

Upgrades at the LHC

detector technologies
&
prospects for heavy-ion physics

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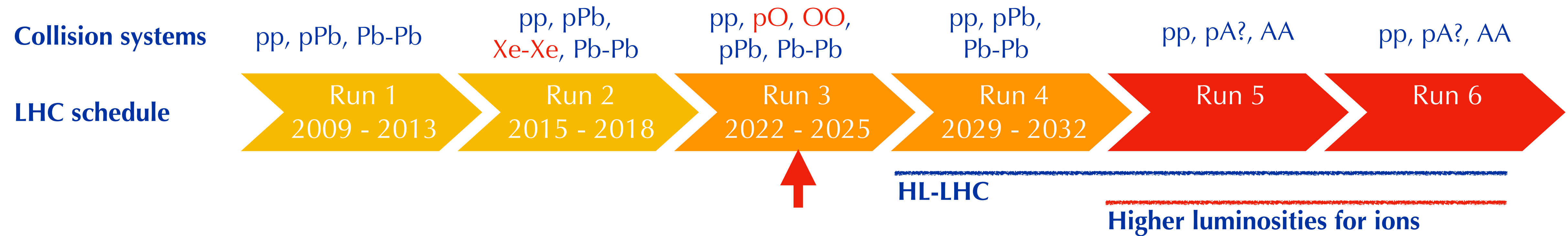
Introduction

- **Marvellous performance of LHC and experiments**
→ presentations at this very conference
- **Further progress** relies on
 - **statistics** → accelerator (luminosity) & detectors (rate, occupancy, radiation load, ...)
 - **precision** → detector resolution (position, time, ...)
 - **analyses** → methods & technologies

In this talk focus on

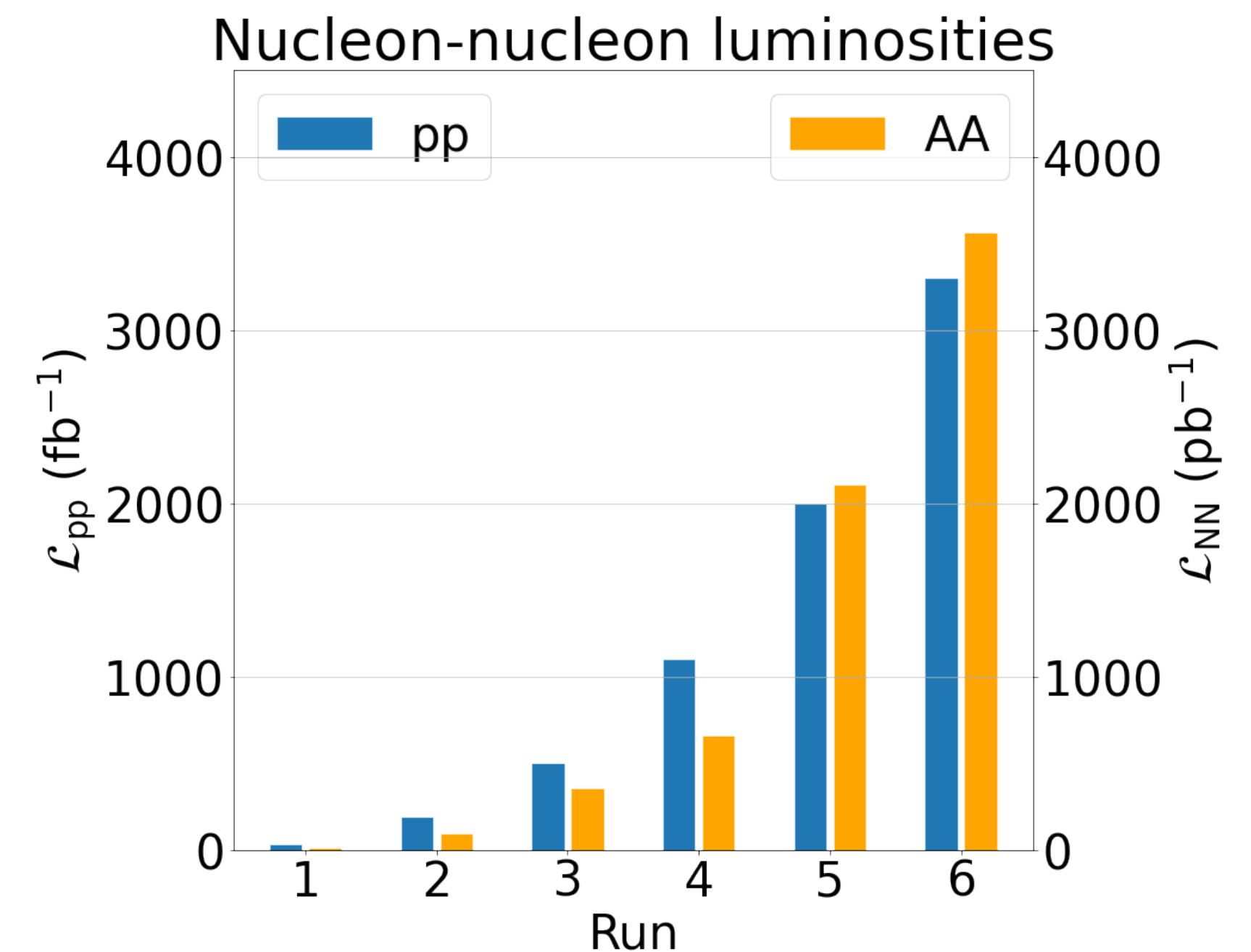
- detector technologies and choices
- performance improvements
- impact on heavy-ion programme

LHC programme



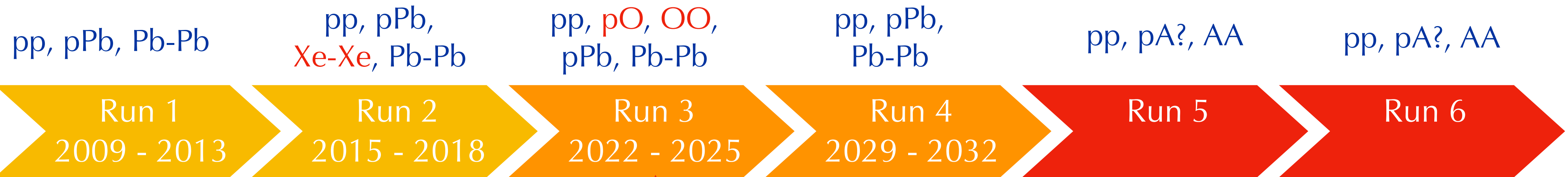
LHC provides **ideal and unique environment** to study hot QCD matter with heavy ions

- various collision systems at highest energies $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.36 \text{ TeV}$
- highest energy density ($> 12 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$) and highest temperature ($\approx 300 \text{ MeV}$)
- longest lifetime ($\approx 10 \text{ fm/c}$)
- largest heavy-flavour yields ($\sim 200 \text{ c}/\bar{\text{c}}$ in central Pb-Pb)
- vanishing net-baryon density ($\mu_B \approx 0$)



LHC programme

Collision systems

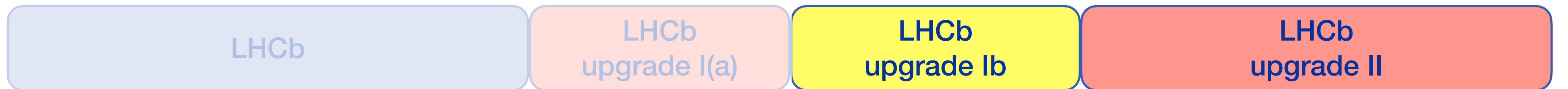
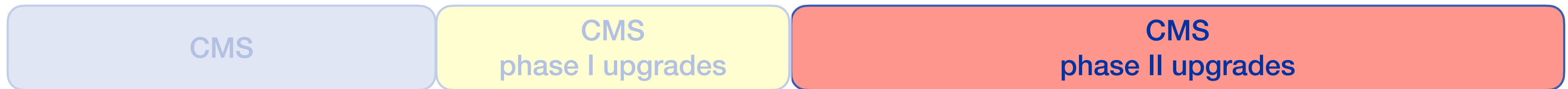
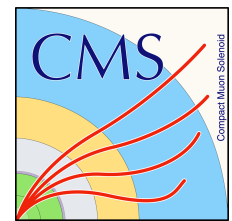
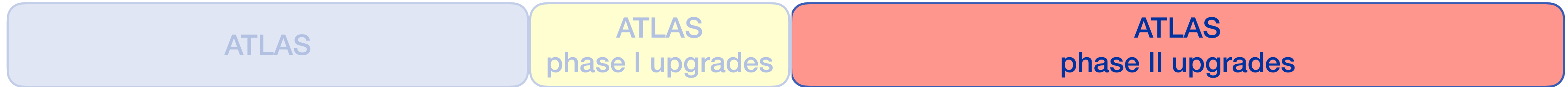


