



# ALICE

## From RUN 2 to RUN 3 and beyond

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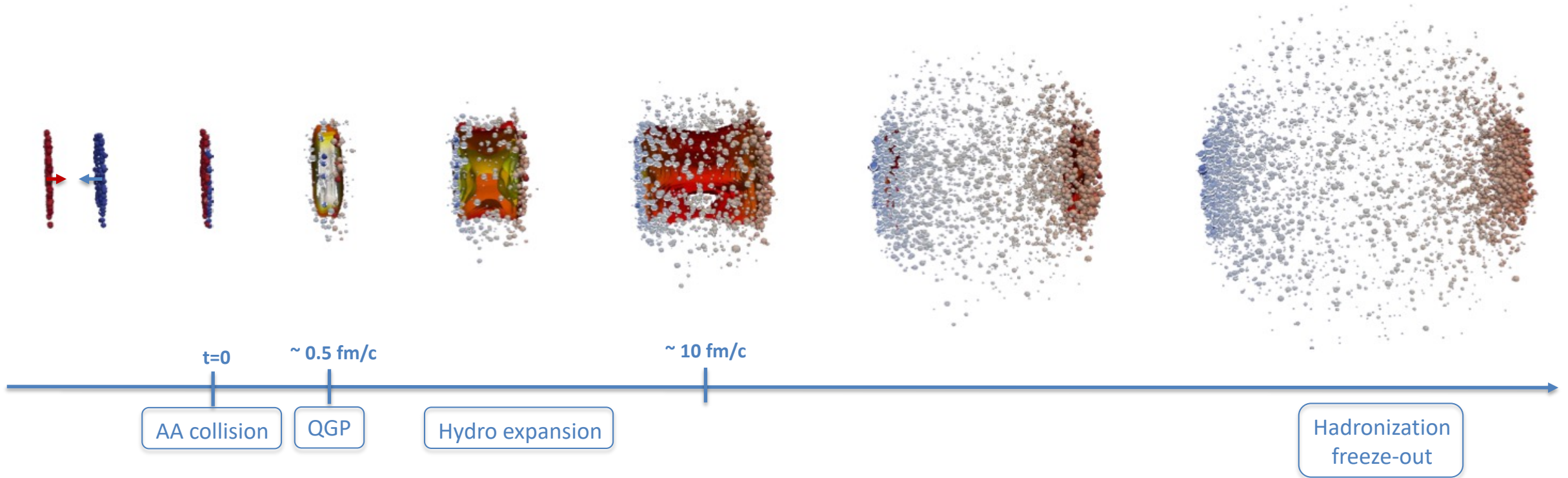
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# Outline

- Why to study the Quark-Gluon Plasma ?
- What we learned from RUN 2 ?
- What are the plans for RUN 3 ?
- What was done to prepare for RUN 3 challenges ?
- What we expect from the ALICE-France community at the horizon of RUN 4 ?

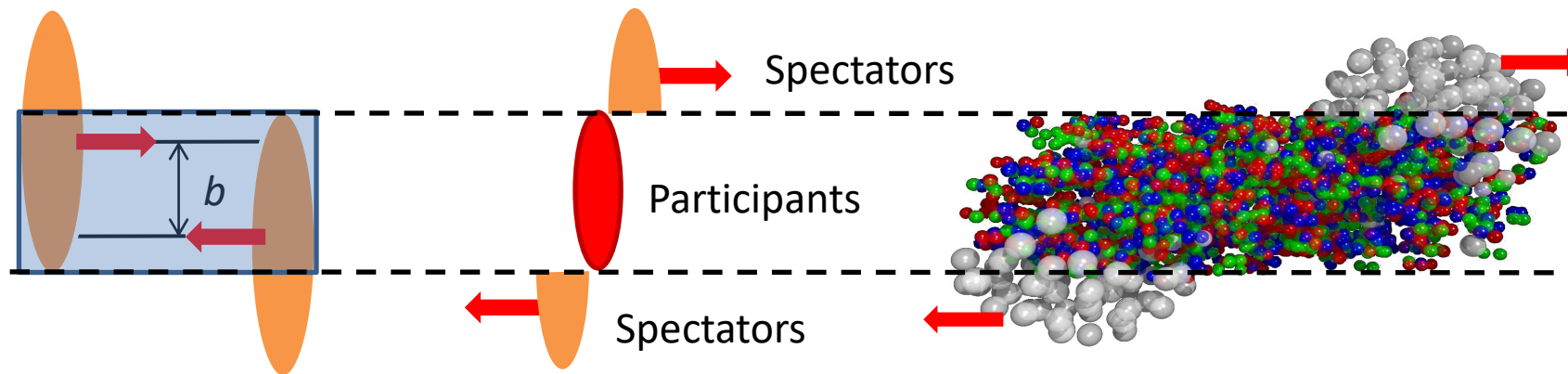
# Studying the Quark-Gluon Plasma

Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP) is a deconfined state of quarks and gluons (asymptotic freedom regime) predicted by QCD and studied in high-energy heavy-ion collisions



# Historical approach for QGP studies

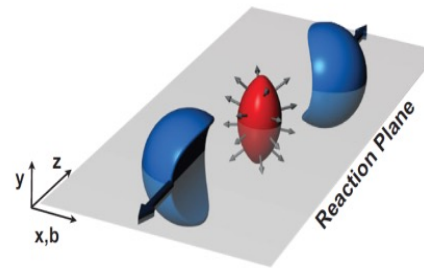
- pp collisions were considered as the vacuum reference
- p-A collisions are a control experiment to estimate cold matter effects
- AA collisions are described by a (geometrical) Glauber model defining the number of participants and the number of binary collisions ( $N_{\text{coll}}$ ) for a given impact parameter  $b$



- Emblematic observables for hard and soft probes

## Nuclear modification factor

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## Elliptic flow

Initial spatial anisotropy transferred into a momentum anisotropy of particles

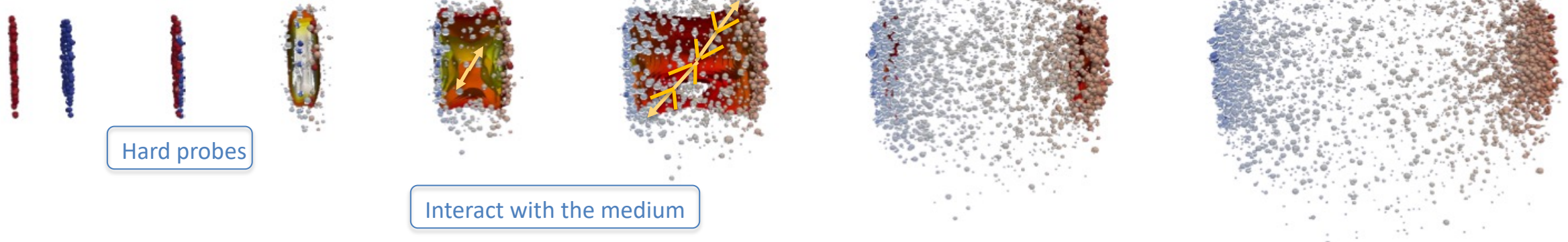
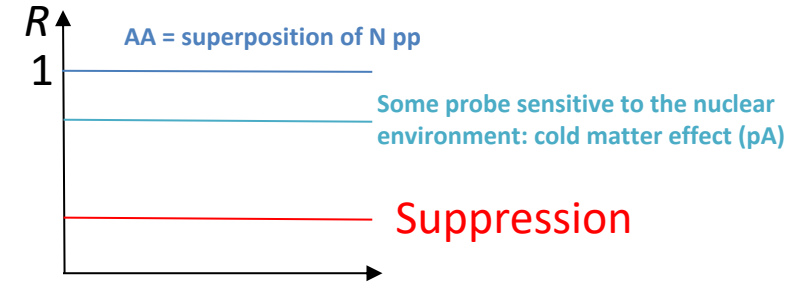
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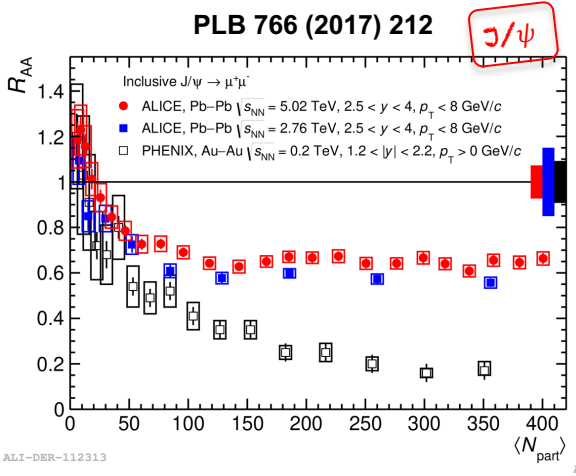
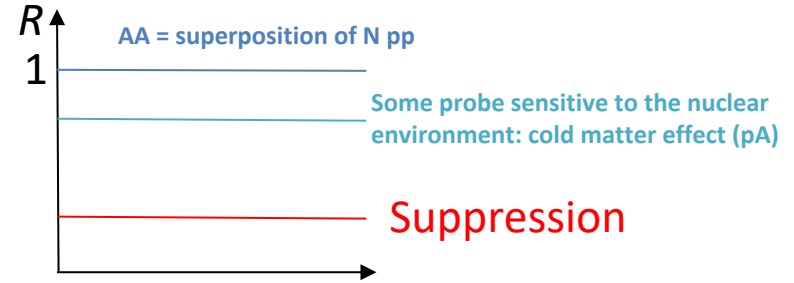


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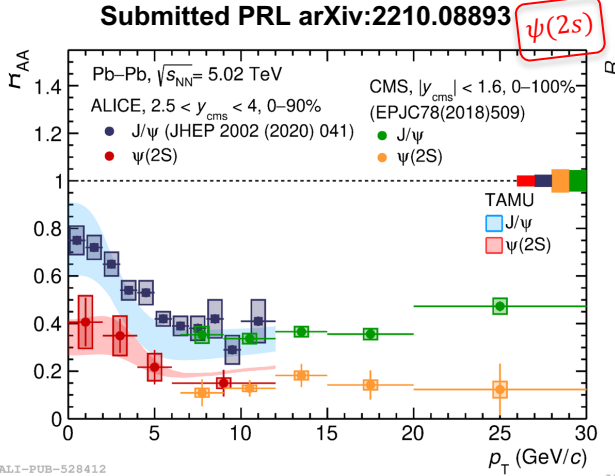
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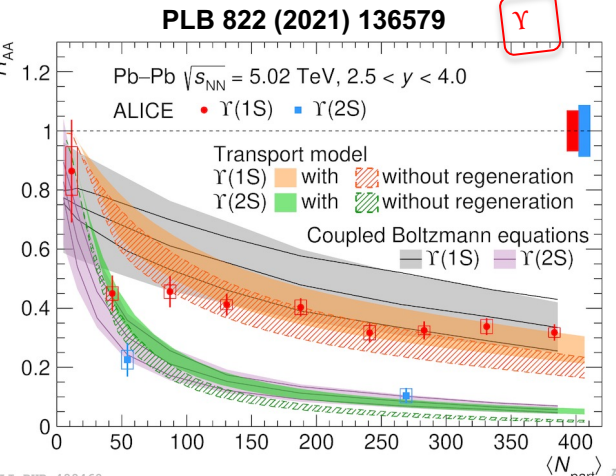
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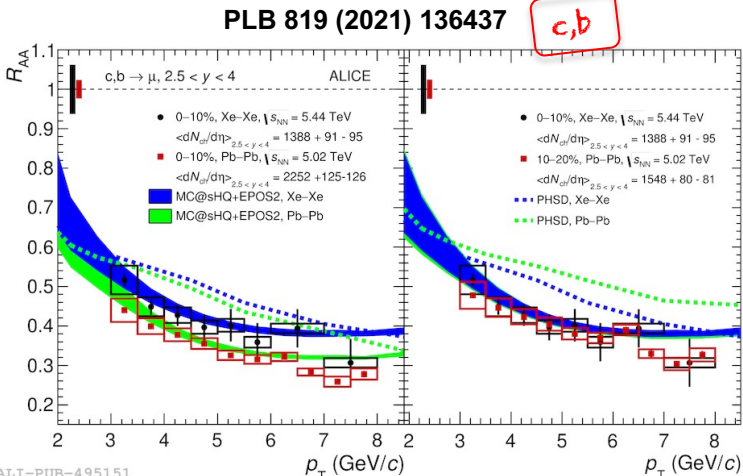
**J/ψ less suppress than at RHIC energies**  
 Understood with regeneration



**ψ(2s) more suppress than J/ψ**  
 Sign of regeneration at low p<sub>T</sub>



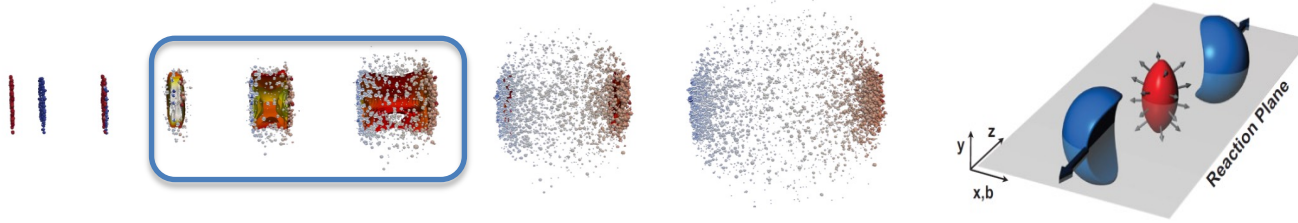
**Y(1s) suppressed by a factor ~ 3 w.r.t pp**  
**Y(2s) suppressed by a factor ~ 2 w.r.t Y(1s)**  
**Sequential dissociation scenario**



**Open Heavy Flavor in Xe-Xe help to understand system-size and geometry dependence of medium-induced parton energy loss**

