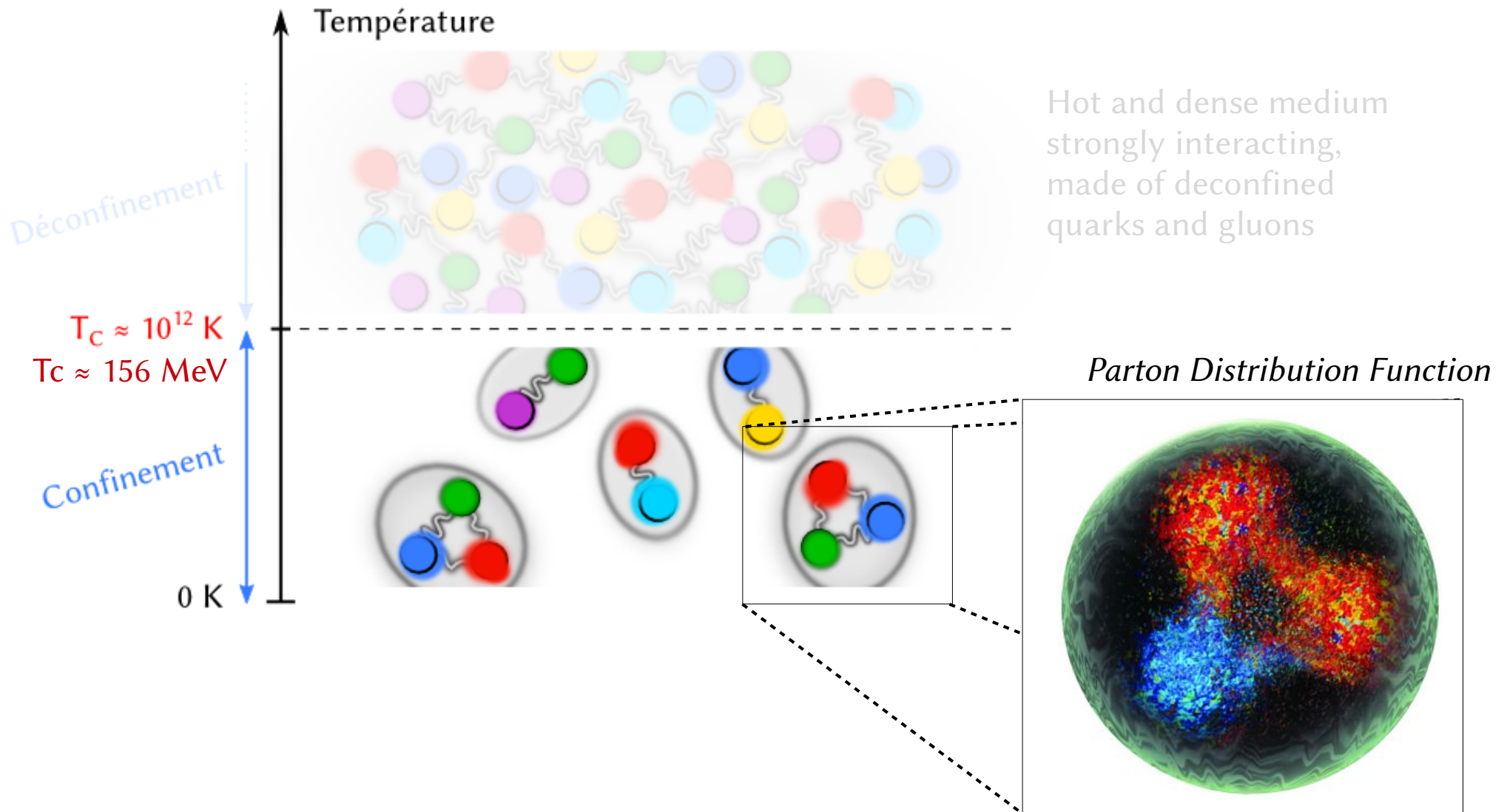


## ALICE group :

QCD, Quark-Gluon Plasma  
Strangeness, charm  
Pixel trackers  
LHC pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb

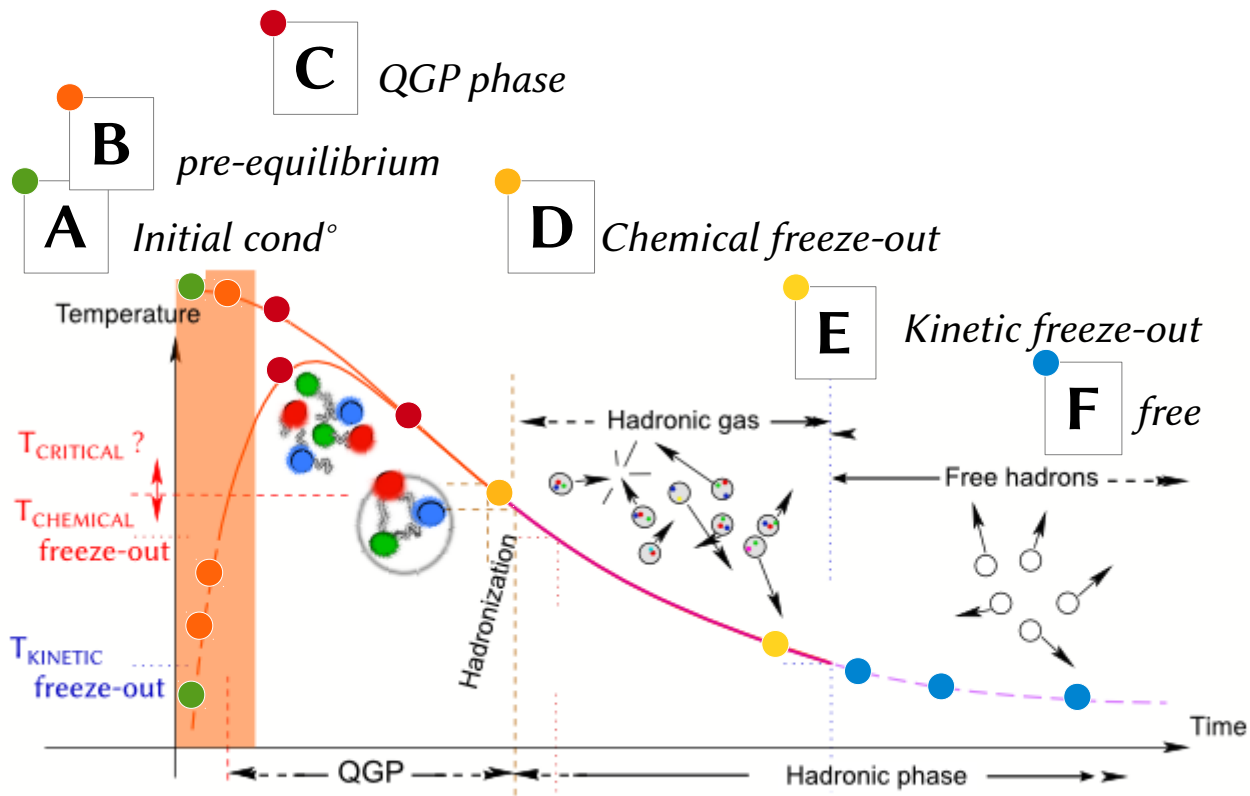


# I.1 – Introduction : QCD phase transition



# I.2 – Intro. : Bjorken scenario in heavy-ion collisions

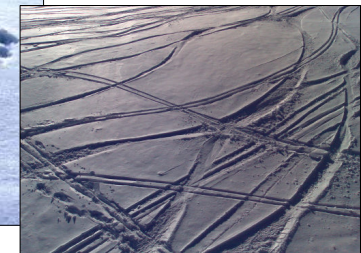
Courtesy of MADAI.us (see animation movie !)



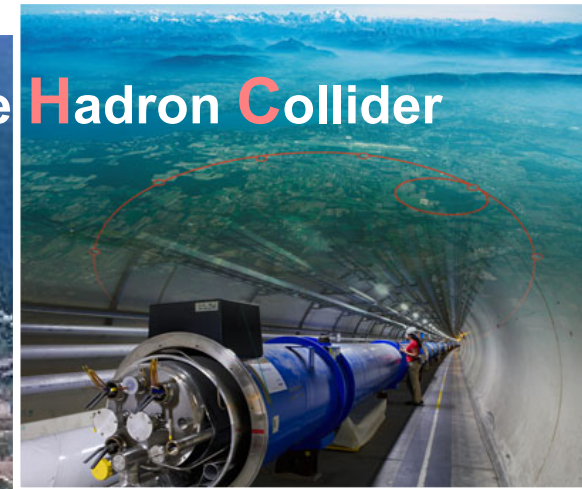
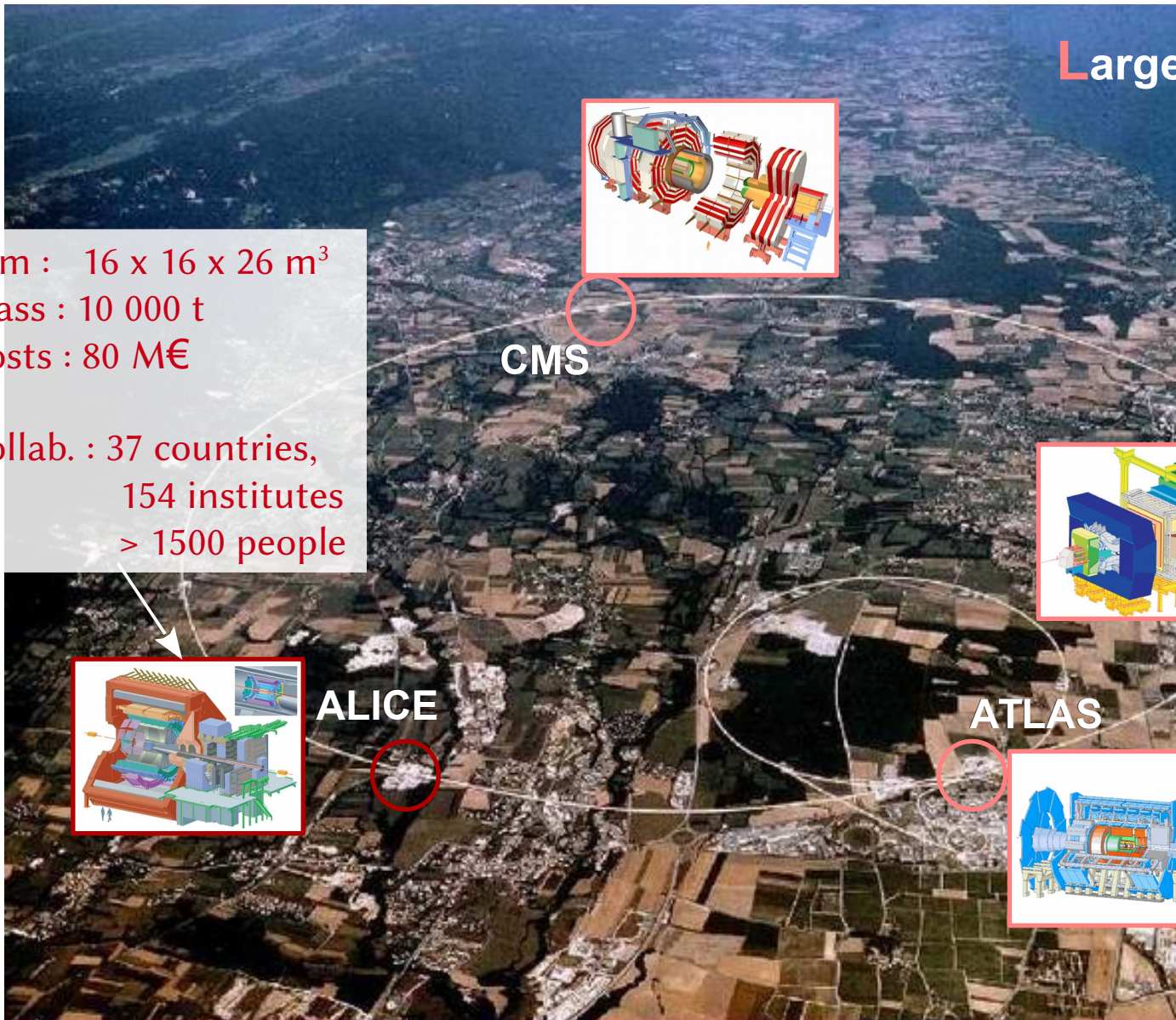
→ Remark :

