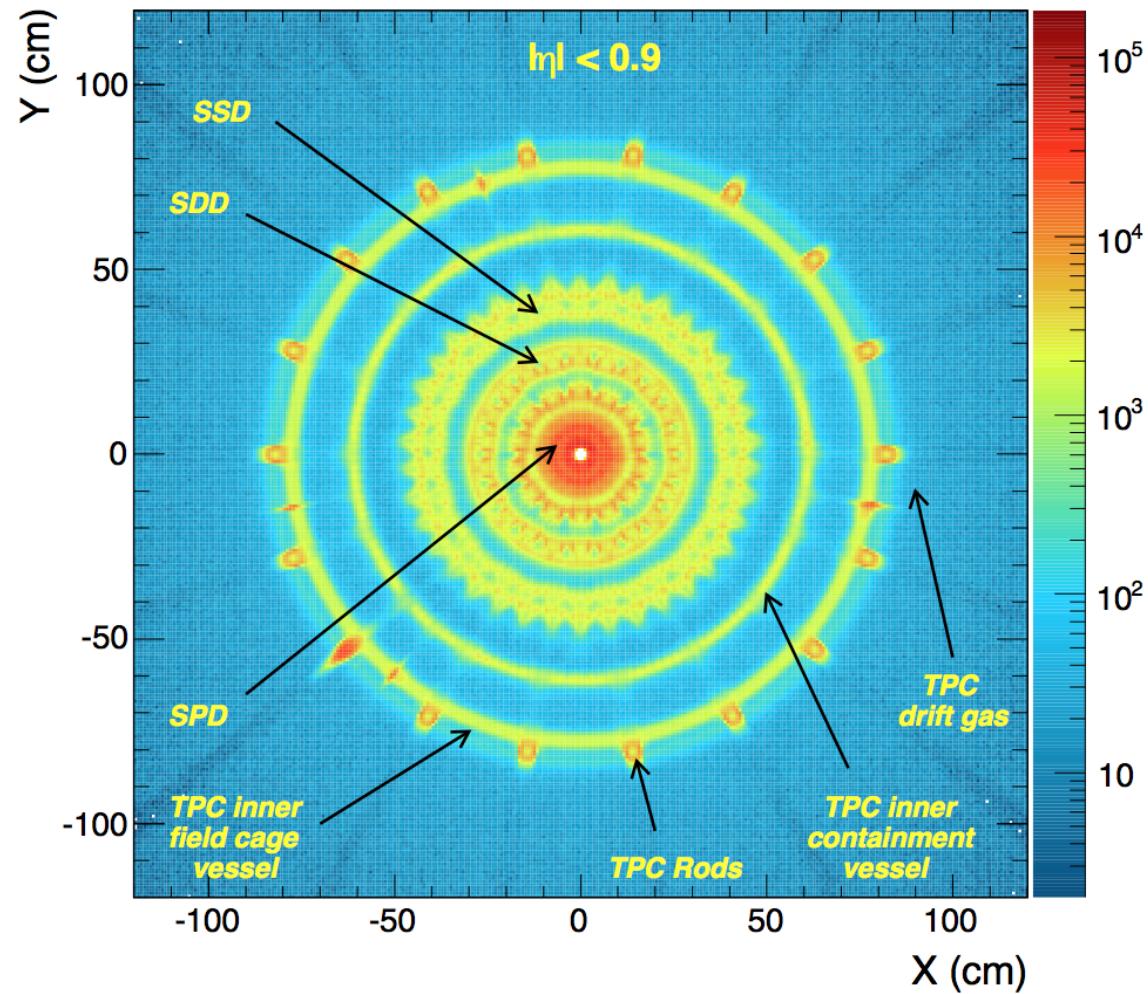


Fig. 30. Distance of the Λ , $\bar{\Lambda}$, and K_S^0 decay vertex from the interaction vertex, scaled by p/m . The slopes of the distributions are consistent with the known lifetimes.

ALICE material budget

Via the reconstruction of photon conversion in the detector material



ALICE material budget

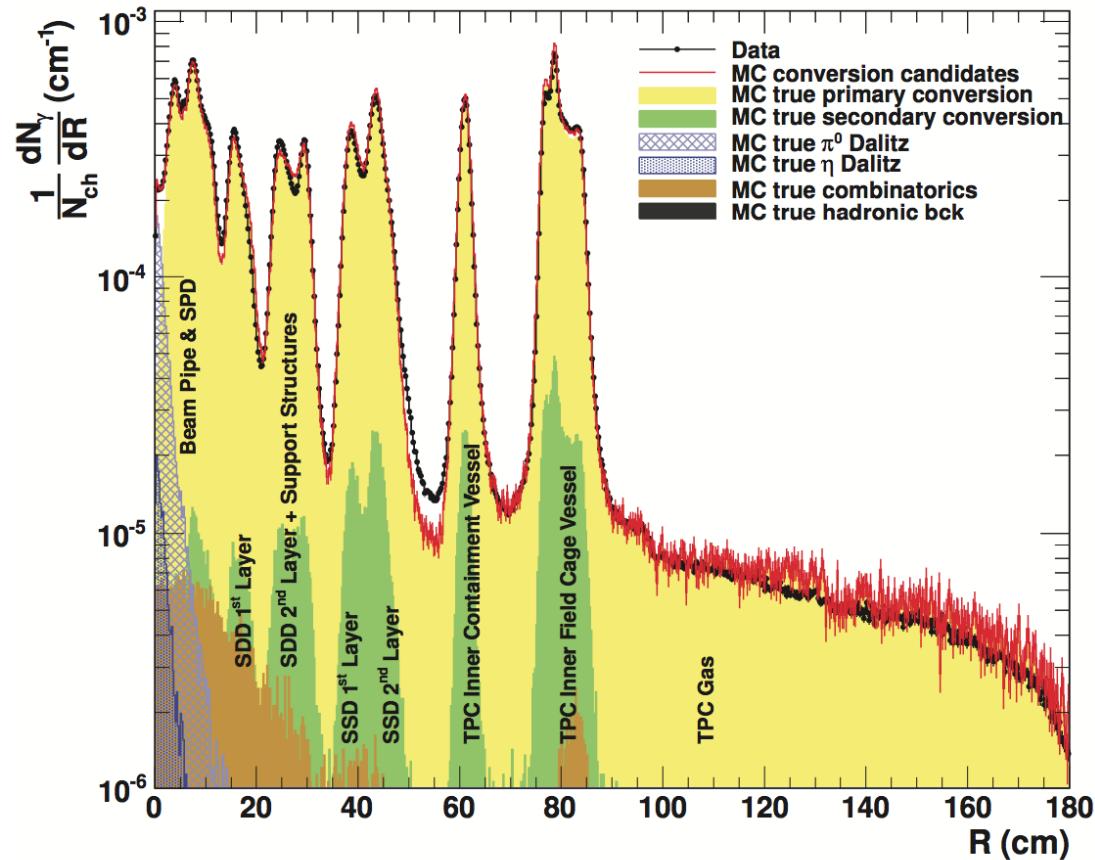
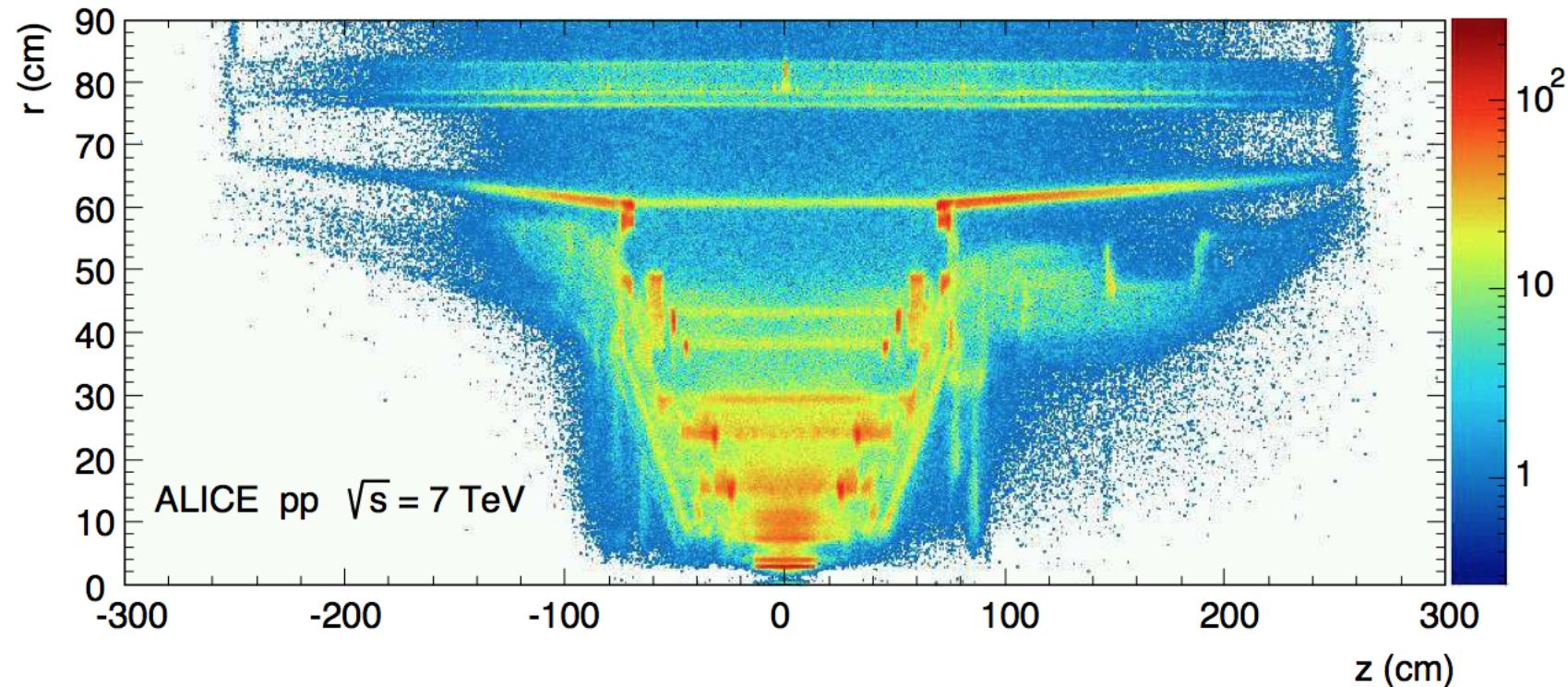


Fig. 67. (Color online) Radial distribution of the reconstructed photon conversion points for $|\eta| < 0.9$ (black) compared to MC simulations performed with PHOJET (red). Distributions for true converted photons are shown in yellow. Physics contamination from true π^0 and η Dalitz decays, where the primary e^+e^- are reconstructed as photon conversions, are shown as dashed blue histograms. Random combinatorics and true hadronic background are also shown.

ALICE material budget



Material is mapped also by hadronic interaction vertices: they are found at the analysis level by identifying groups of two or more tracks originating from a common secondary vertex

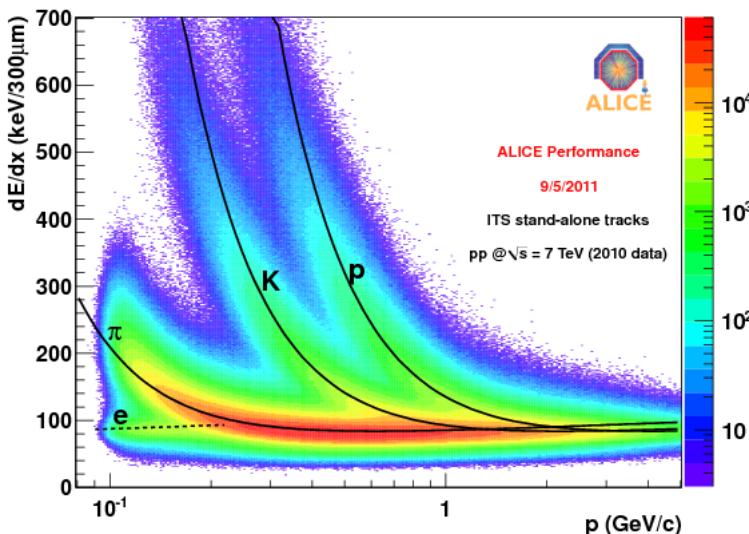
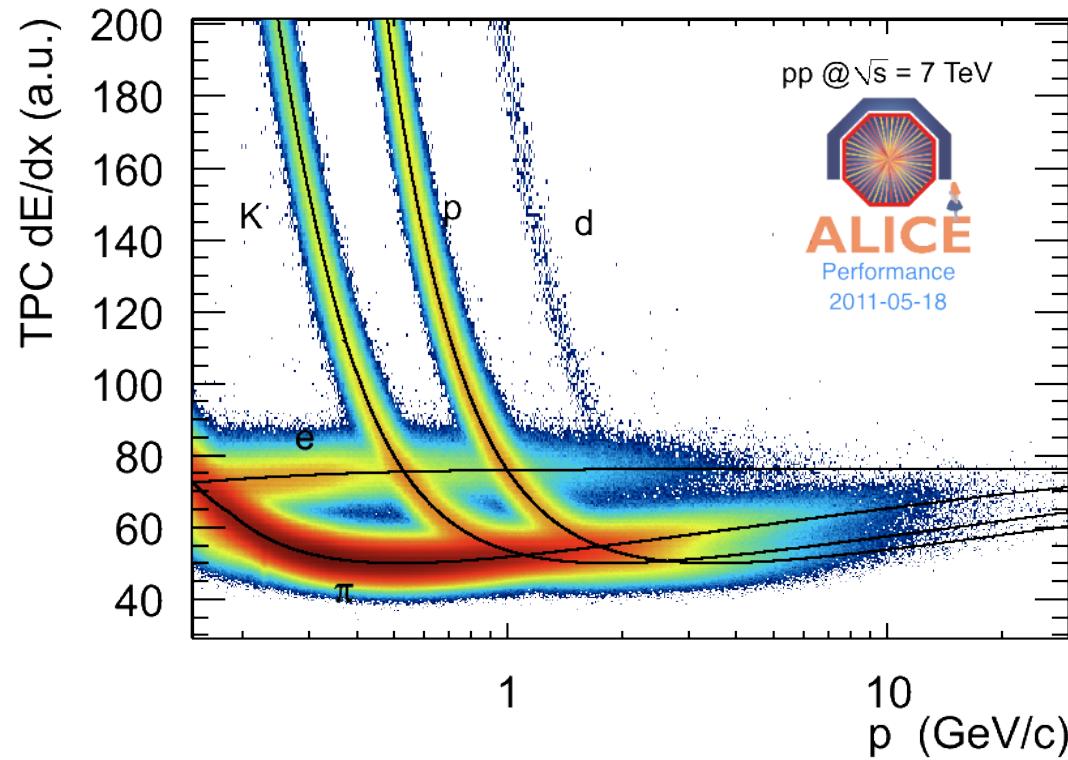


The ITS layers ($r < 50 \text{ cm}$), the inner TPC containment vessel ($60 \text{ cm} < r < 70 \text{ cm}$), and the inner TPC field cage ($r \sim 80 \text{ cm}$) are visible.