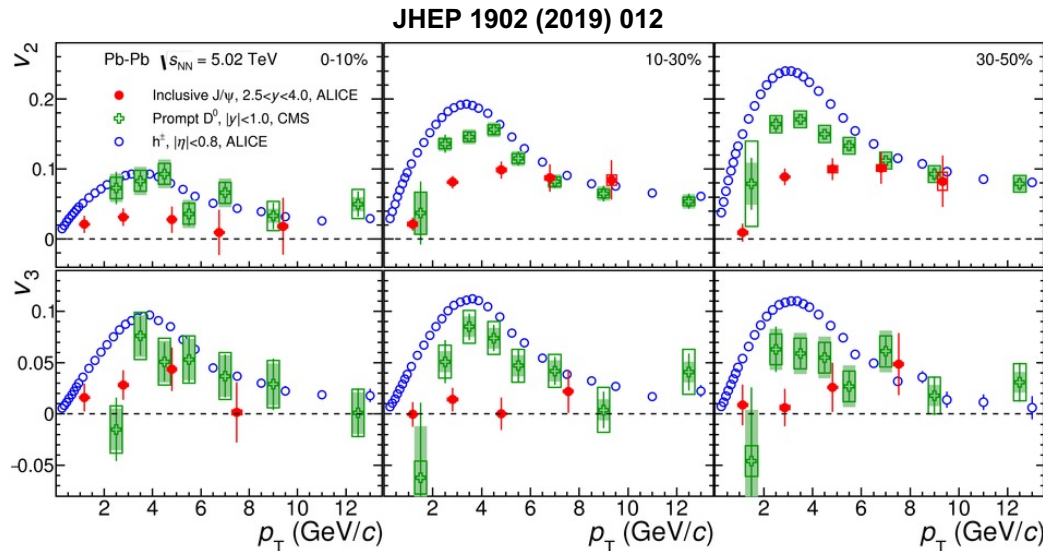
Also single-μ in Pb-Pb: PLB 820 (2021) 136558  
 J/ψ R<sub>AA</sub> PLB 805 (2020) 135434

# Collective behavior with charm and beauty



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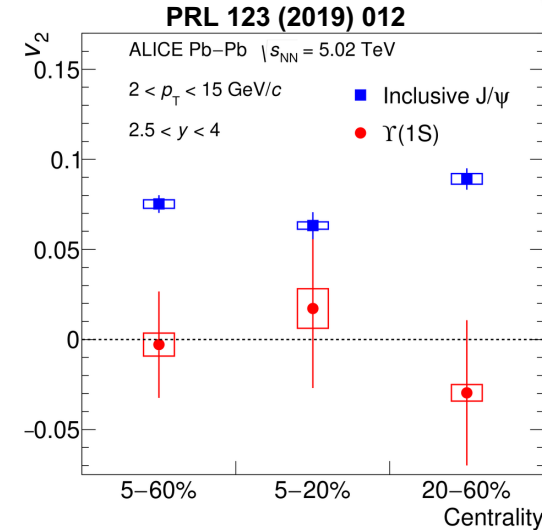
If quarkonium are regenerated, they acquire collective properties of the expanding medium  
 $v_2 > 0$



**Unambiguous observation of non-zero  $J/\psi$   $v_2$**

At high  $p_T$ , stronger effect than expected: possible path-length dependence effect

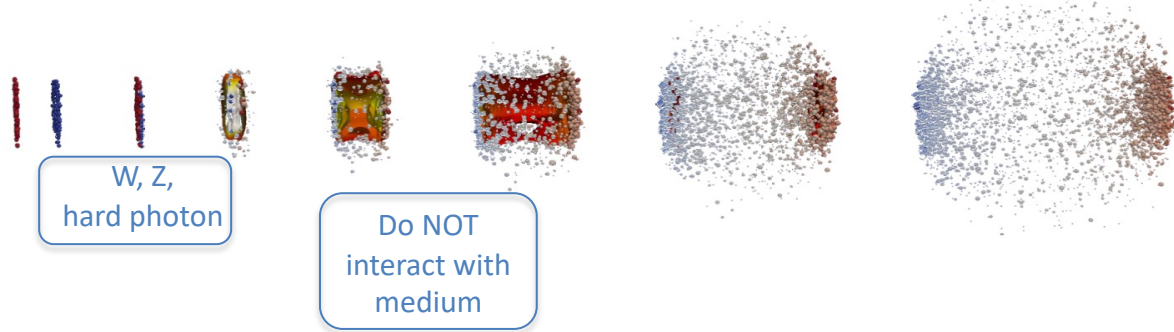
At low and intermediate  $p_T$ :  $v_n(J/\psi) < v_n(D) < v_n(h)$



**$Y(1s)$  –  $b$  quark – not regenerated**

Opposite to  $J/\psi$  –  $c$  quark

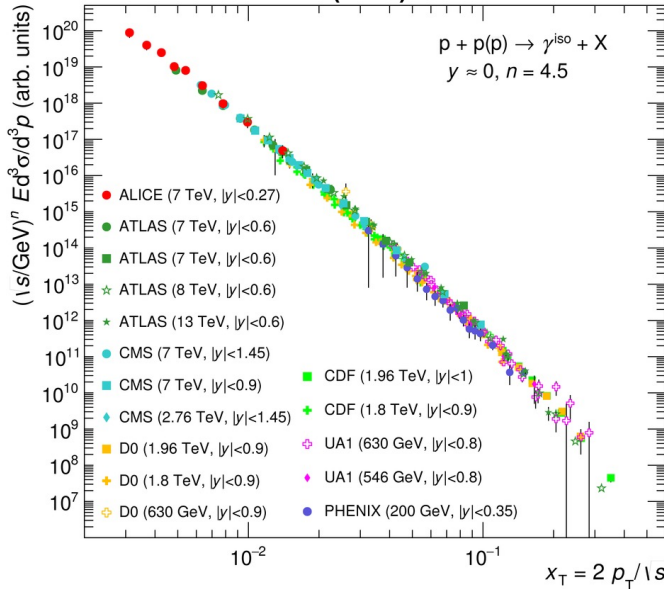
# Hard and electroweak probes as reference



Allow to understand the nuclear structure with PDF in pp and nPDF in nucleus.

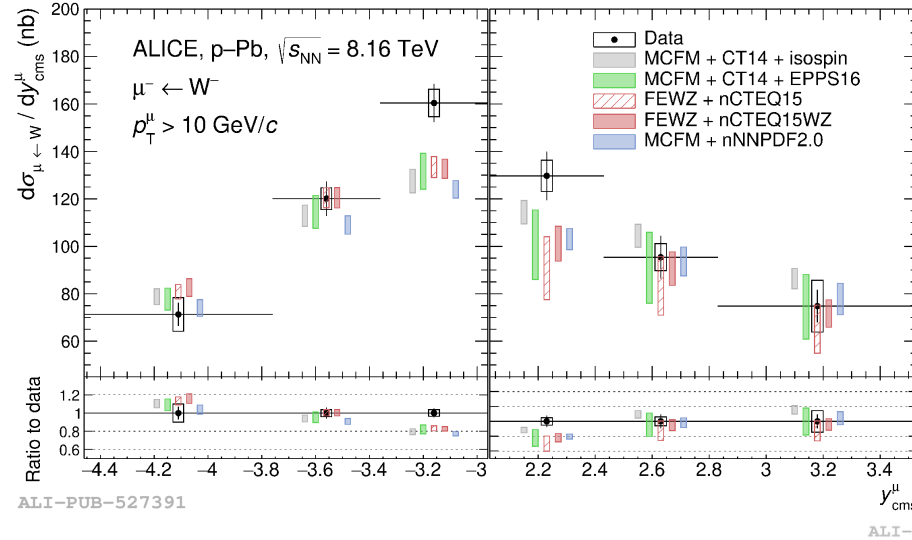
Also Z0: PLB 780 (2018) 372-383  
J/ photoproduction in Pb-Pb: accepted by PLB arXiv:2204.10684

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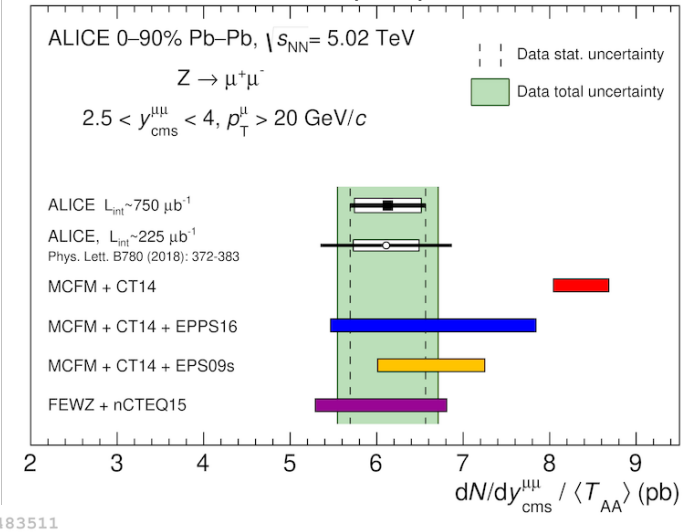
Isolated photons extend  $x_T$  world coverage and confirm  $n = 4.5$  scaling: same production mechanism

Accepted to JHEP arXiv:2204.10640



Significant deviations from the free-nucleon PDF predictions, up to  $3.5\sigma$ . Correspond to the shadowing region of the nuclear modifications at low Bjorken-x.

JHEP 09 (2020) 076



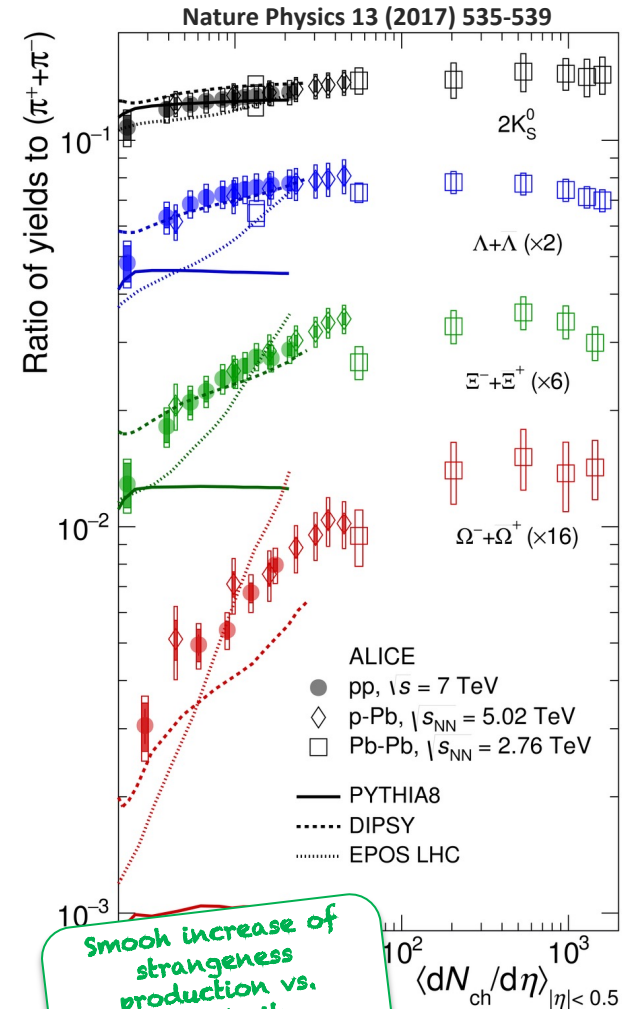
The calculations using nuclear PDFs describe the yield measured in Pb-Pb collisions.



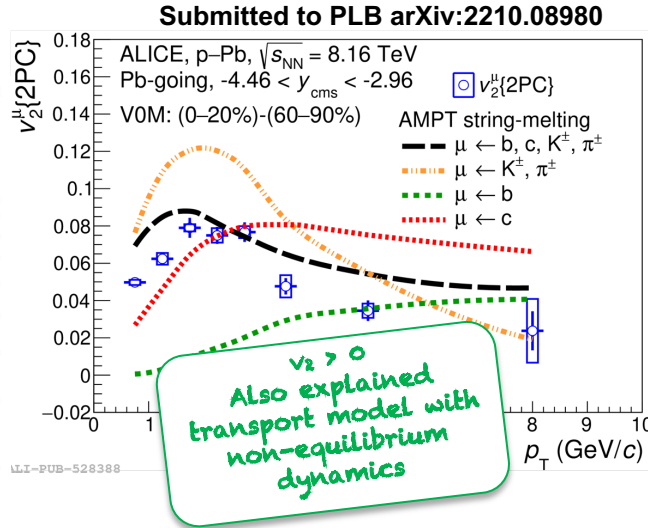


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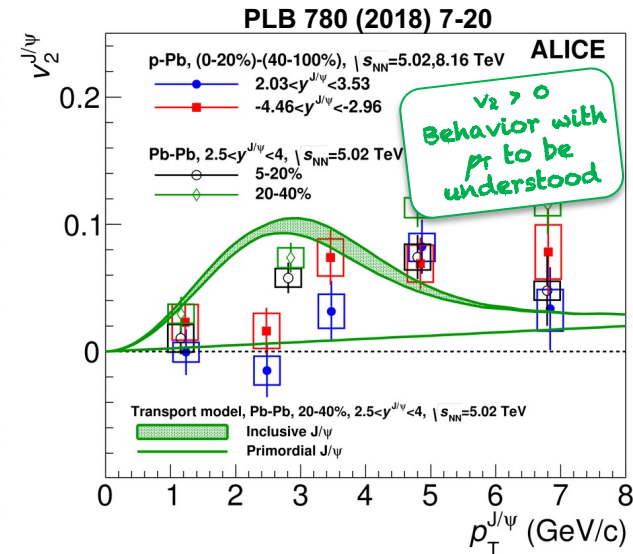
# QGP droplets in p-Pb and pp?



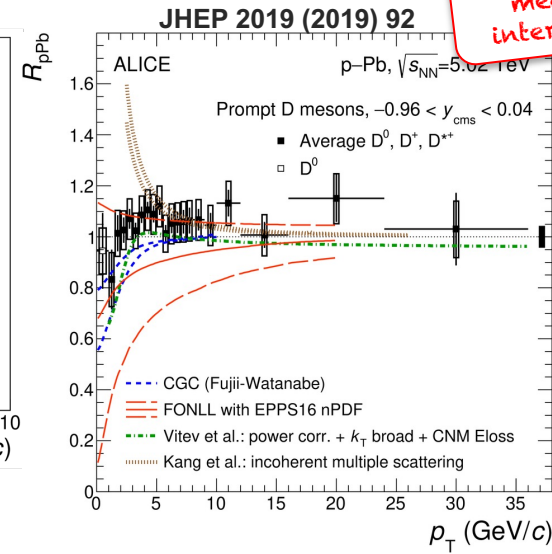
Smooth increase of strangeness production vs. multiplicity, continuity with systems size.