LHC schedule

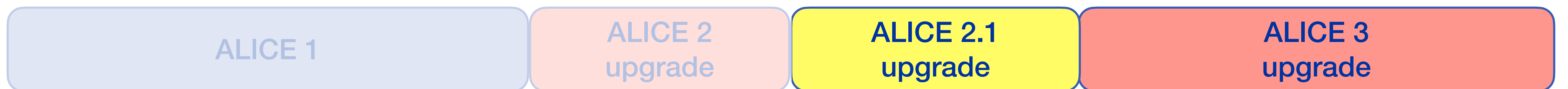


HL-LHC

Higher luminosities for ions



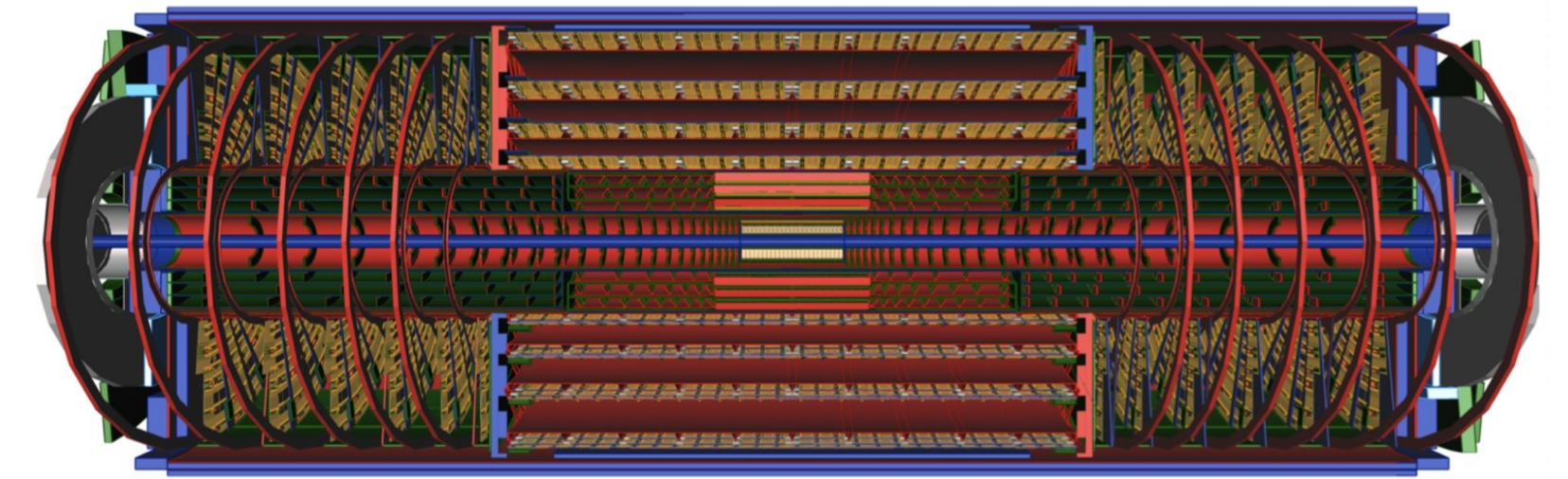
ALICE



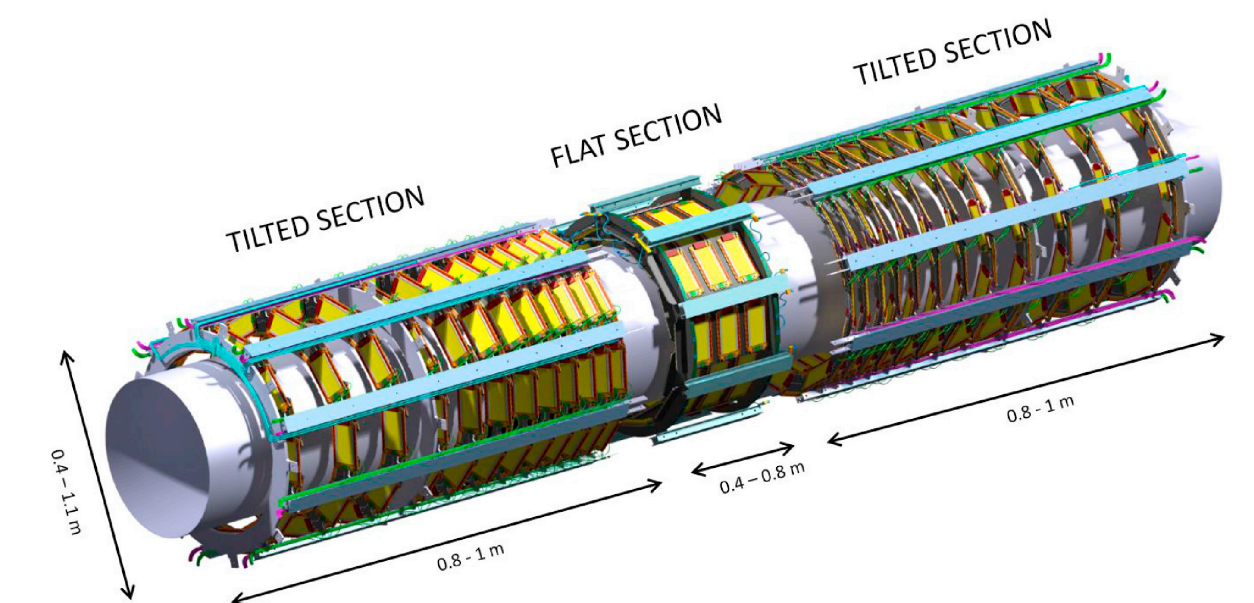
Tracking & Vertexing

Wide adoption of silicon sensors to meet requirements

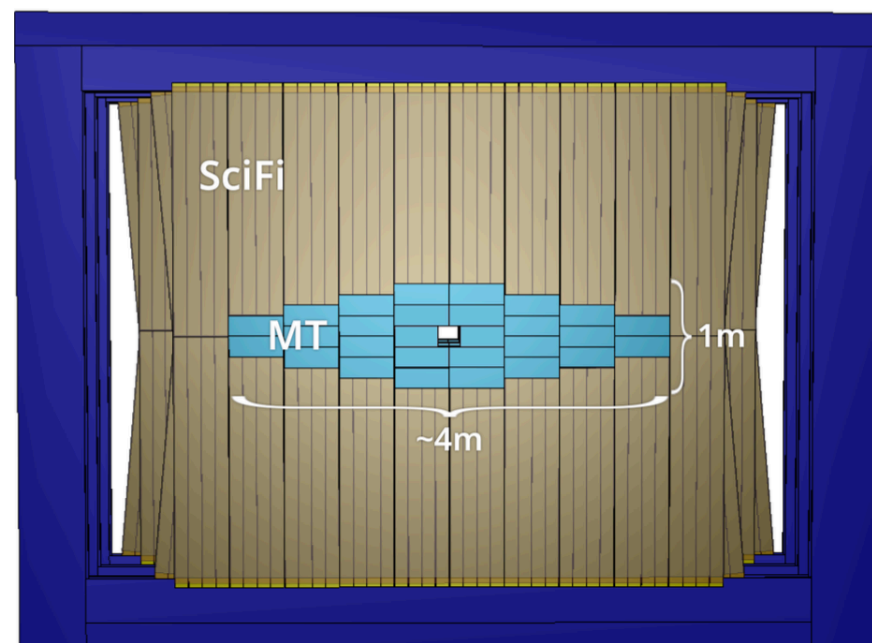
- position & timing resolution (pile-up, pointing)
- bandwidth (fluxes $> \text{GHz}/\text{cm}^2$)
- material budget (momentum resolution)
- radiation tolerance ($10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ for inner layers)
- large acceptance ($\sim 100 \text{ m}^2$ for tracking layers)