Particle identification

Time
Projection
Chamber

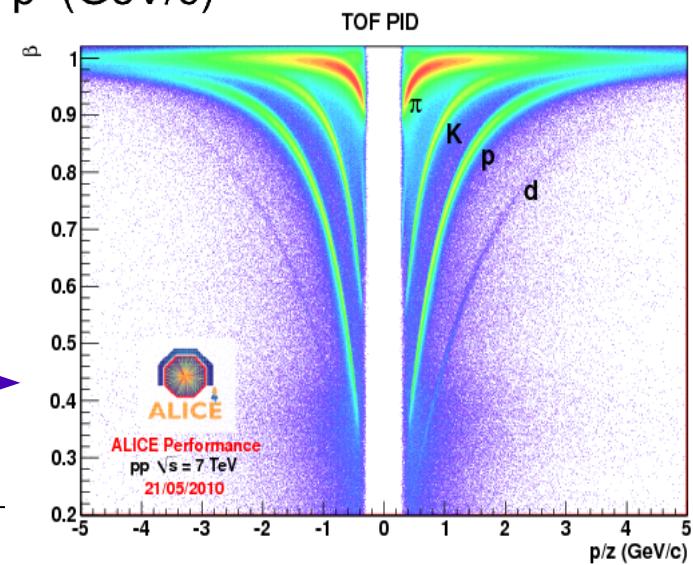


Inner Tracking
System



Time of Flight

Results from the LHC, ALICE - 1,



Energy loss: Bethe-Bloch



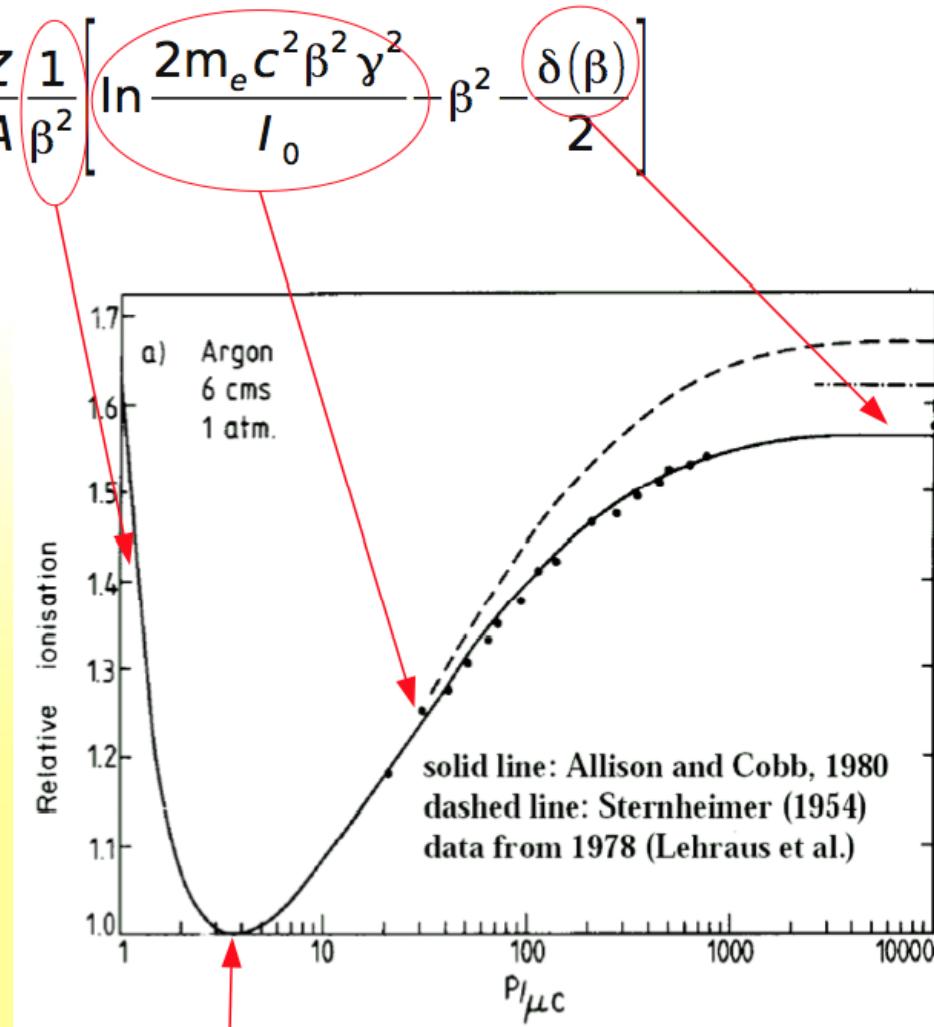
HTWK



The Bethe-Bloch-Formula

$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = -4\pi N_A \rho m_e c^2 z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I_0} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta)}{2} \right]$$

- dE/dx first falls $\propto 1/\beta^2$ (kinematic factor)
- a minimum is reached at $\beta\gamma \approx 4$ (**Minimum Ionising Particle - MIP**)
- then again rising due to the $\ln \gamma^2$ term (**relativistic rise**: contributions of more distant particles due to the relativistic expansion of the transverse E-Field)
- at high γ the relativistic rise is cancelled by the “density effect” (**fermi plateau**: polarisation of medium screens more distant atoms; described by the δ parameter)



Minimum Ionising Particle (MIP)

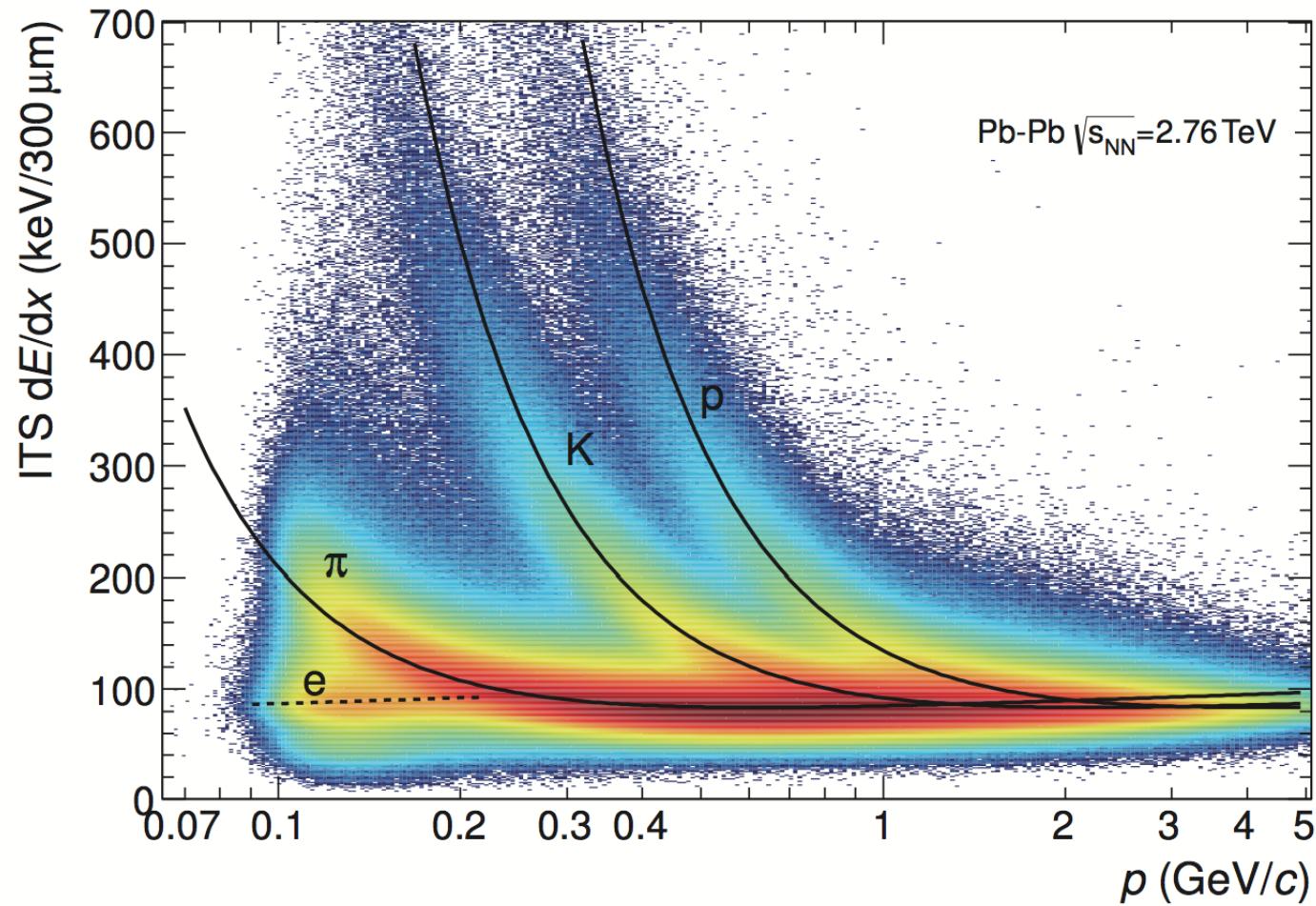


Fig. 33. Distribution of the energy-loss signal in the ITS as a function of momentum. Both the energy loss and momentum were measured by the ITS alone.

TPC dE/dx

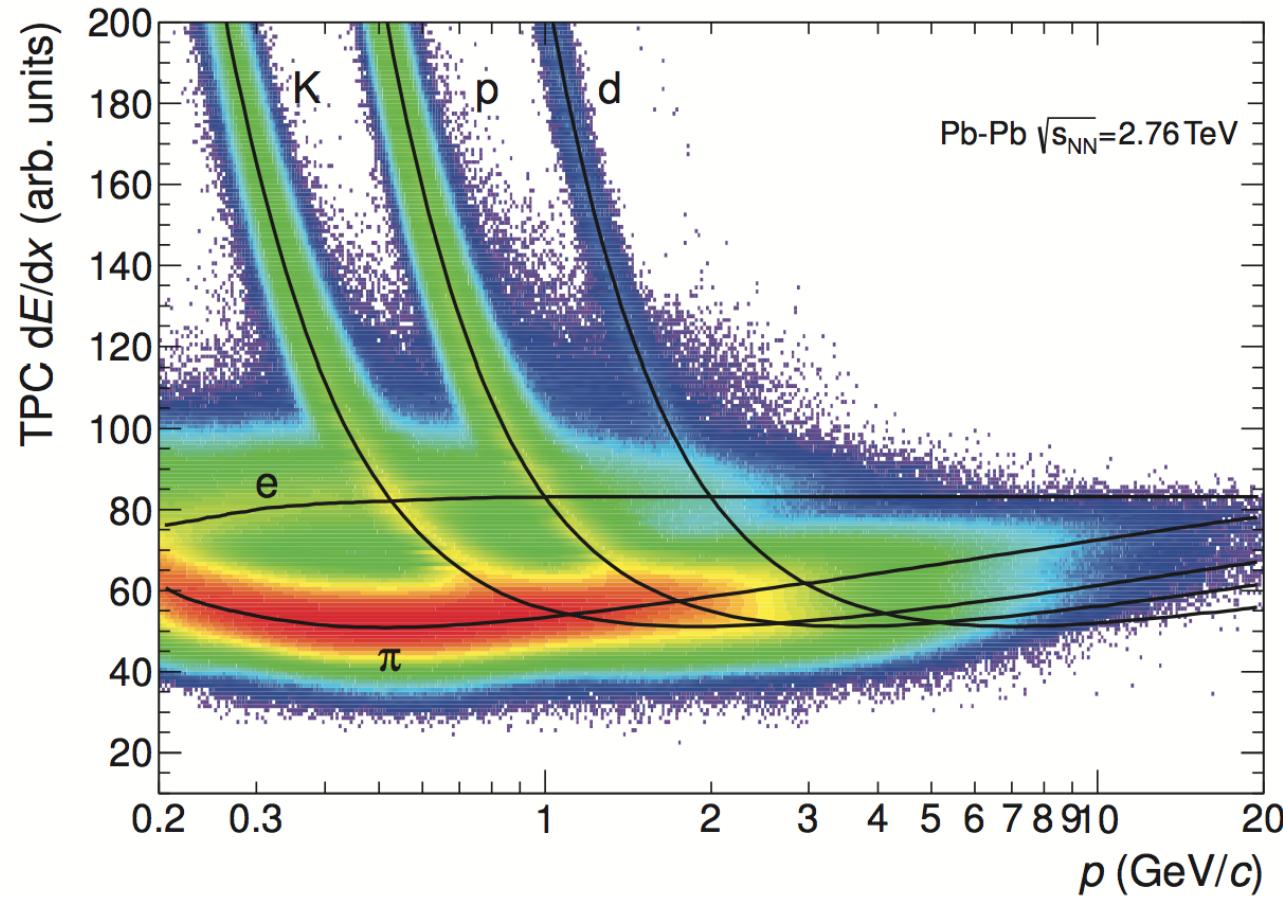
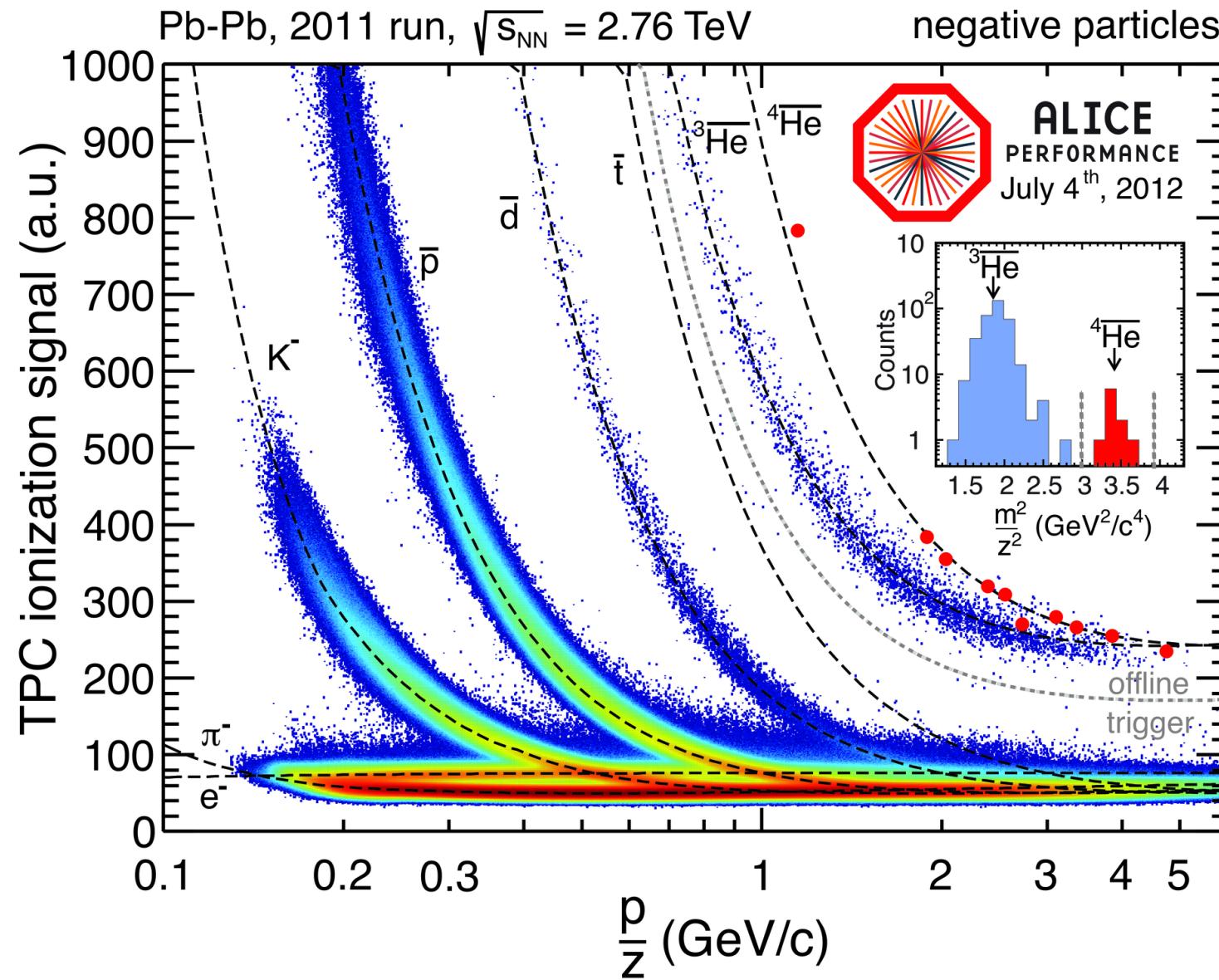