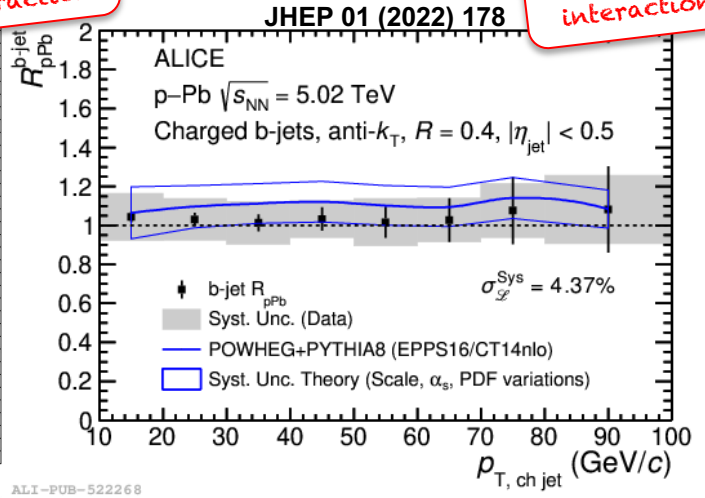
$v_2 > 0$   
 Also explained transport model with non-equilibrium dynamics



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 Behavior with  $p_T$  to be understood



NO in-medium interaction



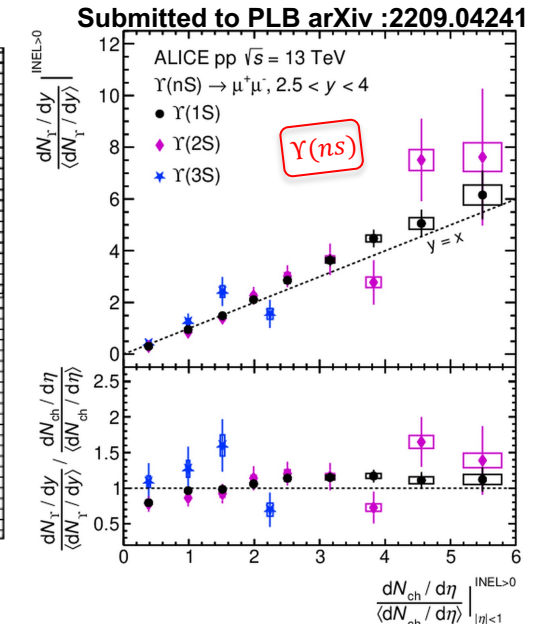
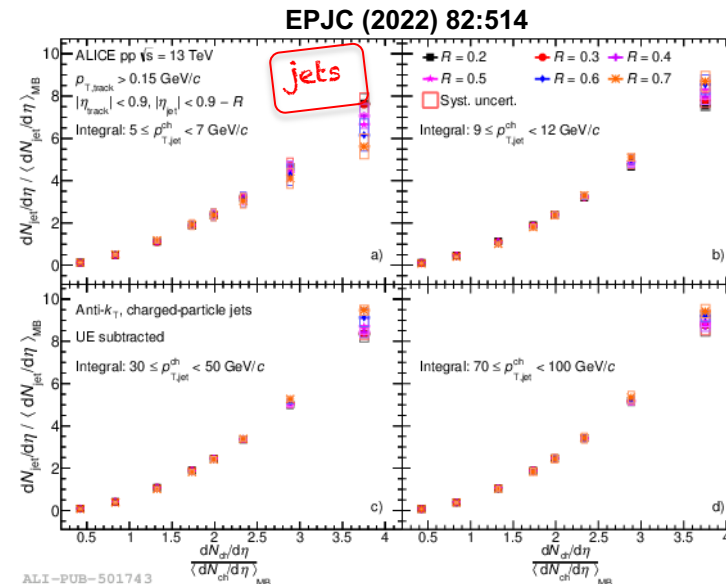
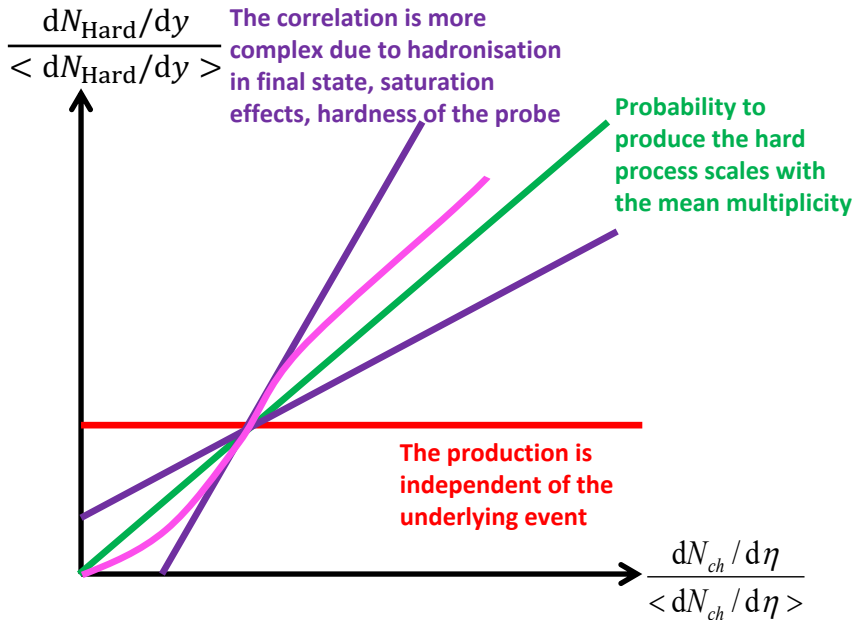
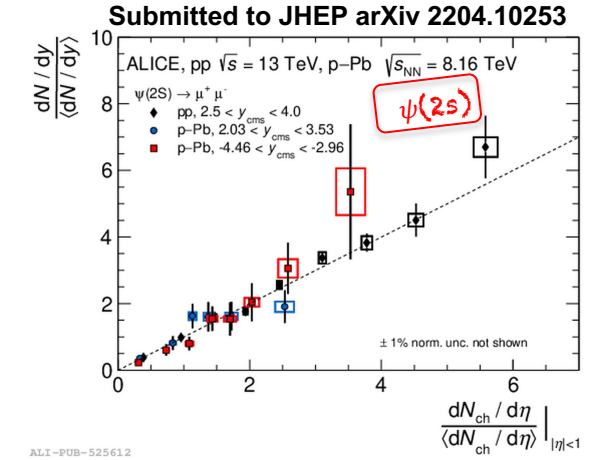
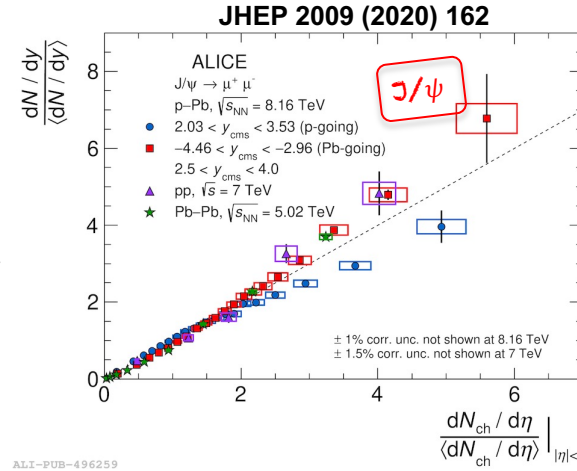
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- Ambiguous results for probes directly related to a possible formed hot medium
- No sign of in-medium interaction with energy loss within the current experimental precision
- Role of initial state, saturation, final stat, hadronization, fluctuations under investigation

Also single- $\mu$  azimuthal anisotropy to be submitted to PLB  
 $J/\psi$  – hadron correlations in pp to be submitted to JHEP  
 Quarkonium inclusive production submitted to EPJC arXiv:2109.15240  
 Jet cross section in pp PRD 100, 092004 (2019)

# Searching new scaling paradigm in pp and p-Pb

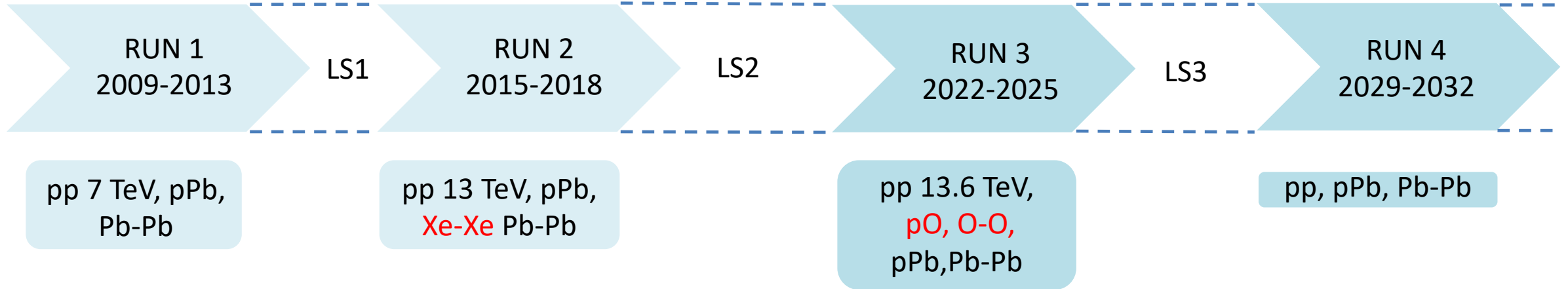
- Differential study of hard probe production as a function of charged particle multiplicity
- Similar behavior measured for all probes
  - Close to linear when the hard probe is measured in the forward-y and multiplicity in central-y region
  - Deviation from linearity when both are measured in central-y region



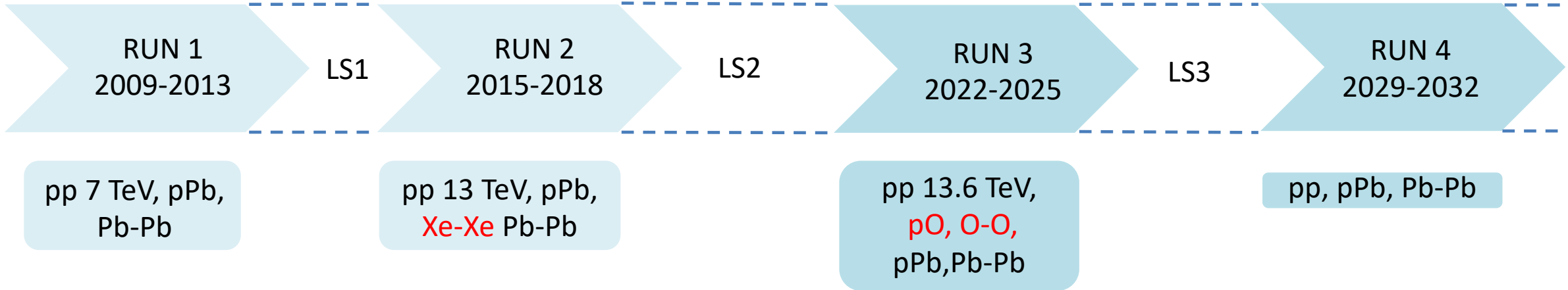
# RUN 3

- **Better probe QGP with heavy flavor quarks**
- **Study hadronic collision scaling quantity from pp to Pb-Pb and onset of collectivity in hadronic collisions**
  
- **Improve vertexing capabilities** in the central barrel allowing better reconstruction of primary and secondary vertices
  - Better rejection of background
  - Better reconstruction of decay chain, especially at low  $p_T$
  
- **Charmonia and Open heavy flavors: separation of charm and beauty**
  - **Prompt Charmonium production**  
Prompt/non-prompt  $J/\psi$  separation down to  $p_T = 0$ .  $\psi(2S)$  measurement in central Pb-Pb collisions
  
  - **In the HF sector**  
Charm measurement down to  $p_T = 1$  GeV/c in the single muon channel  
Beauty measurement down to  $p_T = 0$  in the non-prompt  $J/\psi$  channel
  
- **Low-mass dimuons**  
Improved mass resolution for light resonances. Sensitivity to prompt continuum
  
- **Open possibilities for central-forward correlation of many probes**
  
- **Increase statistics by a factor 10 (muons) to 50 (central barrel)**

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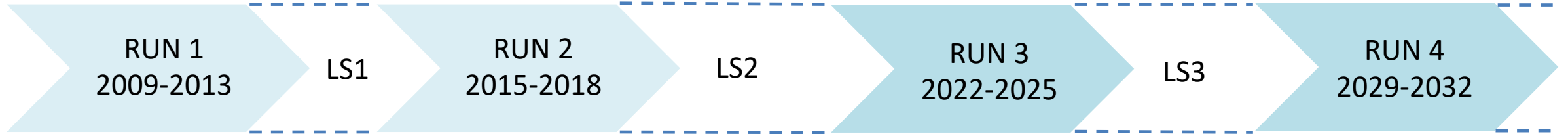
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 (initial RUN 3 plan, to be reviewed with schedule constraints)

**In ALICE, Pb-Pb: interaction rate 50 kHz, continuous readout**  
**Statistics from x10 to x50 depending on probe**  
**Online data compression**