No such thing as a live vision !  
but always, an observation based  
on remnants from  
the past ...

(NB : physics  $\sim 10^{-23}$  s  
/ electronic readout  $> 10^{-12}$  s)

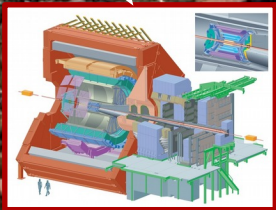


# II.1 – ALICE : an LHC experiment focusing on QCD physics



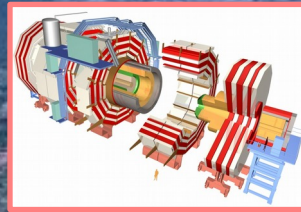
Dim :  $16 \times 16 \times 26 \text{ m}^3$   
Mass : 10 000 t  
Costs : 80 M€

Collab. : 37 countries,  
154 institutes  
> 1500 people

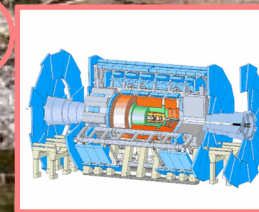


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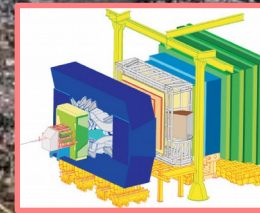
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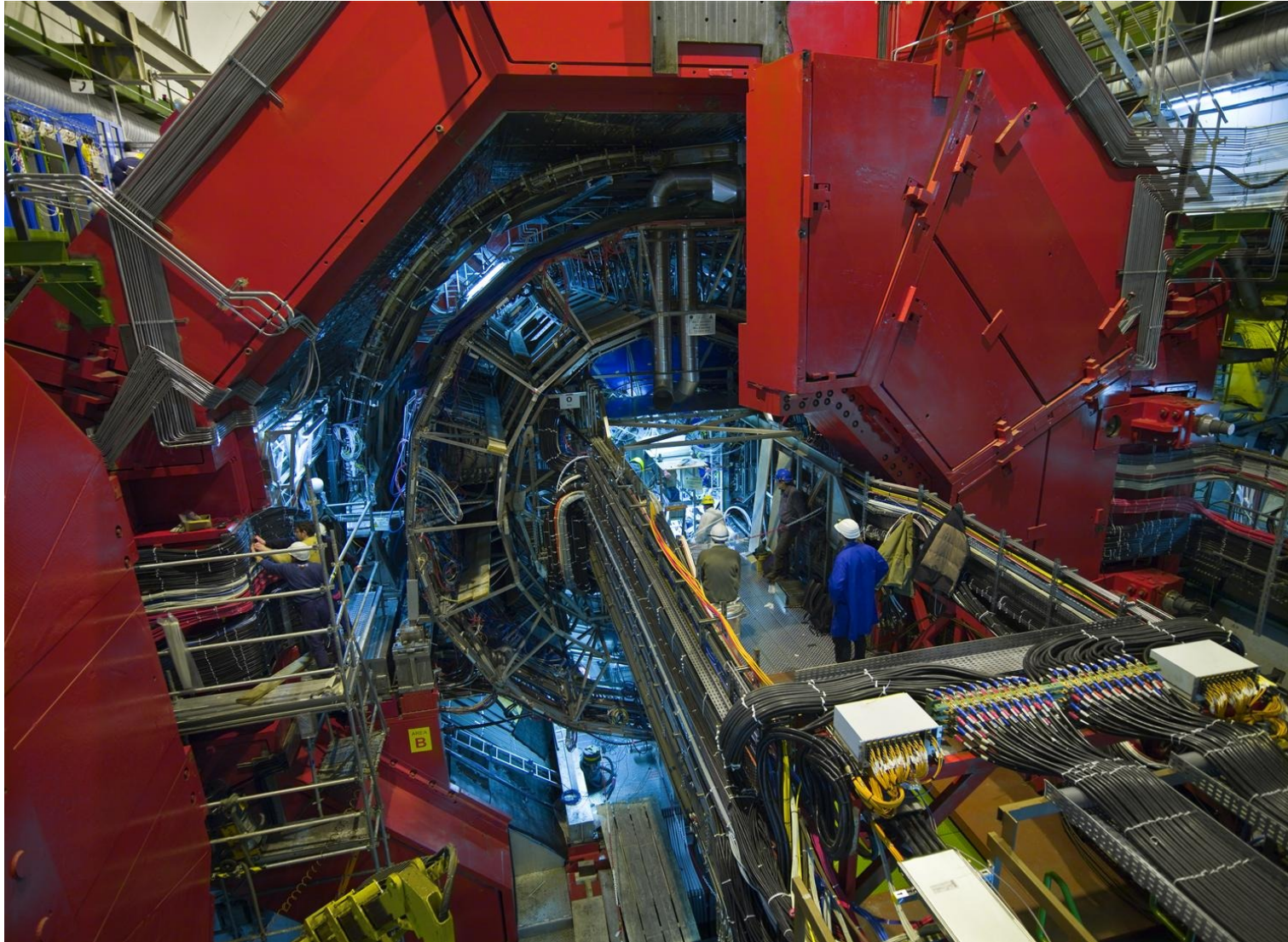


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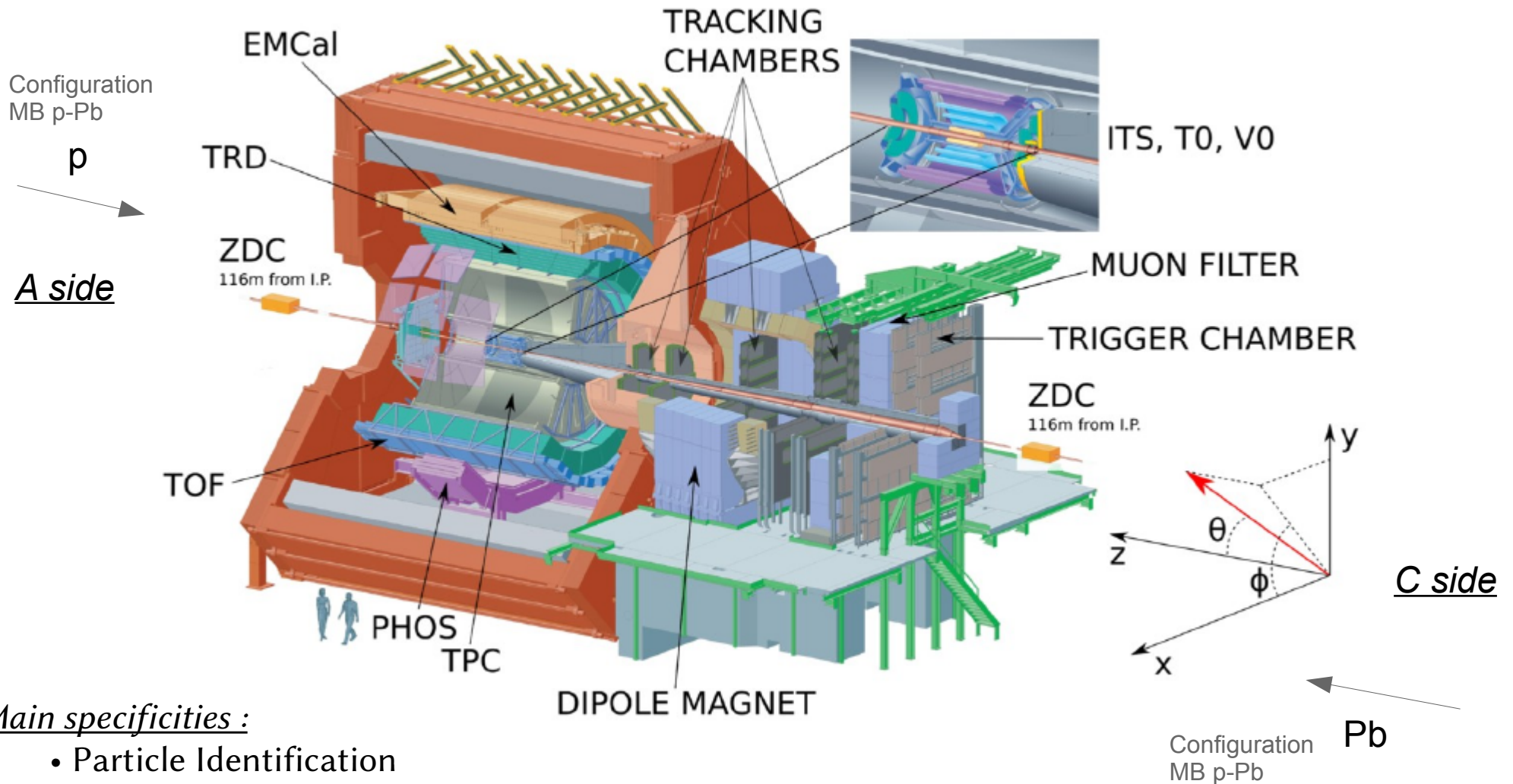
## II.2 – ALICE : 19 sub-detectors