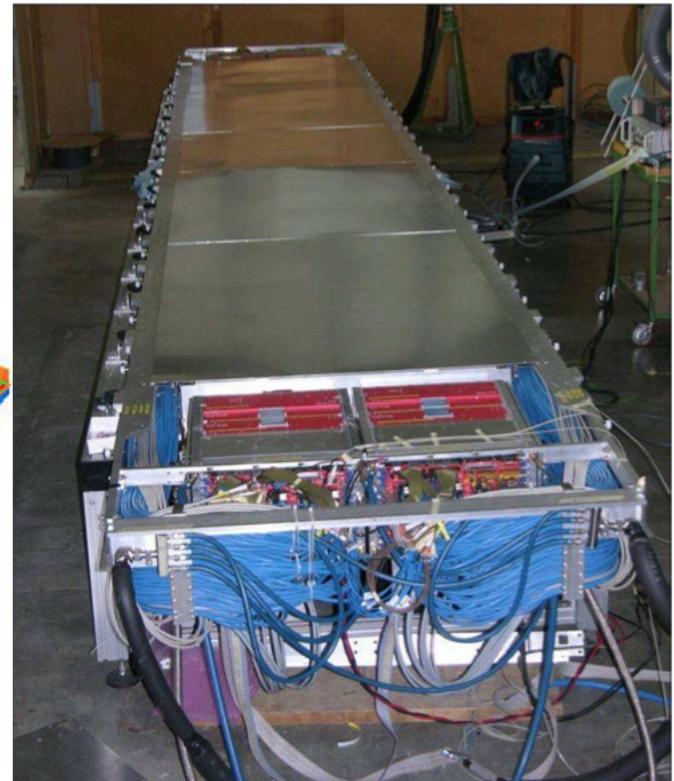
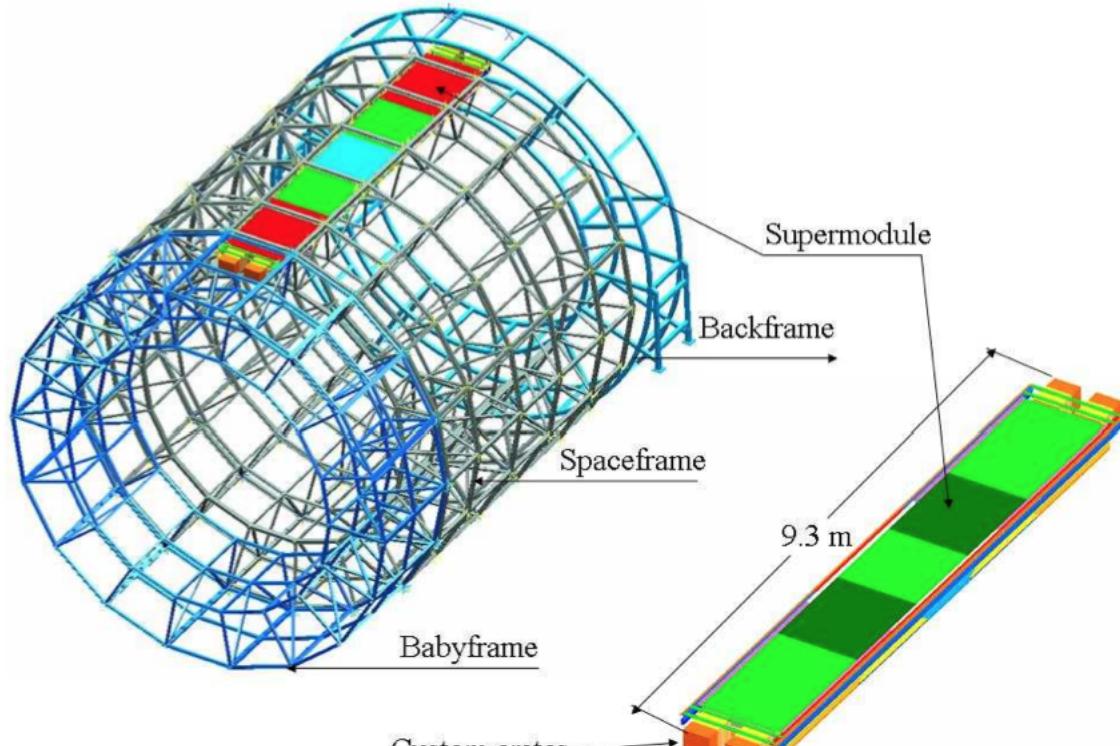
Fig. 34. Specific energy loss (dE/dx) in the TPC versus particle momentum in Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$. The lines show the parametrizations of the expected mean energy loss.

TPC dE/dx



ALI-PERF-36713

Time Of Flight (TOF) detector



Multi-gap Resistive-Plate Chambers (MRPC)
Intrinsic time resolution better than 40 nsec

TOF matching efficiency

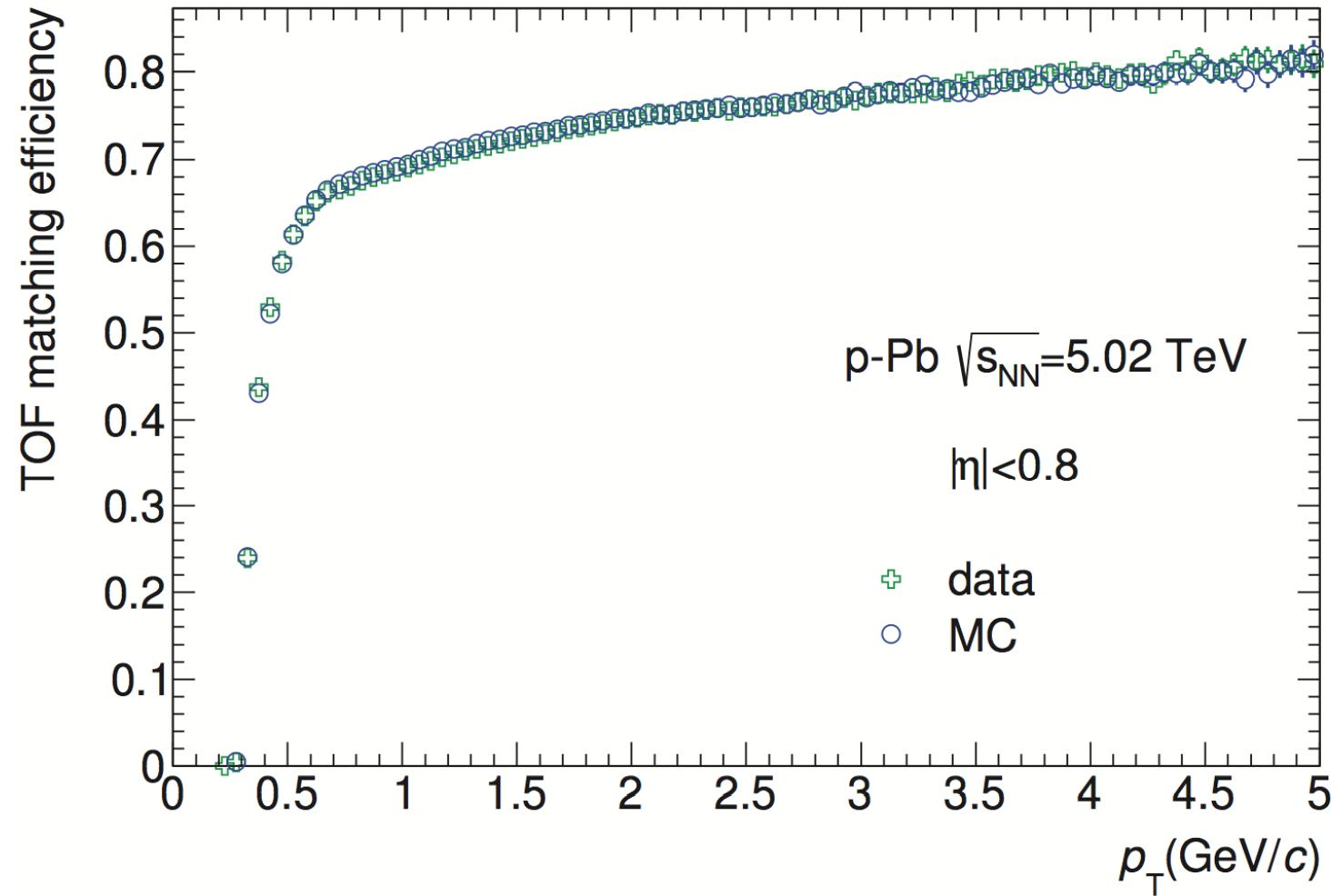
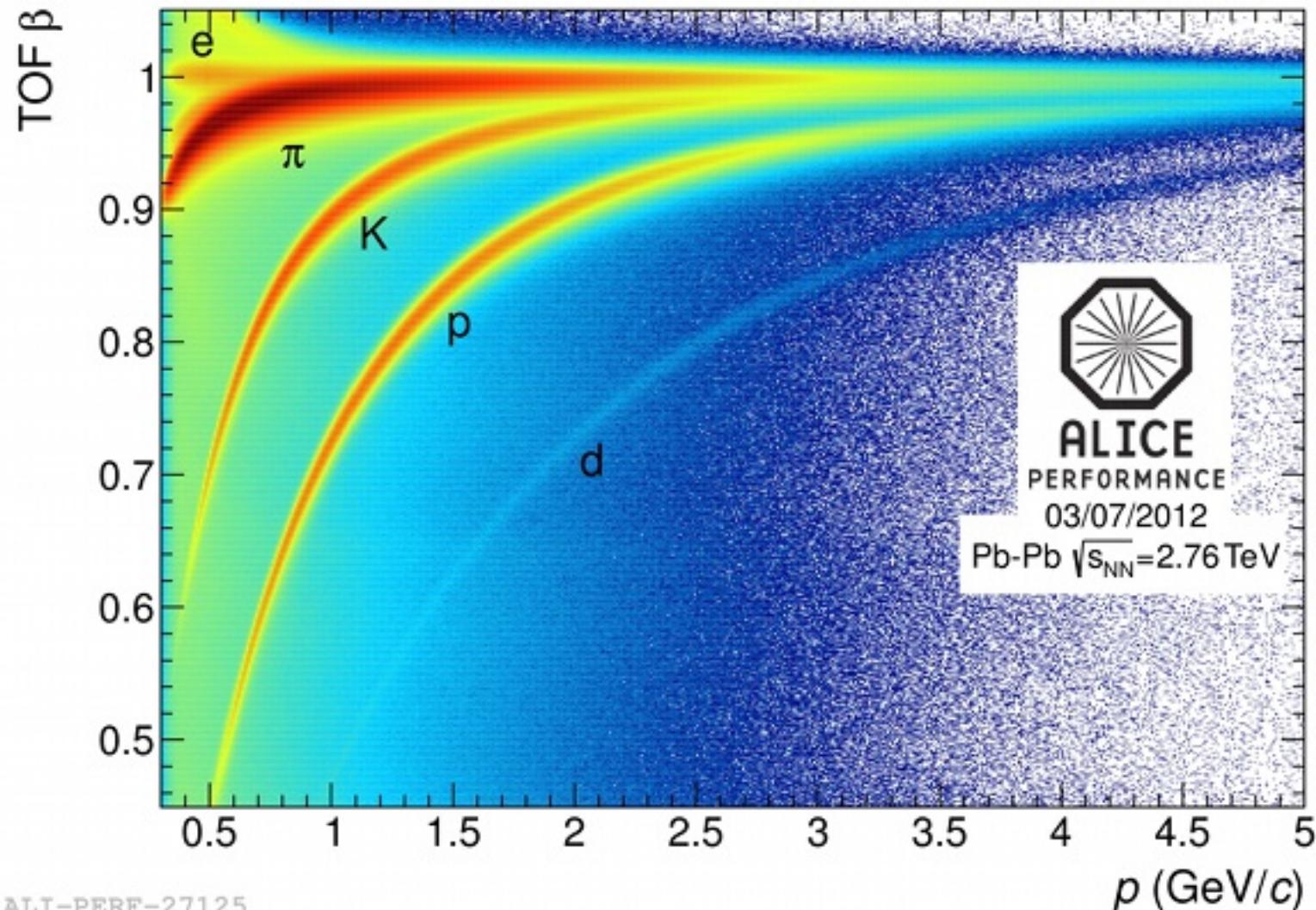