# RUN 3 challenges



pp 7 TeV, pPb,  
Pb-Pb

pp 13 TeV, pPb,  
**Xe-Xe** Pb-Pb

pp 13.6 TeV,  
**pO, O-O,**  
pPb, Pb-Pb

pp, pPb, Pb-Pb

*ALICE 2 is a new experiment !*

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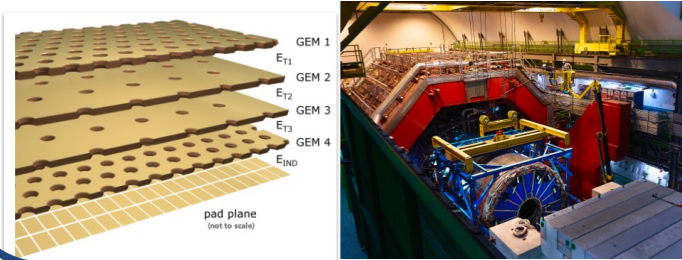
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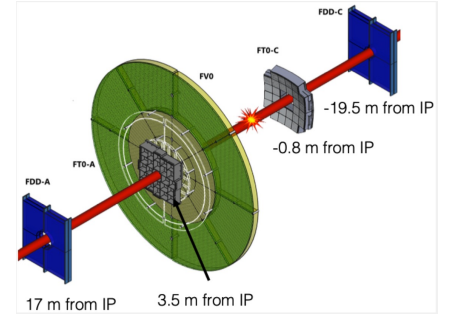
New readout chambers: from Multi Wire Proportional Chamber (MWPC) to Gas Electron Multiplier (**GEM**)



## Consolidation and readout upgrade of all subsystems with Common Readout Unit (CRU)

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- **MID** (upgrade of MTR) with FEERIC ASIC

## Fast Integration Trigger

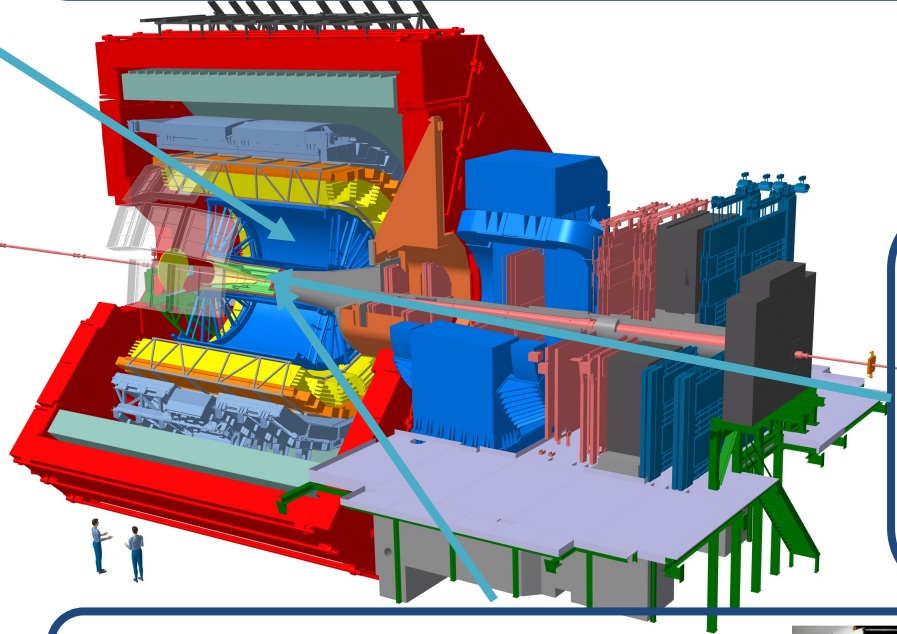


## Integrated on-/off-line System

Continuous Readout with First Level Processors (FLPs), O2-CRU  
Event Processing Nodes (EPNs) for GPU-based Synchronous reconstruction

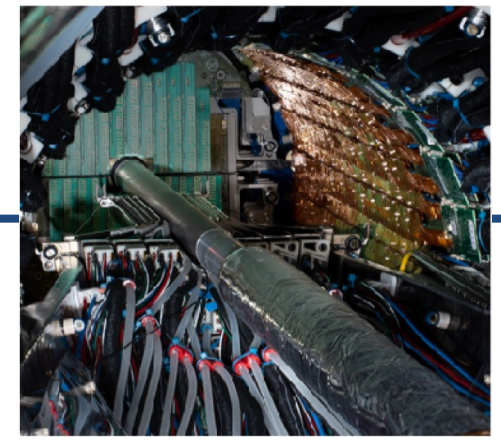


**Online Data Compression**



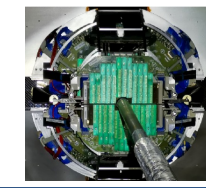
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Improved vertexing at high rate



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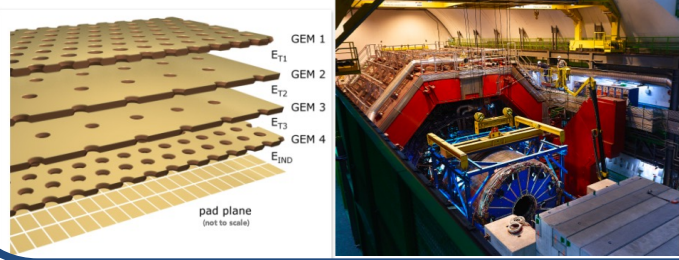
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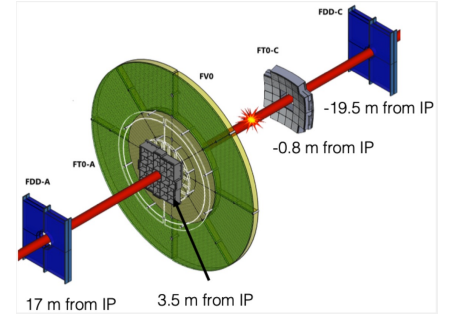


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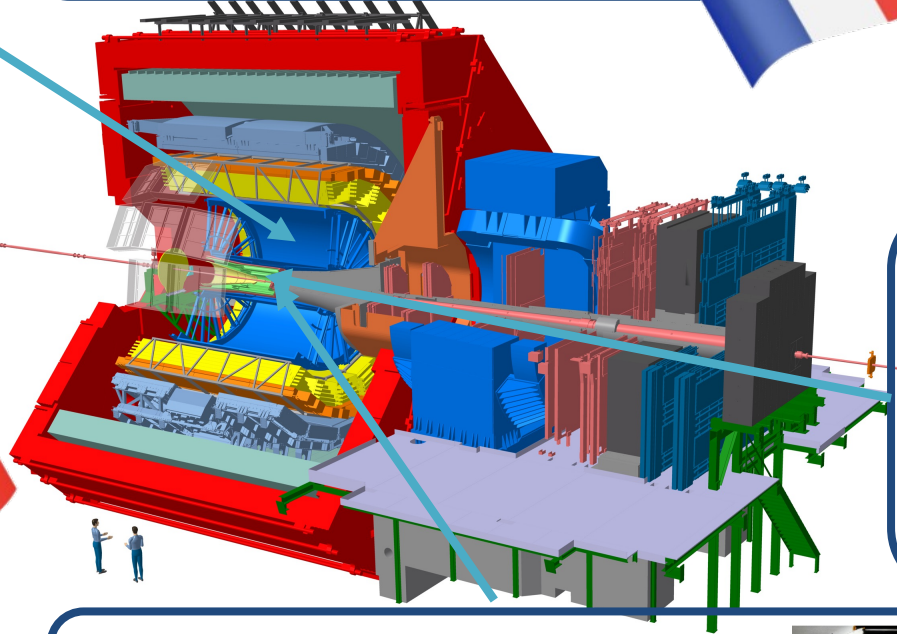


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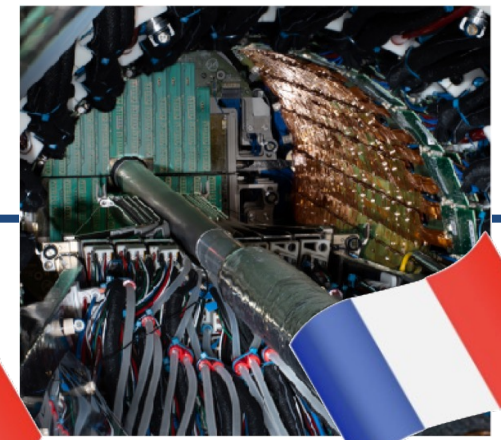
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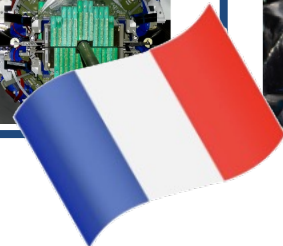
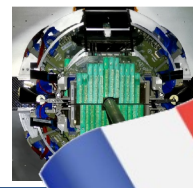


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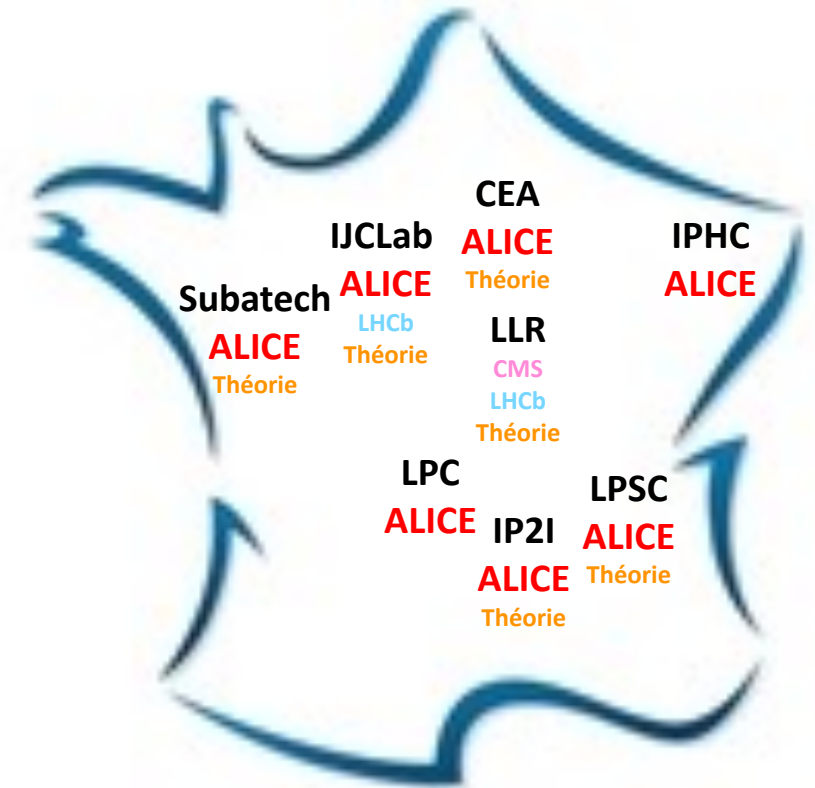




# ALICE-France (IN2P3) community

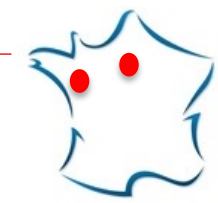
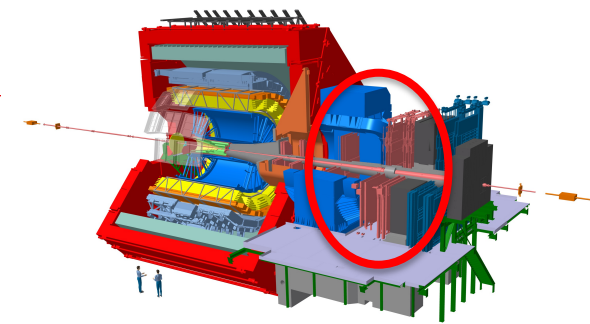
- O(100) physicists in the French QGP community
- + Ingenieurs and technicians
- **ALICE-IN2P3 permanent physicists = 34**
- QGP-France annual meeting
- **High level of implication and recognition in the ALICE Collaboration**
  - **Projects : ITS2, MCH, MID, MFT, O2**
  - **Implied at all levels of the collaboration**
    - Spokesperson office
    - Management Board
    - Physics Board
    - Technical Board
    - Editorial Board
    - Run coordination
    - Scientific coordination
      - Management
      - Physics Working Group
      - Physics Analysis Group

Level of responsibility	2021	2022
L1	4	3
L2	4	6
L3	16	15



+ Linked to the GDR QCD  
 + Linked to the SFP Division Nucléaire and Division Champs et particules

# MUON CHAMBER - MCH



- 5 tracking stations (2x5 Multi-Wire Proportional Chambers)
- complemented with an absorber system

- **Redesign of Readout electronic with DualSampa cards**

*IJCLab Production of Dual Sampa cards. Design and production of PCB*

- **Rejuvenation of high/low voltages** (quadrant opening and cleaning)

*IJCLab station 1*

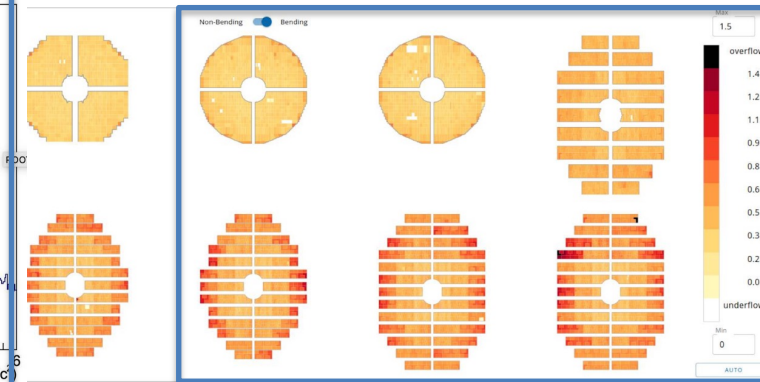
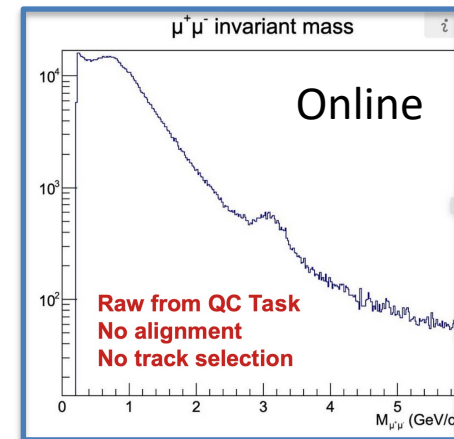
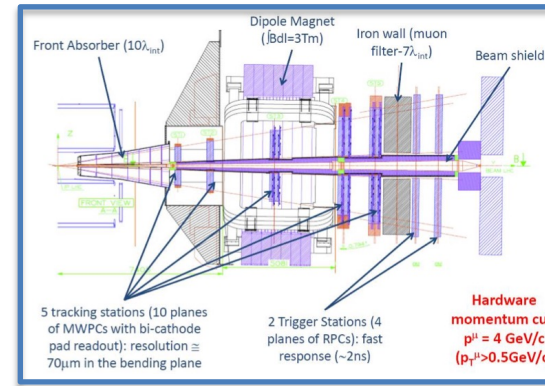
- **Successfully Installed, cabled and integrated**

*IJCLab station 1  
Subatech station 3,4,5*

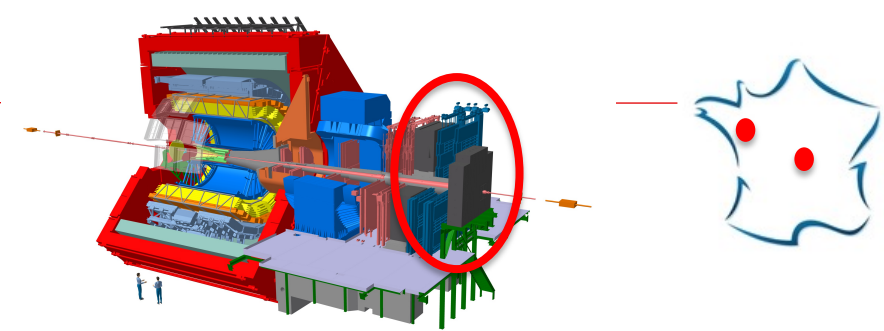
- **Software** *Subatech*

- Simulation
- Clusterisation
- Calibration
- Alignement

- **Commissioning finalised**, successful data taking at 500 kHz pp interaction rate



# MUON IDENTIFIER - MID



- 72 Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs) in 2 stations of 2 planes
- total surface  $\sim 150 \text{ m}^2$
- 21k readout channels.