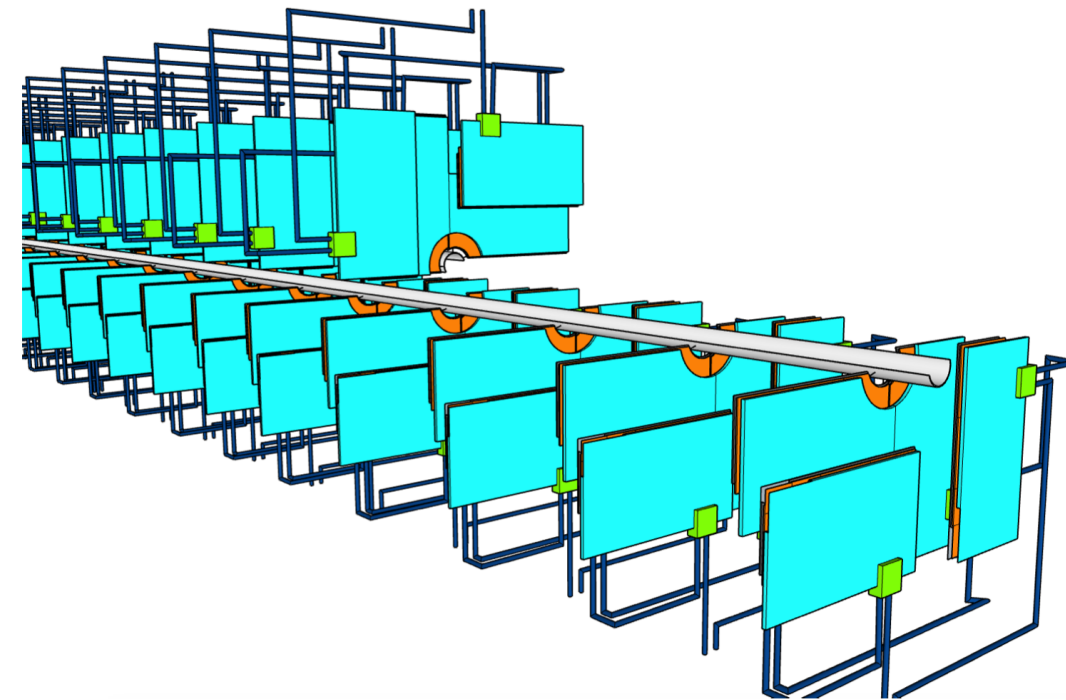
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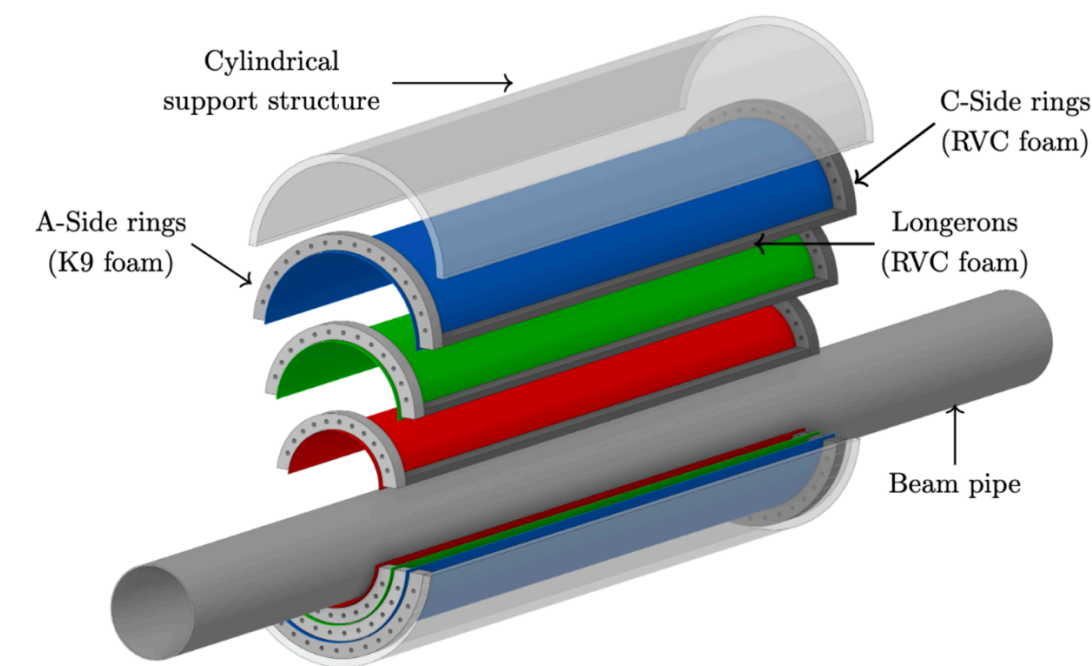
CMS tracker