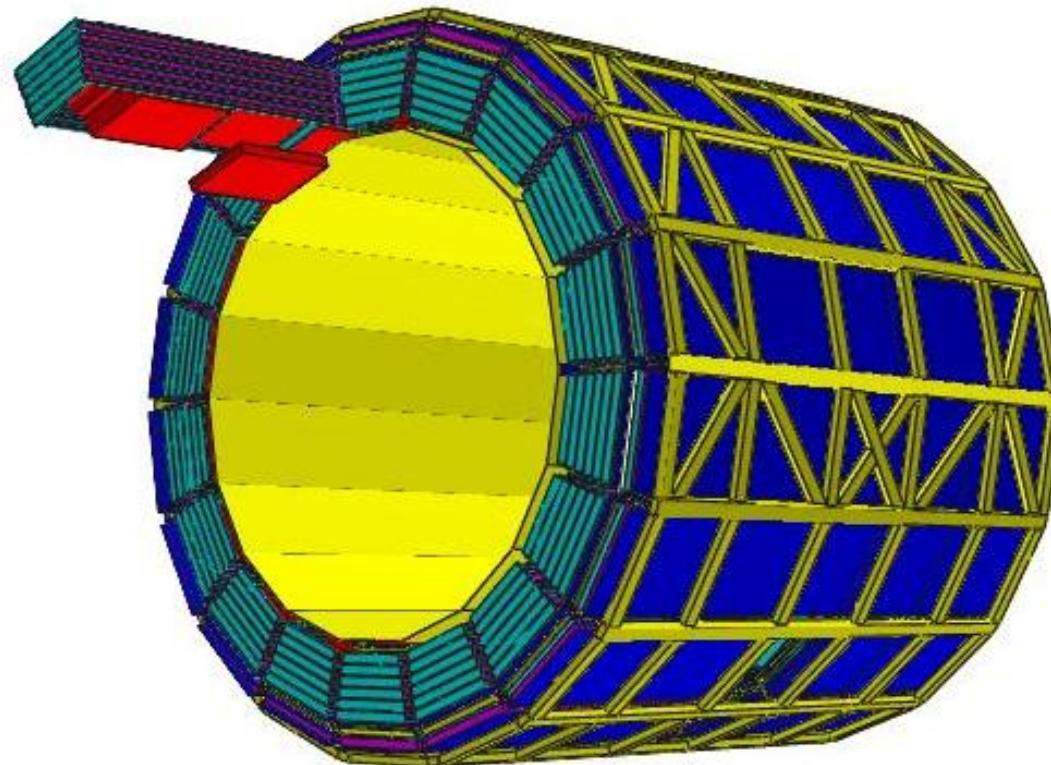
Fig. 37. Matching efficiency (including the geometric acceptance factor) at TOF for tracks reconstructed in the TPC in p–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$, compared to Monte Carlo simulation.

Time Of Flight (TOF) detector



ALI-PERF-27125

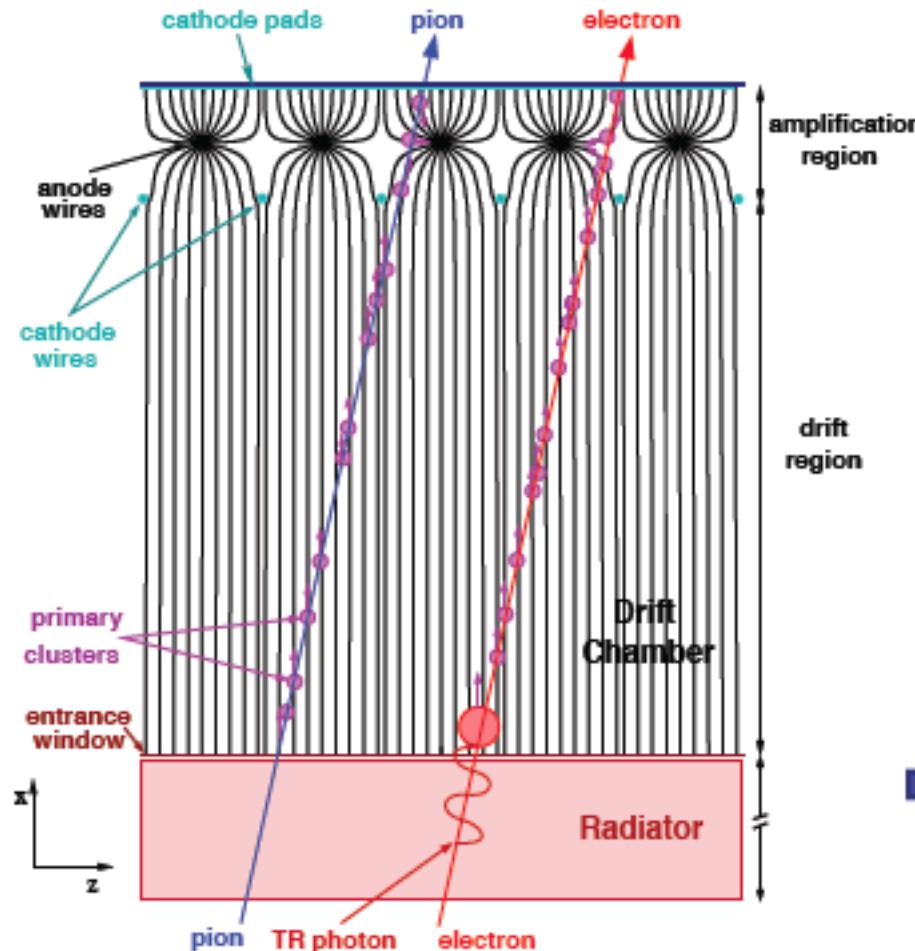
Transition Radiation Detector



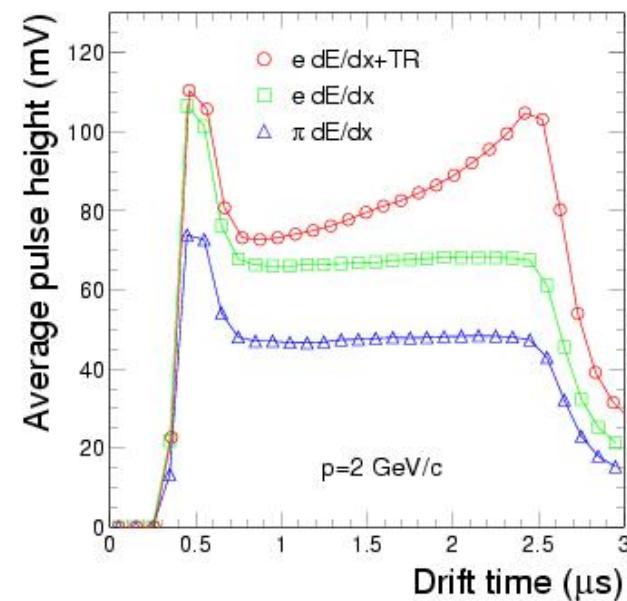
- For electron/pion separation
- For trigger on electrons at medium/high p_T

TRD in Numbers	
Supermodules	18
Stacks	5
Layers	6
Readout pads	1.2x106

Transition Radiation Detector



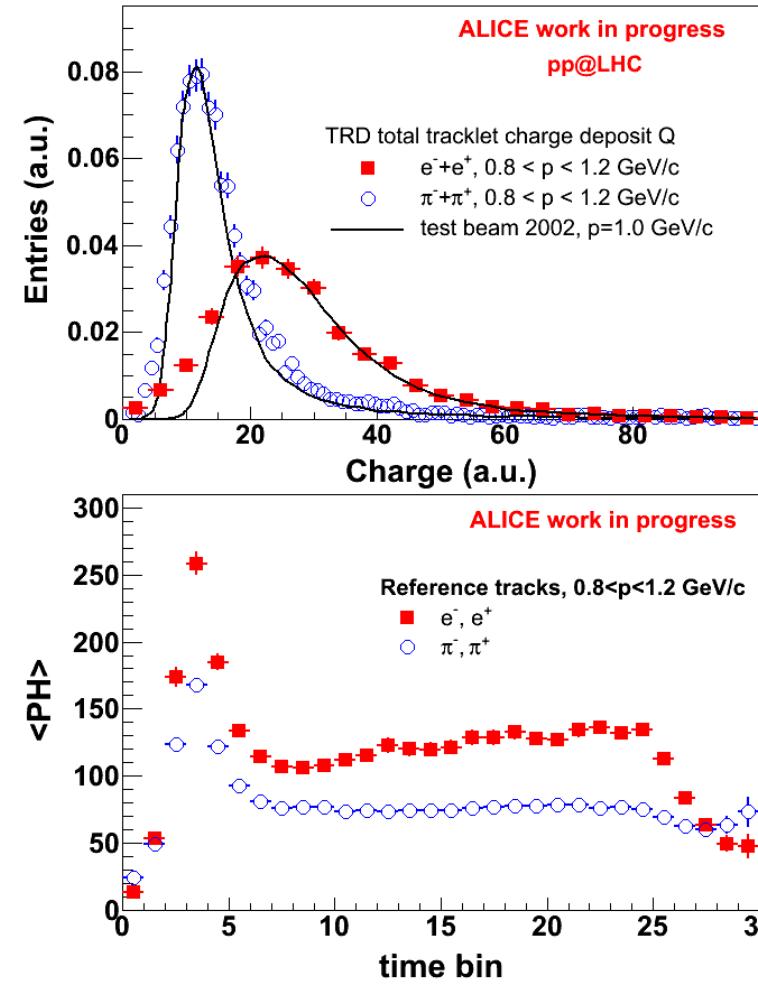
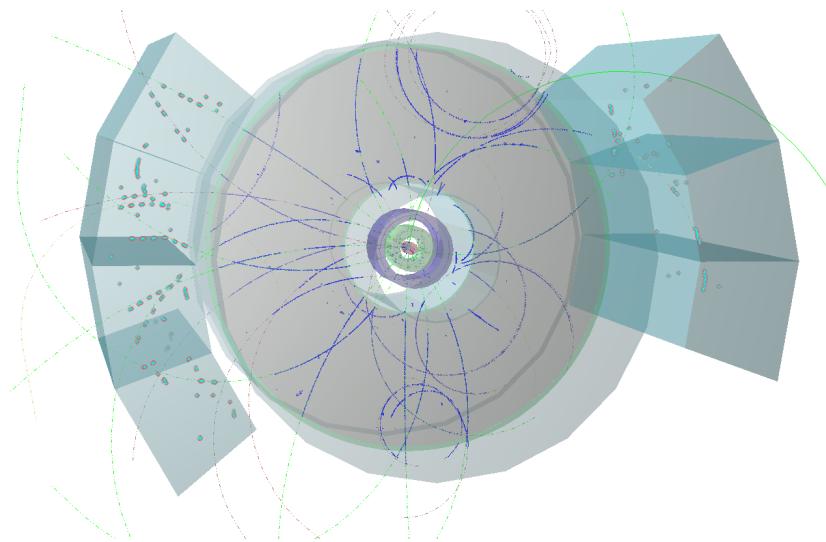
- For electron/pion separation
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Identified Electrons

Transition Radiation Detector

- Electron/pion discrimination
- Electron trigger
- (high pT, particle ID)



From an inclusive electron spectrum (cocktail subtracted) we will measure the charm and beauty production cross sections

Transition Radiation Detector



Transition Radiation Detector

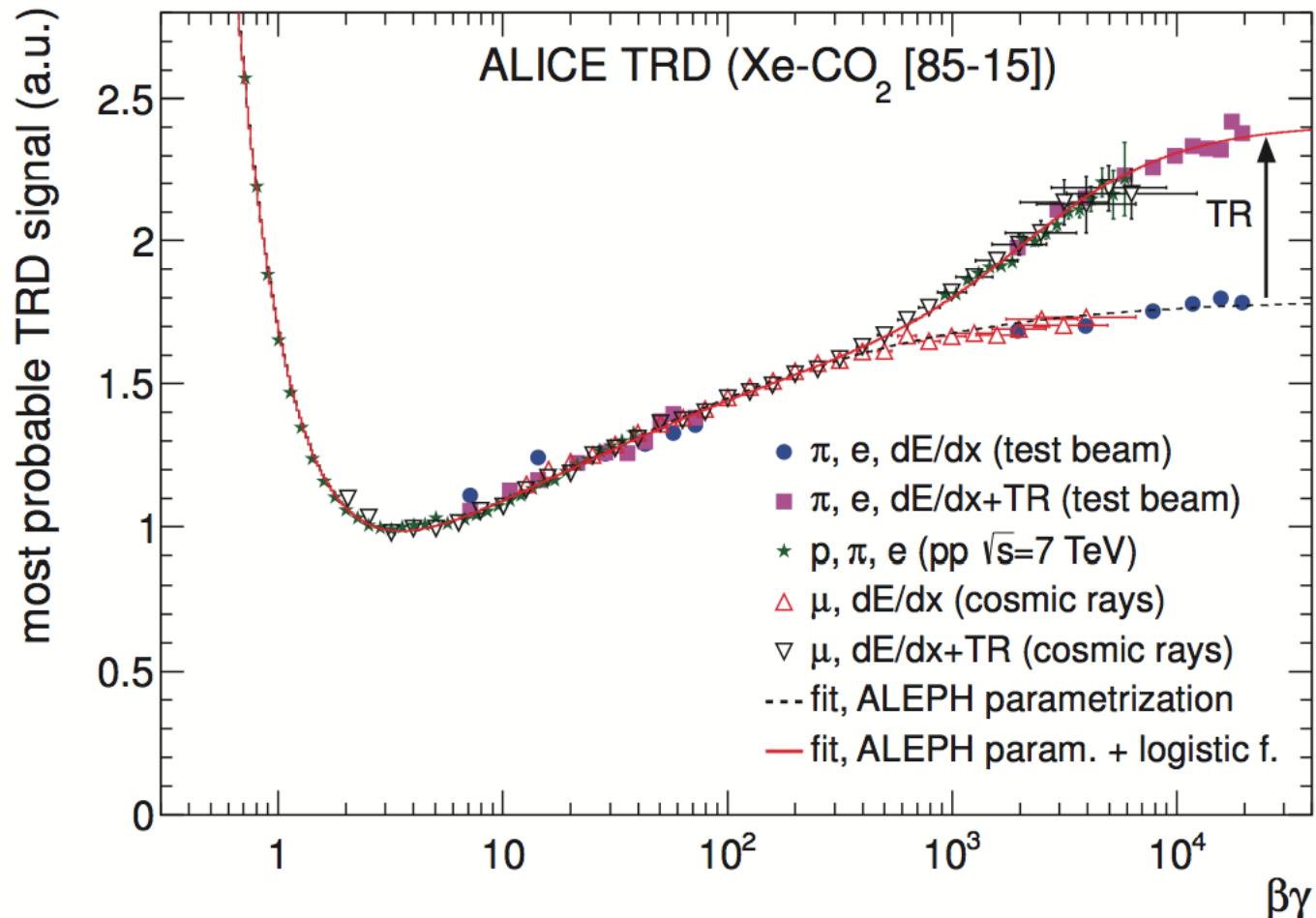


Fig. 56. The most probable TRD signal as a function of $\beta\gamma$. Measurements performed in test beam runs, pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, and cosmic rays are compared.

