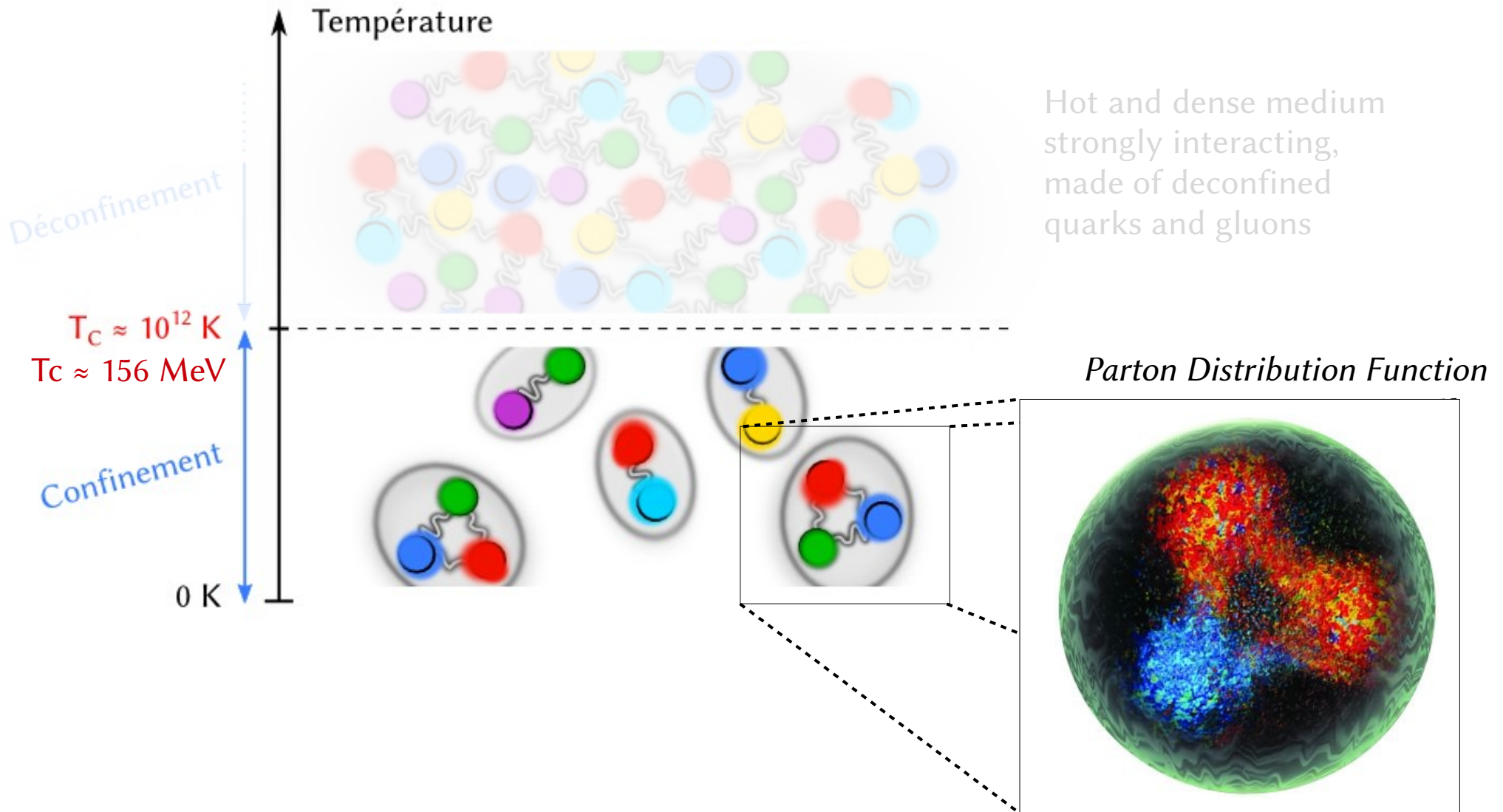


ALICE group :

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

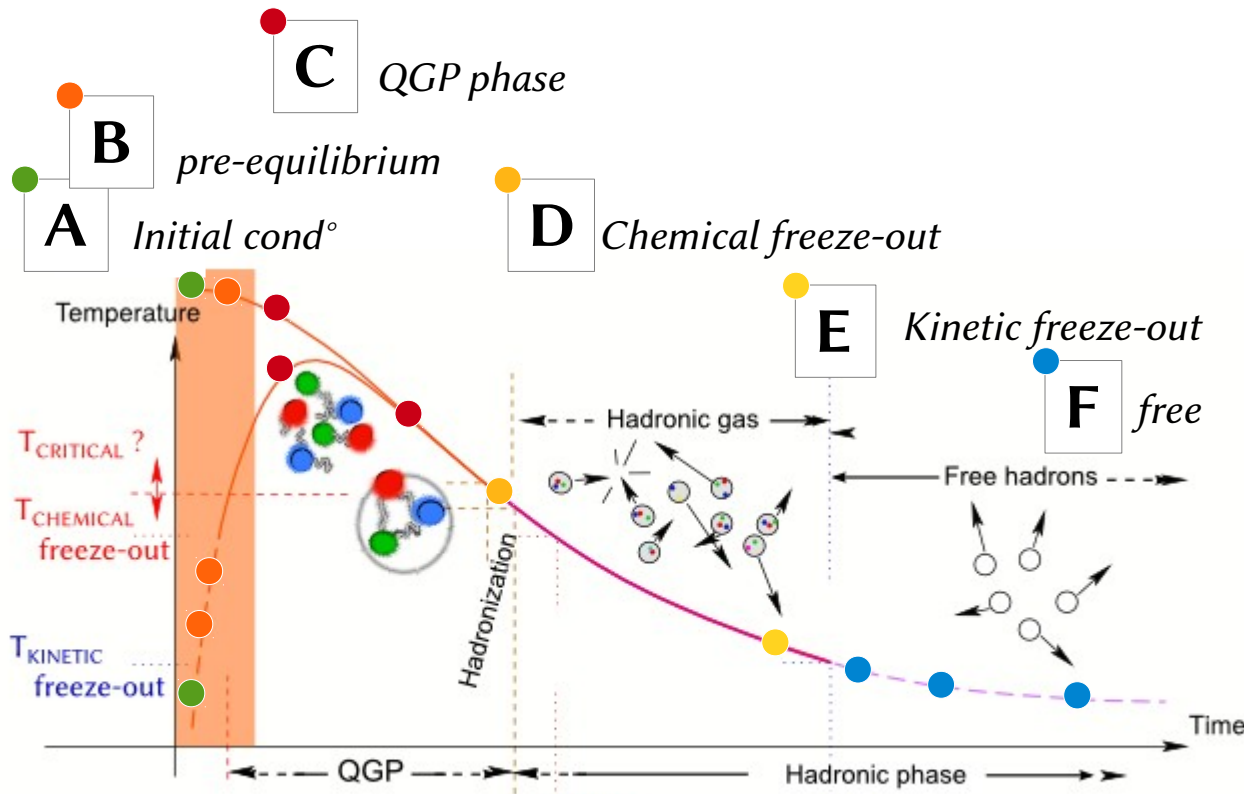


I.1 – Introduction : QCD phase transition



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

Courtesy of MADAI.us (see animation movie !)