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Here 2008, as before start of LHC run I

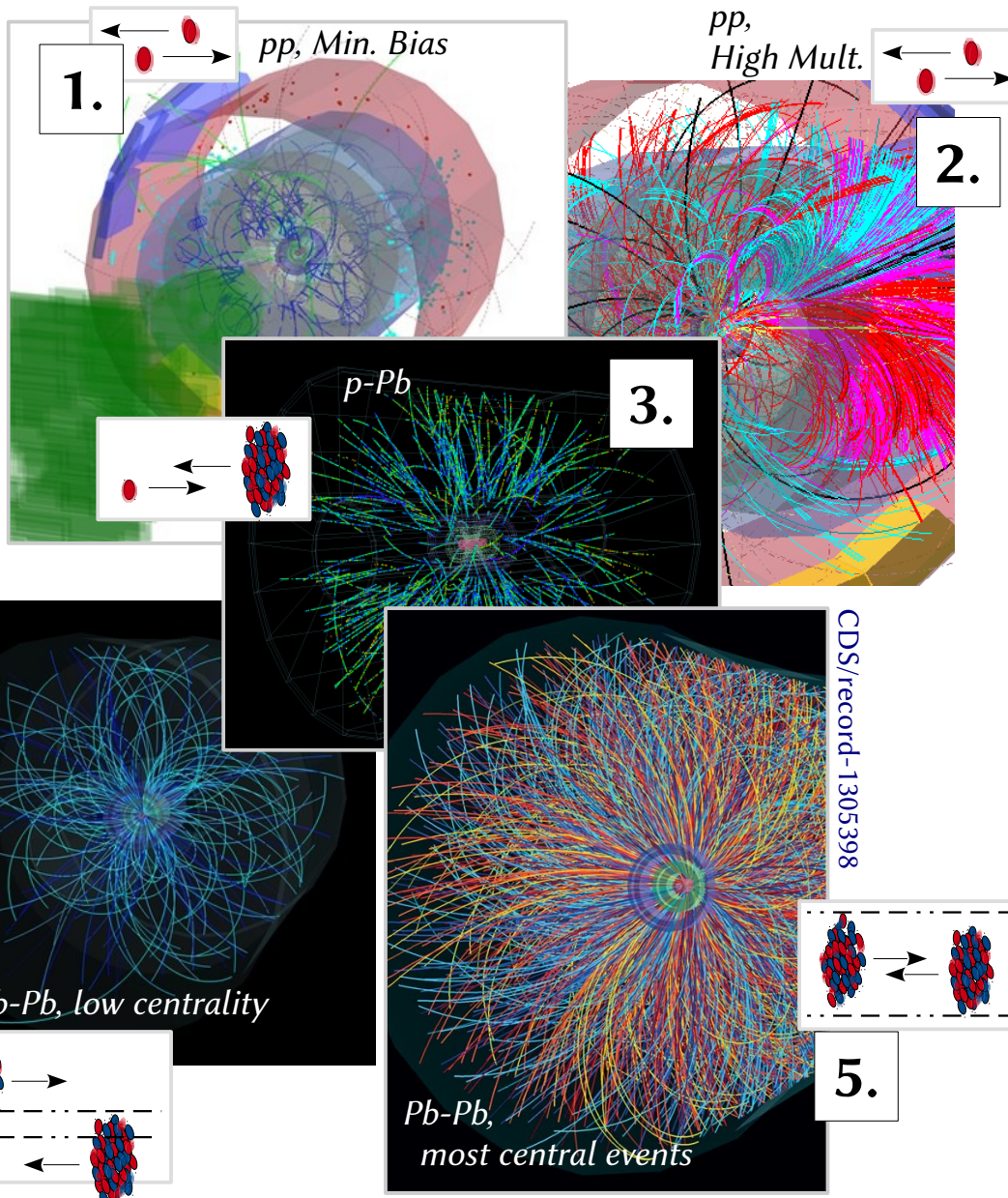
## II.3 – ALICE : detector in LHC run II (2015-18), sketch



### Main specificities :

- Particle Identification
- Low ( $p_T < 2-3 \text{ GeV}/c$ )  
and intermediate  $p_T$  ( $p_T \in [2-8] \text{ GeV}/c$ )

# III.1 – pp, pA, AA : continuum of physics ?



The starting plain question may be :  
at the same  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ ,

**“ 1 x (Pb-Pb)  $\neq$  n x (pp) ? ”**

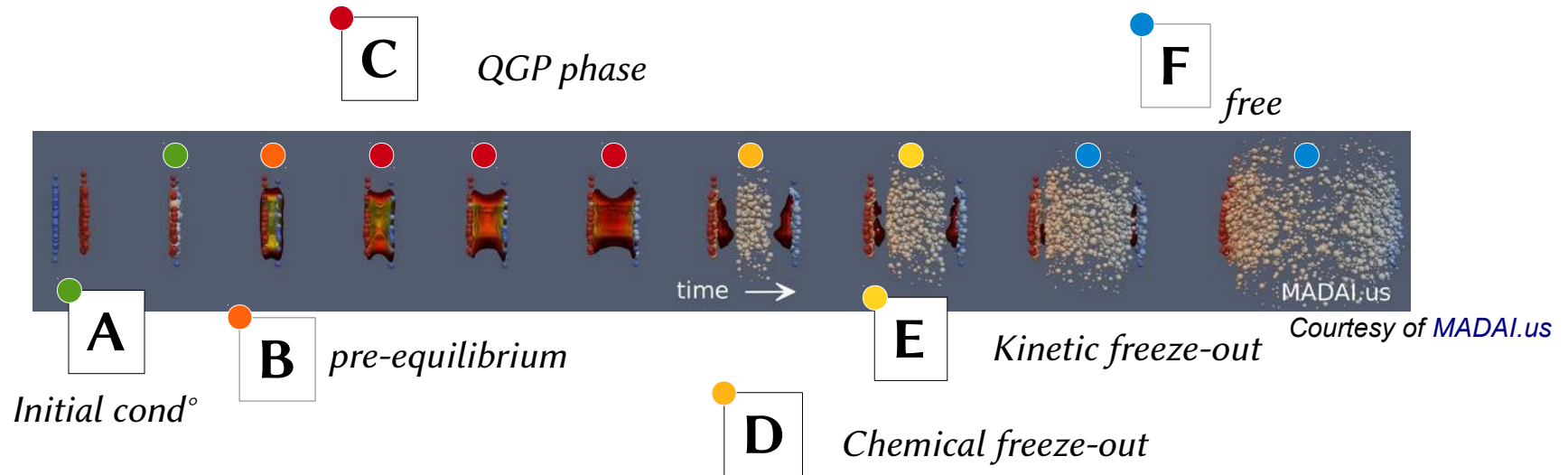
Current stakes :

→ qualifying the binary answer

“ pp, p-Pb → no QGP. ”

“ Pb-Pb → QGP ! ”

# III.2 – $u, d, s$ and $pp$ : probes of the bulk phenomena



flavour physics :

$u, d, s, c, b (t) \Leftrightarrow$   $\pi^\pm, \pi^0, K^\pm, K_S^0, \dots, p, \Lambda, \Xi^-, \Omega^-, \dots, \eta, K^0(892), \phi(1020), \Sigma^\pm(1385), \Xi^0(1530)$   
 $D^0, D^\pm, D^{*\pm}, D_S, J/\psi, \chi_{C1}, \psi(2S), \dots, \Lambda_C, B^0, B^\pm, B_S^0, Y(1S, 2S, 3S),$   
 $\gamma, W^\pm, Z^0$   
 $d, t, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, \dots$  + anti-particles

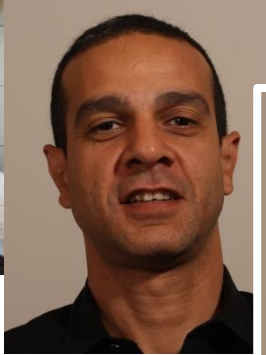


# IV.1 – ALICE + $\mu$ Tech IPHC : 2018 team members

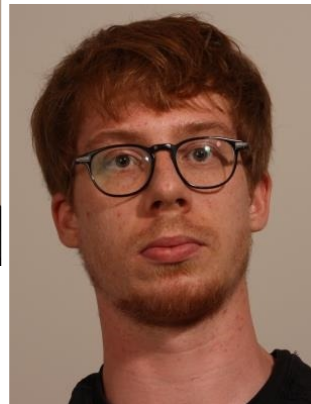
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**Boris Hippolyte** (Mcf /HDR)



**Arthur Gal** (PhD student)



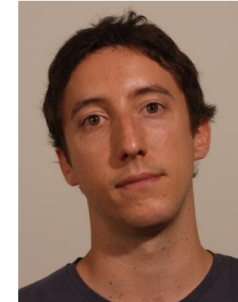
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**Yves Schutz** (DR)