## ➤ Upgrade of Front-End electronic with amplification (FEERIC) to prevent ageing:

- Design
- Production LPC
- Installation
- Distribution of the thresholds via wireless systems

## ➤ Upgrade of readout electronics, slow control, detector simulation

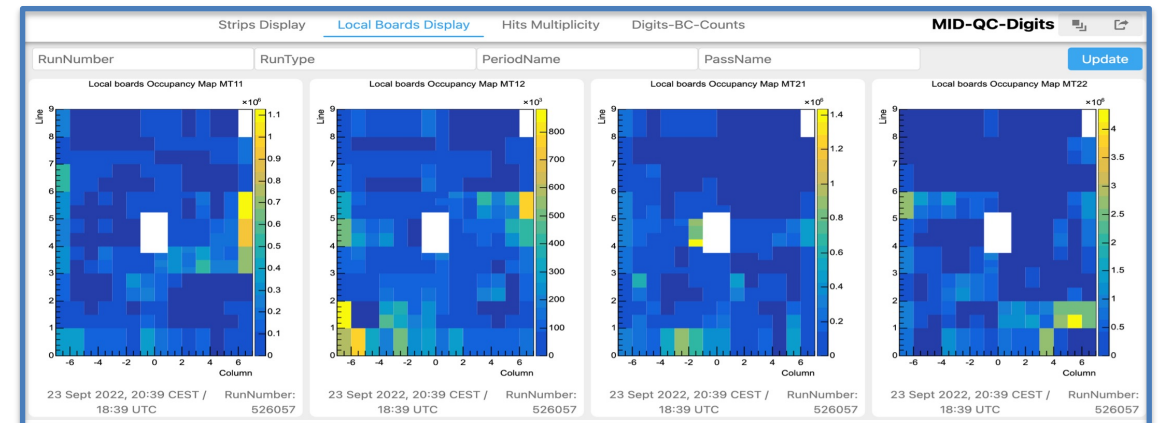
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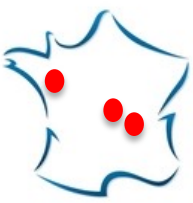
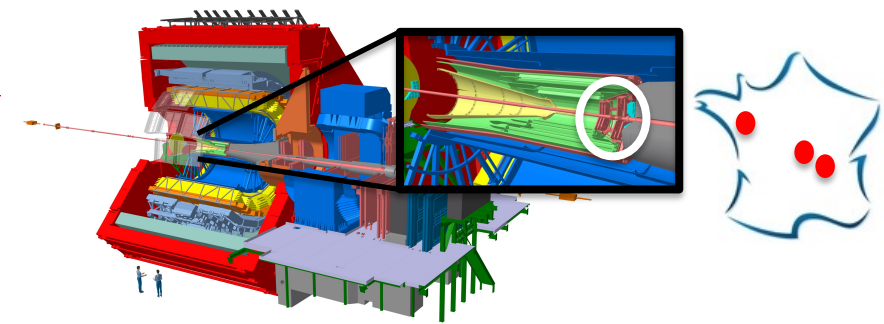
## ➤ Software

- reconstruction subatech
- QC LPC

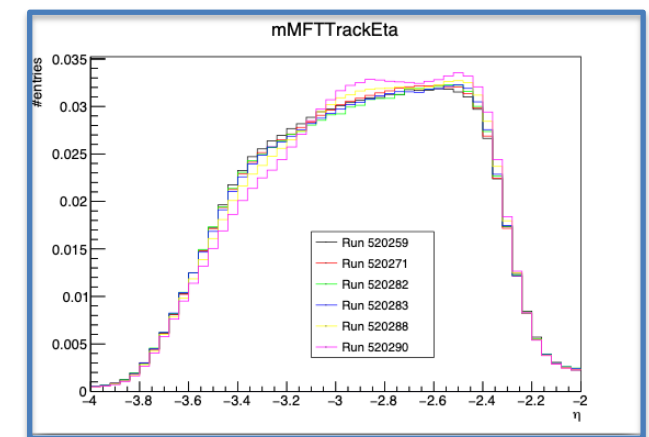
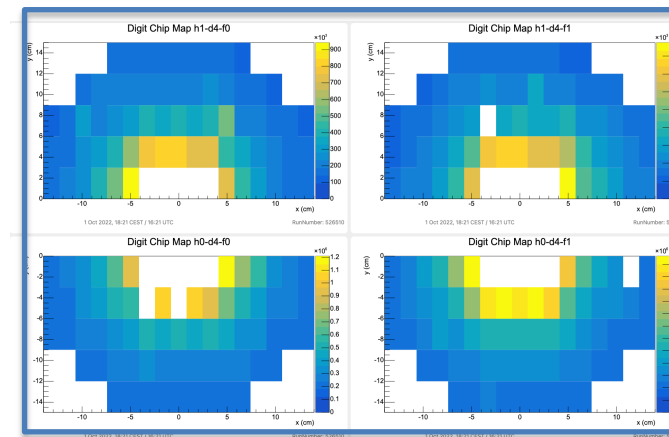
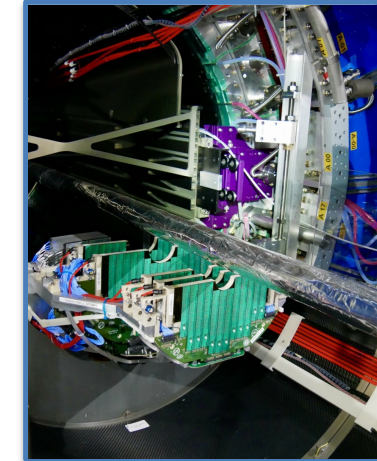
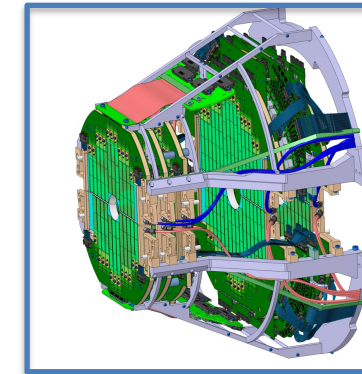
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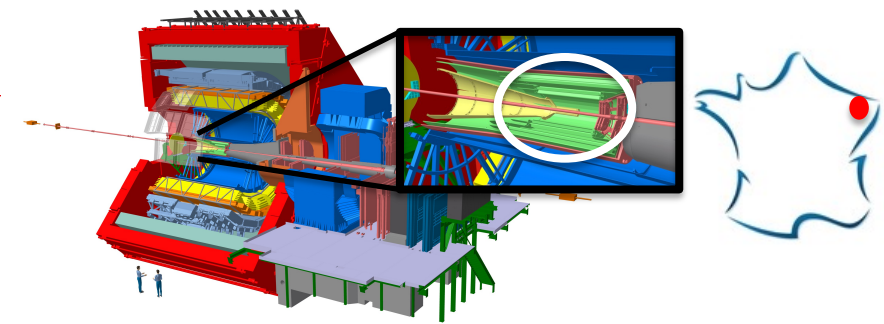
# MUON FORWARD TRACKER - MFT



- Vertex tracker for the Muon Spectrometer, installed between the interaction point and the hadron absorber ( $-3.6 < \eta < -2.5$ )
- 920 ALPIDE silicon pixel sensors ( $0.4 \text{ m}^2$ ) in 280 ladders of 2 to 5 sensors each (same sensor as ITS2)
- **Hardware and Services**
  - Ladder assembly **LPC + Subatech**
  - Cooling system **Subatech**
  - Power Supply Unit **Subatech**
  - Readout System and Firmware **IP2I**
  - Slow Control (ALF-FRED) **Subatech + IP2I**
- **Installation and commissioning**
- **Software**
  - Geometry **LPC**
  - Reconstruction **Subatech + LPC**
  - Tracking
  - MCH-MFT matching **Subatech**
- **Commissioning finalized**, successful data taking at 500 kHz pp interaction rate



# INNER TRACKING SYSTEM 2 – ITS2

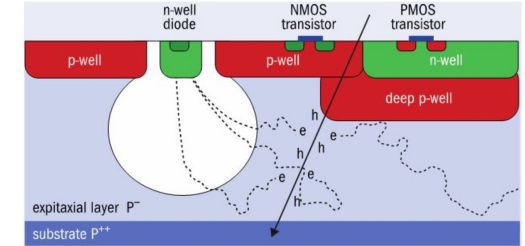
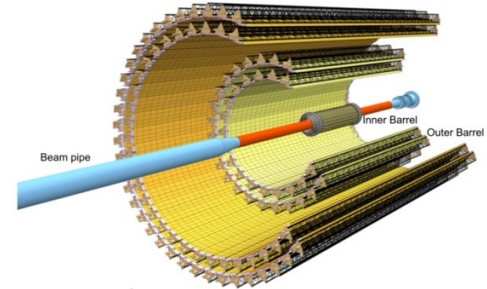


- **Monolithic active sensors (MAPS) called ALPIDE**, integrating both pixel sensor and read-out electronics in a single device

*IPHC ALPIDE Design participation*

- **7 coaxial layers to cover  $|\eta| < 1.3$**  divided into 2 groups:
  - the 3 internal layers installed closest to the beam pipe
  - 4 outer layers

*IPHC Module assembly*

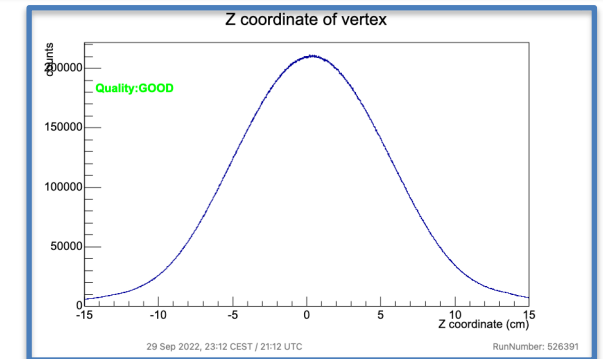
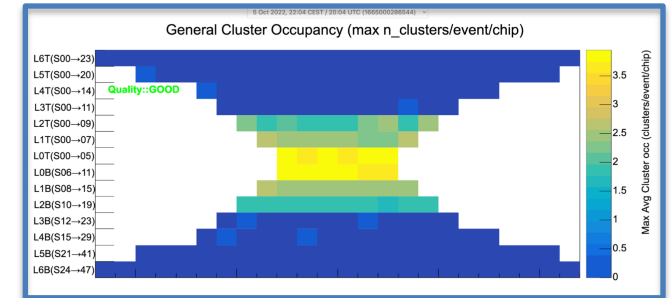


- **Successfully installed, cabled and integrated in May 2021,**

*IPHC installation + cabling*

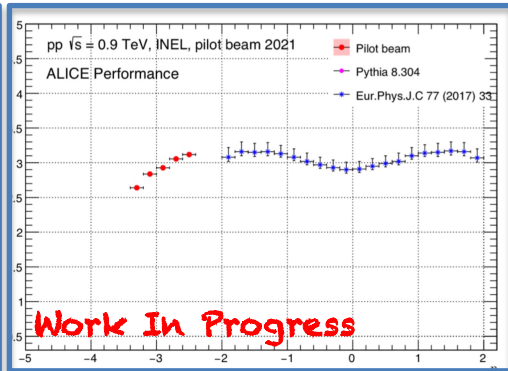
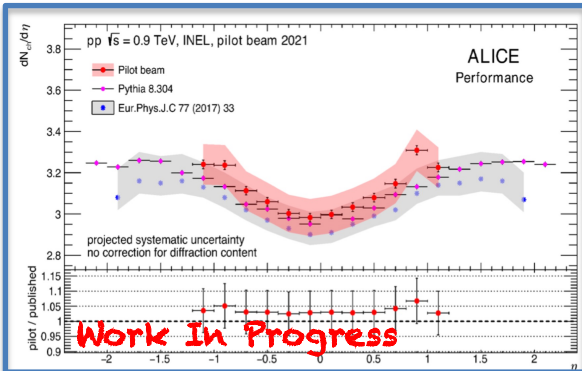
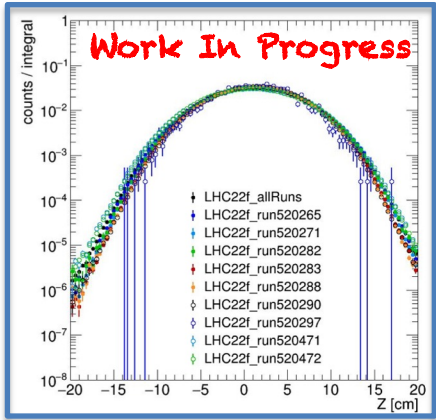
- **Commissioning finalized, successful data taking at 500 kHz pp interaction rate**
  - Online reconstruction and data compression
  - Tracking and dedicated QC
  - Performance studies with comparison to Monte Carlo
  - Alignment