Combined PID

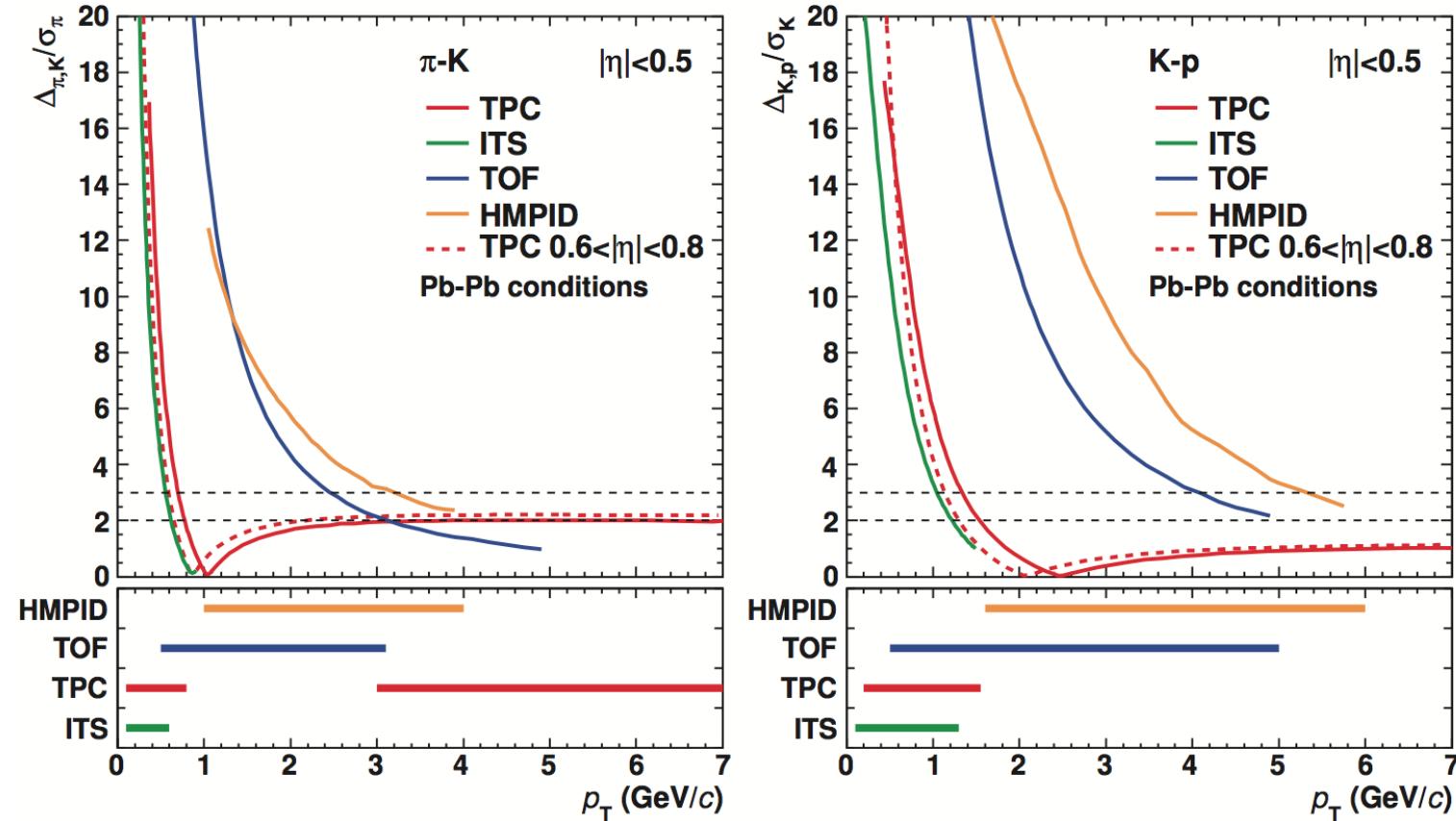


Fig. 46. Separation power of hadron identification in the ITS, TPC, TOF, and HMPID as a function of p_T at midrapidity. The left (right) panel shows the separation of pions and kaons (kaons and protons), expressed as the distance between the peaks divided by the resolution for the pion and the kaon, respectively, averaged over $|\eta| < 0.5$. For the TPC, an additional curve is shown in a narrower η region. The lower panels show the range over which the different ALICE detector systems have a separation power of more than 2σ .

Di-muon mass distribution ($2.4 < y < 4.0$)

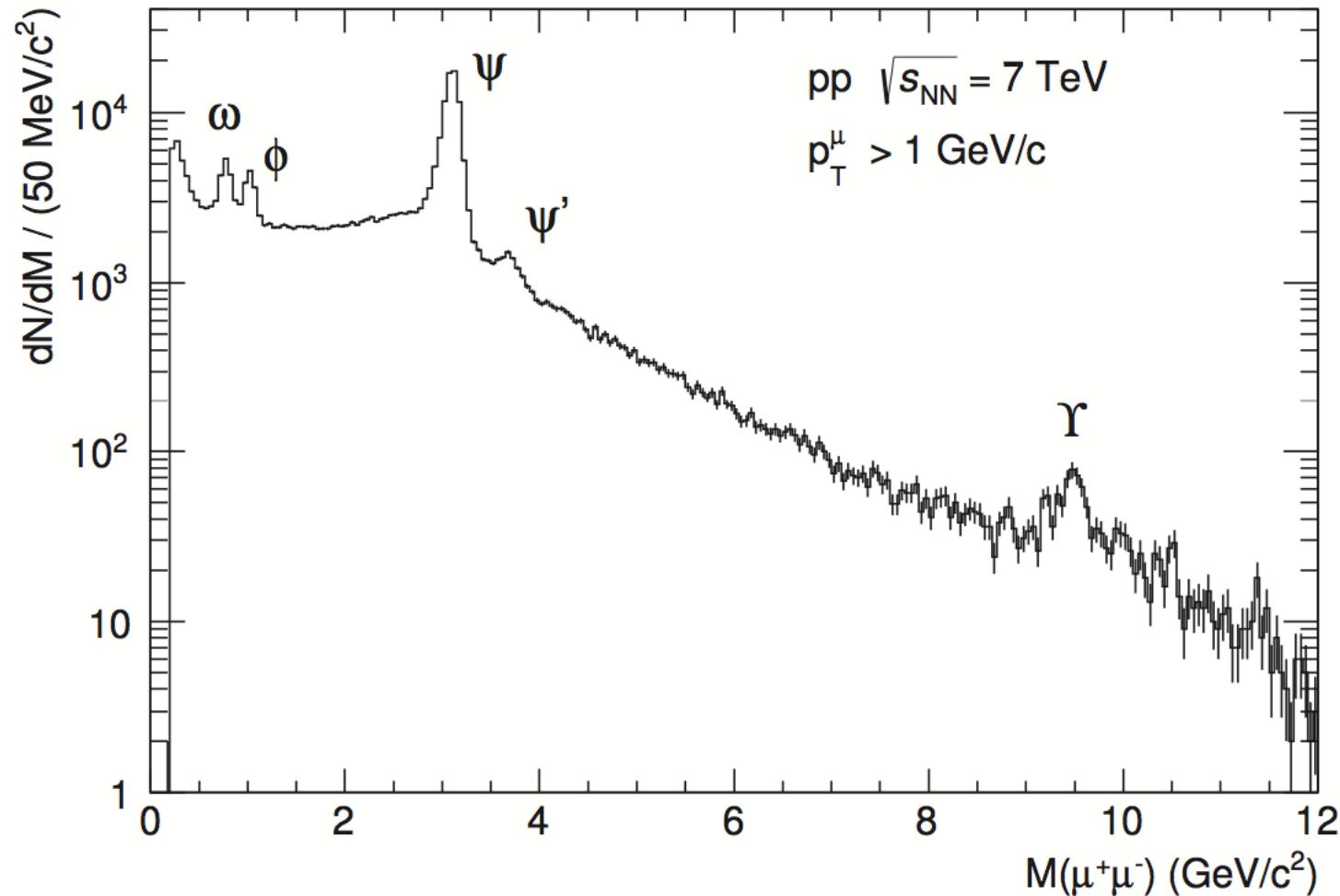
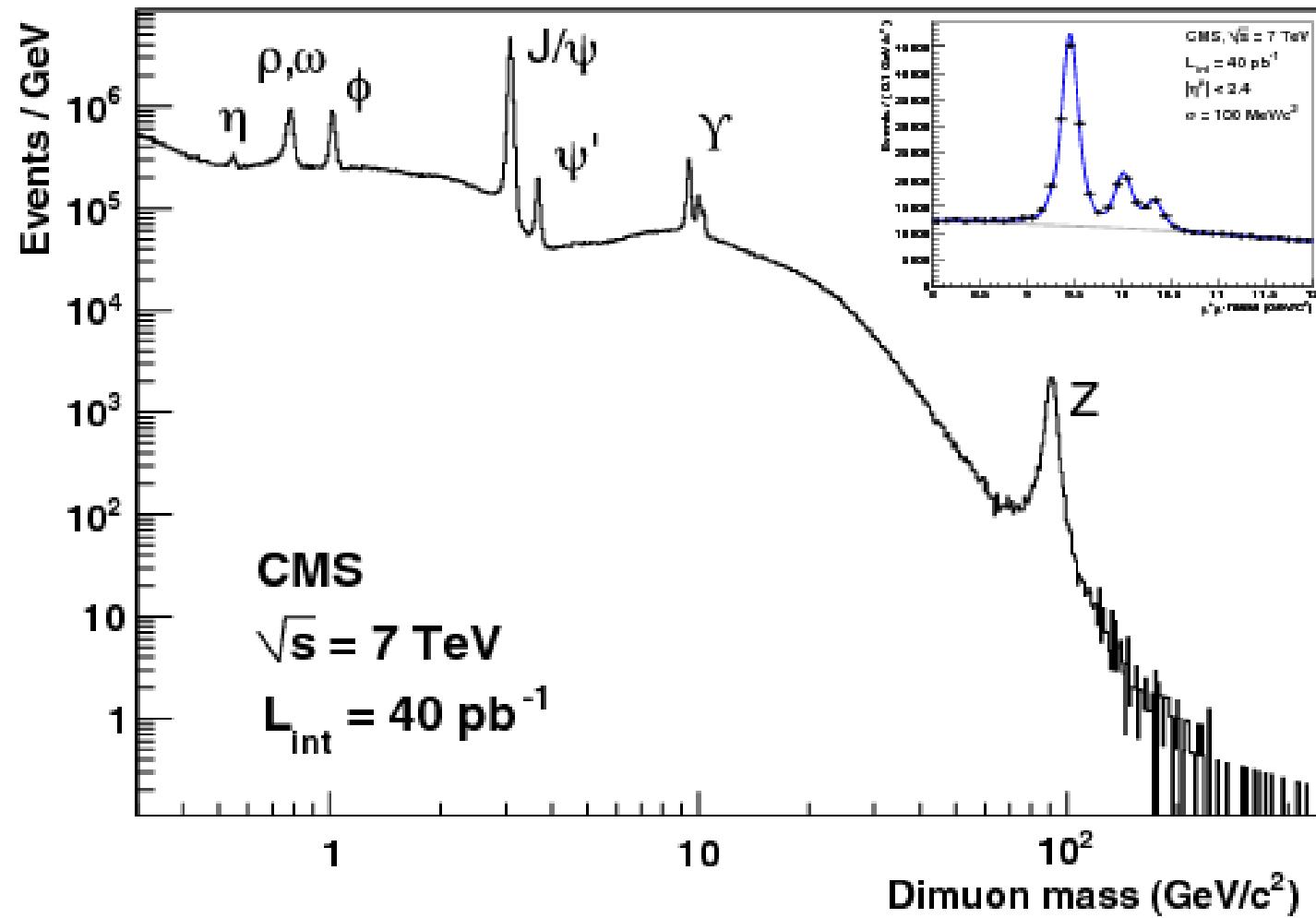
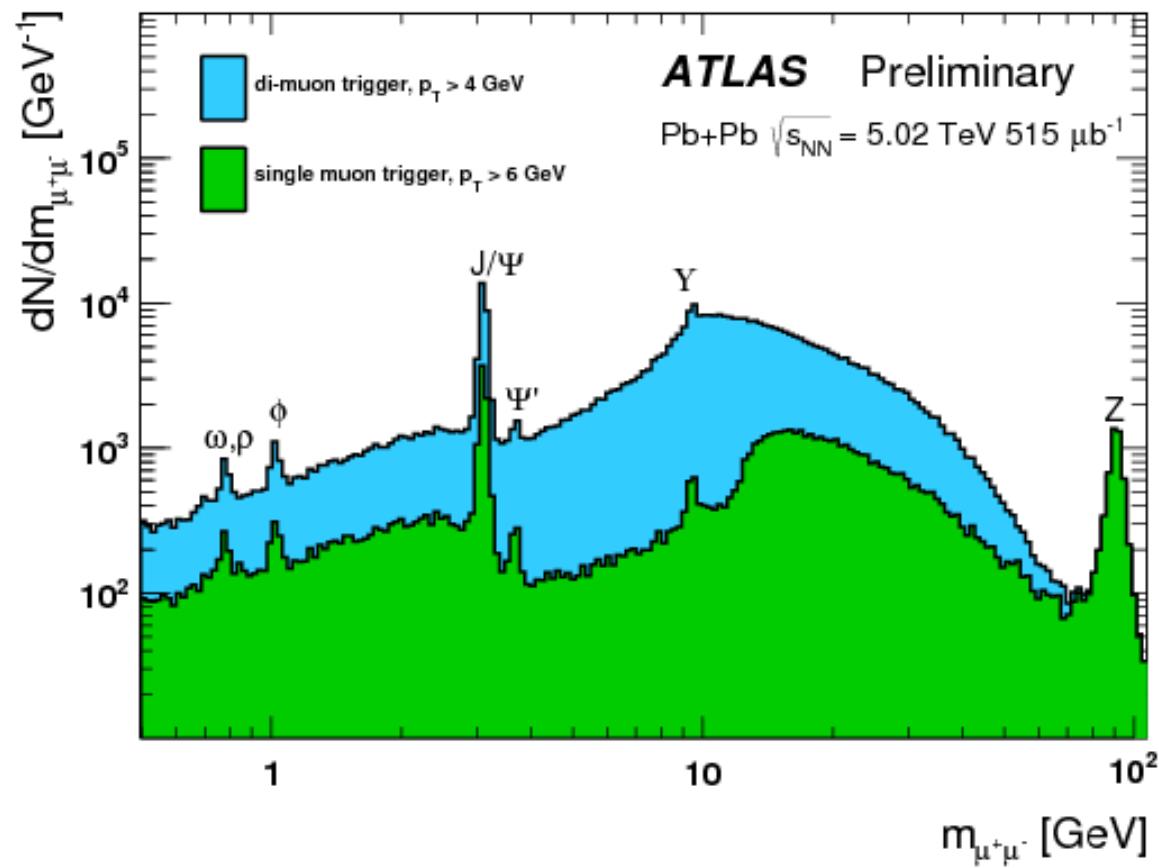


Fig. 81. Invariant mass distribution of $\mu^+\mu^-$ pairs measured by ALICE for pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ ($\mathcal{L} = 1.35 \text{ pb}^{-1}$, corresponding to the full 2011 dimuon-triggered data sample).