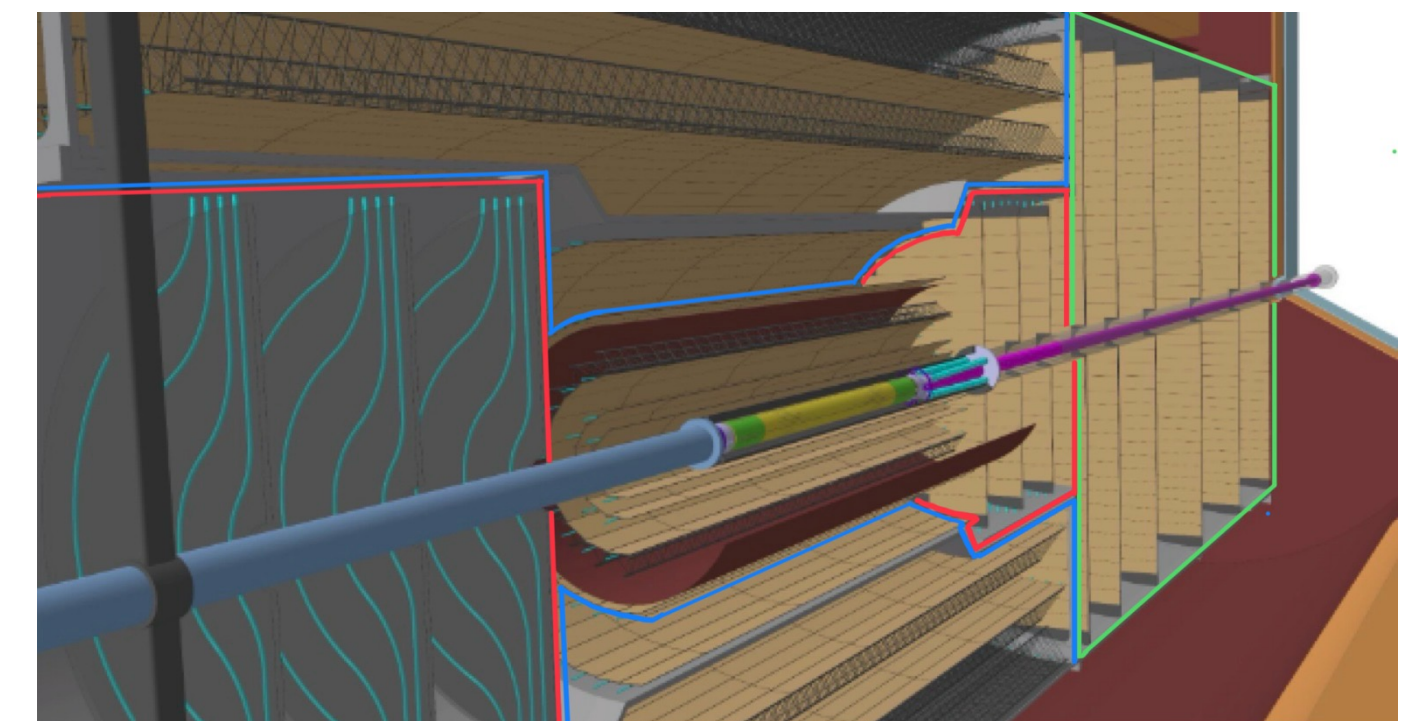
LHCb mighty tracker



LHCb VELO



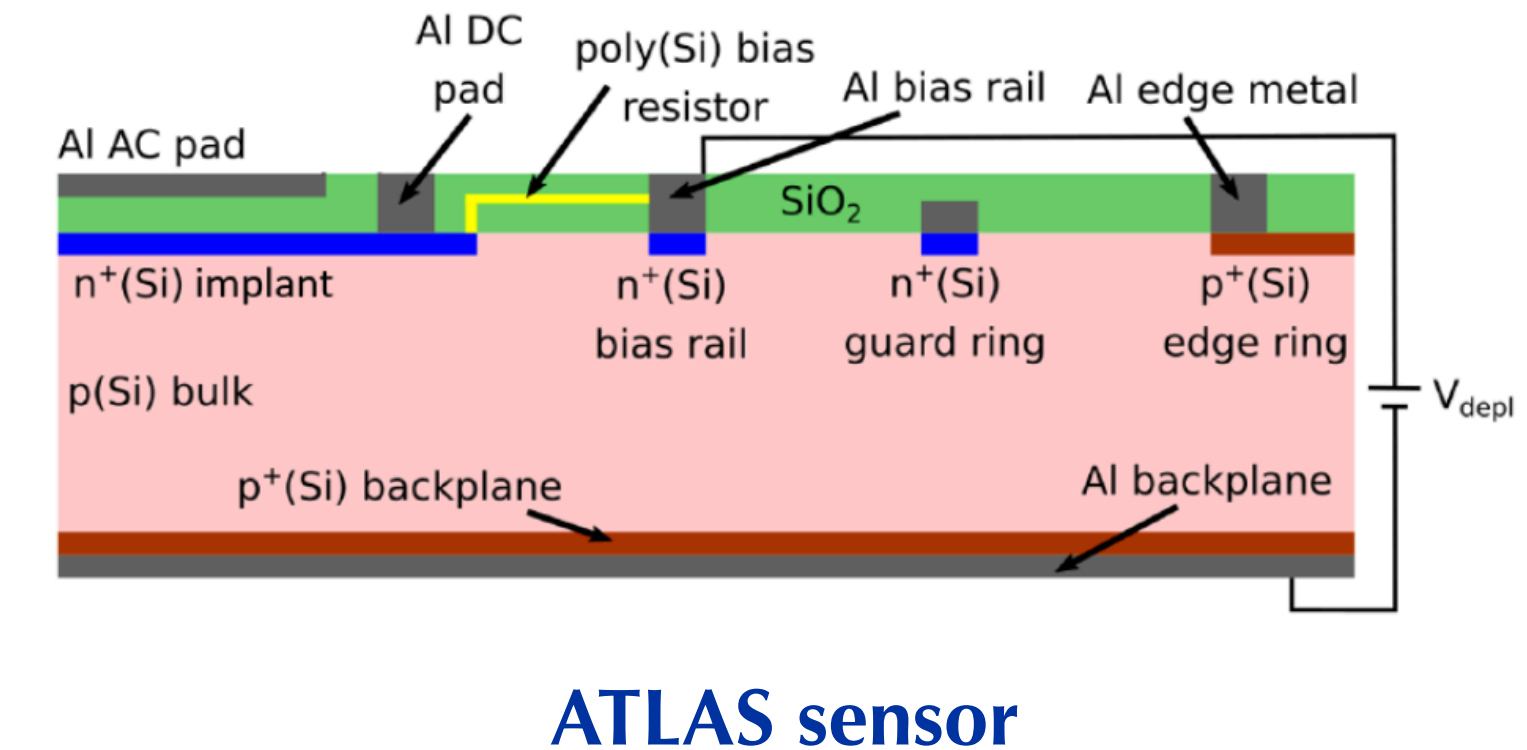
ALICE ITS3



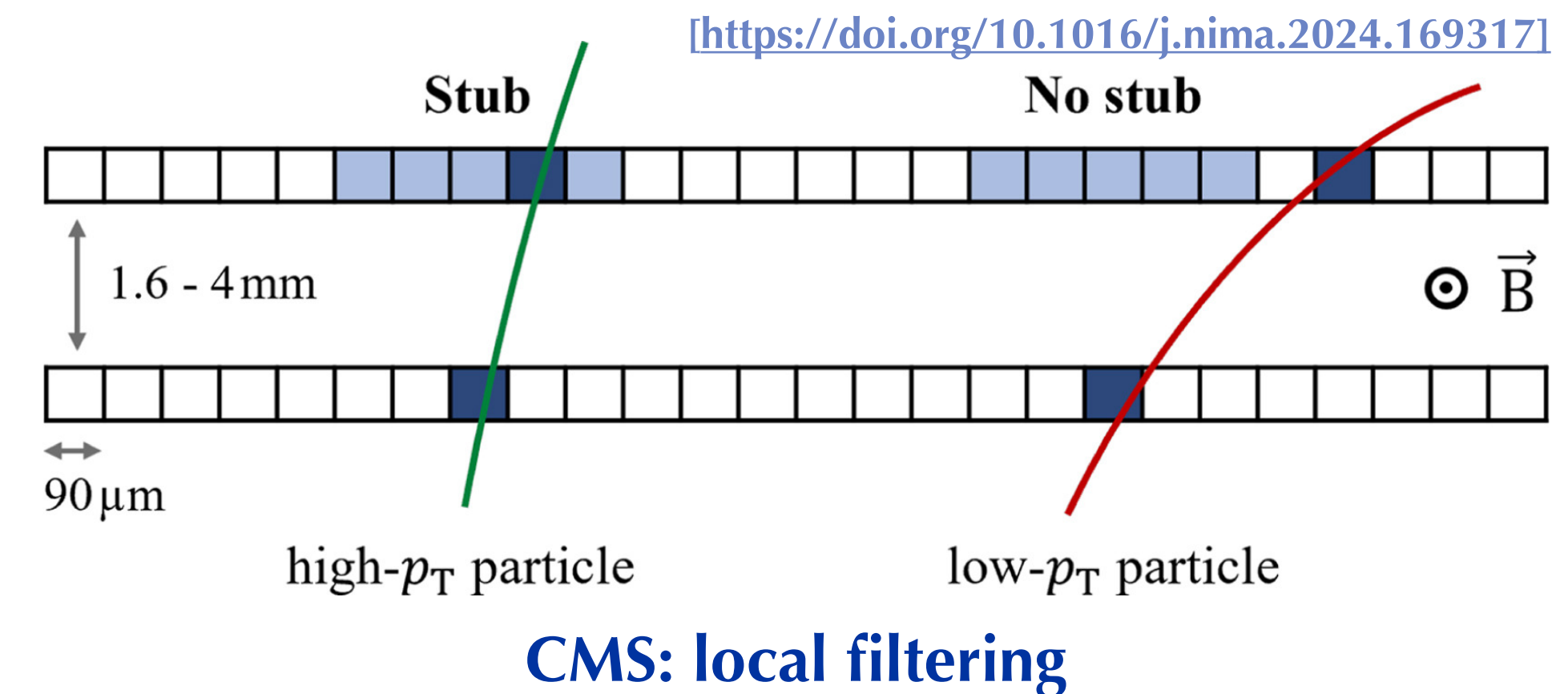
ALICE 3 tracker

Silicon strip sensors

- **Double layers** of **n⁺-in-p** strip sensors
(320 μm, $V_{\text{bias}} \approx 500 - 800 \text{ V}$)
 - radiation load at HL-LHC:
p bulk → no type inversion, larger signals
 - cold operation (-30 °C)
 - $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ μm} \times \text{cm})$ strips, $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ m}^2)$, $\mathcal{O}(10^8)$ channels