*IPHC chair of software working group*

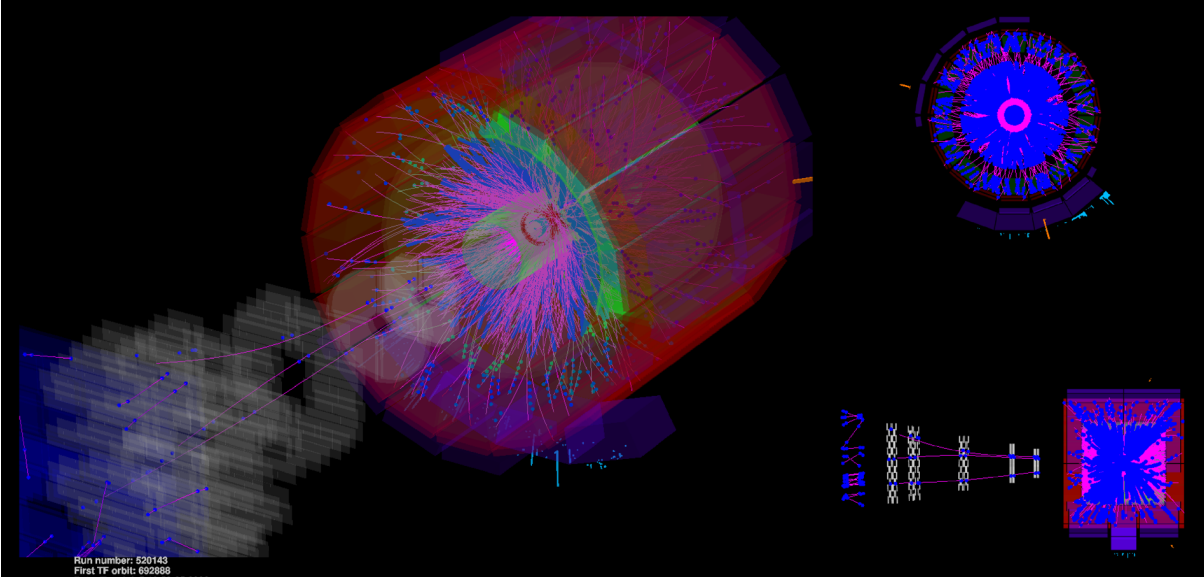


# ALICE 2 Commissioning

- **Physics data taking at 500 kHz**
  - Online data compression of a factor 18
  - Commissioning and validation of all components
  - Preparation of Physics
- **Preparation of Pb-Pb program**
  - 1 MHz (pp ref run)
  - Intensity scan up to 4 MHz in pp (equivalent track load of Pb-Pb 50 KHz)



521574		FLP		EPN	
Start of run	2022-07-23 19:48:39	Readout	554 GB	StfBuilder	552 GB
Env ID	2ZWXFVB9uy3	StfSender	550 GB	TFBuilder	556 GB/s
Run number	521574	DPL in	549 GB/s	CTF Writer	30.8 GB/s
Detectors	CPV EMC FDD FT0 FV0 ITS MCH MFT MID PHS TPC TRD	State	RUNNING	Run type	PHYSICS



Run number: 520143  
First TF orbit: 692888  
Date: Tue Jul 5 16:53:05 2022  
Detectors: ITS,TPC,TRD,TOF,PHS,EMC,MFT,MCH,MID

**First physics output under preparation !**

# ALICE-France for RUN 3 and RUN 4

## Person–power anticipated evolution

Permanent only (not including post-doc, PhD and emeritus)

Including known retirements and thematic changes

No permanent recruitment taken into account

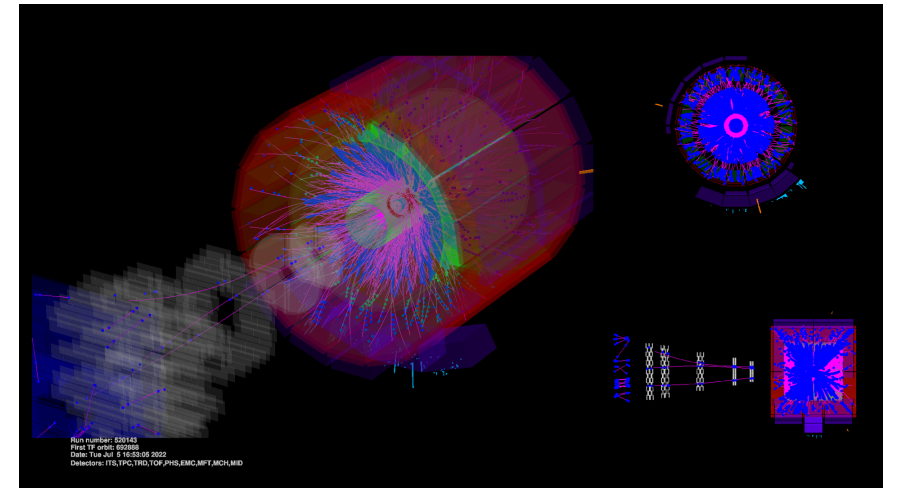
**1. Ensure the maintenance and operations of all projects handled by French teams**

**2. Exploit the full physics output**

Team	“M&OA” (2022)		Due service work FTE/year (2022)	Main detector activities in Runs 3 (+ Run 4)	“M&OA” (projected end Run 3, 2026)		“M&OA” (projected early Run 4, 2029)	
IJClab Orsay	4 + 1	5	1.5	MCH, O <sup>2</sup>	4 + 1	5	4 + 1	5
<i>IPHC Strasbourg</i>	5 + 1	6	1.5	ITS2 (+ ITS3)	4 + 1	5	4 + 1	5
<i>IP2I Lyon</i>	3 + 0	3	0.75	MFT (+ ITS3)	2 + 0	2	2 + 0	2
LPC Clermont	2 + 5	7	1.75	MID, MFT	2 + 5	7	1 + 4	5
<i>LPSC Grenoble</i>	2 + 2	4	1	readout, DPG (+ ITS3)	2 + 2	4	2 + 1	3
Subatech Nantes	7 + 2	9	2.75	MID, MCH, MFT	4 + 2	6	3 + 2	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23 + 11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9.25</b>		<b>18 + 11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16 + 9</b>	<b>25</b>

# Conclusions

- **Important physics results** for the comprehension of QGP physics have emerged **during RUN 2** data analysis with strong leading role from the French community
- **Successful upgrade** conducted during LS2 in preparation for RUN 3
  - Leading role in major ALICE projects MCH, MID, MFT, ITS2
  - Upgrade in time despite worldwide situation (Covid pandemic)
- **Successful installation and integration** into the global ALICE data taking
- **Preparation of RUN 3 physics analysis** ongoing
- **Engagement of the French community until end of RUN 4**
  - Maintenance and operations of ITS2, MCH, MID, MFT, O2-CRU
  - Exploitation of physics data through data analysis
- **Preparation of LS3/LS4 and upgrades upon IN2P3 approval**





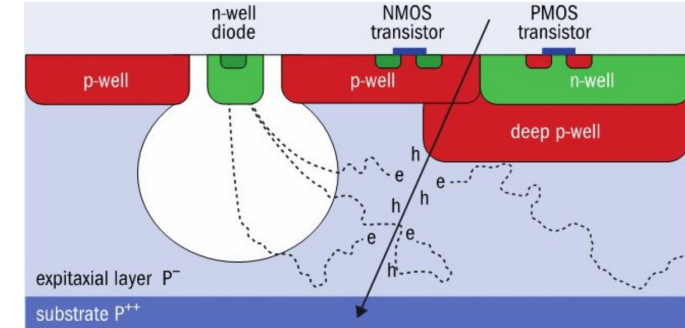
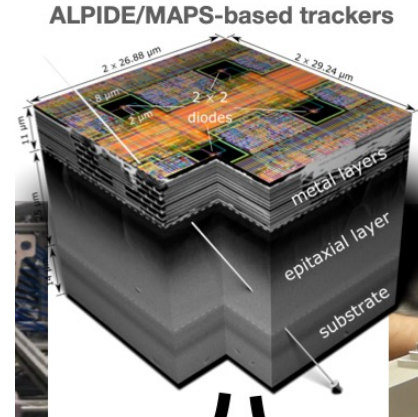
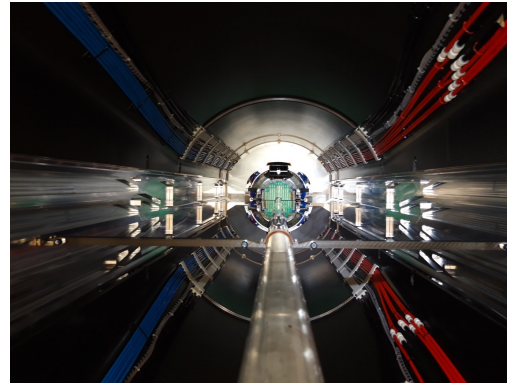
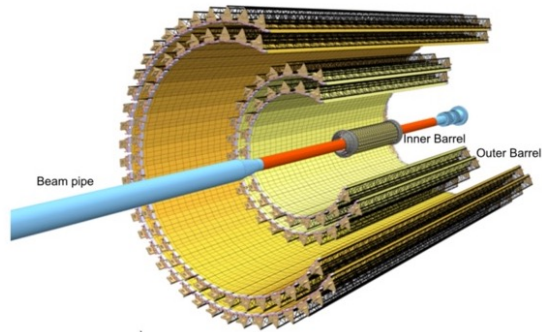
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And more specifically to

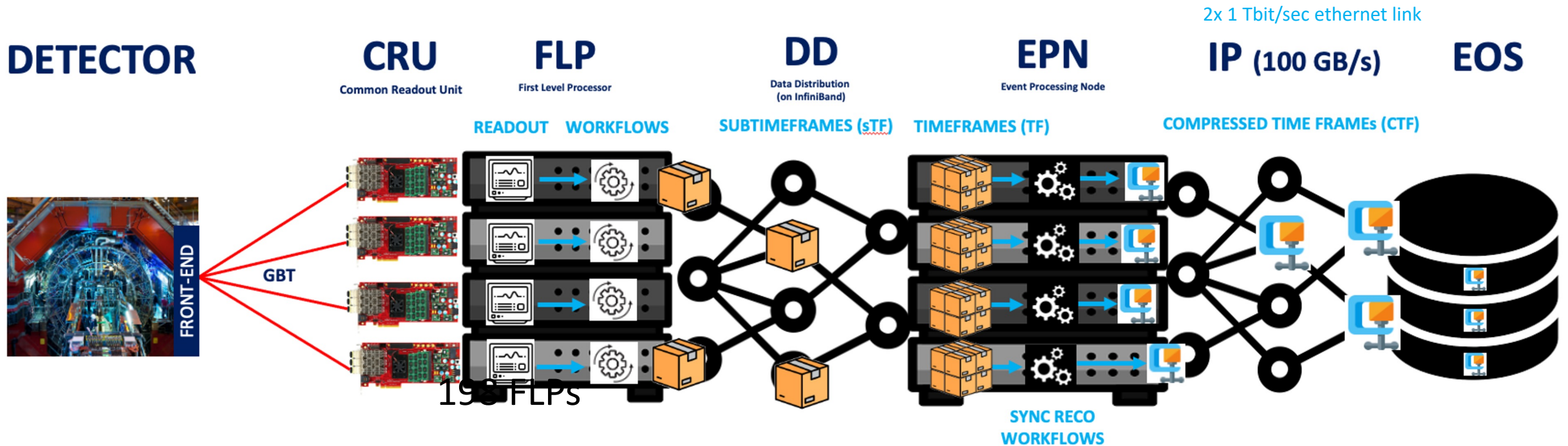
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# ITS2 and MFT : ALPIDE



- monolithic active pixel sensor chip (MAPS), called ALPIDE, integrating both pixel sensor and read-out electronics in a single device
- p-type substrate with a thin, high-resistivity epitaxial layer (see diagram) in a 180 nm CMOS process provided by Tower Semiconductor
- includes a 512 x 1024 matrix of 29.24 x 26.88 mm<sup>2</sup> pixel cells, together with analogue biasing, control, readout and interfaces

# READOUT TO RECONSTRUCTION



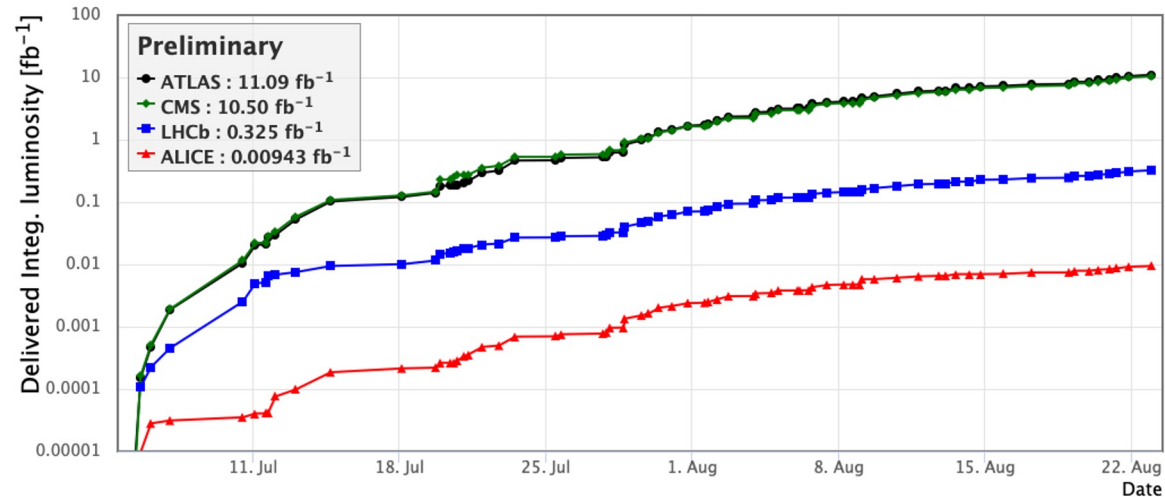
**Stable 500 KHz running was achieved with further optimisation of :**