Di-muon mass distribution CMS



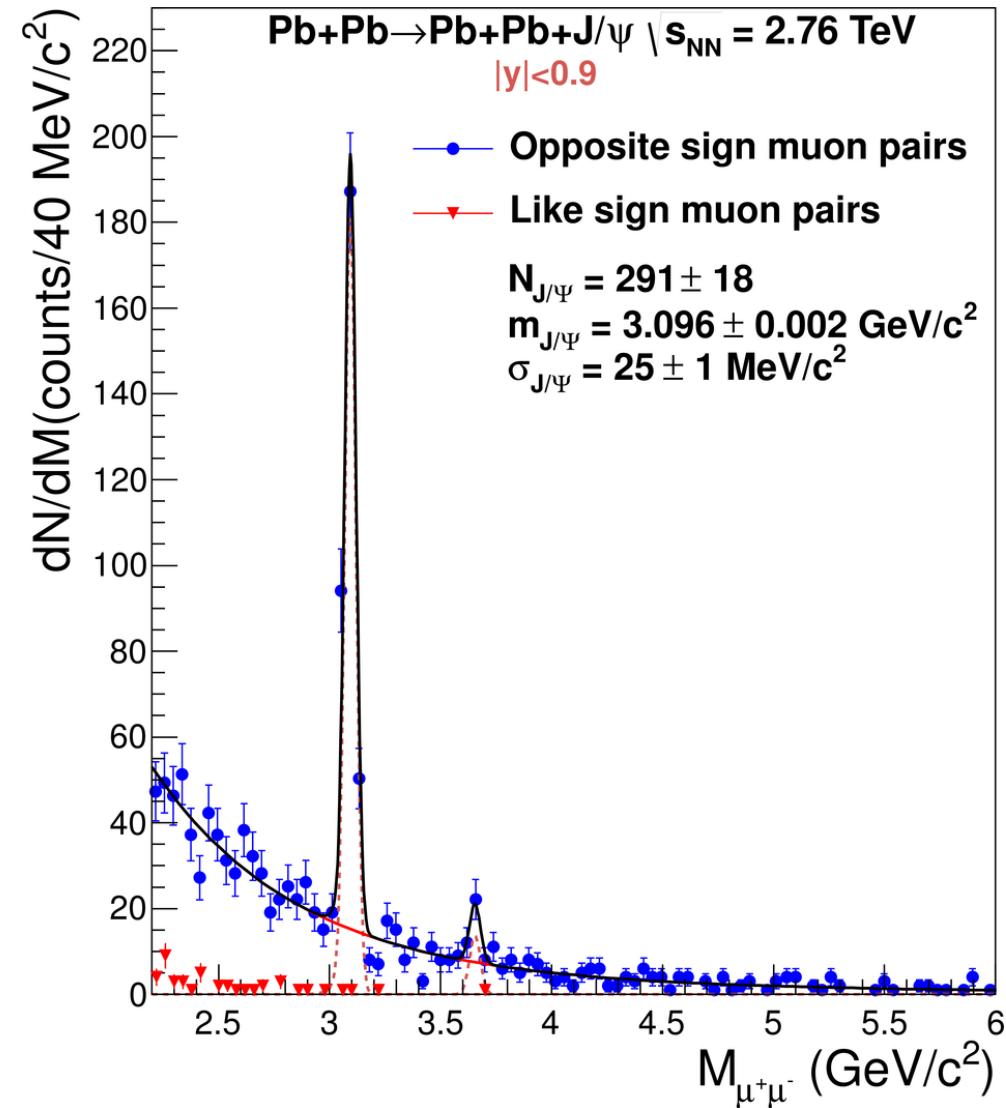
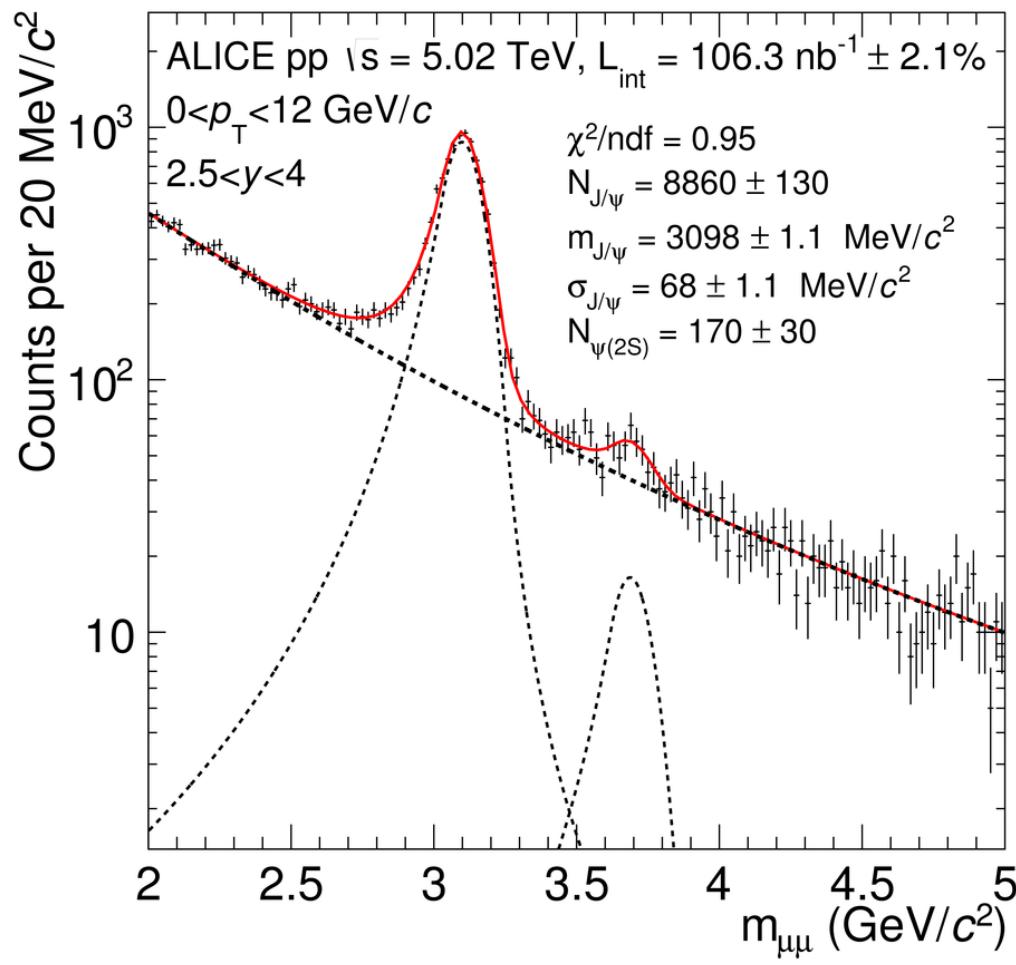
Di-muon mass distribution ATLAS