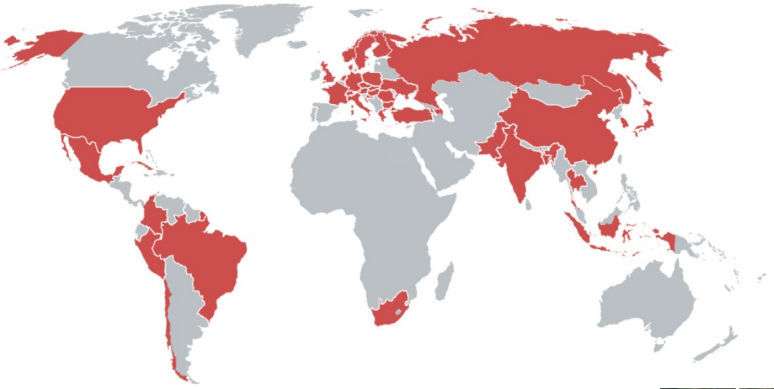
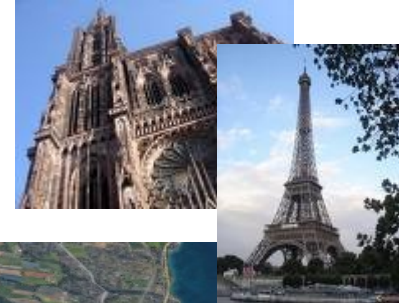
→ Remark :

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)

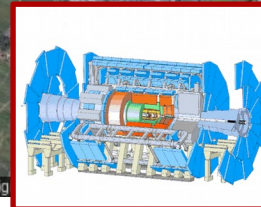
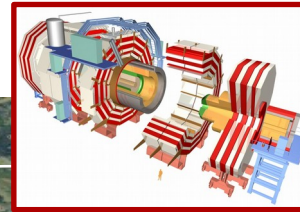
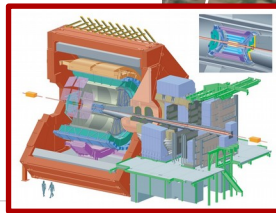


II.1 – ALICE : the experiment and the collaboration

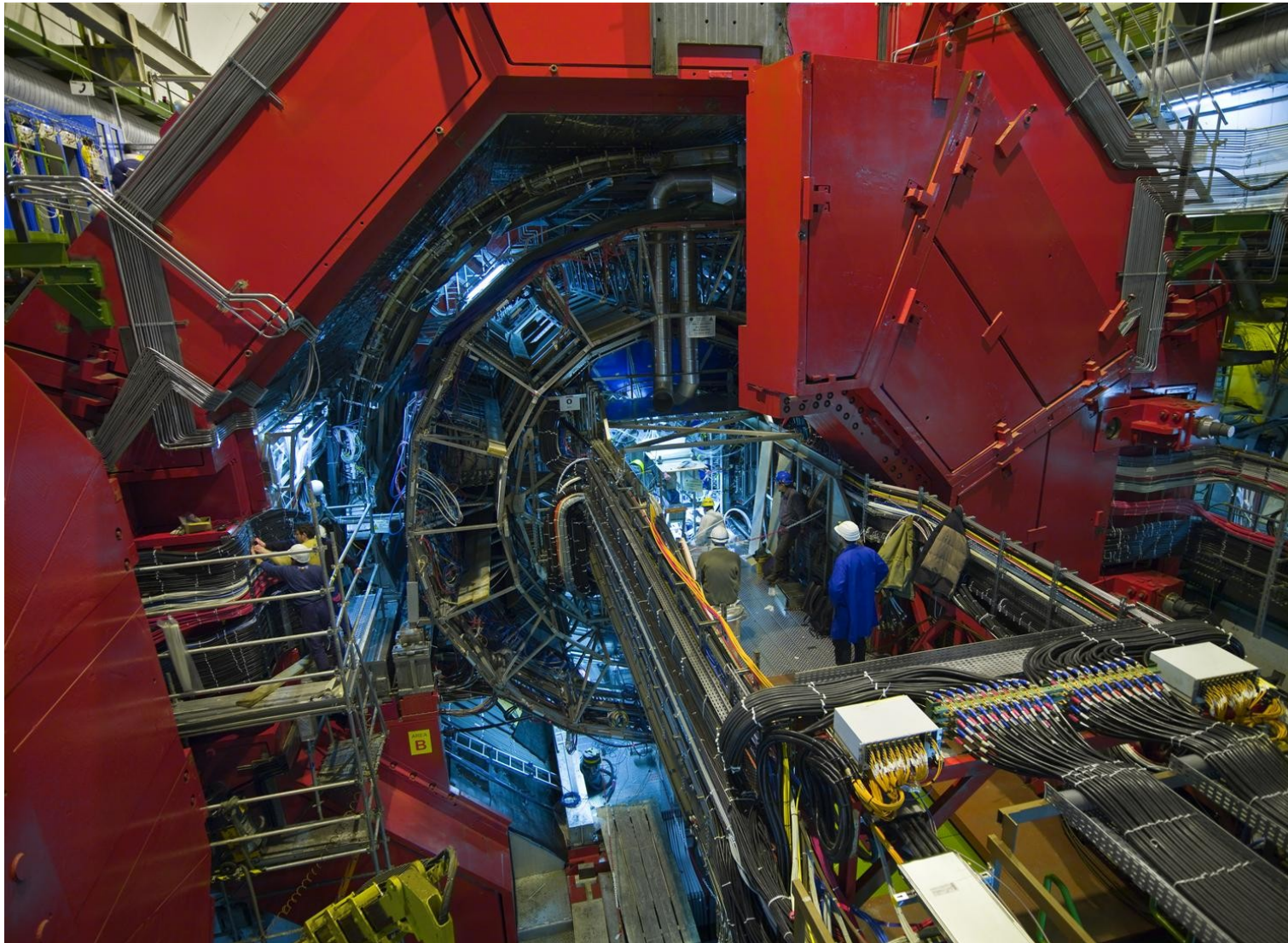


36 countries
147 institutes
 $\approx 2.8 \times 10^3$ members
(1997-2019)
 ≈ 811 authors
(2019)