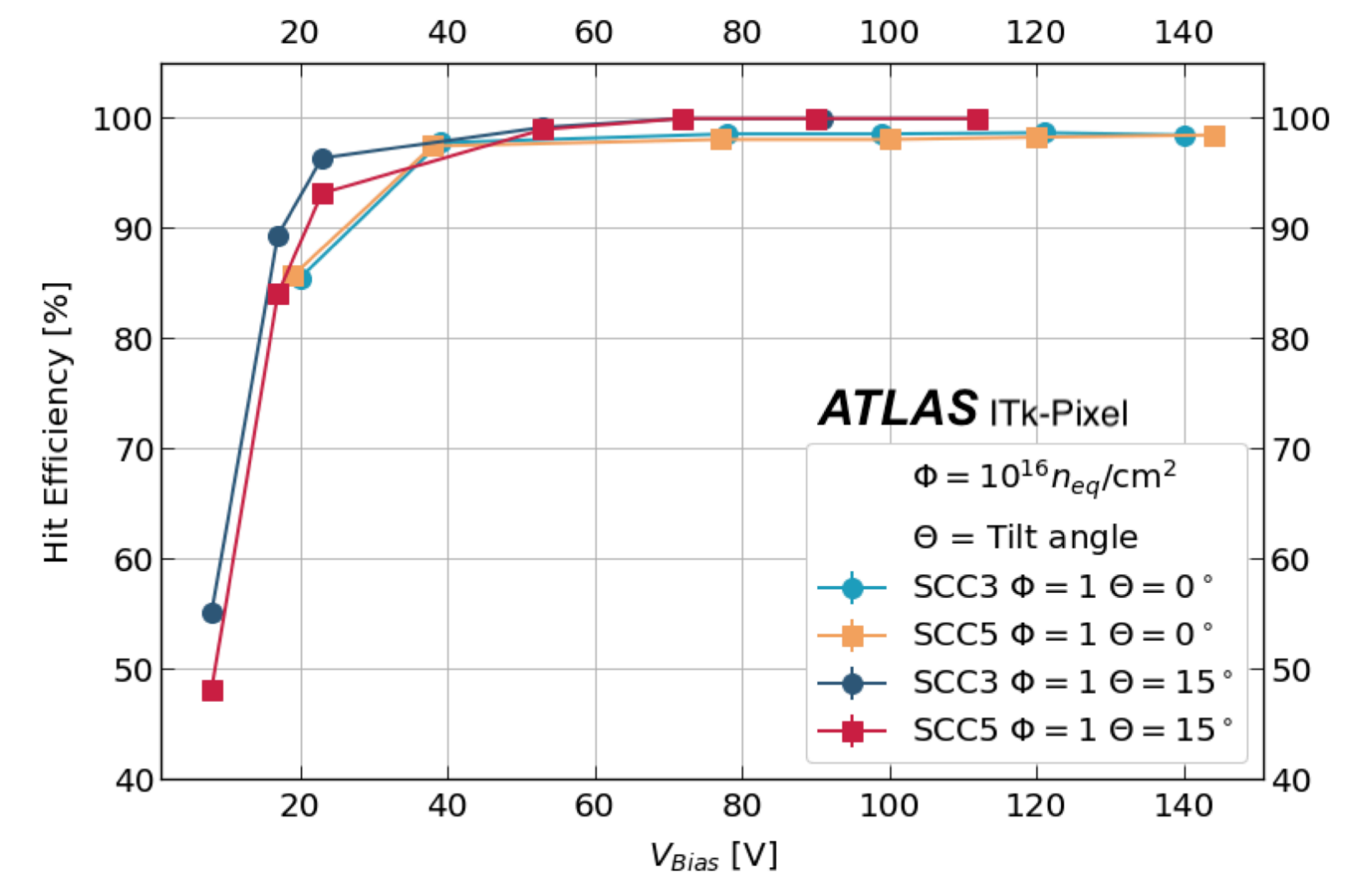
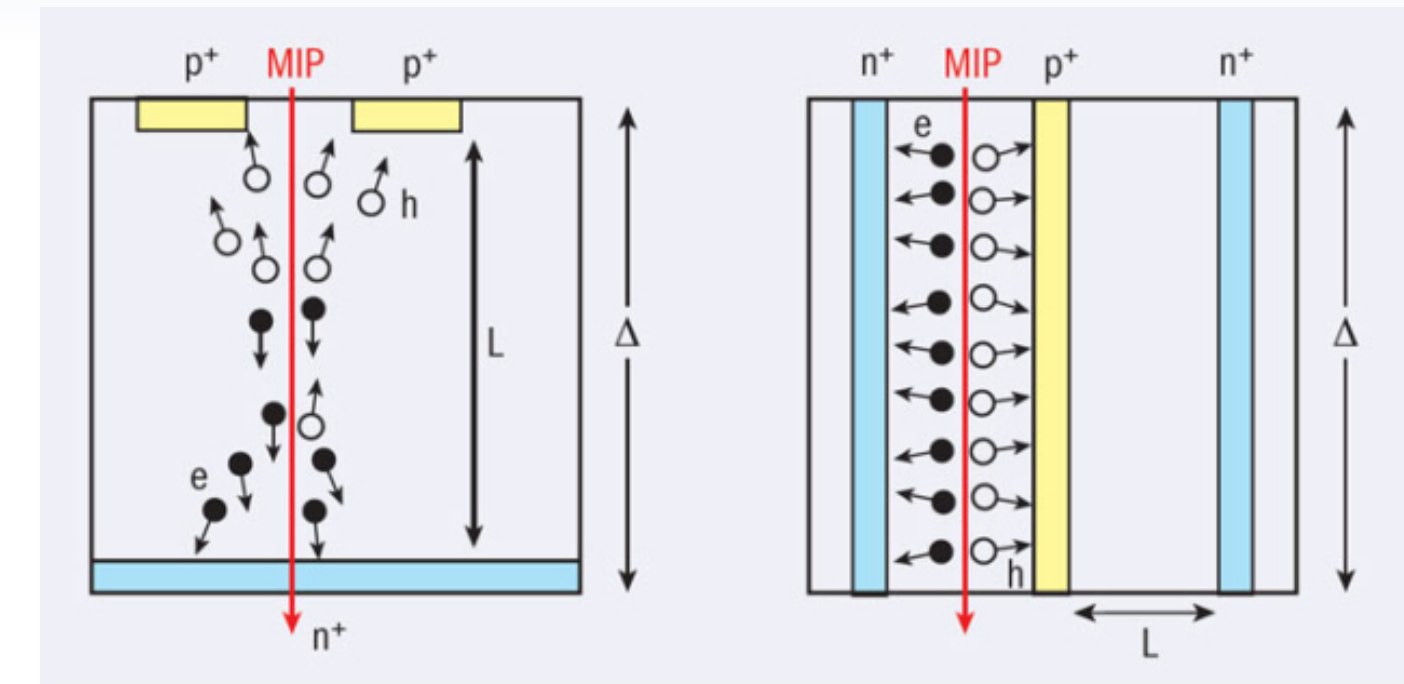
- **Front-end** and **readout** with dedicated chips
 - local processing
(ATLAS ABCstar + HCCstar, 130 nm GF)
 - correlation of hits to stubs and filtering
(CMS Binary Chip + CMS Integrator Chip)



Hybrid pixel sensors

[<https://cerncourier.com/a/silicon-sensors-go-3d/>]

- **Planar and 3d pixel sensors (n⁺-in-p)**
 - trade-off between stability (3d) and efficiency (planar)
 - $\mathcal{O}(50 \times 50) \mu\text{m}^2$ pixels, $\mathcal{O}(10^9)$ channels, first layers 3d (ATLAS, CMS)
 - ongoing R&D (LHCb VELO)
- **Front-end and readout**
 - RD53 → CMS CRORCv2, ATLAS ITkPixV2 (TSMC 65 nm): **ToT \propto charge**
 - towards **4d tracking** in LHCb VELO:
 - TimePix4 (MediPix; TSMC 65 nm): 55 μm , 195 ps
 - TimeSpot (INFN; 28 nm), $\sigma_t \approx 50$ ps
 - PicoPix (CERN, Nikhef; 28 nm)