ALICE

Also a matter of background



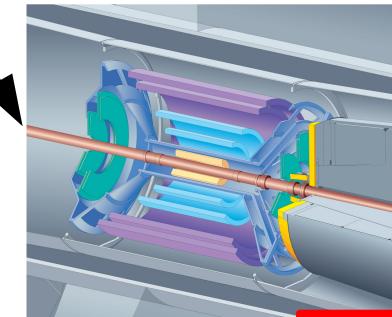


ALICE

The ALICE Spectrometer

Central barrel
 $|\eta| < 0.9$
L3 magnet: 0.5 T

Inner Tracking System

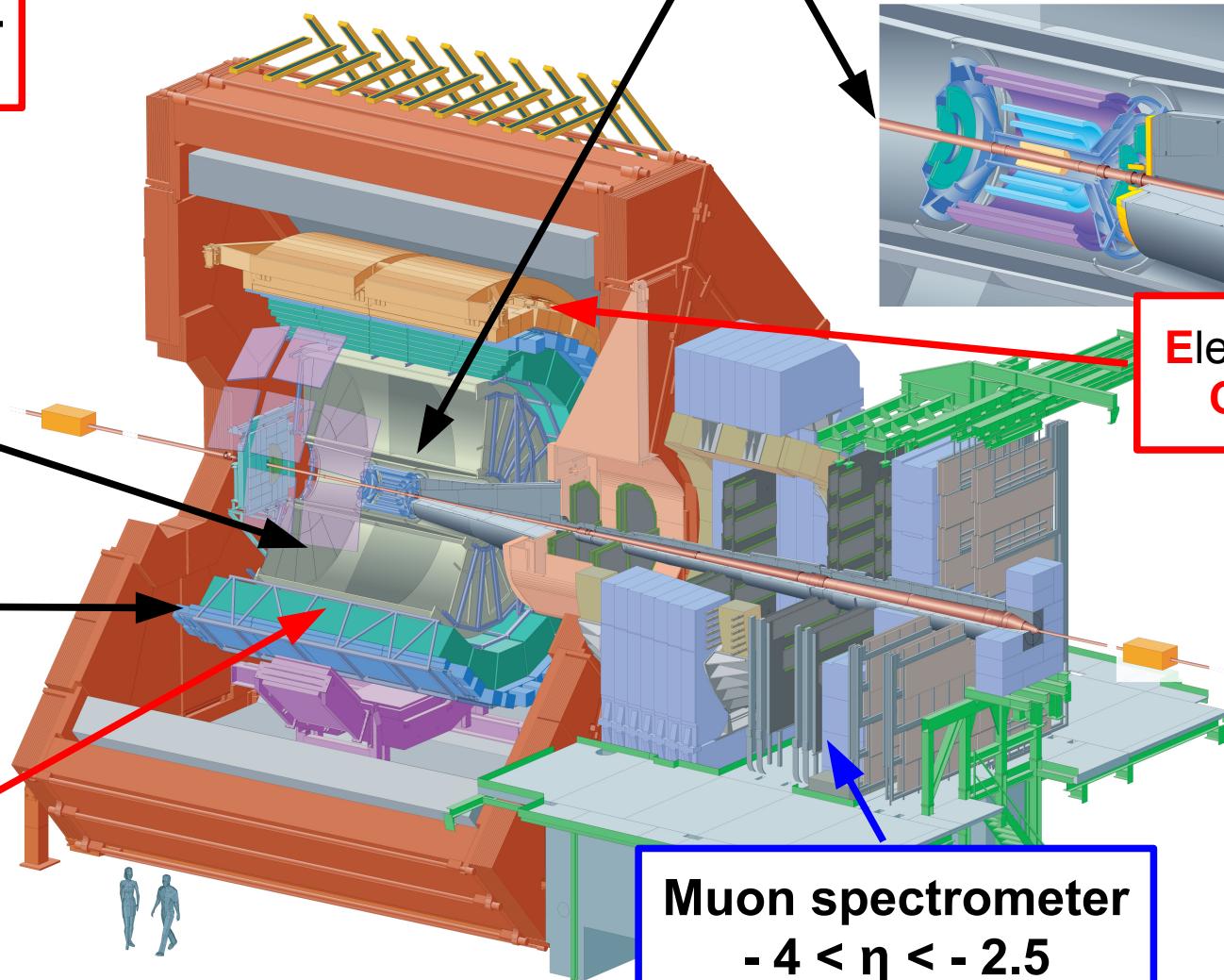


Time
Projection
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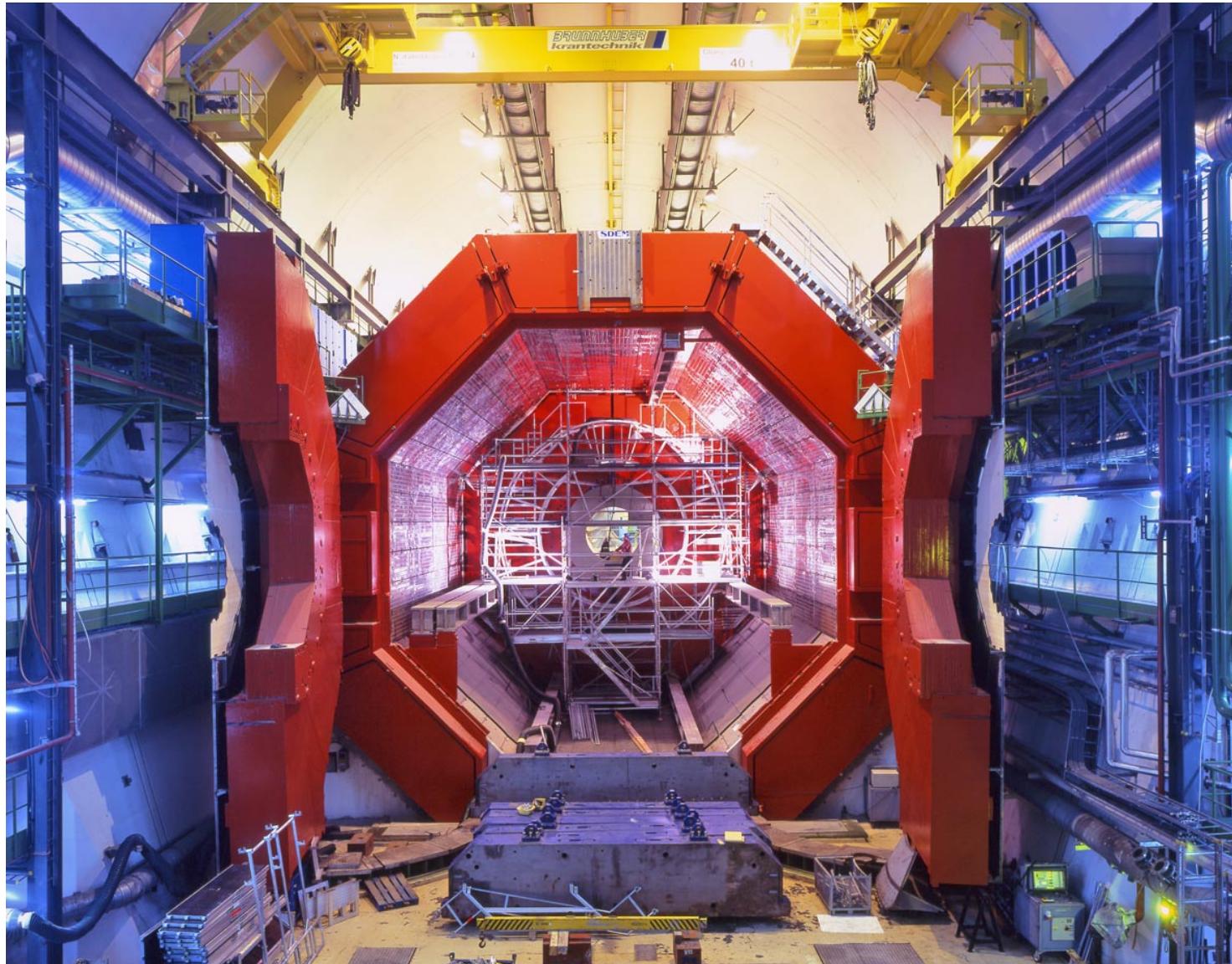
Time Of
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Transition
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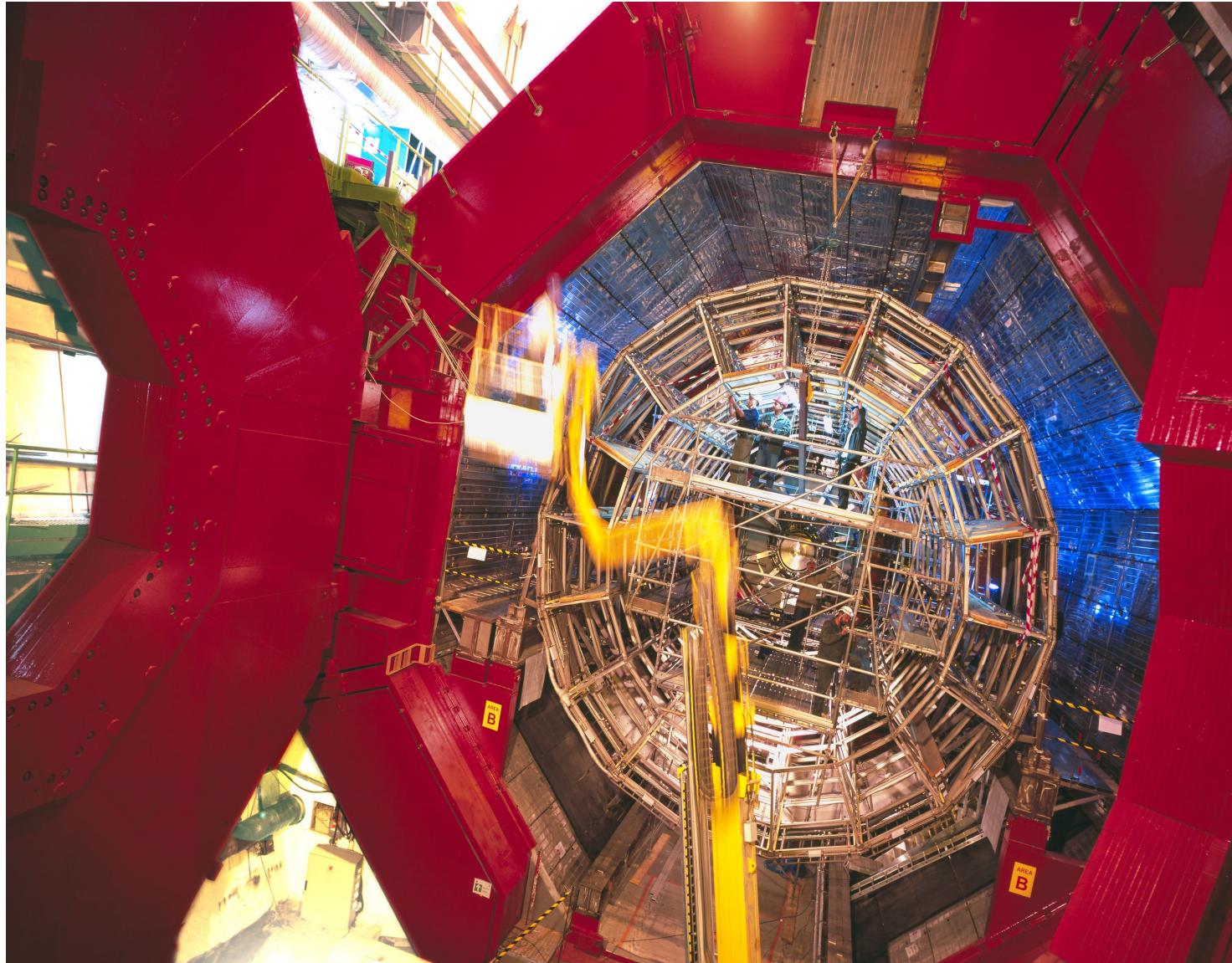
ElectroMagnetic
Calorimeter