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

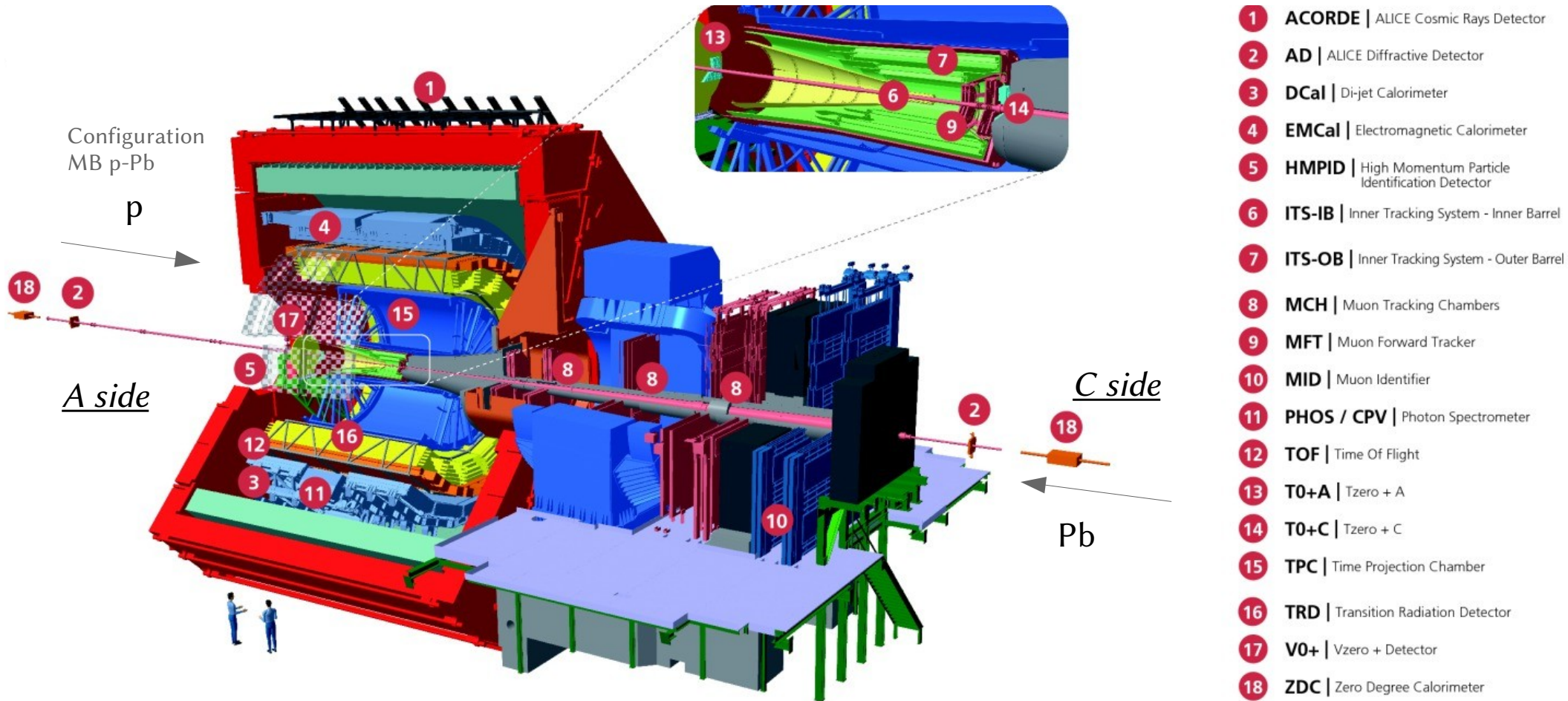


II.2 – ALICE : 19 sub-detectors



Here 2008, as before start of LHC run I

II.3 – ALICE : detector in LHC run III (2022-24), sketch

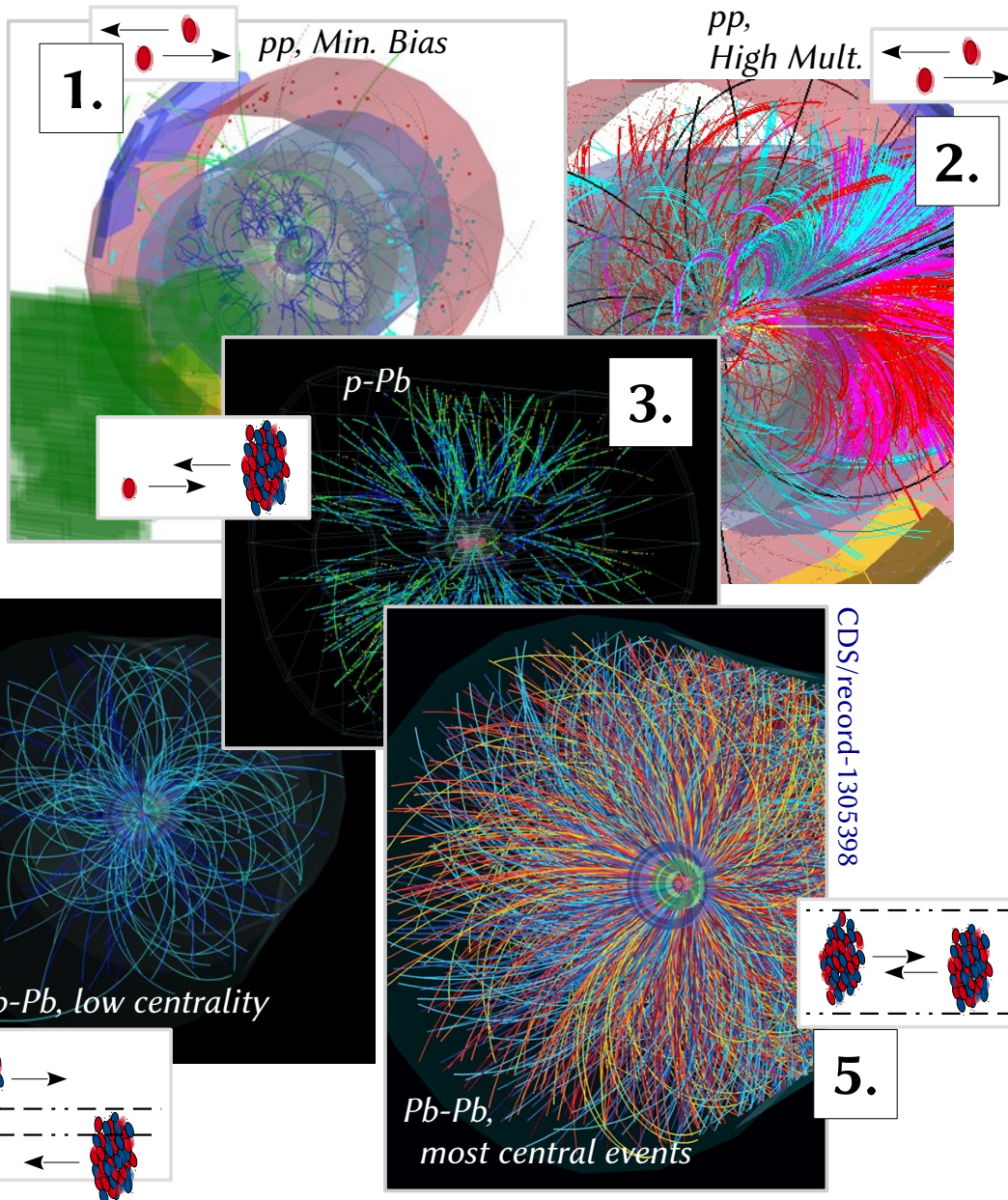


Main specificities :

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

Configuration
MB p-Pb

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) ? ”