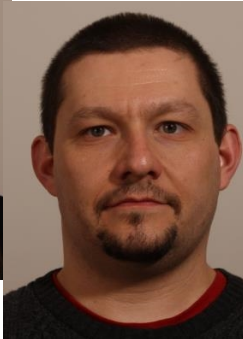


**Sergey Senyukov**  
(Post-doc)

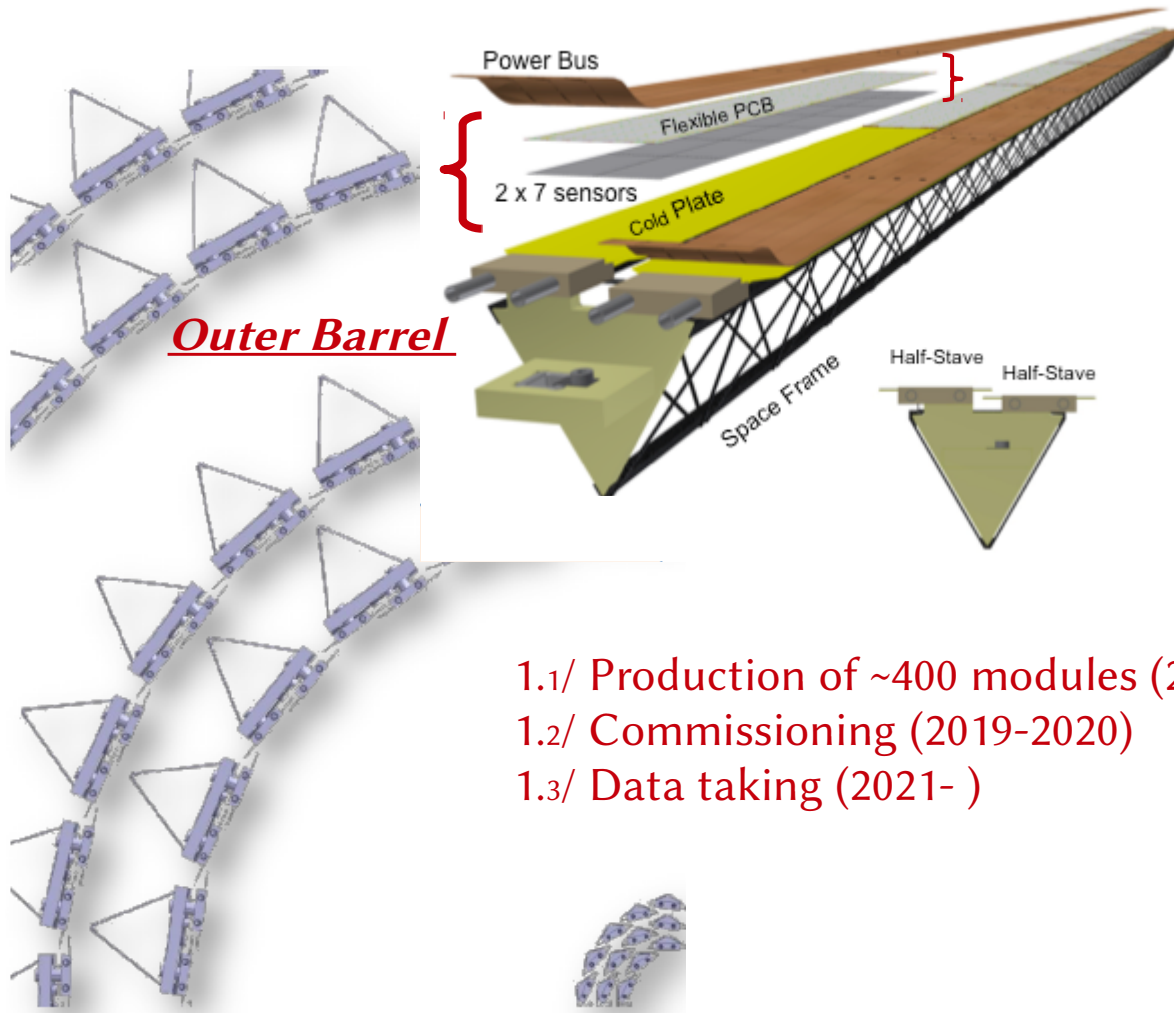


+ microtechnics team :  
Marc Imhoff,

Franck Agnese,  
Olivier Clause,  
Christophe Wabnitz

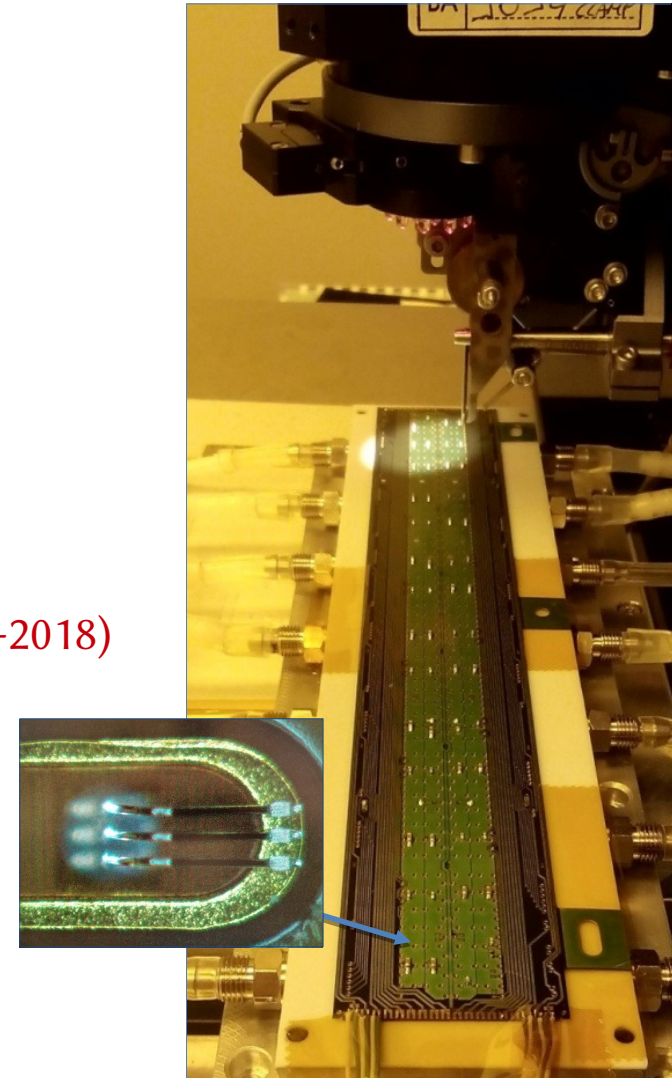


# IV.2 – ITS upgrade : hardware



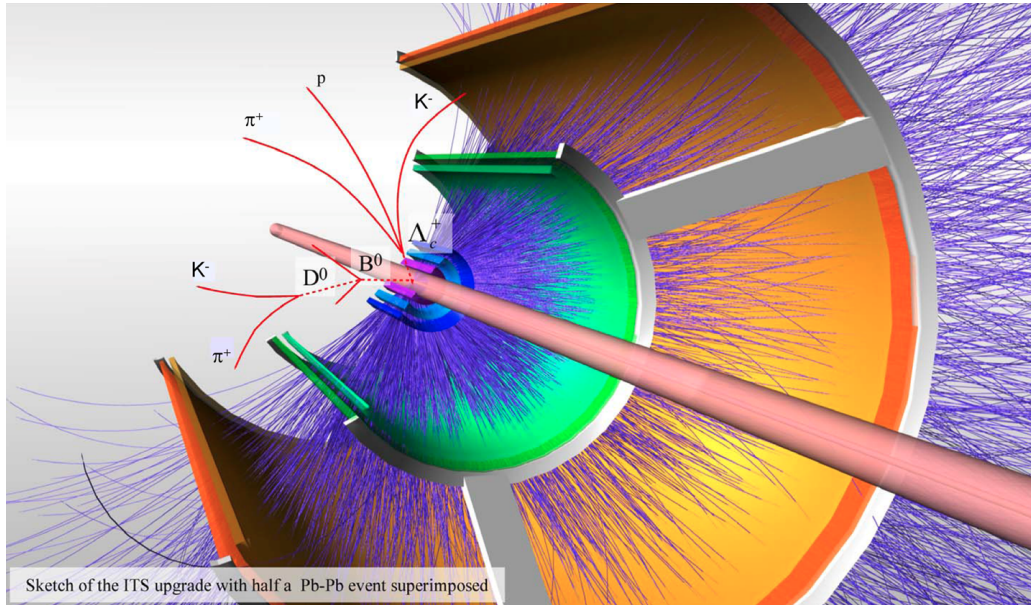
- 1.1/ Production of ~400 modules (2017-2018)
- 1.2/ Commissioning (2019-2020)
- 1.3/ Data taking (2021- )

= assembly + tests of 2x7 CMOS sensors  
for the 4 external layers of the ITS (out of 7 layers)  
~24% of [2+2 layers = 2.3 + 6.9 m<sup>2</sup> = 25% + 73% of the total active surface]



Bonding : [YouTube](#)

# IV.3 – ITS upgrade : software



## 2./ ITS software

tracking algorithms

geometry

simulations

*from detector response to physics performances*

On the To-Do list :

- parallel event reconstruction (GPU, Xeon Phi, FPGA)
  - parallel algorithms on various architectures → C++11 as basis
- $O^2$  devices
- Geant4 multi-threaded
- calibration (dead/noisy pixels)
- Quality Control & event display

# IV.4 – Flavours : extend (u,d,s) to (c,b)

- **Strangeness** (u,d +s) // **Open charm** (u,d,s +c)

differential measurements ( $p_T$ , event activity) in run II or for run III

production cross-sections ( $R_{AA}$ ,  $R_{pA}$ , particle ratios)

hadronisation mechanisms (angular correlations),

thermalisation (radial flow,  $v_n$ )

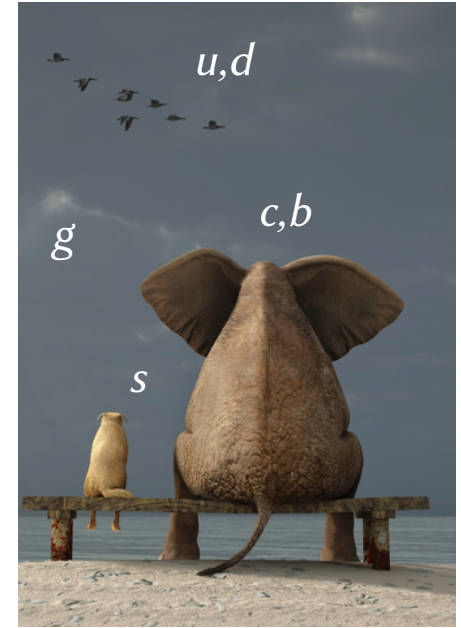
*Local expertise* :  $K^0s(d\bar{s}) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\Lambda(uds) \rightarrow p\pi^-$ ,

$\Xi^-(dss) \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$ ,  $\Omega^-(sss) \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$

*Extension* :  $D_s^+(c\bar{s}) \rightarrow \pi^+$  [ $\phi(1020) \rightarrow K^+K^-$ ] ou  $K^+K^0s$