Muon spectrometer
 $-4 < \eta < -2.5$



2005



2006

ALICE – TPC



ALICE – TPC

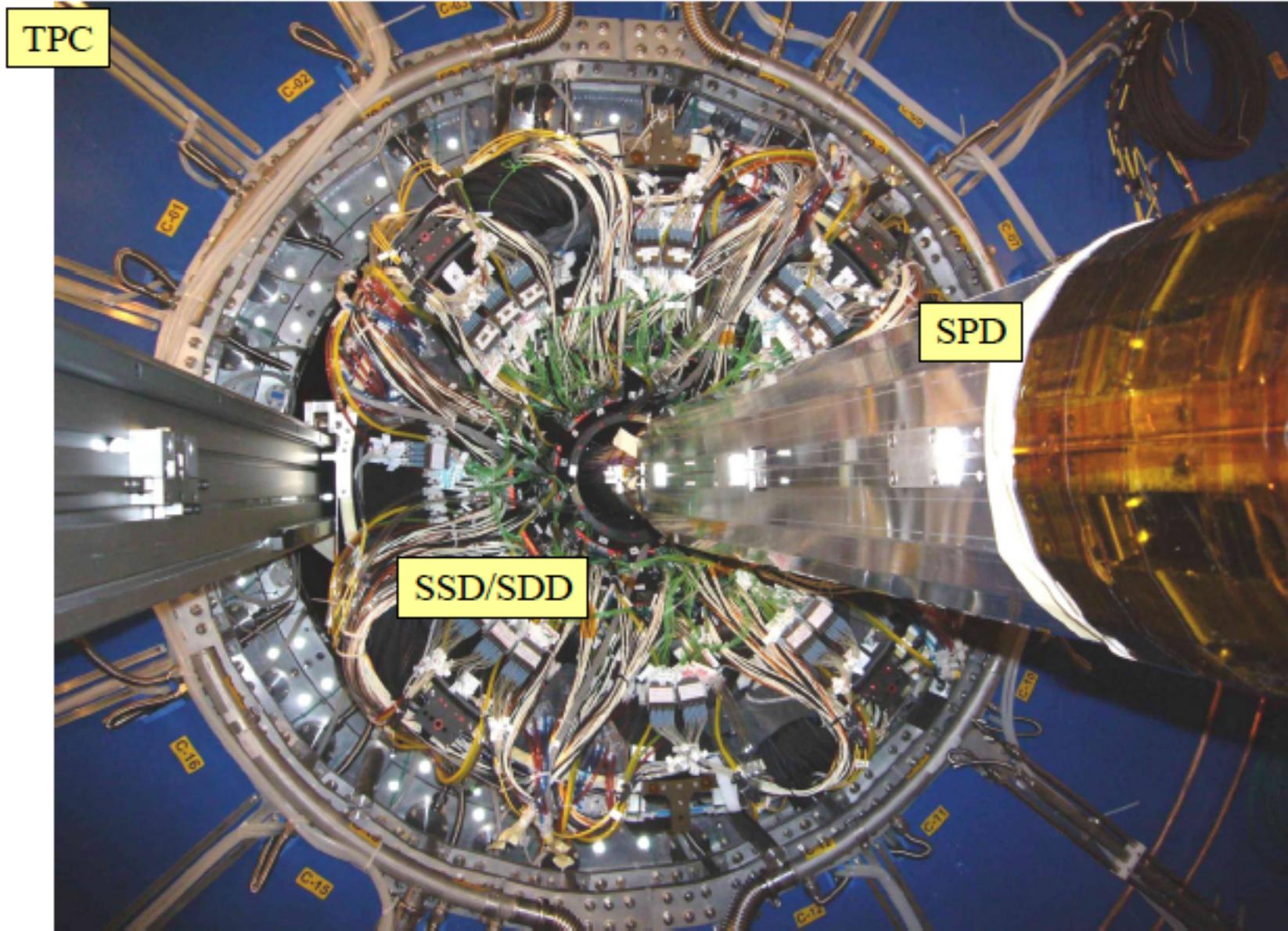


2007

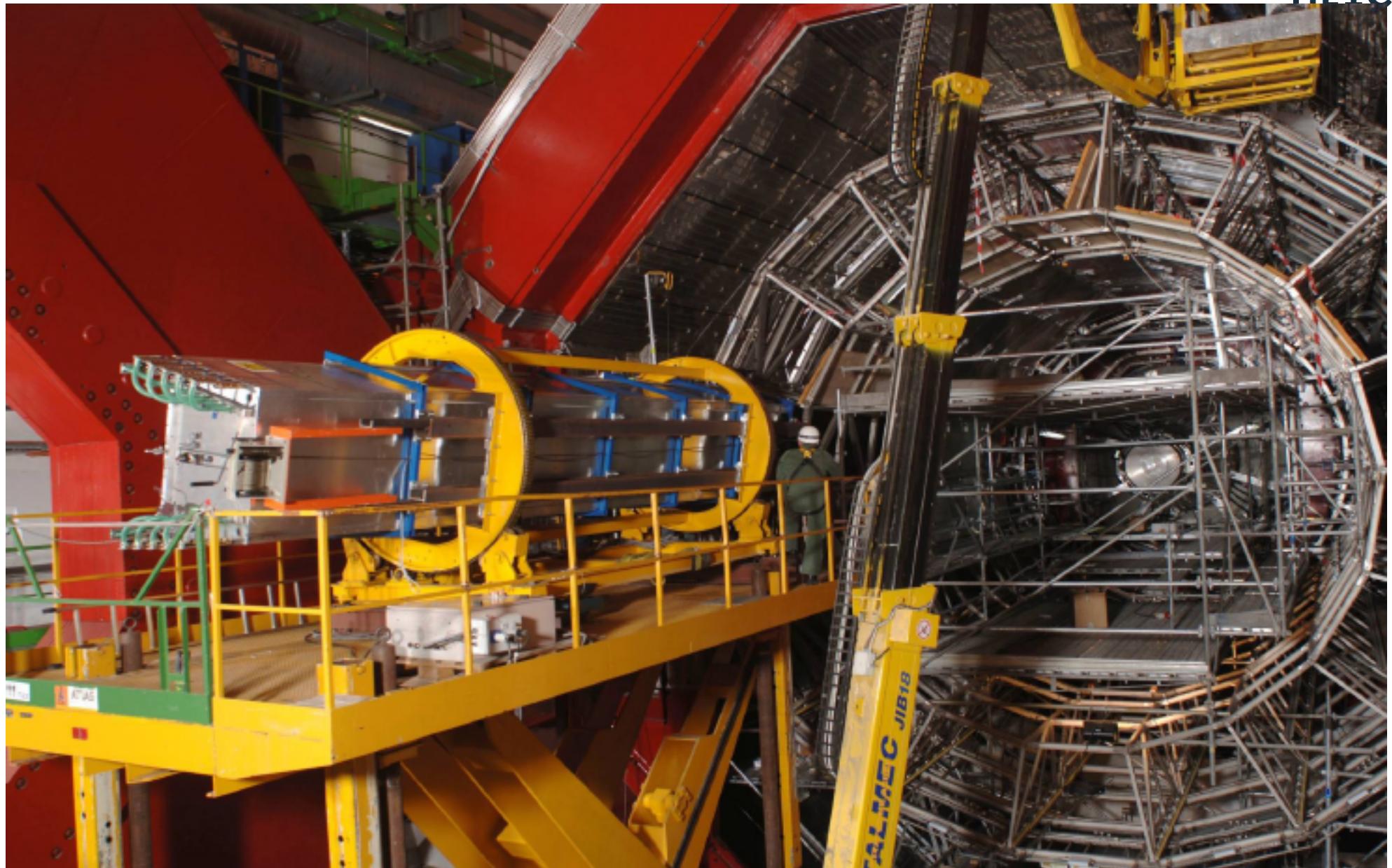


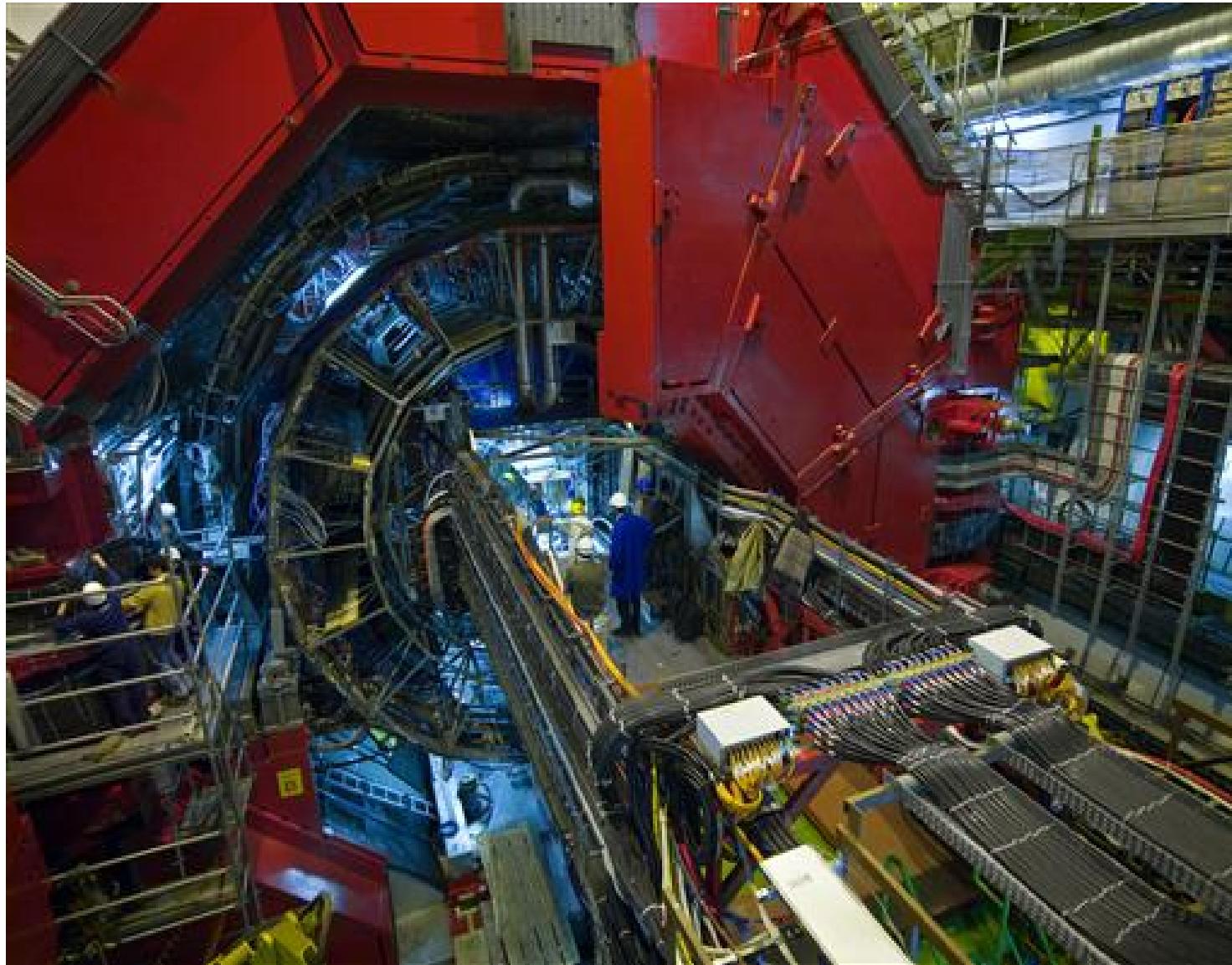
ALICE

ALICE – TPC and ITS



ALICE – TRD

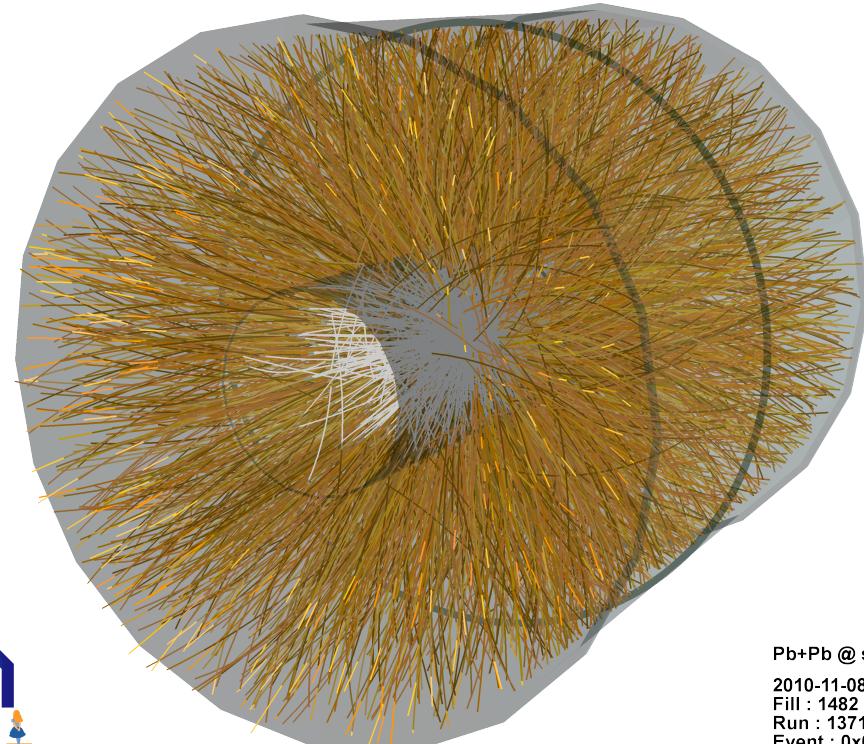
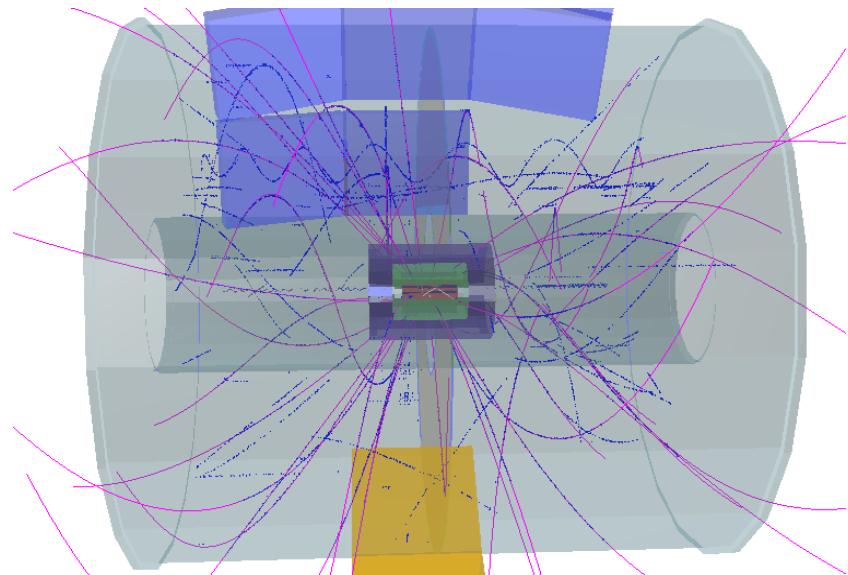




2008

From proton-proton ...

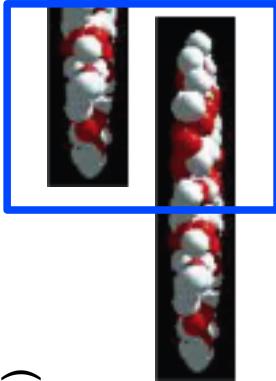
... to Pb-Pb collisions !!!





ALICE

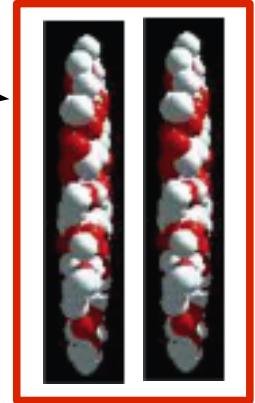
Geometry of a Pb-Pb collision



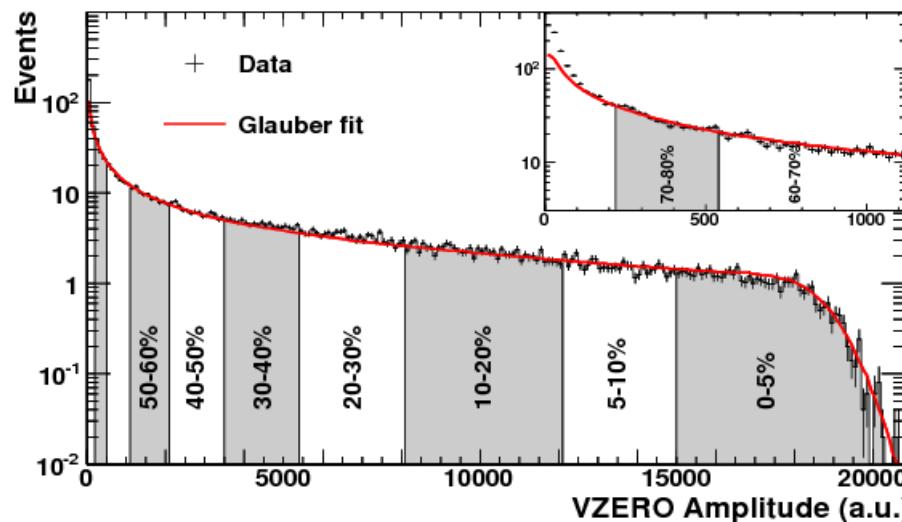
Central collisions → high number of **participants**
→ high multiplicity

Peripheral collisions → low number of **participants**
→ low multiplicity

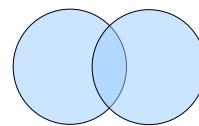
E.g. measure by VZERO scintillators +
reproduced by Glauber model fit



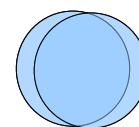
ALICE



peripheral



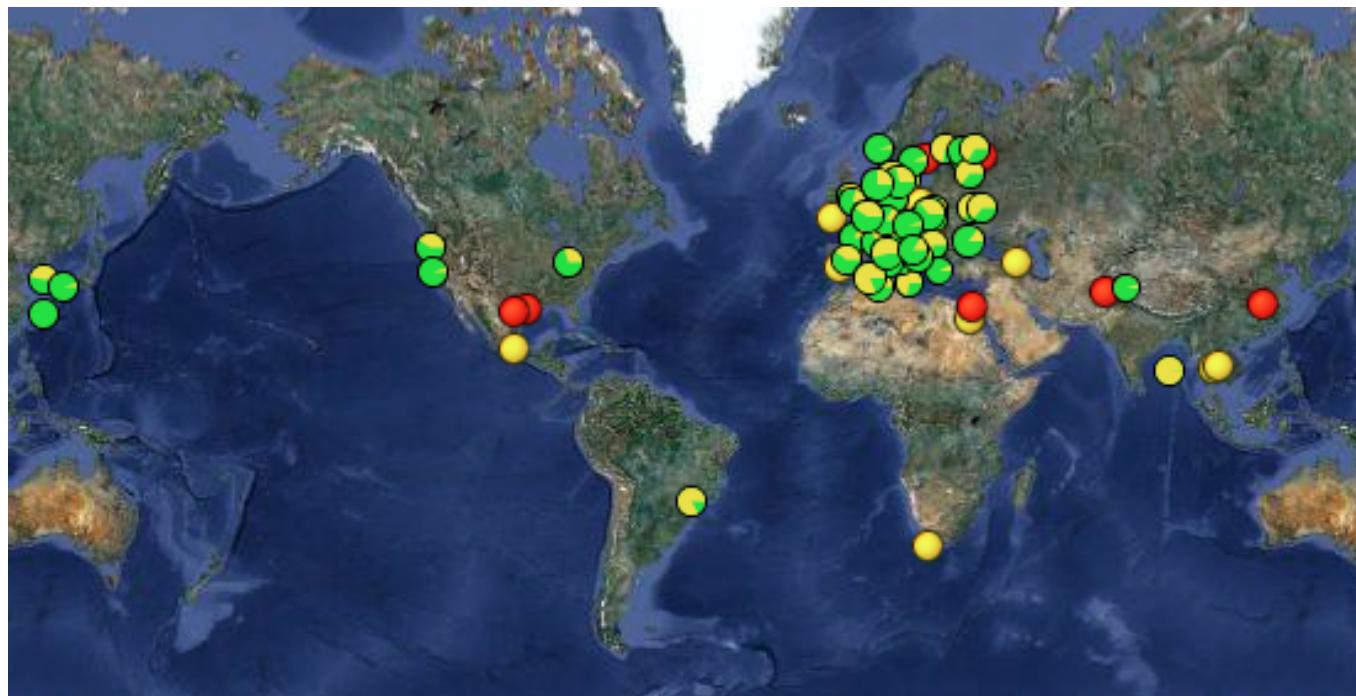
central



A Large Ion Collider Experiment

35 countries, 120 institutes, 1300 members

72 active computing sites



GSI TIER 2/3 in GRID



- GSI: very important TIER2 center, central role in ALICE
20% of all TIER2s of ALICE
- Data analysis, detector calibration, MC production, MC and real data storage
- Excellent support to whole Germany

TIER2 continuously expands
Relative growth +30%/y !
GSI GRID group

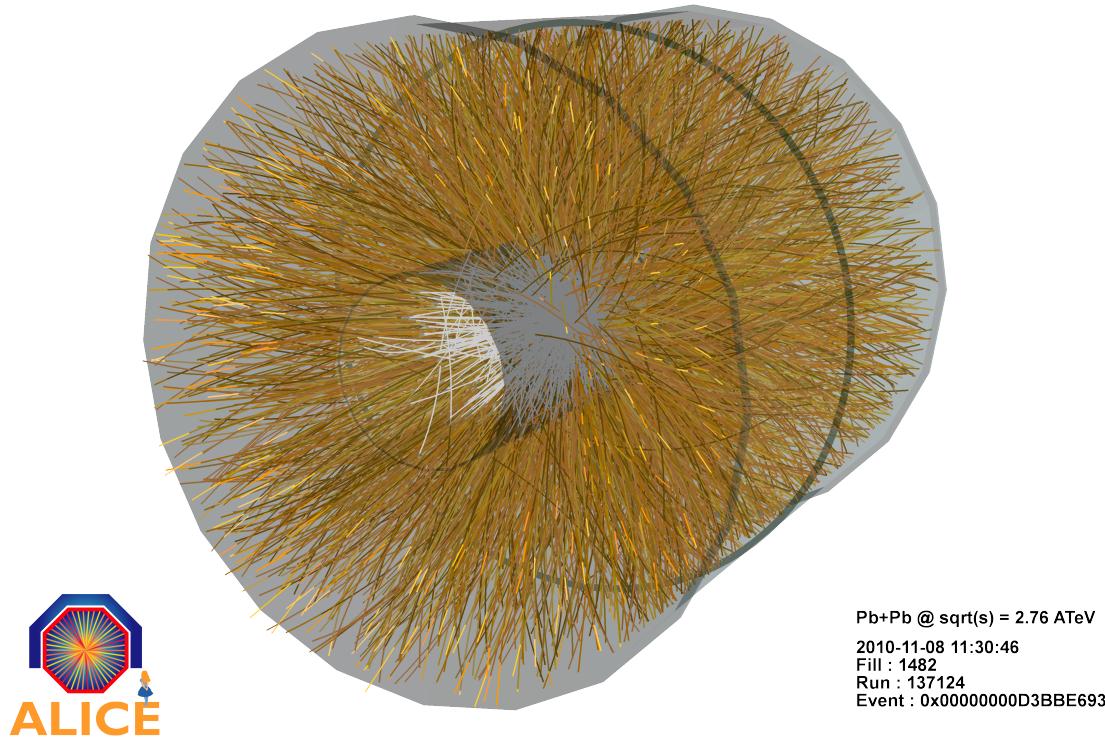
The future

- 2013-14: LHC long shutdown 1
Detector consolidation in preparation for ...
- 2015-17: RUN 2 **FULL ENERGY !!**
pp @ 14 TeV, Pb-Pb @ $\sqrt{s}_{\text{NN}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV} \leftarrow 20 \text{ kHz !!!}$
- 2018: LHC long shutdown 2
- ≥ 2019 : **HIGH LUMINOSITY $\rightarrow 50 \text{ kHz Pb-Pb collisions}$**
LHC experiment **upgrades** to cope with the higher rates!!
New vertex detectors
Faster readout, pipelining, continuous readout, TPC with GEM ...

This Physics ...



... is hot and dense! (many open questions and mysteries)
And these are extremely exciting times!!!



SPARES