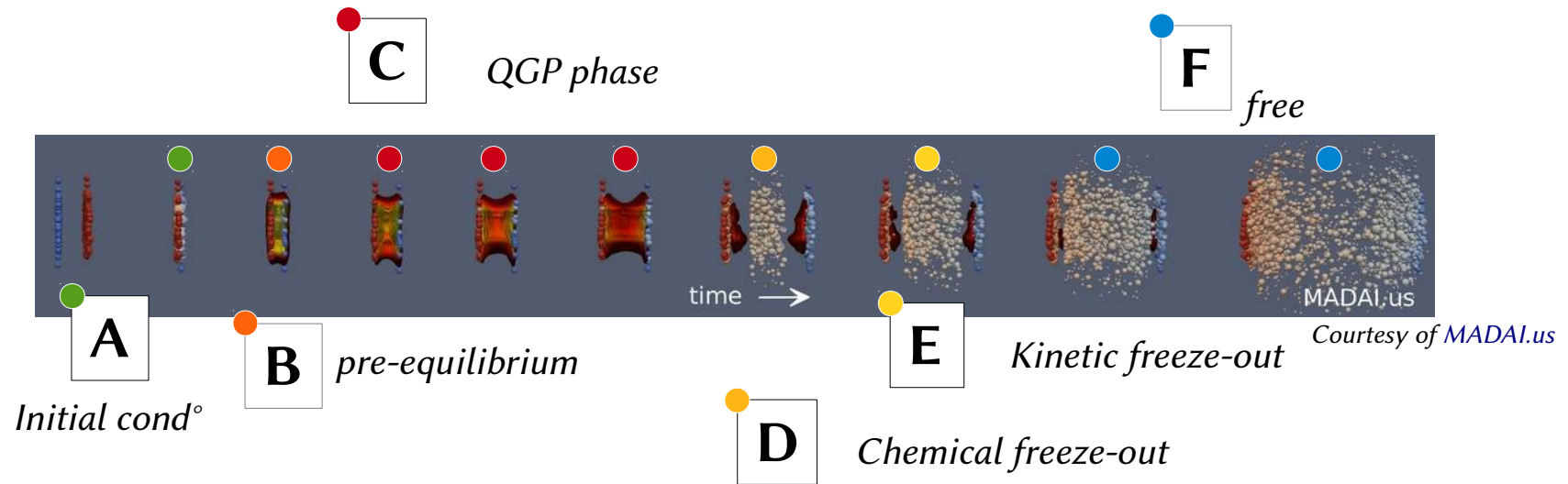
Current stakes :

→ qualifying the binary answer

“ pp, p-Pb → no QGP. ”

“ Pb-Pb → QGP ! ”

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

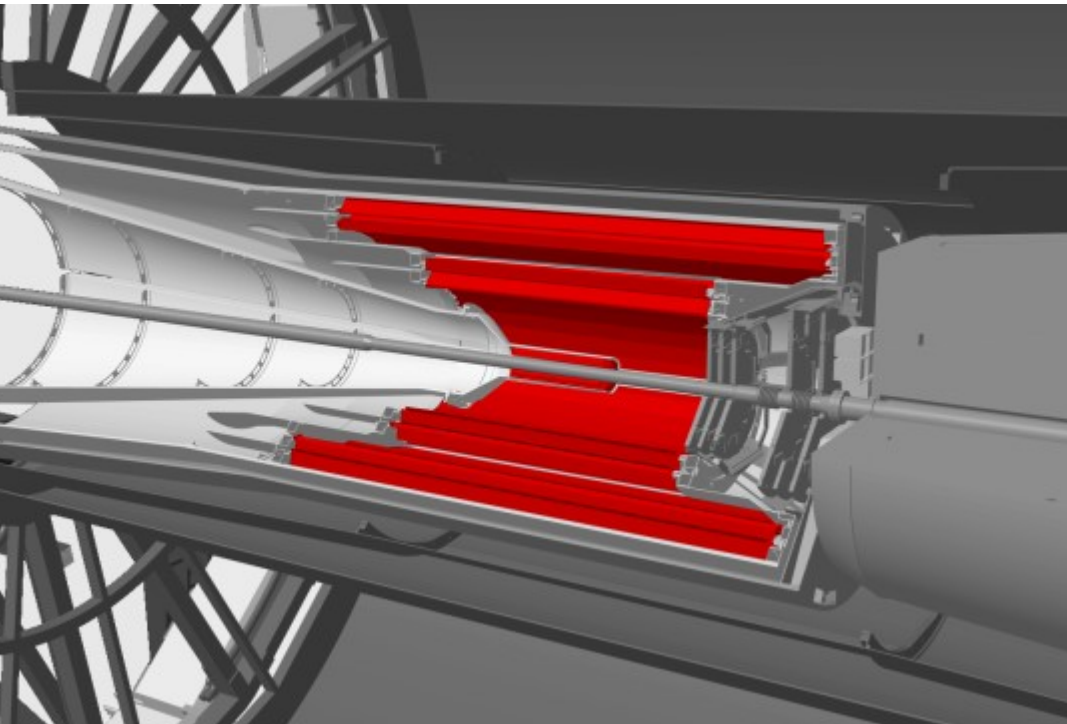


flavour physics :

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

V.1 – ITS upgrade : ITS-2, design and layout

See TDR ITS-2, *CERN-LHCC-2013-024*



η coverage: $|\eta| < 1.22$ (for 90% of luminous region)
 R coverage: 22 – 400 mm

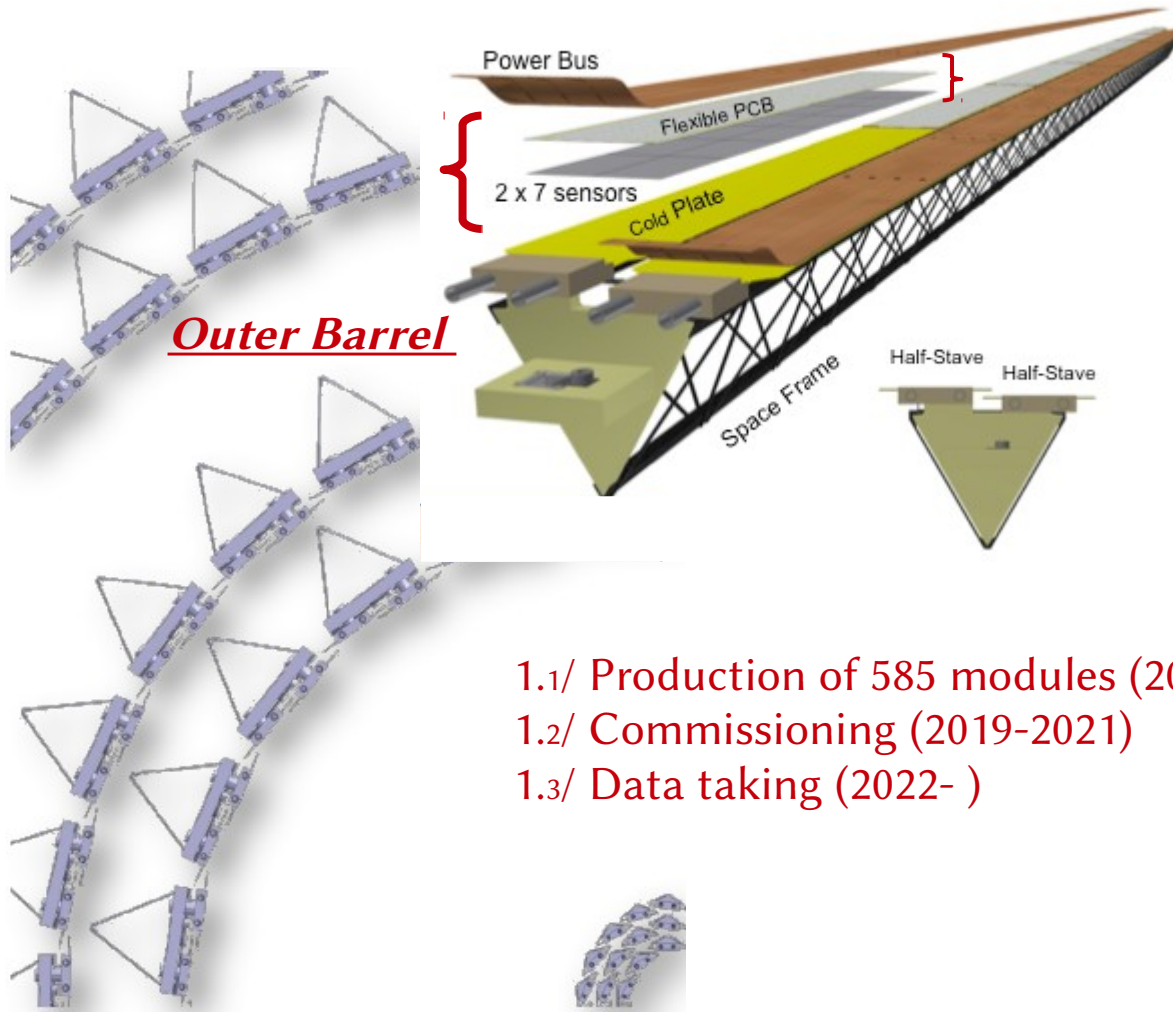
12.6×10^9 pixel camera
 $\approx 10 \text{ m}^2$ of Si, $\approx 12.8 \times 10^6$ CHF