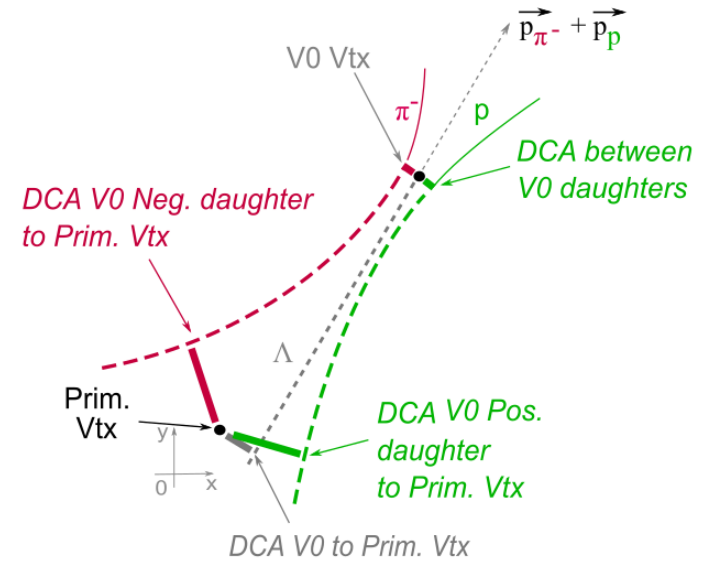
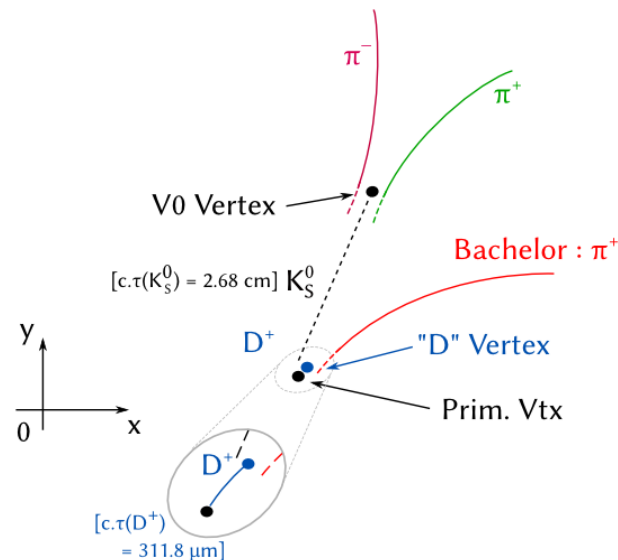
$\Lambda_c^+(udc) \rightarrow pK^0s$  ou  $\Lambda\pi^+$

→ Common parts : topological hadronic reconstruction

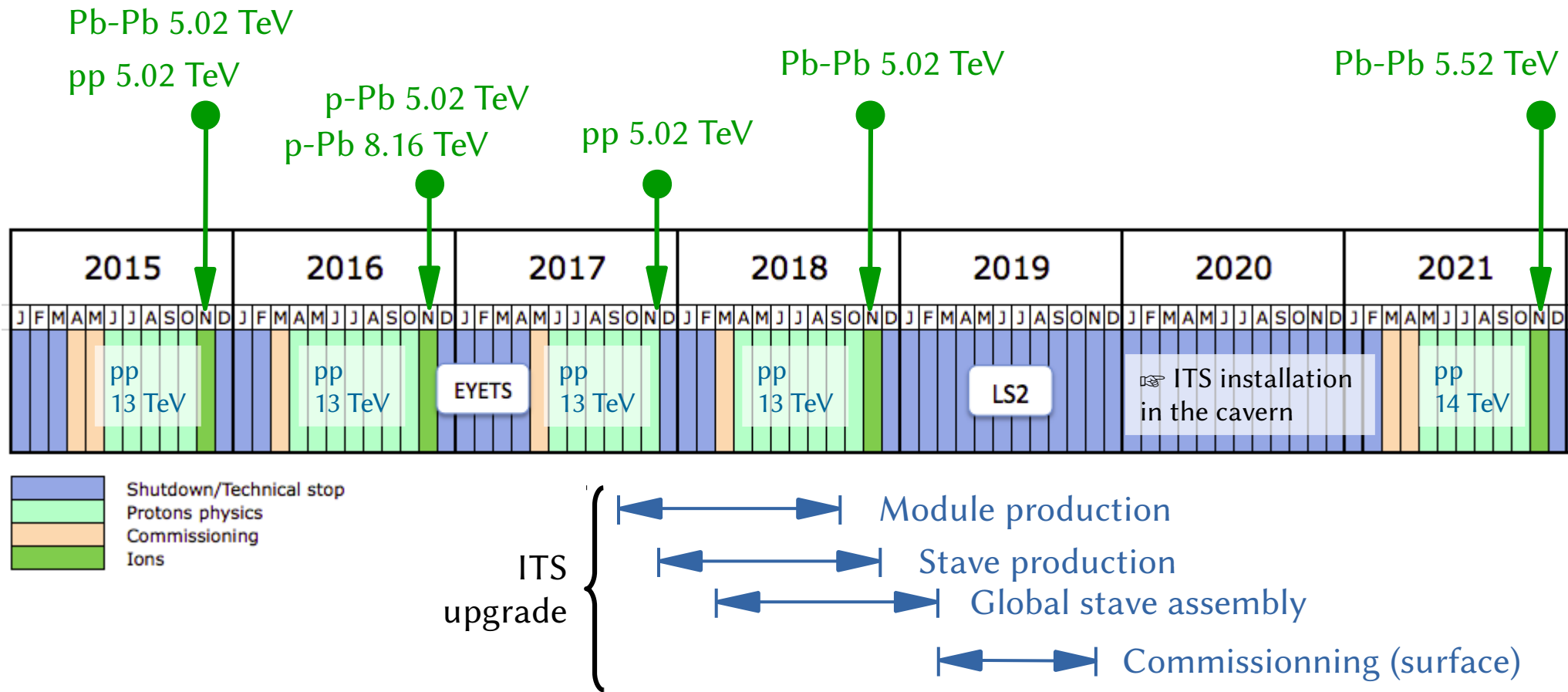


- in various systems :

pp  
pp high multiplicity  
p-Pb  
Pb-Pb



# V.1 – LHC timeline : data taking and shutdown



# *Appendices*

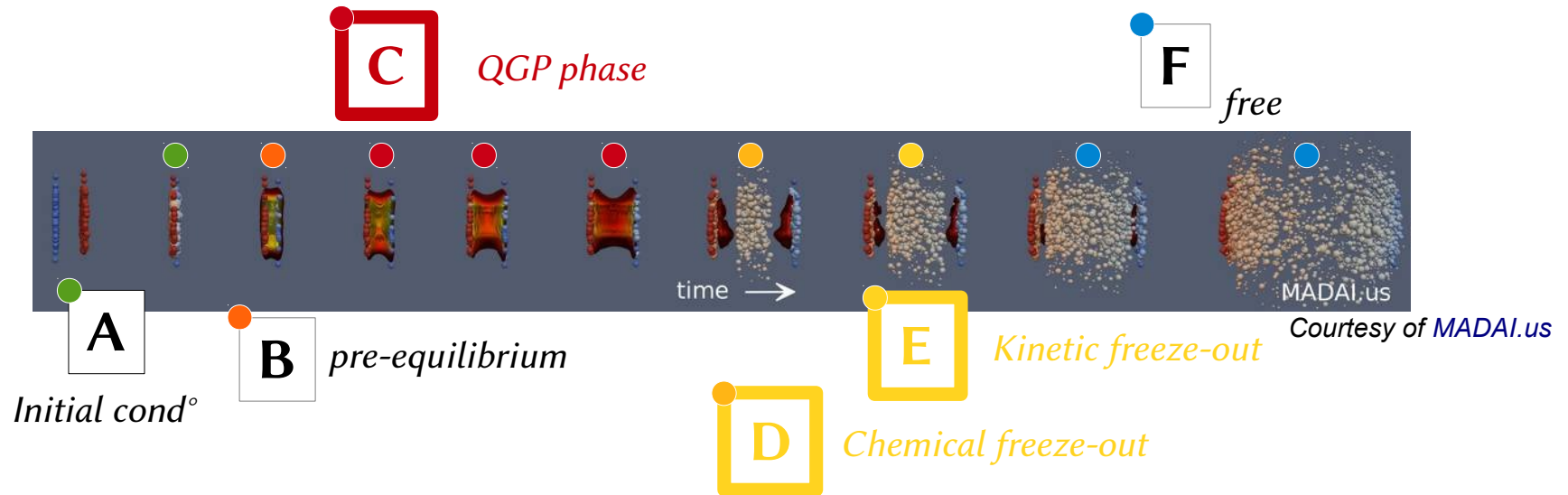
*A –  $\Lambda$  in various systems*

*B – low B-field runs*

*C – pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb multiplicities*

*D – ALICE tracker upgrade*

# IV.1 – $u, d, s$ and $pp$ : probes of the bulk phenomena



flavour physics :

$u, d, s, c, b, (t) \Leftrightarrow \pi^\pm, \pi^0, K^\pm, K^0_S, \dots, p, \Lambda, \Xi^-, \Omega^-, \dots, \eta, K^0(892), \phi(1020), \Sigma^\pm(1385), \Xi^0(1530)$   
 $D^0, D^\pm, D^{*\pm}, D_S, J/\psi, \chi_{Ci}, \psi(2S), \dots, \Lambda_C, B^0, B^\pm, B^0_S, Y(1S, 2S, 3S),$   
 $\gamma, W^\pm, Z^0$   
 $d, t, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, \dots$  + anti-particles

**Soft probes ?!** =  $u, d, s$  quarks

something (~abundantly) produced in the deconfined thermalised medium (**stage C**)  
 and/or possibly still at the phase boundary (**stages D to E**)  
 → reflection of the *bulk* production