- The Common Readout Unit (CRU) FirmWare (FW) to prevent from data corruption
- The ReadOut process configuration with better memory buffers allocation
- The **Data Distribution software** and its shared Memory Management

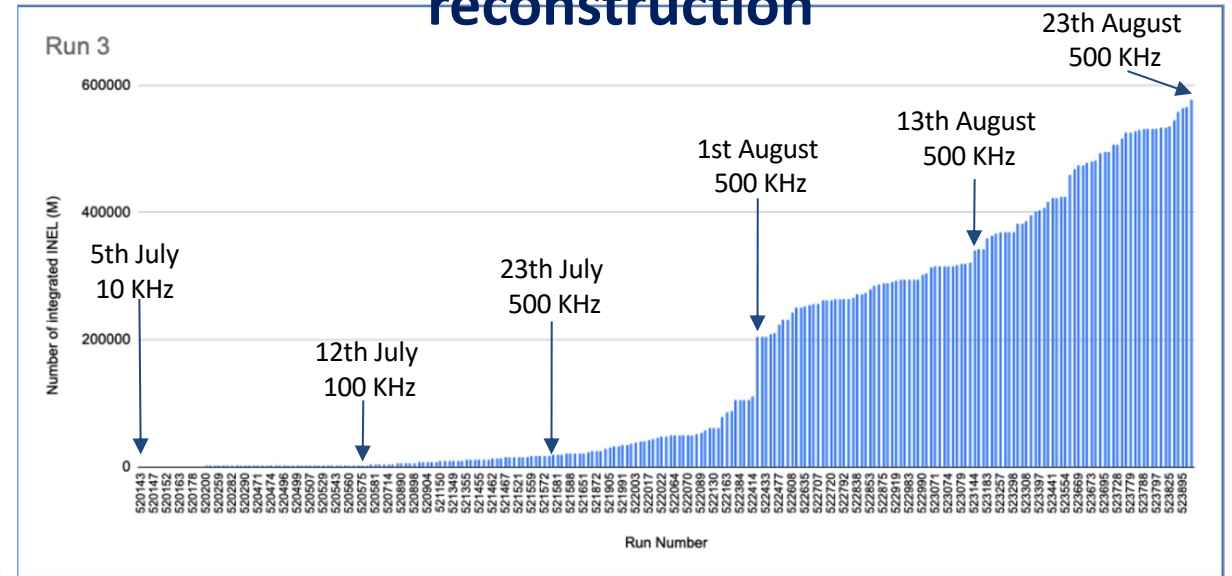
# COLLECTED 13.6 TeV DATA until end of August

Delivered integrated luminosity 9.4  
 $\text{pb}^{-1}$

Delivered Luminosity 2022



Statistics collected used for asynchronous  
**reconstruction**



## Ongoing:

- Allocation of EPN resources for Async Reconstruction: started async pool of 20 nodes.
- Use the LHC downtime to allocate more nodes (not needed by COSMIC runs) and to automate the management

# Organisation et Structures opérationnelles (L1 & L2)

- **Porte-parole adjoint:** Barbara Erazmus (L1, jan.2020→)
- **Management Board:** Alberto Baldisseri (MUON, L1), Philippe Crochet (Elect. L1), Barbara Erazmus (L1, jan.2020→), Stefano Panebianco (MFT, L1, nov.2020→)
- **Physics Board:** Cvetan Cheshkov (Physics Coord. adjoint, L2, jan.2020→), Marie Germain (PWG-GA, L2, mar.2020→avr.2022), Michael Winn (PWG-DQ, L2, nov.2019→dec.2021), Laure Massacrier (PWG-DQ, L2, jan.2022→)
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- **Technical Board:** Alberto Baldisseri (MUON, L1), Stefano Panebianco (MFT, L1, nov.2020→)
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- **Data Preparation Group:** Gustavo Conesa Balbastre (L2, mai 2021→)

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- **Physics Analysis Group:** Nicole Bastid (HF-PAG, jul.2021→), Maxime Guilbaud (MM-PAG, oct.2022→)  
Laure Massacrier (DQ-PAG, avr.2020→avr.2022)
- **Technical Board:** Guillaume Batigne (MFT adjoint, jun.2013→), Xavier Lopez (MID adjoint, jan.2015→oct. 2021),  
Diego Stocco (MID adjoint, jan.2015→, Muon Trigger Project Leader, jan 2017→dec.2020), Christophe Suire (MCH adjoint, avr.2021→)
- **Common tools and System Infrastructure:** Ivana Hrivnacova (O2, jan.2021→)
- **Tracking:** Iouri Belikov (ITS, mar.2013→)
- **Upgrade:** Antonio Uras (ALICE3 Heavy Flavour, avr.2021→)
- **Thesis Award Committee:** Philippe Crochet (co-Chair, mar.2020→)
- **Spokesperson Search Committee:** Marie Germain (Chair, oct.2021→mar.2022)
- **Collaboration Board Chair Search Committee:** Philippe Crochet (oct.2021→dec.2021)

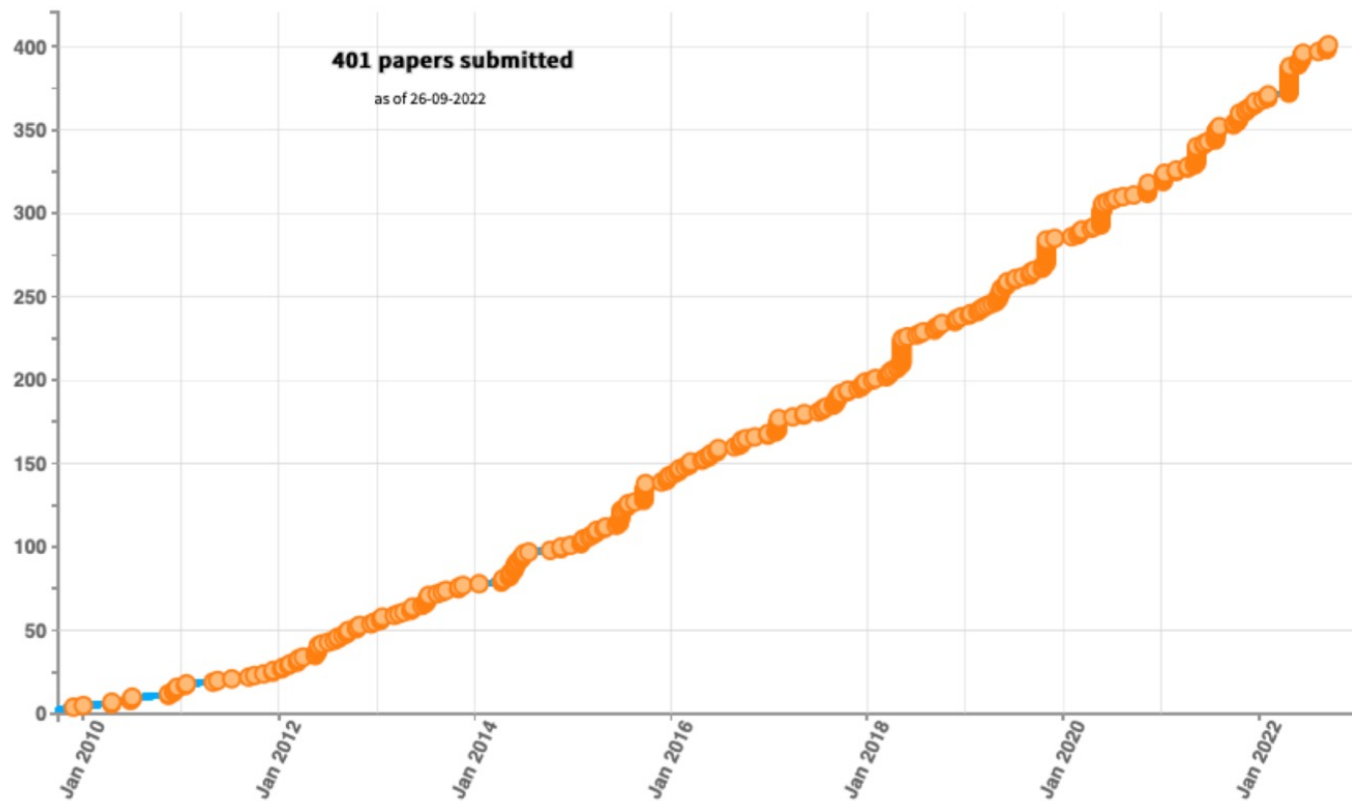
# Coordination Scientifique



- Coordination de Physique: Cvetan Cheshkov (adjoint)
- Coordination de Physics Working Groups (total: 8 PWGs)
  - PWG-GA→JE (gamma→jet), Marie Germain (mai.2020→mai.2022)
  - PWG-DQ (dileptons & quarkonia): Laure Massacrier (jan.2022→)
- Coordination de Physics Analysis Groups (total: 26 PAGs)
  - Quarkonium Muon Decays (PWG-DQ): Laure Massacrier (avr.2020→jan.2022)  
Maxime Guilbaud (jan.2022→)
  - Heavy Flavour Leptons (PWG-HF): Nicole Bastid (jul.2021→)

# Publications

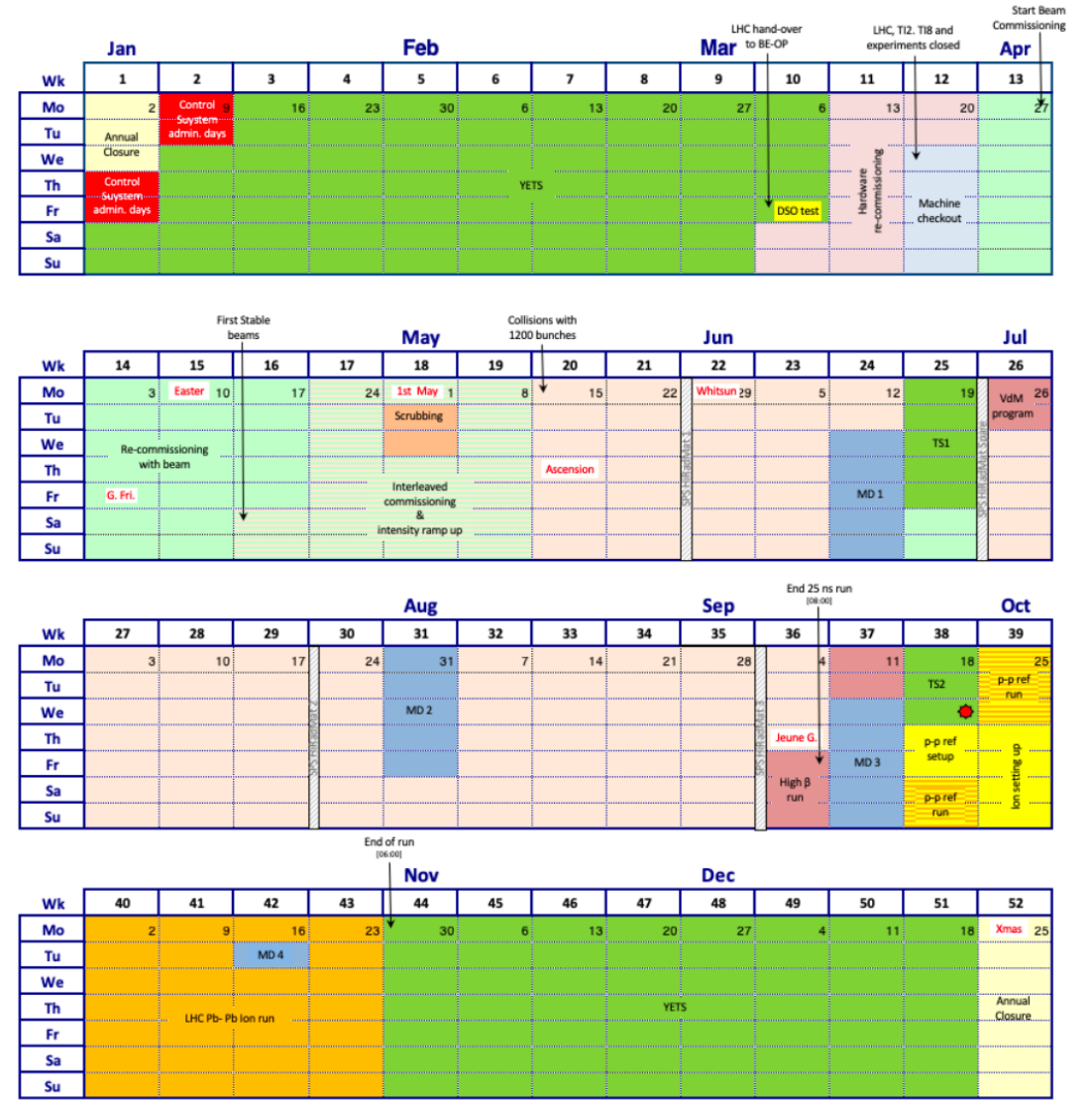
- Total de 401 publications soumises avec 41 publications soumises en 1 an
  - (49 publications soumises pour 2020→21)
  - (46 publications soumises pour 2019→20)
  - (32 publications soumises pour 2018→19)
    - 13 (11) renommées
    - 35 (33) célèbres
    - 74 (68) réputées
- “pics” corrélés avec QM, SQM et ICHEP 2022
  - (QM en avril à Cracovie, SQM en juin à Pusan et ICHEP en juillet à Bologne)
- 13 sur 29 publications avec au moins un collaborateur/trice français/e dans le “Paper Committee” ou l’ “Internal Review Committee” (en général restreint à 3 personnes)





# The 2023 Draft LHC Schedule in Numbers

Activity	Duration [days]	Ratio [%]
Beam Commissioning & Intensity ramp-up	47	21.7
Scrubbing	2	0.9
<b>25 ns physics (&gt;1200 bunches)</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44.7</b>
<b>Special physics runs (incl. setting-up)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Pb-Pb ions & p-p ref. setting-up	6	2.8
<b>Pb-Pb ions physics &amp; p-p ref. run</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14.7</b>
Technical stop	8	3.7
Technical stop recovery	2	0.9
Machine Development blocks (incl. floating MDs)	16	7.4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>100%</b>