7 layers of MAPS (Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor)
= *ALPIDE* CMOS chips



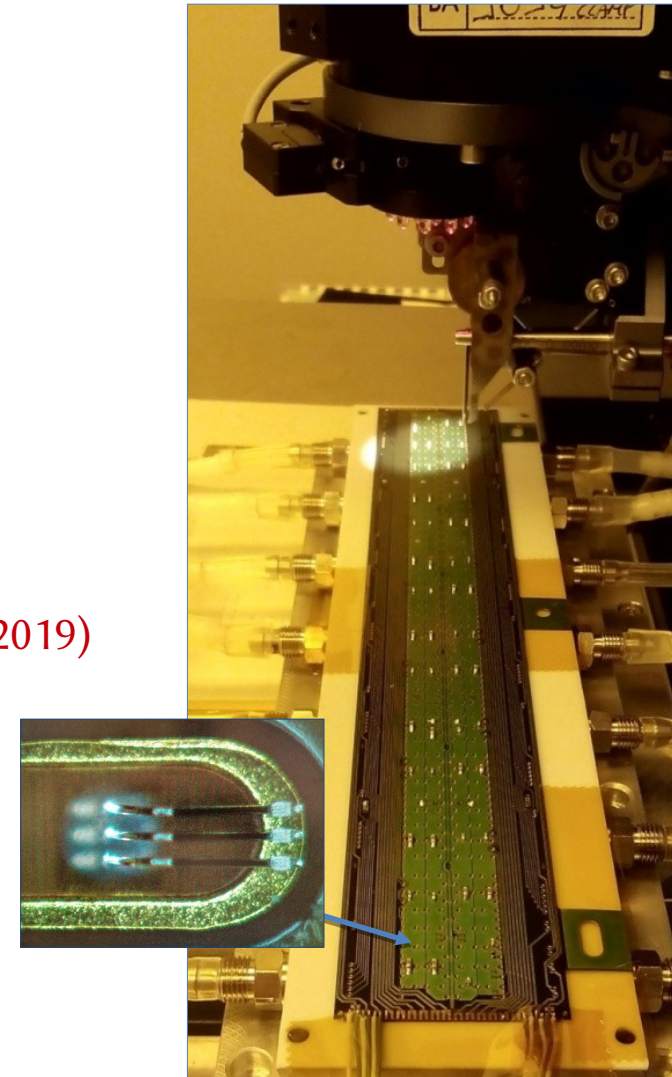
- ALPIDE*
- Space point resolution: $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$
 - Time resolution: $\sim 2 \mu\text{s}$
 - Continuous readout

V.2 – ITS upgrade : 1. hardware



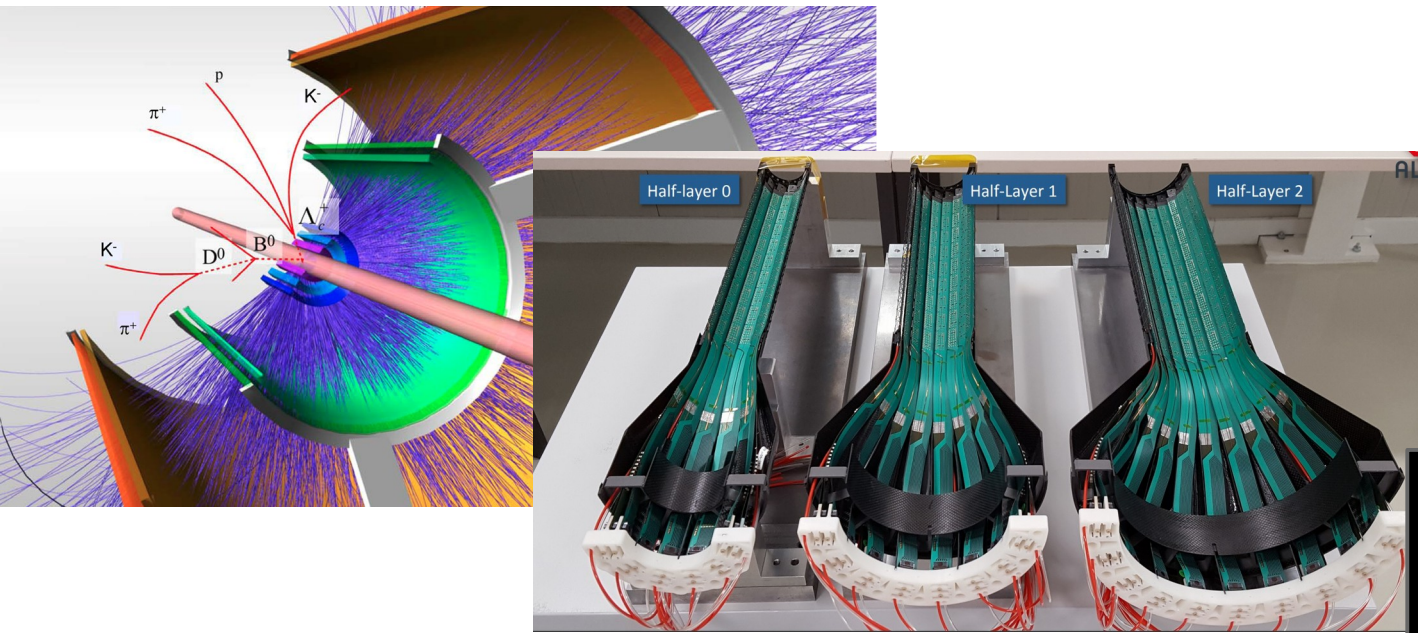
- 1.1/ Production of 585 modules (2018-2019)
- 1.2/ Commissioning (2019-2021)
- 1.3/ Data taking (2022-)

= 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 m² = 25% +73% of the total active surface]



Bonding : [YouTube](#)