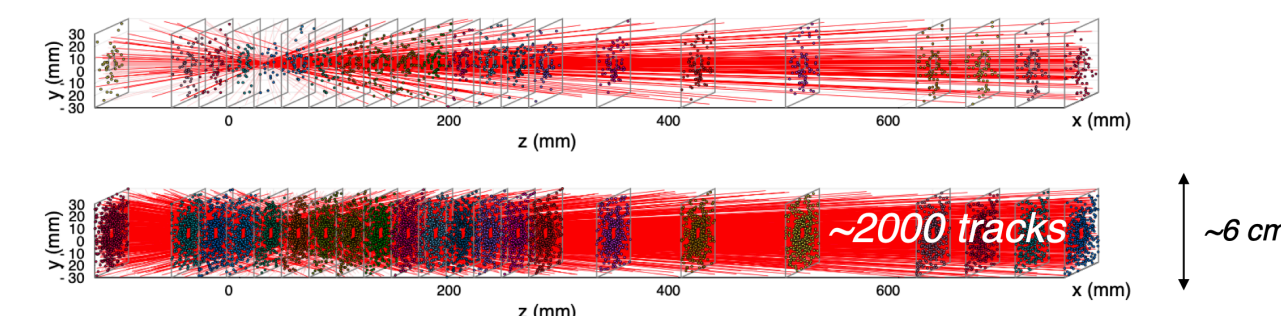


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Efficiency ATLAS 3d pixels

Run 3: pile-up ~6

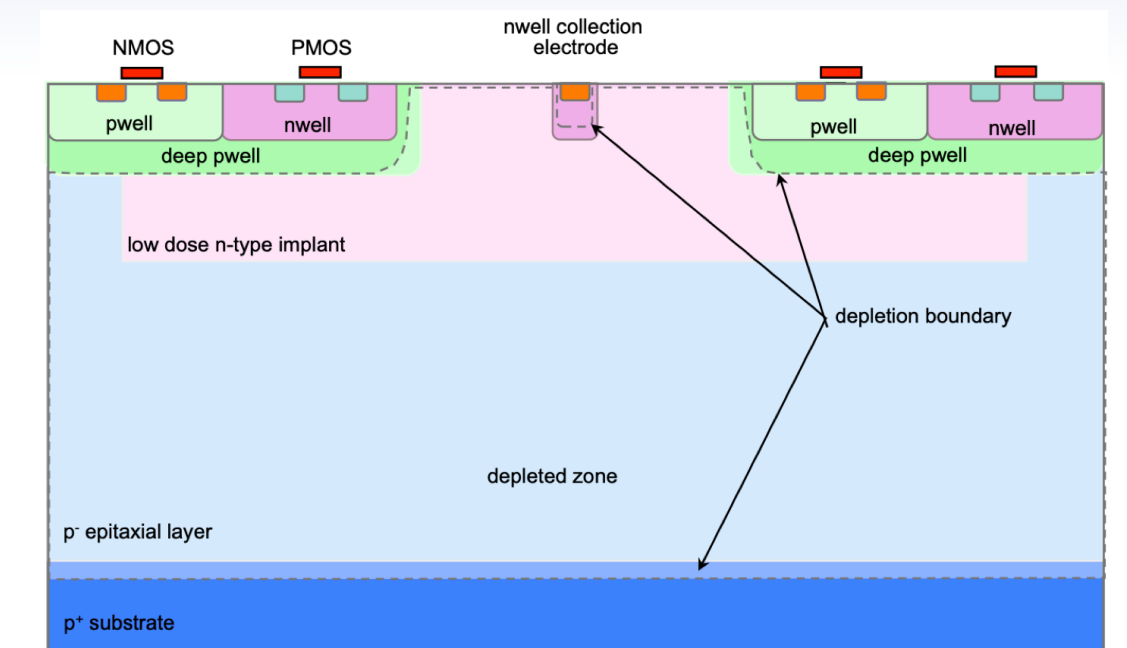
Upgrade II: pile-up ~40



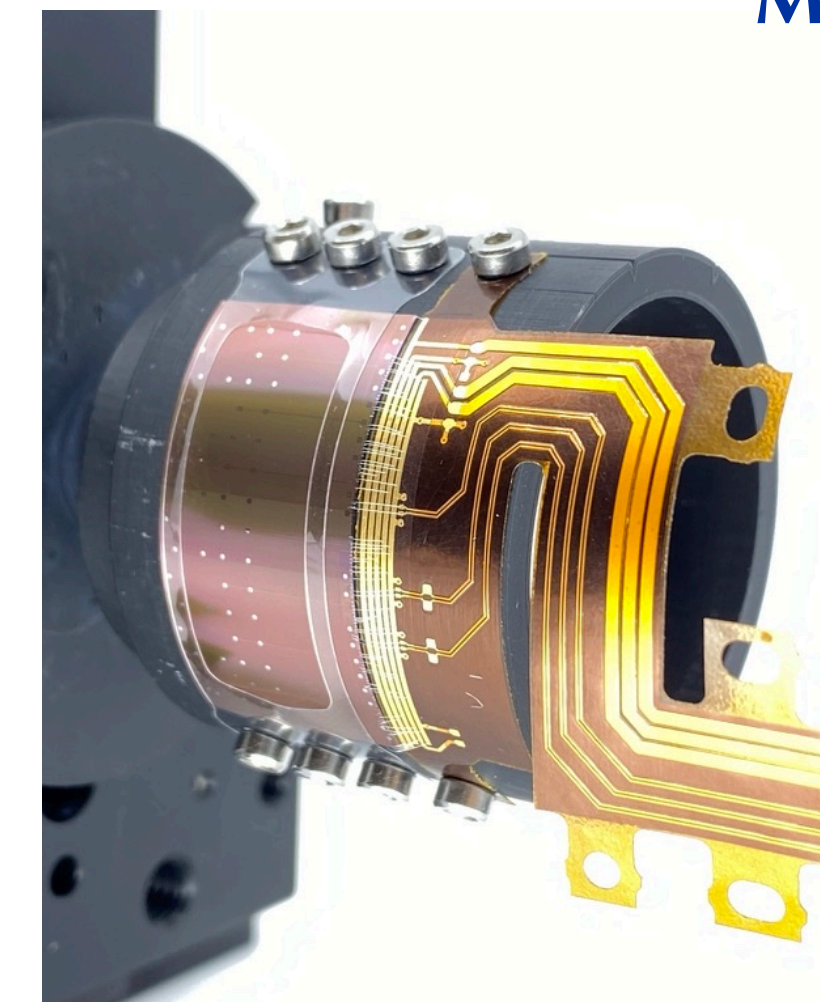
LHCb VELO

Monolithic active pixel sensors

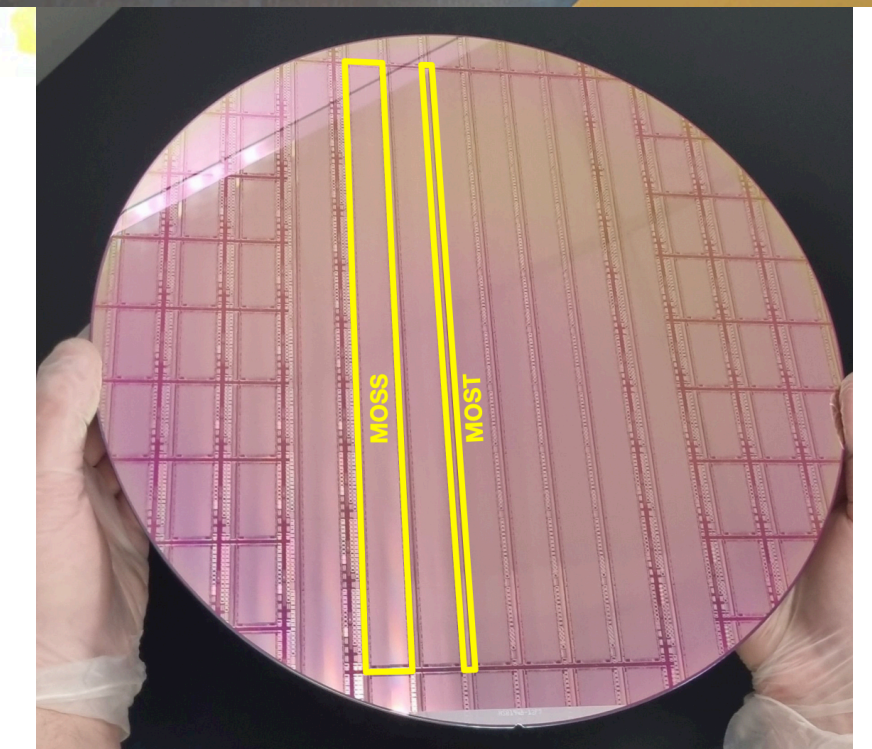
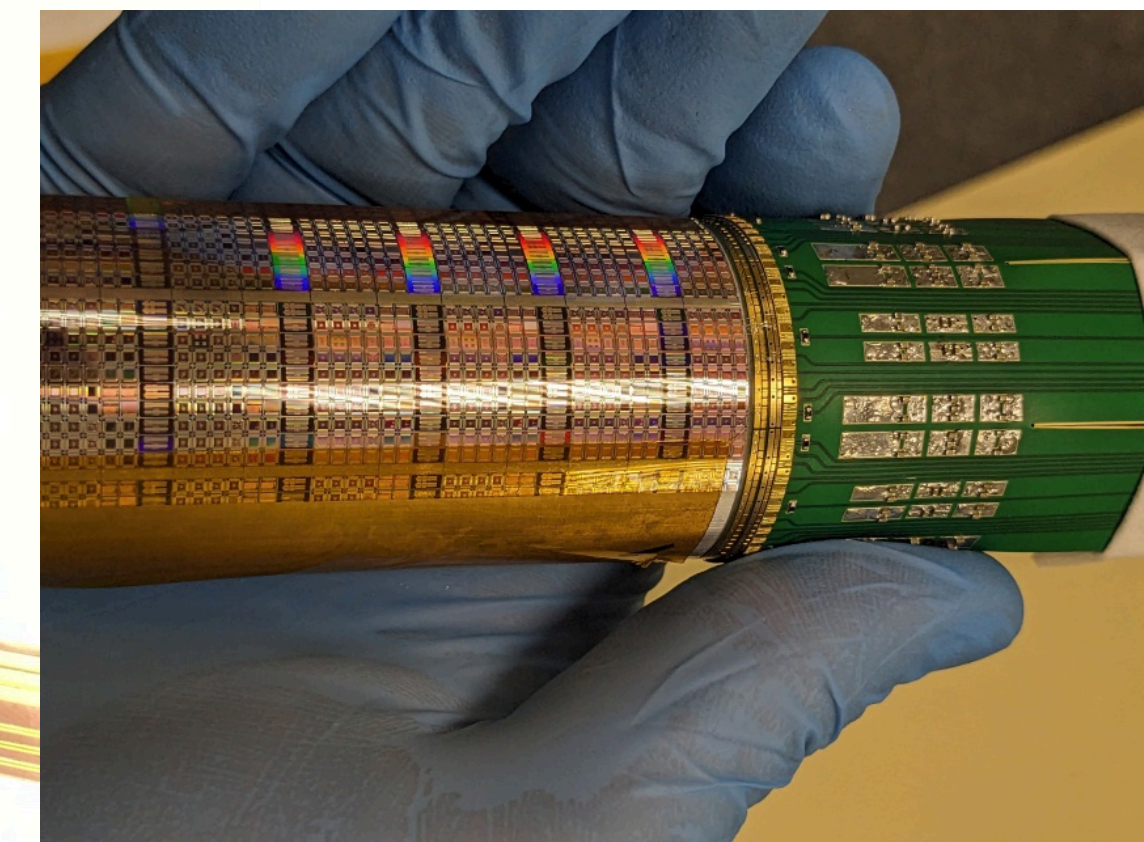
- **Modification of TowerJazz 180 nm process**
 - depletion, radiation tolerance ($\sim 10^{15} n_{eq} / \text{cm}^2$)
 - MALTA, Monopix → LHCb trackers? (originally ATLAS phase II)
- **HV-MAPS** (special processes)
 - depletion through bias voltage
 - LHCb trackers?
- **Thinning and bending of sensors** → ITS3
 - feasibility and performance demonstrated with ALPIDE
- **65 nm sensors realised** (TPSCo imaging + modification)
 - denser integration, larger wafers, stitching
 - MOSAIX: wafer-sized stitched sensor, $\mathcal{O}(10 \times 10) \mu\text{m}^2$ pixels → ITS3
 - baseline technology for ALICE 3



Modified process (depletion)