# 2023

	Jan				Feb				Mar			Apr		
Wk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Mo	2	Control System admin. days	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27
Tu	Annual Closure													
We														
Th	Control System admin. days						YETS							
Fr										DSO test				
Sa														
Su														

LHC hand-over to BE-OP (Mar 10)  
 LHC, T12, T18 and experiments closed (Apr 12)  
 Start Beam Commissioning (Apr 13)

	May				Jun				Jul							
Wk	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
Mo	3	Easter	10	17	24	1st May	1	8	15	22	Whitsun	29	5	12	19	VdM program
Tu						Scrubbing										
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First Stable beams (May 16)  
 Collisions with 1200 bunches (May 20)  
 SPS HIRadMat 1 (Jun 22)  
 SPS HIRadMat Spare (Jul 26)

# 2023

	Aug							Sep			Oct		
Wk	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Mo	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Tu												TS2	p-p ref run
We					MD 2								
Th										Jeune G.	MD 3	p-p ref setup	Ion setting up
Fr										High $\beta$ run		p-p ref run	
Sa													
Su													

End of run [06:00] **End of 2023 Run: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

	Nov							Dec					
Wk	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
Mo	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	Xmas 25
Tu			MD 4										
We													
Th								YETS					Annual Closure
Fr		LHC Pb- Pb Ion run											
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## 2022: Pb test

- Commission ALICE 2 with ions with ZDC as lumi input
- Use pp optics (as was done for Xenon in RUN 2)
- Top energy 6.8Z TeV with crystal collimation
- Low intensity 0.5 to 1 KHz (w.r.t 50 KHz in Physics)

# 2022: Pb test



## Overview of planning

- Plan (**Total: 36h**)
  - Commissioning → **6h**
  - Slip-stacking tests at injection → **2h**
  - Crystal collimation test → **12h**
  - Stable beams, 2 fills → **16h**
    - Maybe TCLD test as end-of-fill
  - Have 2 days allocated, i.e. we have some contingency in case of unexpected problems, machine downtime etc.
- Advantages of doing things in this order:
  - If beam quality is satisfactory, we can **do stable beams with short slip-stacked trains**
  - If there are no issues, we can **do stable-beam Pb ion operation with crystal collimation** (first time ever!)
  - If we start only at noon on Nov. 17, start of stable beams does not end up in the night

Tentative planning – present proposal  
(assuming we start at 8am on Nov. 17)

	17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov
0		Crystal tests	Contingency
2			
4			
6			
8			
10			
12	Commissioning	Stable beams	
14			
16			
18	Slip-stacking		
20			
22			

# 2022: Pb test



## Expected luminosity

- Assume we keep each fill 5h, assign 6h for cycle, injections, setting up etc.
- Very rough estimate of integrated luminosity in two 5h-fills:
  - 0.25  $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$  at ALICE, 1  $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$  at ATLAS/CMS with 8 collisions
    - ALICE loses slightly from fast burn-off at ATLAS/CMS, with small  $\beta^*$
    - Using offset-leveling at ATLAS/CMS, we can reduce burn-off – under discussion
  - 0.07-0.2  $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$  at LHCb depending on filling scheme
- **Very high error bar!**
  - Beam parameters in collision still uncertain (emittance, intensity ...)
  - Very sensitive to actual machine availability

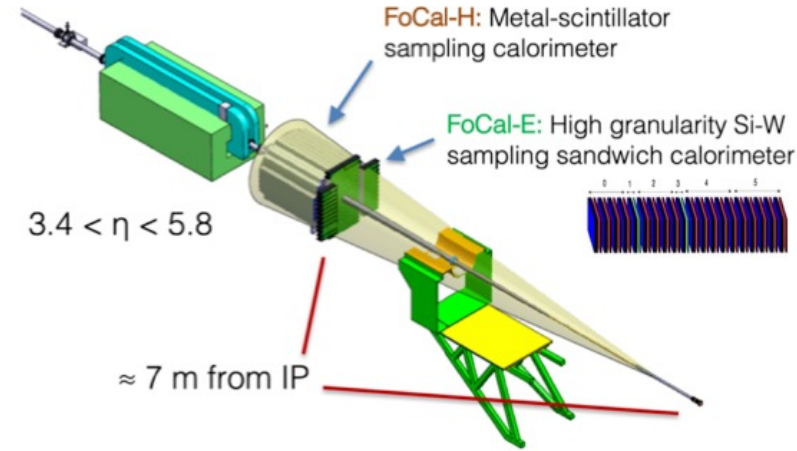
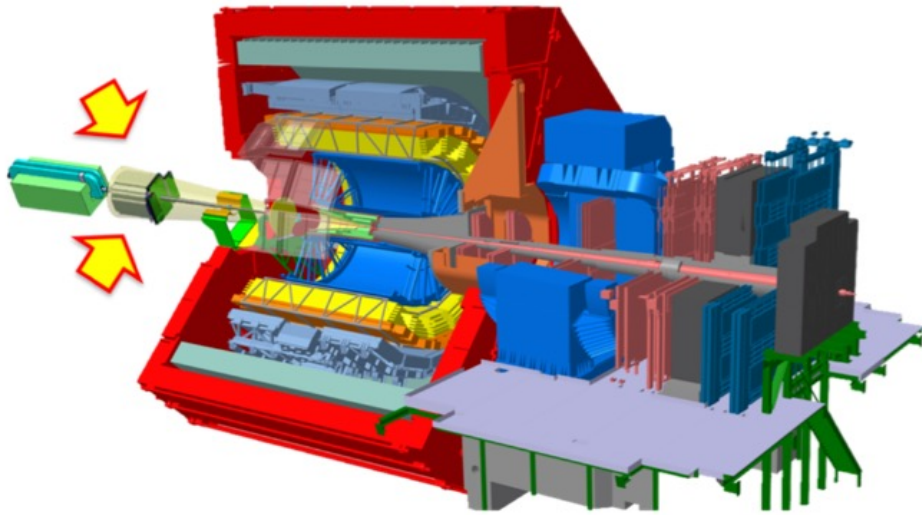
### Max instantaneous luminosity, at start of fill (in $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )

	IP1/5	IP2	IP8
20b_8_16_8_8 (single bunches)	$5.4 \times 10^{25}$	$8. \times 10^{24}$	$1.6 \times 10^{25}$
20b_2_18_2_2 (slip-stacked)	$1.4 \times 10^{25}$	$9.1 \times 10^{24}$	$3.9 \times 10^{24}$
20b_8_20_8_3 (slip-stacked)	$5.4 \times 10^{25}$	$1. \times 10^{25}$	$5.9 \times 10^{24}$

### Integrated luminosity over 5h (in $\mu\text{b}$ )

	IP1/5	IP2	IP8
20b_8_16_8_8 (single bunches)	0.51	0.1	0.19
20b_2_18_2_2 (slip-stacked)	0.13	0.15	0.06
20b_8_20_8_3 (slip-stacked)	0.52	0.14	0.077

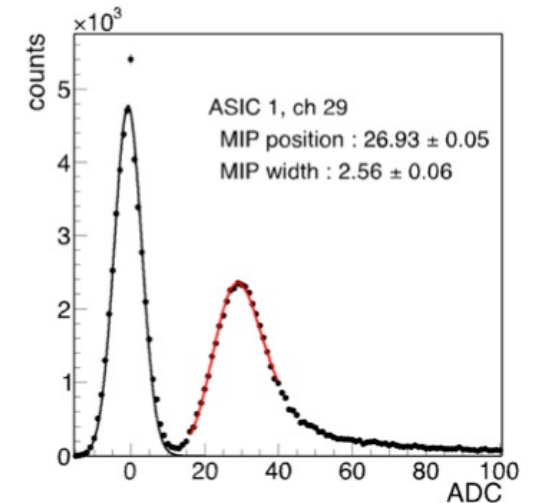
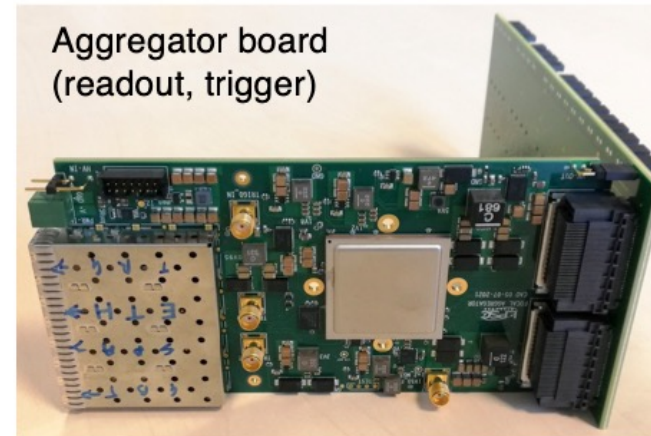
# En prévision du LS3: FoCal-E

ALICE LoI LHCC-I-036 [CERN-LHCC-2020-009](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2781441/files/LHCC-2020-009.pdf)

- **Calorimètre EM en région avant avec lecture Si-W de haute granularité**
- Dédié à la mesure de photons directs en région avant

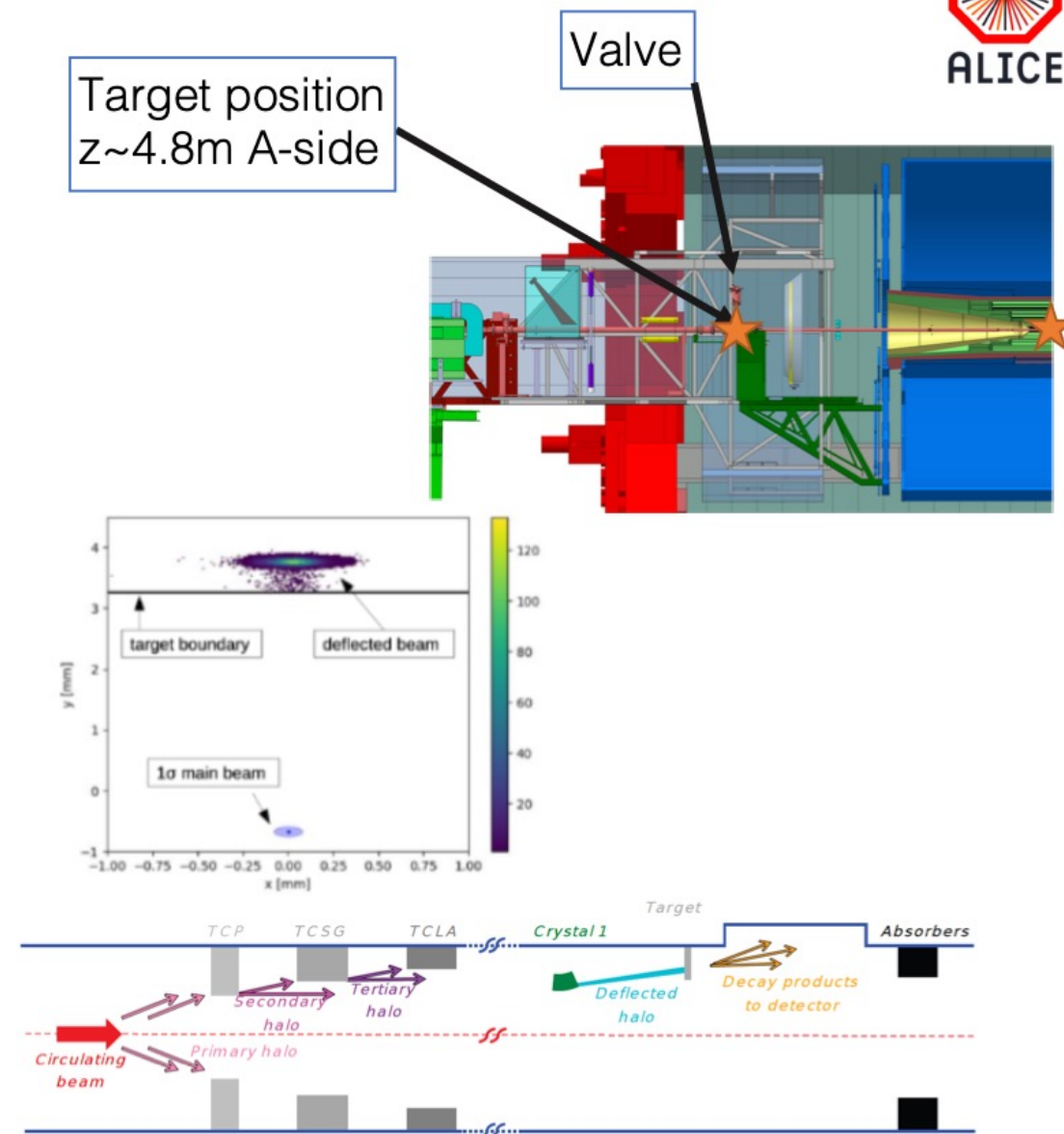
## • Démonstrateur FoCal-E PAD

- Construction d'un prototype (1/5 du module final) en collaboration avec le C4Pi
- Tests sous faisceau au CERN (PS & SPS) avec readout O2 (CRU)



# En prévision du LS3: Fixed Target

- Dispositif de fonctionnement en Cible Fixe non polarisée
- **Proposed layout for ALICE with bent crystal**
  - Beam splitting thanks to a bent crystal
  - LHC collimation studies done for ALICE with proton beam, started with Pb beam
  - Coupled to a retractable solid target in front of ALICE
- Aim at an installation in LS3 (2026-2027)
- Probe high-x gluon, antiquark and heavy-quark content in the nucleon and nucleus
- Provide inputs for astrophysics (charm and antiproton production)
- Study the nuclear matter properties in heavy-ion collisions towards large rapidity





# En prévision du LS3: Fixed Target

## Target design and integration

- Target position:  $\sim 5$  m from IP2 with material budget outside of FoCal acceptance
- Conceptual design of the target system performed
- Mechanical integration within ALICE ongoing

## Physics performance in pW at 115 GeV

- Tracking performance of the central barrel with displaced vertex for charged particles D and  $\Lambda$
- PID performance ongoing

Towards a Lol (2022)

## Next studies

- Vacuum and impedance integration, machine protection studies

ANR JCJC 2022 (Laure Massacrier): 2 years postdoc (performance studies), 1 IE (2 years) for vacuum studies, 1 AI (1 year) for impedance studies, material and missions