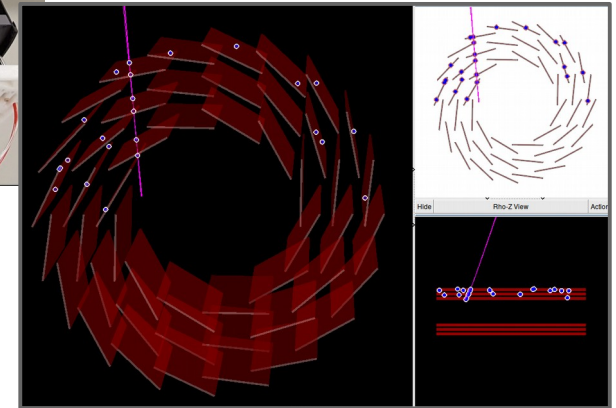
V.3 – ITS upgrade : 2. software



Main objectives :

- ITS geometry
- ITS simulations
- ITS reconstruction
(tracking + vertexing algorithms)

→ *from detector response
to physics performances*



Current businesses :

- Cosmic data taking and reconstruction and commissioning
- Event reconstruction :
 - Parallel algorithm (GPU, Xeon Phi, FPGA) : Cellular automaton, Kalman smoother, ... → C++17 as basis
 - Issue of fake track at low p_T
- Calibration (dead/noisy pixels / topologies of hit clusters)
- Quality Control & event display

- O² devices (online/offline combined treatment)
- Geant4 multi-threaded simulation

VI.1 – 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, III, ...

- production cross-sections ($d^2N/dp_T dy$, R_{AA} , particle ratios)
- hadronisation mechanisms (angular correlations),
- thermalisation, hydrodynamisation (radial flow, v_n)

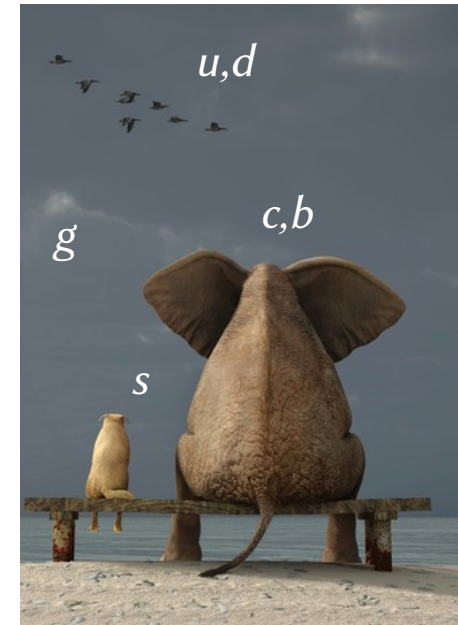
... in various systems :

- pp Min. Bias
- pp High Multiplicity
- p-Pb
- Pb-Pb

Local expertise : **topological hadronic reconstruction**
= unstable (rather) long-lived particles

Strangeness : $c\tau \approx \mathcal{O}(5 \text{ cm})$

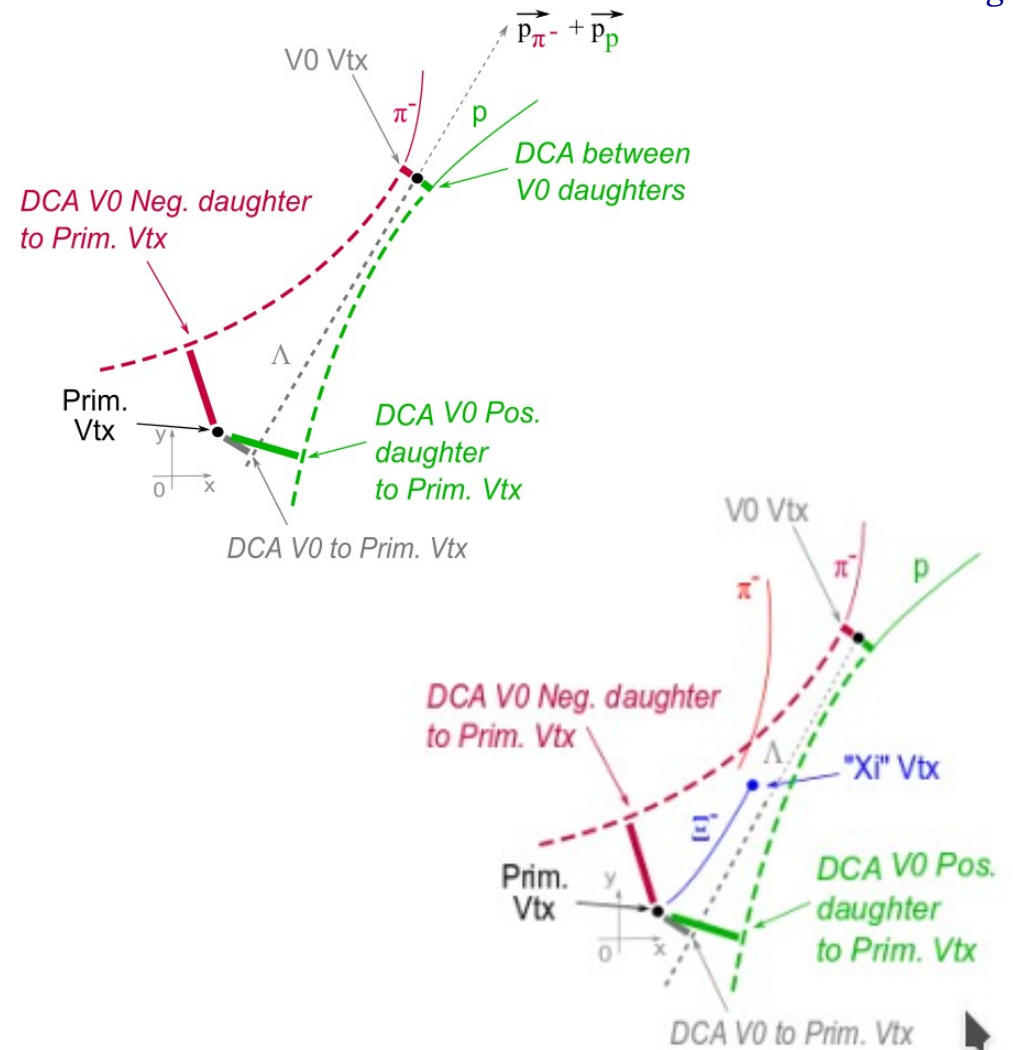
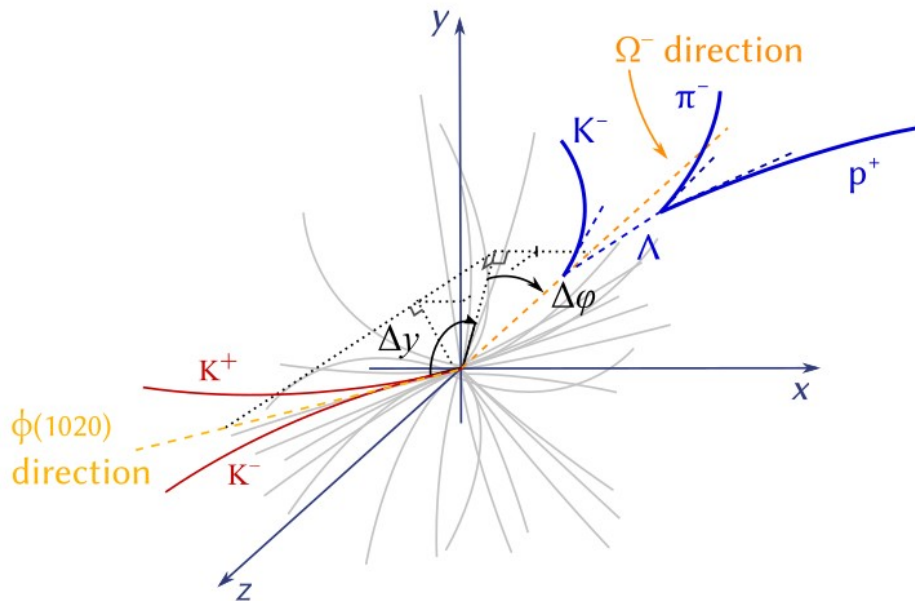
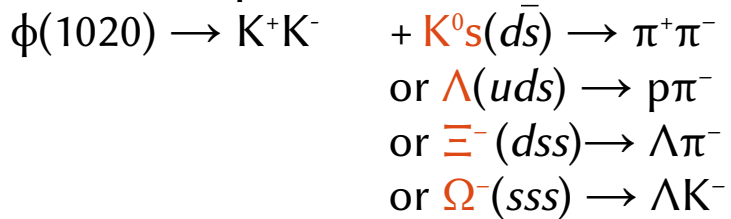
Charm : $c\tau \approx \mathcal{O}(10^2 \mu\text{m})$