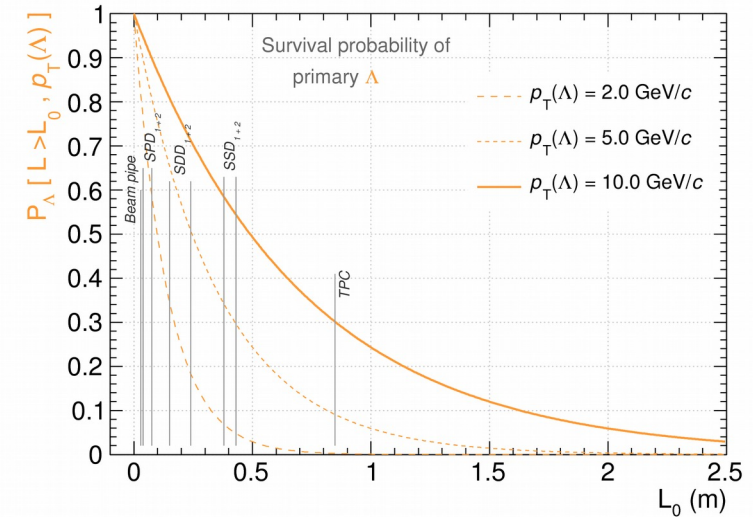
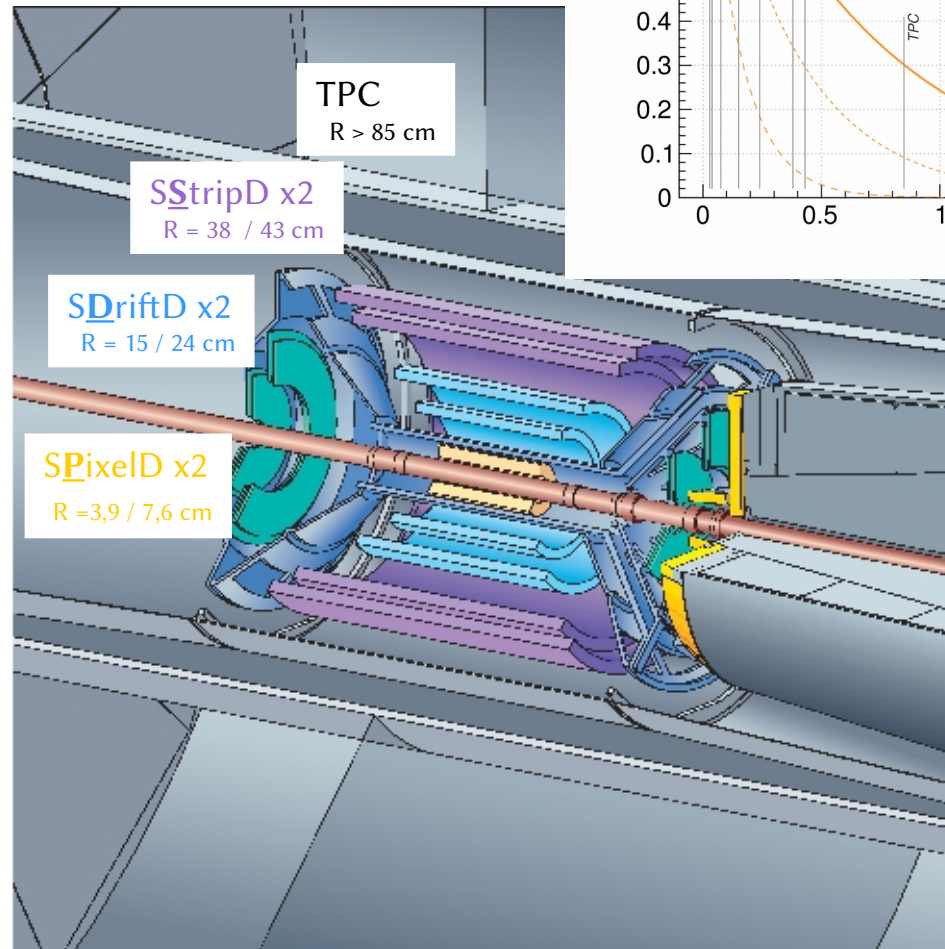
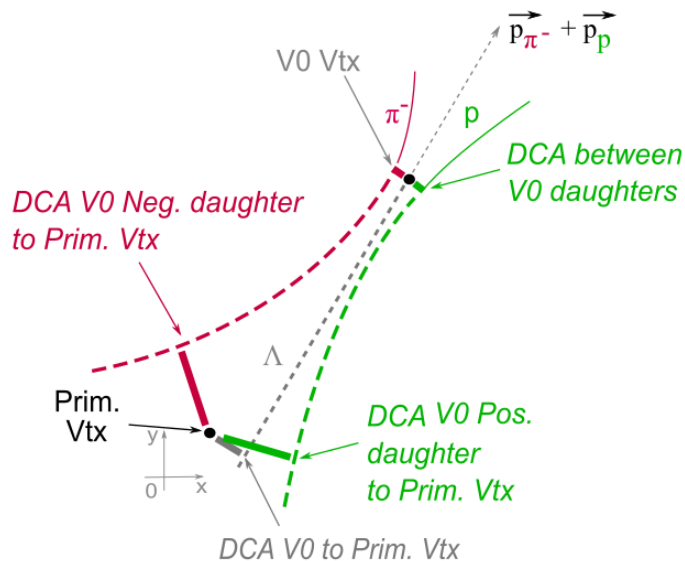
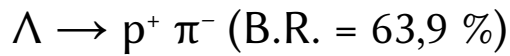
# V.1 – $\Lambda$ baryon : a strange baryon, as seen in ALICE

## $\Lambda(uds)$

$$\tau(\Lambda) = 2,63 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ s}$$

$$c \cdot \tau(\Lambda) = 7,89 \text{ cm}$$

Decay channel in use :





# V.2 – $\Lambda$ baryon : M2 internship, setting the ground

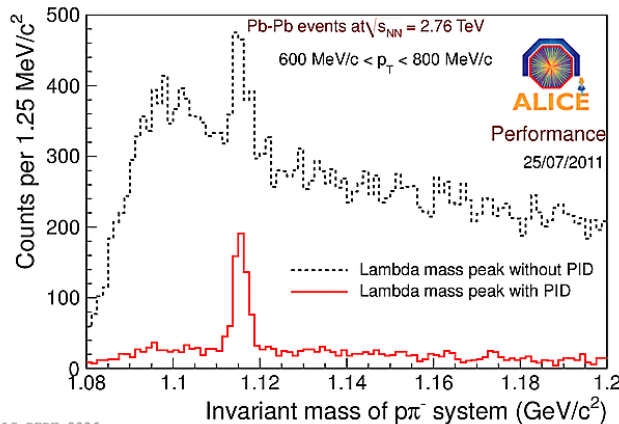
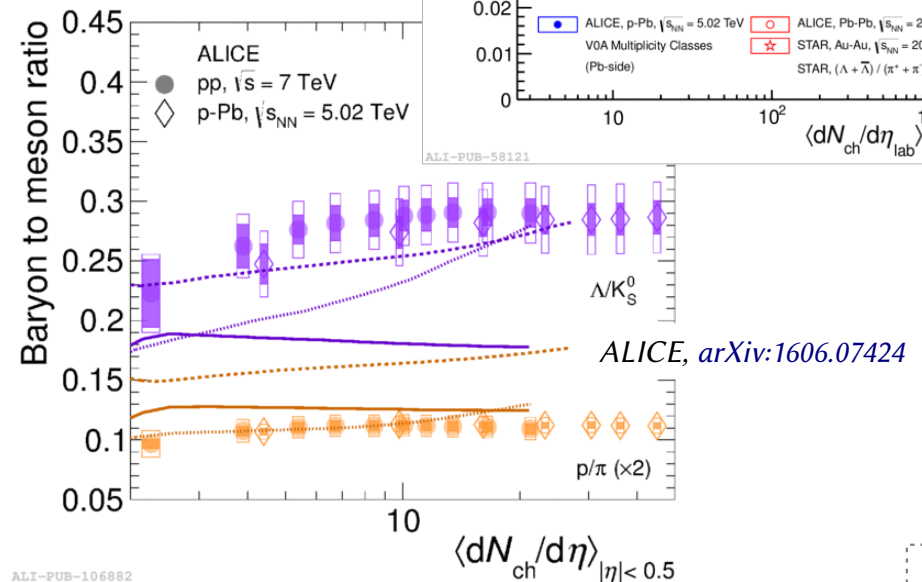
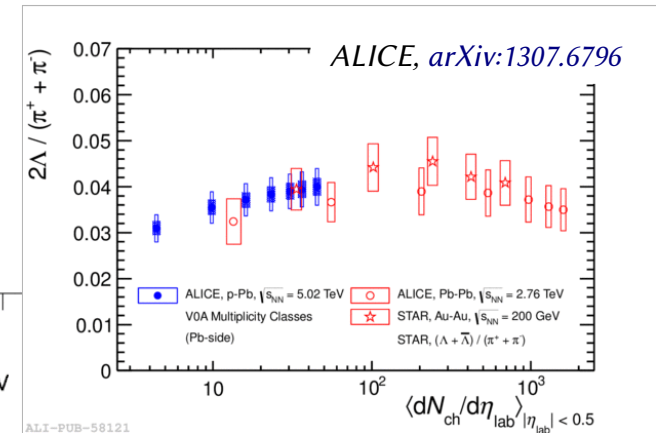
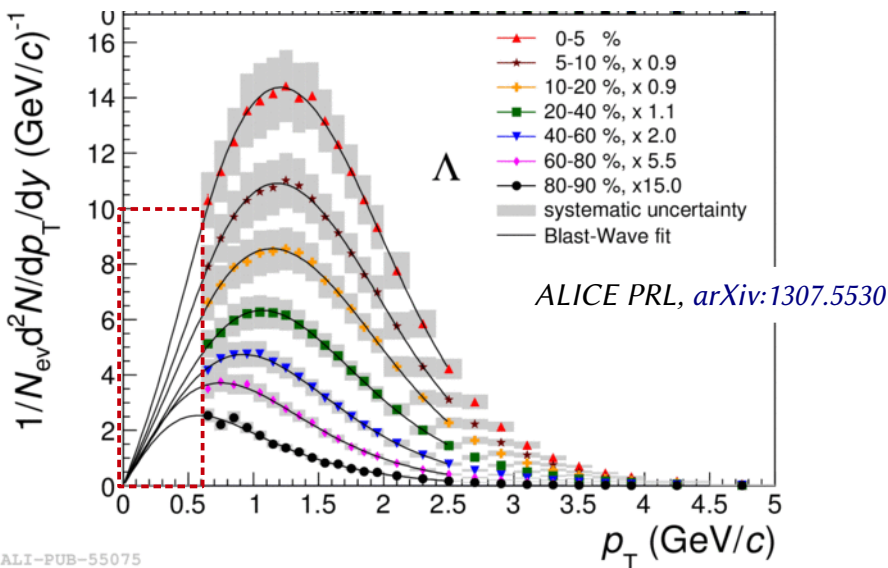
**Main idea** : reconstruction and signal extraction of  $\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}$  at low  $p_T$  ( $p_T < 0,4-0,6 \text{ GeV}/c$ )