VI.2 – Flavours : PhD proposal 1 (2021-24) – strangeness = $f(dN_{ch}/d\eta)$

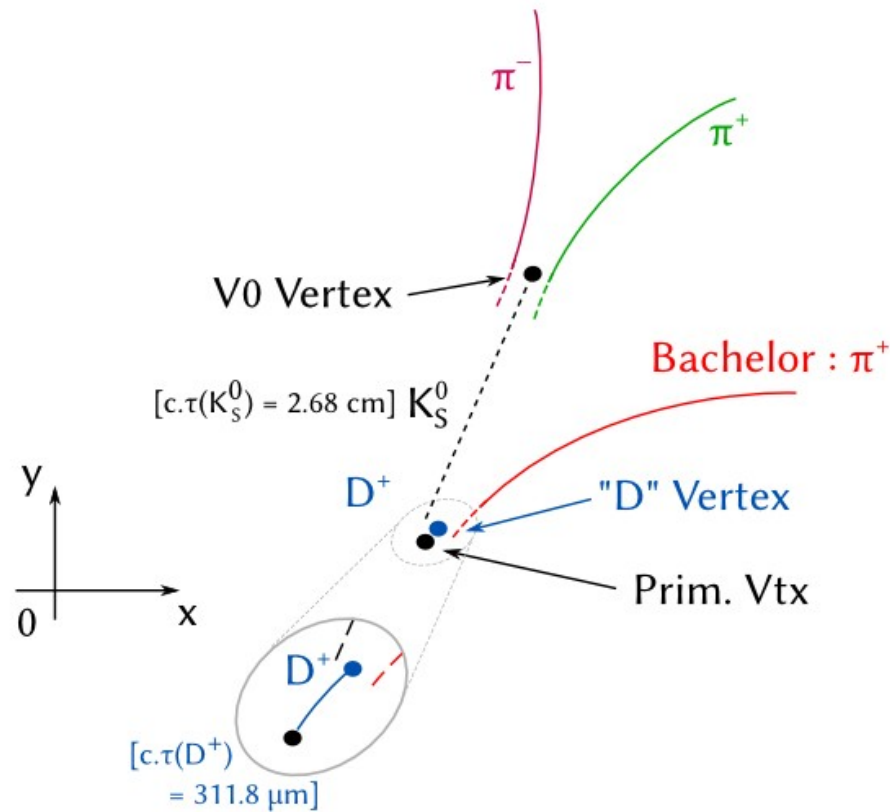
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Correlated production :

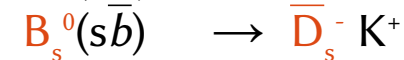
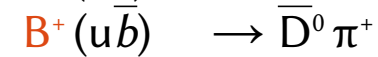
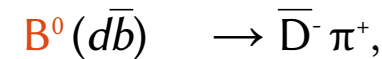
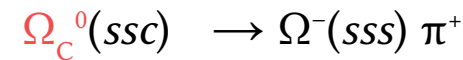
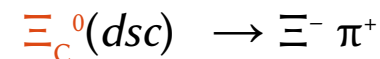
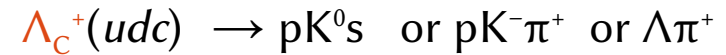
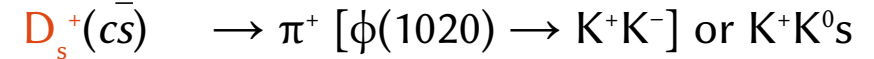
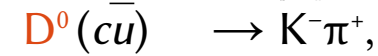


VI.3 – Flavours : PhD prop. 2 (2021-24) = charm baryons or beauty

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Charm and beauty production :



VI.4 – Flavours : one M2 internship (spring 21) ...

1. Participation to commissioning of the tracking of ITS-2 in the ALICE-2 experiment

Keywords : simulation, données cosmiques, fake tracks, alignment...

Supervisor : Iouri

2. Reconstruction topological reconstruction of strange baryons (Λ , Ξ , Ω) with O^2 i.e. Online-Offline software for ALICE-2 = Run III (2022-24)

Keywords : simulations + Run II (2015-18) data converted into O^2

Supervisor : Romain (Antonin)

3. Topological reconstruction of the D^0 mesons stemming from beauty

Keywords : non-prompt D^0 , with original vertex that is displaced;
simulation first then real data)

Supervisors : Iouri + Christian

VI.4 – Flavours : challenges for a PhD (2021-24)

ALICE-2 challenges

Strangeness

Heavy flavours

1/ Run III(2022-24) data taking + simulations

2.s+c/ ITS-2 framework + reconstruction algorithms

3/ statistics demanding :

→ **3.s/** multi-differential analysis (p_T , evt mult.)
(pp, high-mult pp run / Pb-Pb, p-O, O-O)

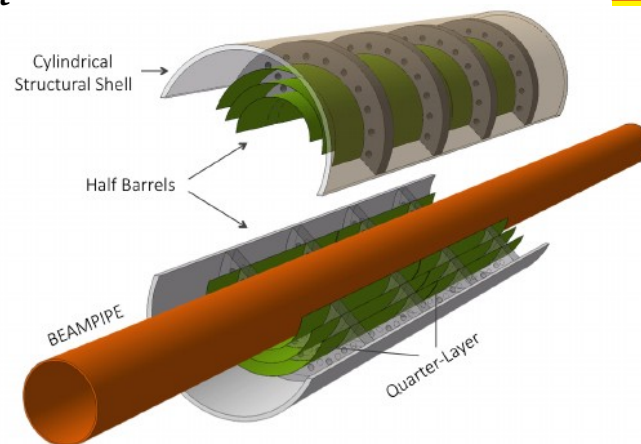
→ **3.c/** Minimum Bias analysis
(pp / Pb-Pb)

4.s/ low p_T reco. for hyperons ($p_T < 0.8$ GeV/c)

5.s/ Theory comparison : MCnet

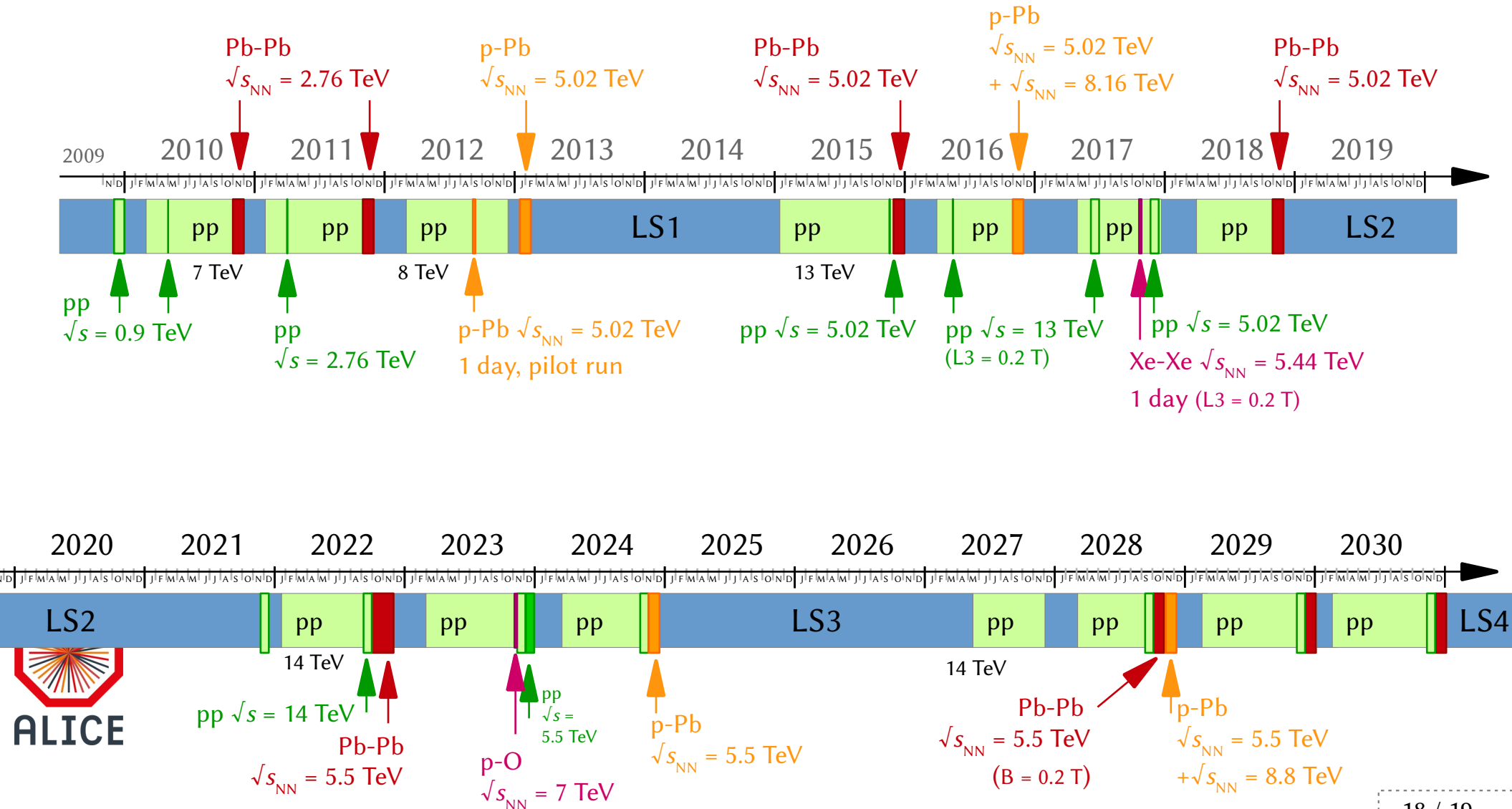
4.c/ Rare signal (rare prod, low Signal/Noise, ...)

5.c/ ...



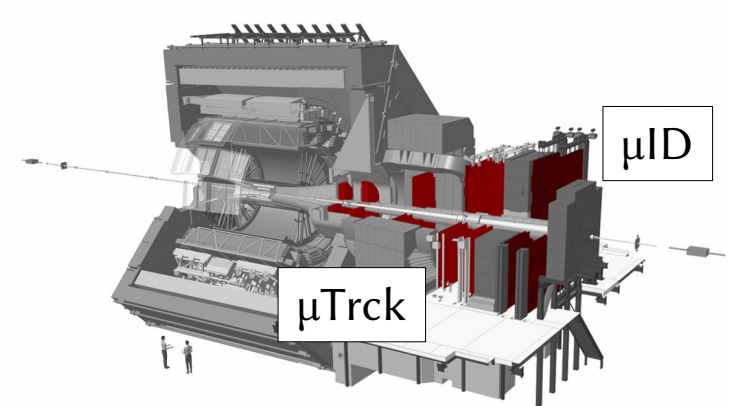
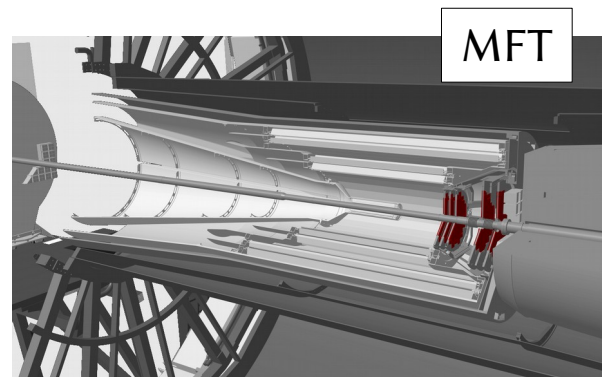
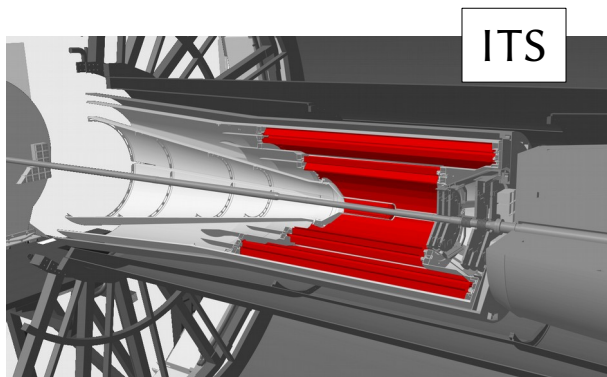
6/ Next upgrade :
ITS-3 (2027-30)

VII.1 – LHC timeline : data taking and shutdown



2022 : full pp year ? (pp High-mult. trigger)

VII.2 – LHC run III (2022-24): ALICE-France commitments



- + LLR Polytechnique : CMS [jets, $Y(nS)$]
- + LLR Polytechnique + IJCLab Orsay LHCb [SMOG, p-Pb, Heavy-flavours]

Appendices

A – Λ in various systems

B – low B-field runs

C – pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb multiplicities

D – ALICE tracker upgrade