Basic incentives :

Less extrapolation at low  $p_T$

→

reduction of uncertainties on integrated yield per event,  $dN/dy$



# V.2 – $\Lambda$ baryon : M2 internship, setting the ground

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**Main idea :** reconstruction and signal extraction of  $\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}$  at low  $p_T$  ( $p_T < 0,4-0,6 \text{ GeV}/c$ )

**Data set :** run II, pp at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$  (2015 and/or 2016)  
NB :  $\exists$  low-B field runs ( $B = 0,2 \text{ T}$  instead of  $B = 0,5 \text{ T}$ )

**Timeline :** Mar 2016 – June 2016 + (July 2016 – September 2016)

**Milestones :**

**1.** getting familiar with the analysis framework (Grid, C++)

**2.** reconstruction and signal extraction

**3.** cross-check overlap with existing analyses  
(pp 13 TeV, Min Bias or High Mult)

**4.** possible extensions :

4.1.a) signal =  $f(\text{low } p_T)$  in *Pb-Pb 2015, p-Pb 2016*

4.1.b) signal =  $f(p_T, \text{multiplicity})$  in pp

4.1.c) signal =  $f(\text{high } p_T)$  i.e.  $p_T > 8-10 \text{ GeV}/c$

4.2 *Modelling* :  $\Lambda$  production as seen in *Statistical Hadronisation Model*

Keywords :

*low  $p_T$  tracking, multiple scattering, topological reconstruction,  
Signal extraction, systematic uncertainties*

# VI.1 – PhD proposal : Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2020

Internship thought to *set the ground for a PhD proposal...*



Study of the bulk production in high-multiplicity data of LHC run II with the **ALICE** detector

=  $K^0_s$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi$ ,  $\Omega$  hadrons as entry point ...

→ differential analysis of production rates (  $f[p_T, \text{system}, \text{event activity}, \dots]$  )

→ new  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  + larger data sets

- Since Apr. 2015 → pp,  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV (was 7 and 8 TeV in run I)  
NB : low B-field or High Multiplicity triggers
- Dec. 2015 → Pb-Pb,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV (was 2.76 TeV in run I)
- Dec. 2016 → p-Pb,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 + 8$  TeV (was 5.02 TeV in run I)

## Incentives :

strong interaction; collective phenomena and hadronisation in the different systems

# VII.1 – ALICE team at IPHC: building 20, 1<sup>st</sup> floor



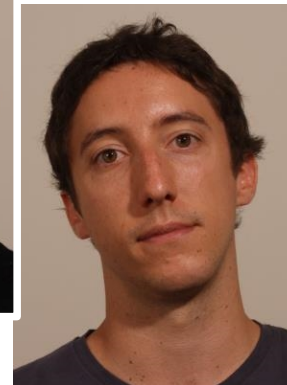
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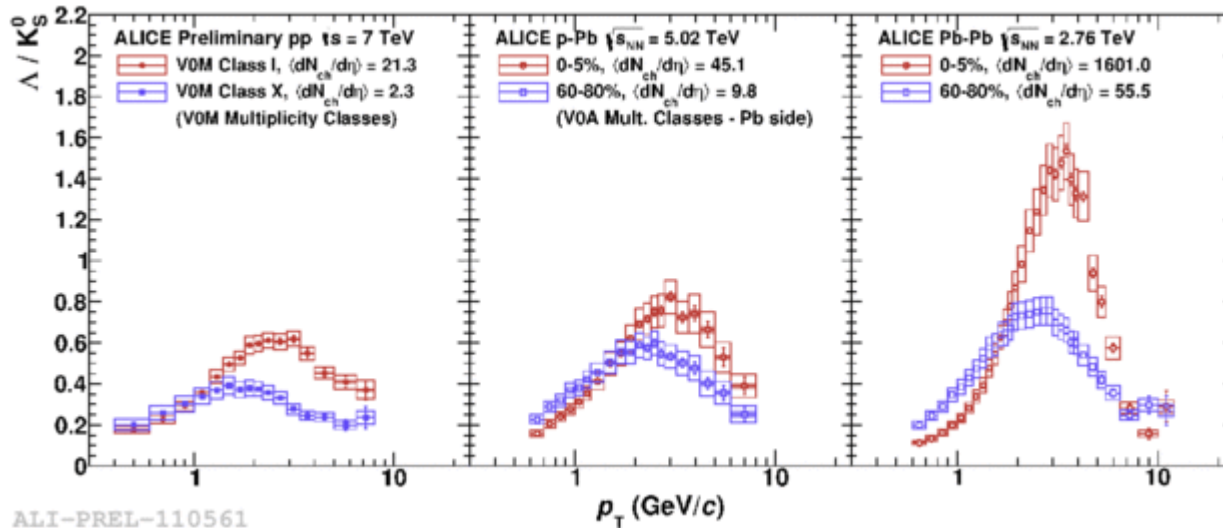


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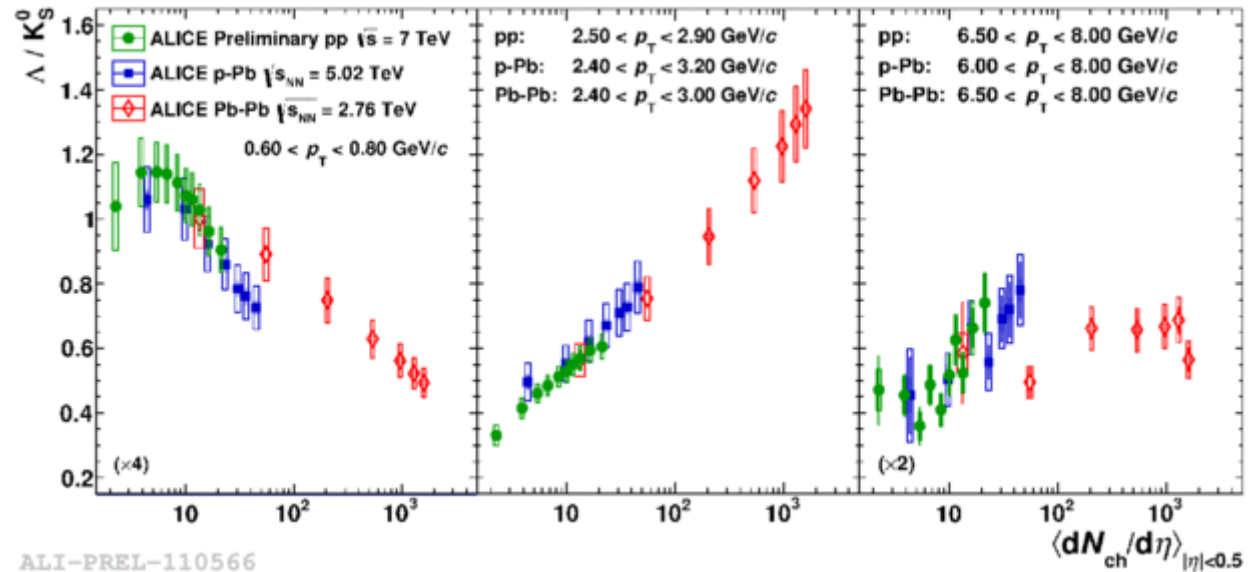
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# A.1 – $\Lambda/K0s$ ratio : in various systems



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# *B.1 – Run-II data : low B-field runs*

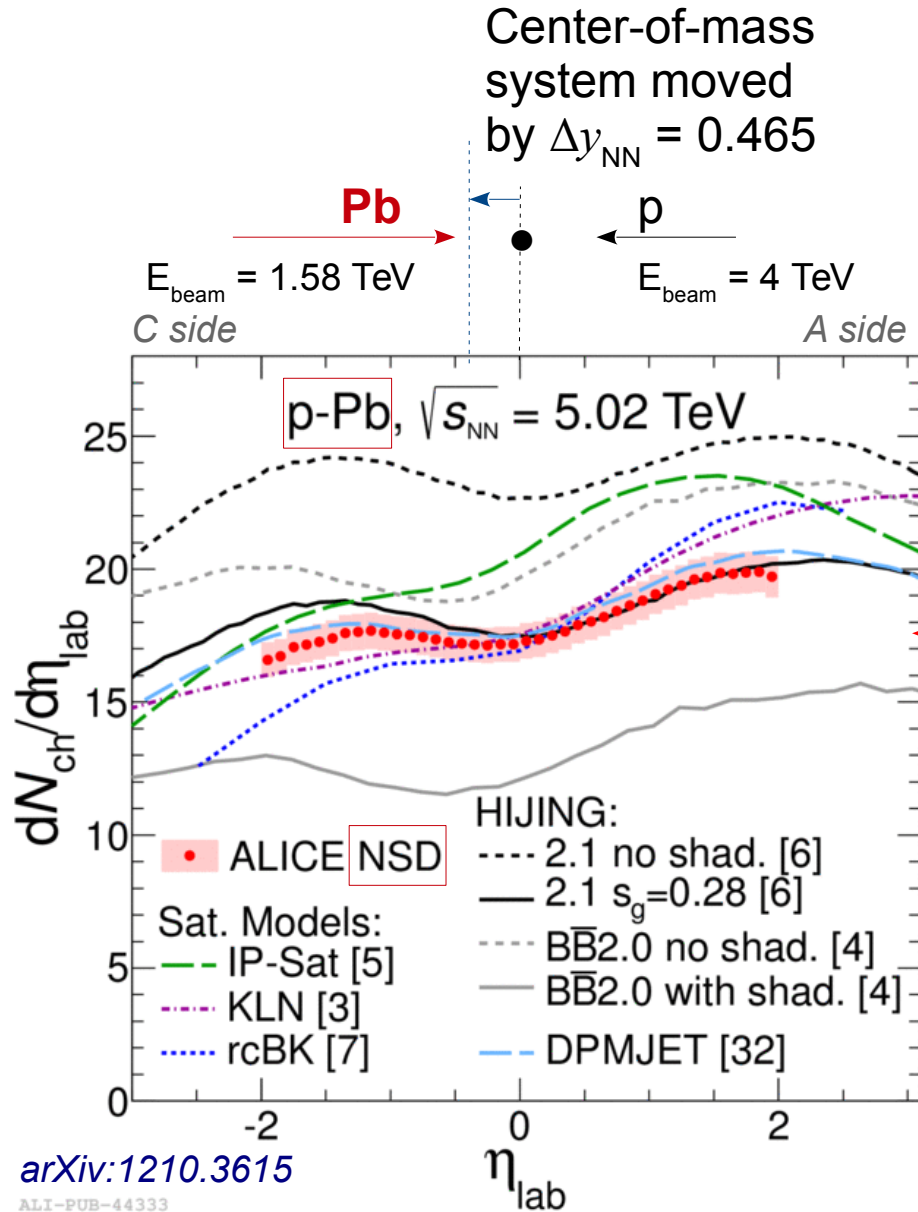
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Highlight : low B field for L3 = 0.2 T, in pp 13 TeV!

- In *LHC15g*, 10 runs :  $B(L3)=0.2$  T / 50-ns filling scheme / with ITS, TPC on  
e.g. 7h-long run 229245 : **23.10<sup>6</sup>** evts reco → 13.10<sup>6</sup> after physics sel° + events cuts  
Comparison  $\gamma$  conversion : run 229245 (0.2 T) vs LHC15f (0.5 T)
  - reco  $\pi^0$ /evt : ~2x more at 1 GeV/c / ~14x more at 0.5 GeV/c
  - reco  $\eta$ /evt : ~2x more at 1 GeV/c (large  $p_T$  bin, too limited stat to properly conclude)
- In *LHC16f*, 19 runs :  $B(L3)=0.2$  T / 25-ns filling scheme
  - > 20x10<sup>6</sup> MB already taken in low  $B(L3)$
  - period stopped because of disk space usage (cf. HLT mode B still ongoing + RCU2)
  - further data taking postponed later this year, for the time being.

# C.1 – pp, pA, AA : $dN_{ch}/d\eta = f(\eta_{LAB})$

arXiv:1304.0347

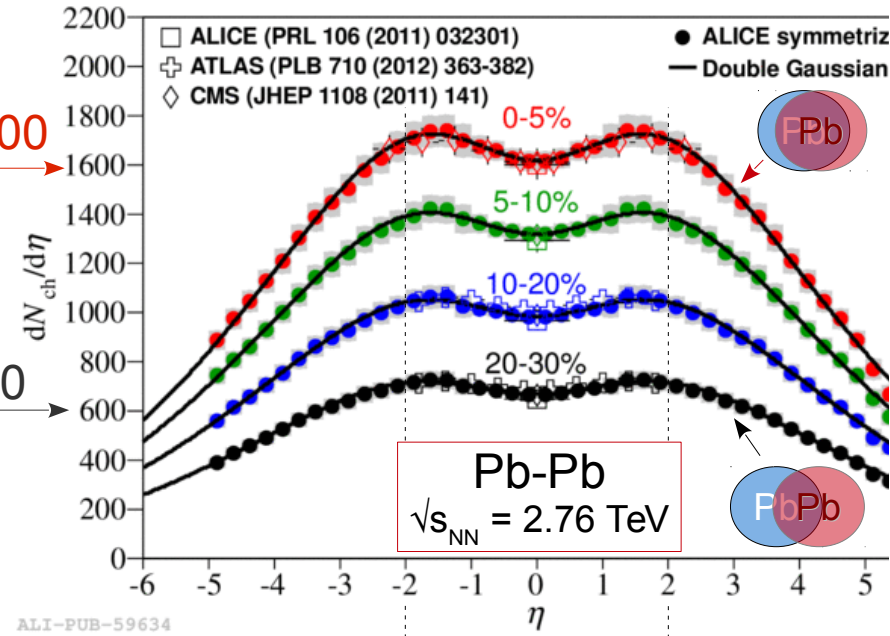


$dN_{ch}/d\eta \approx 1600$   
in 0-5%

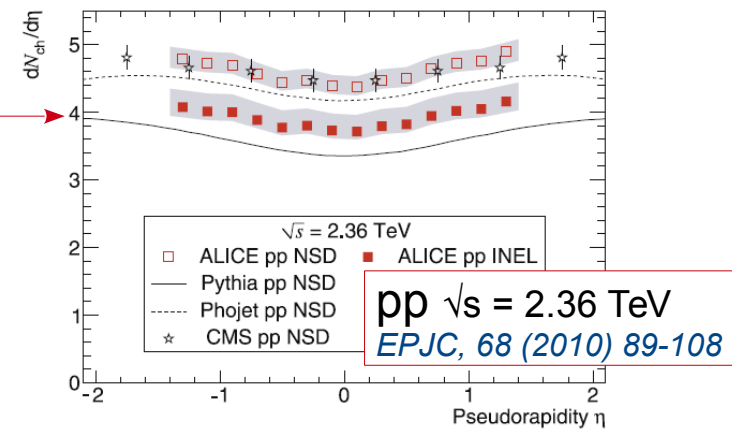
$dN_{ch}/d\eta \approx 600$   
in 20-30%

$dN_{ch}/d\eta_{lab} \approx 17$

$dN_{ch}/d\eta \approx 4$



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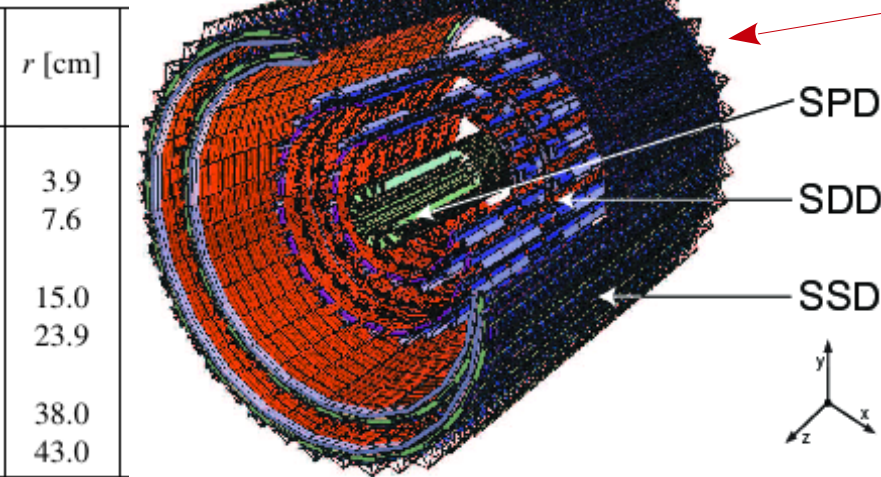


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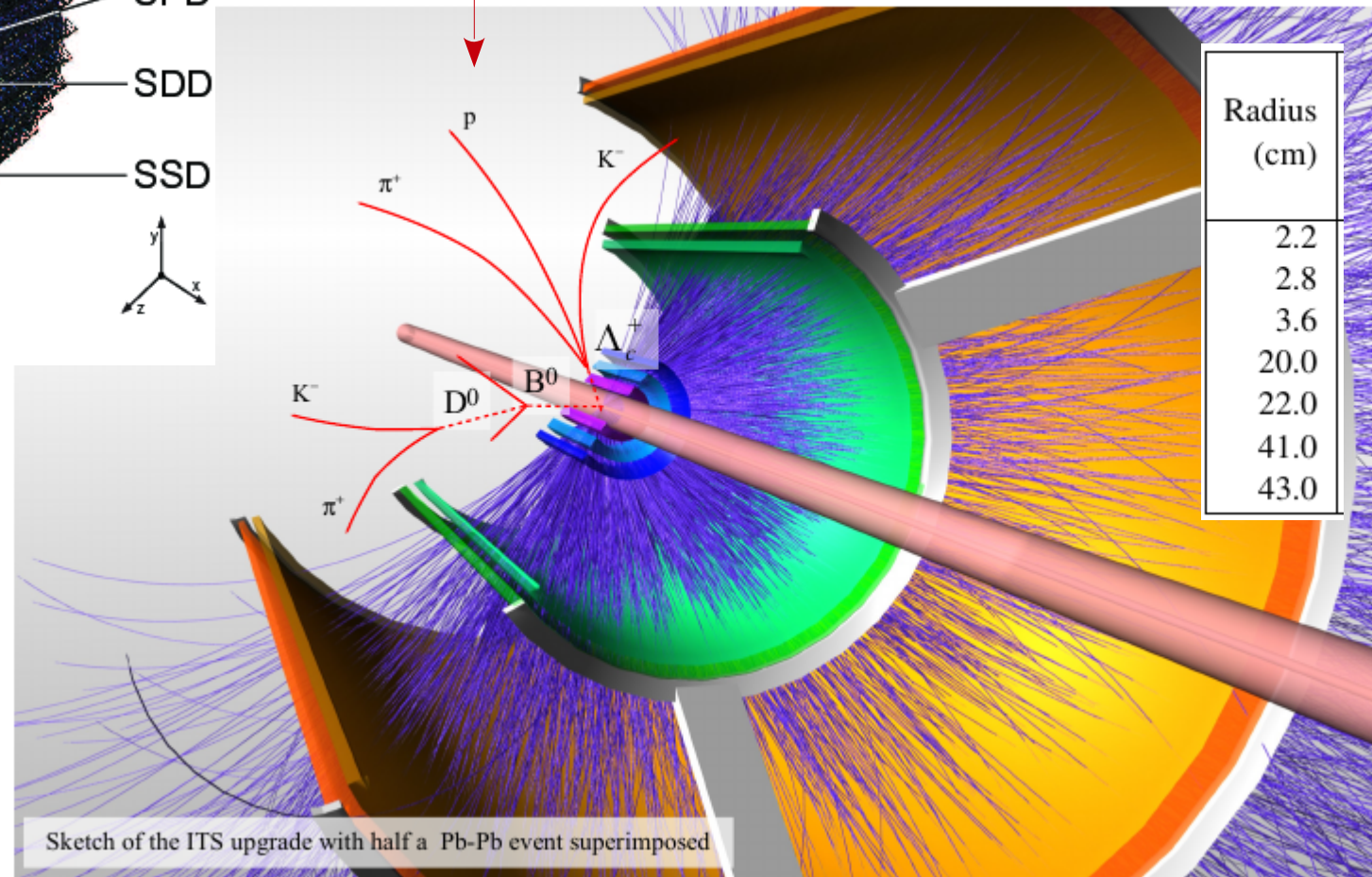
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# D.1 – ALICE : ITS upgrade, 2013 vs. 2018

arXiv:1001.0502



CDS: Lol ALICE upgrade



Upgrade keywords :

- LHC Run III, >2019
- 7 pixel layers
- high granularity
- 50-kHz readout
- Pb-Pb,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.52$  TeV
- (heavy-)flavour physics !

→ tracking revision...

YouTube Video



# Prospectives

## ALICE IPHC Strasbourg, 2017~2028