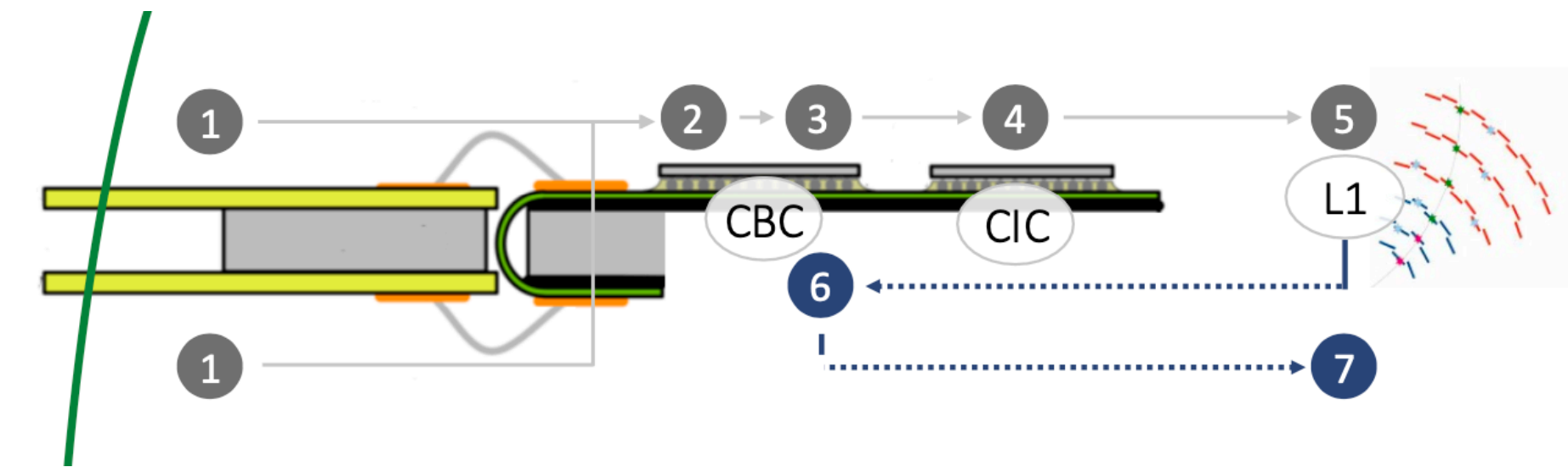
Bent ALPIDE



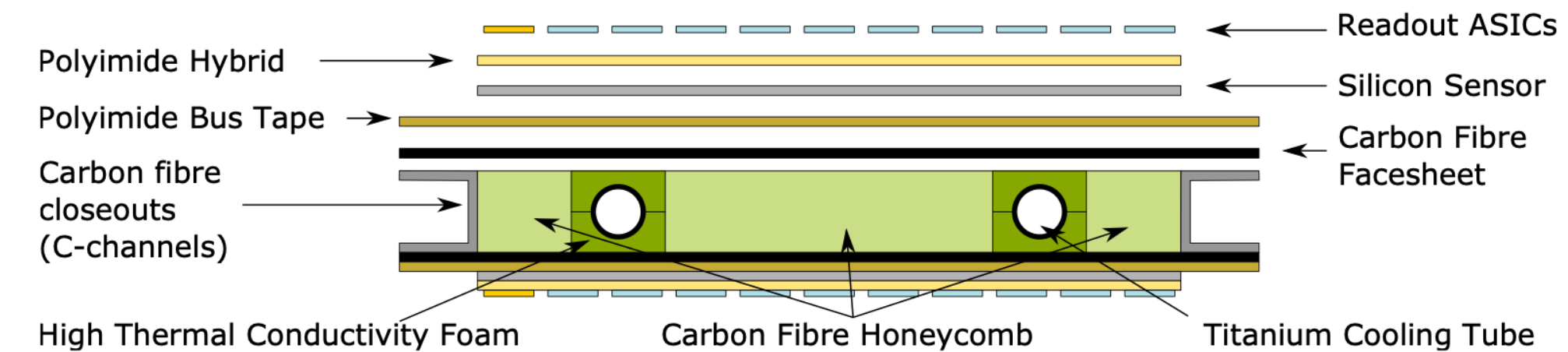
Stitched sensors

Integration

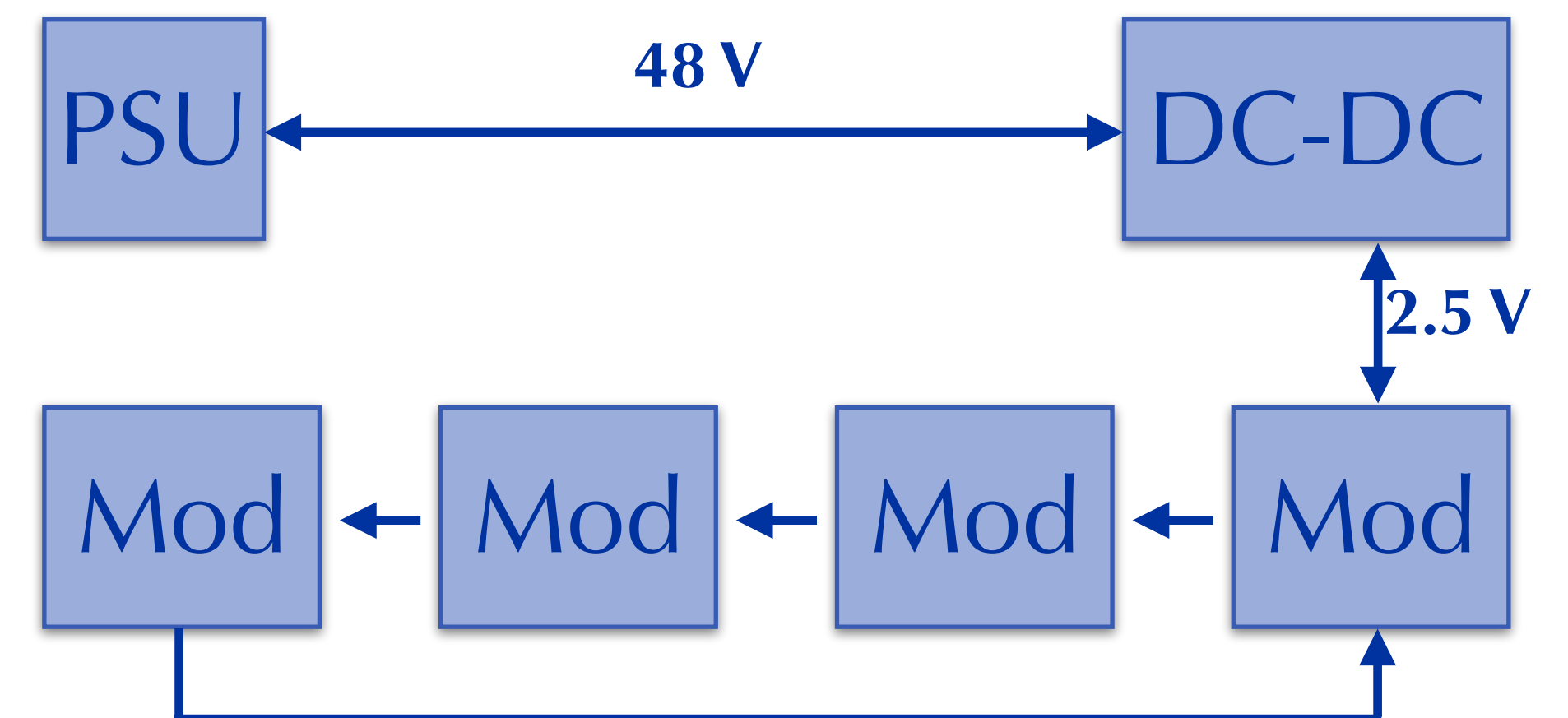
- **Highly-integrated modules:** sensor + readout + power chips
 - industrialised production, possibly wafer-to-wafer bonding
 - thermal stress can cause cracks (cf. ATLAS)
- **Cooling**
 - air → lightweight (ITS3)
 - water → cooling power (ALICE 3)
 - CO₂ → cold (ATLAS, CMS)
- **DC-DC conversion** → reduce current, i.e. material
 - rad. hard buck converters (bPOL...) available
 - ongoing R&D for higher currents (50 A), new processes
- **Serial powering** → reduce material
 - shunt regulators integrated in readout chips (ATLAS, CMS)



CMS strip module



ATLAS strip module

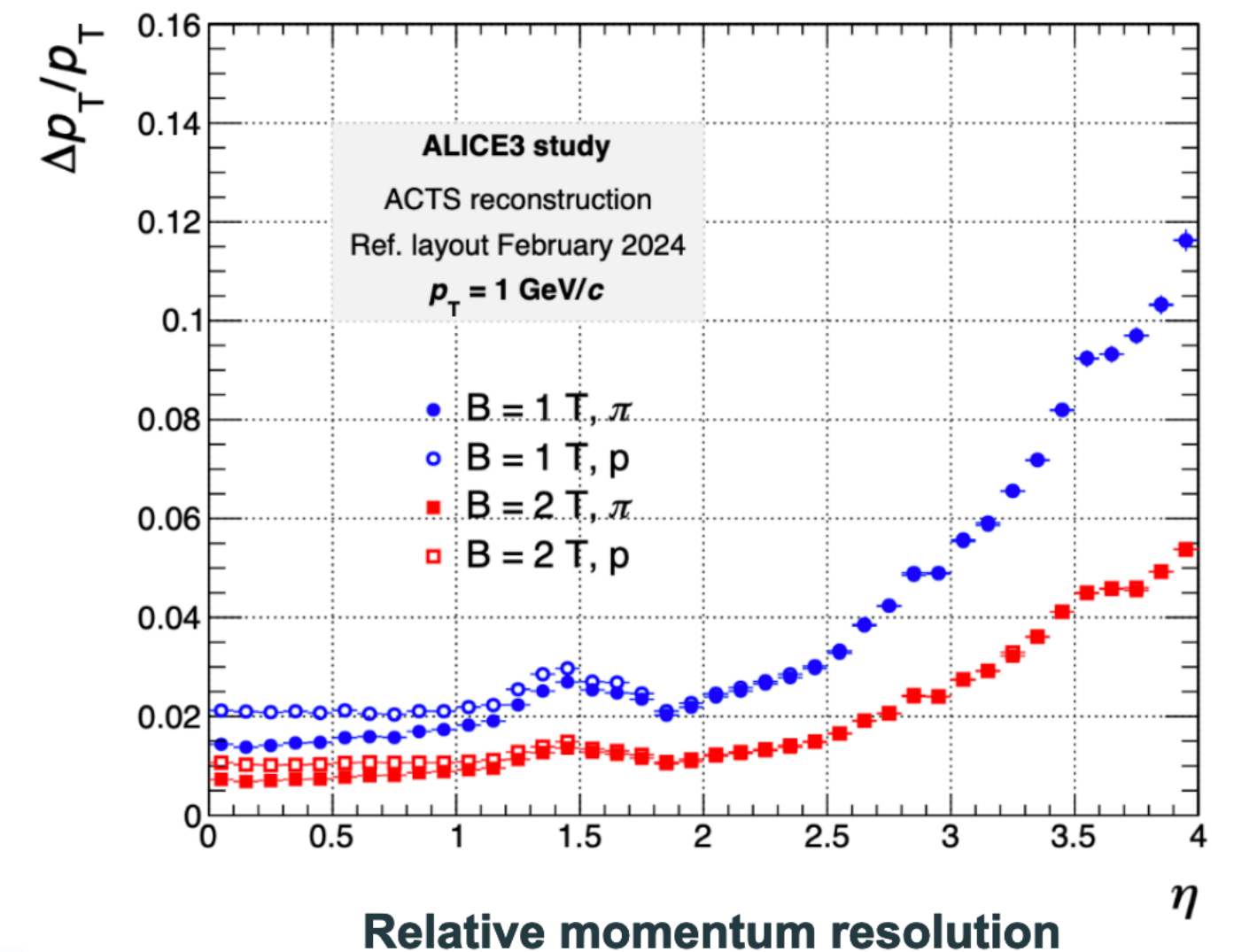
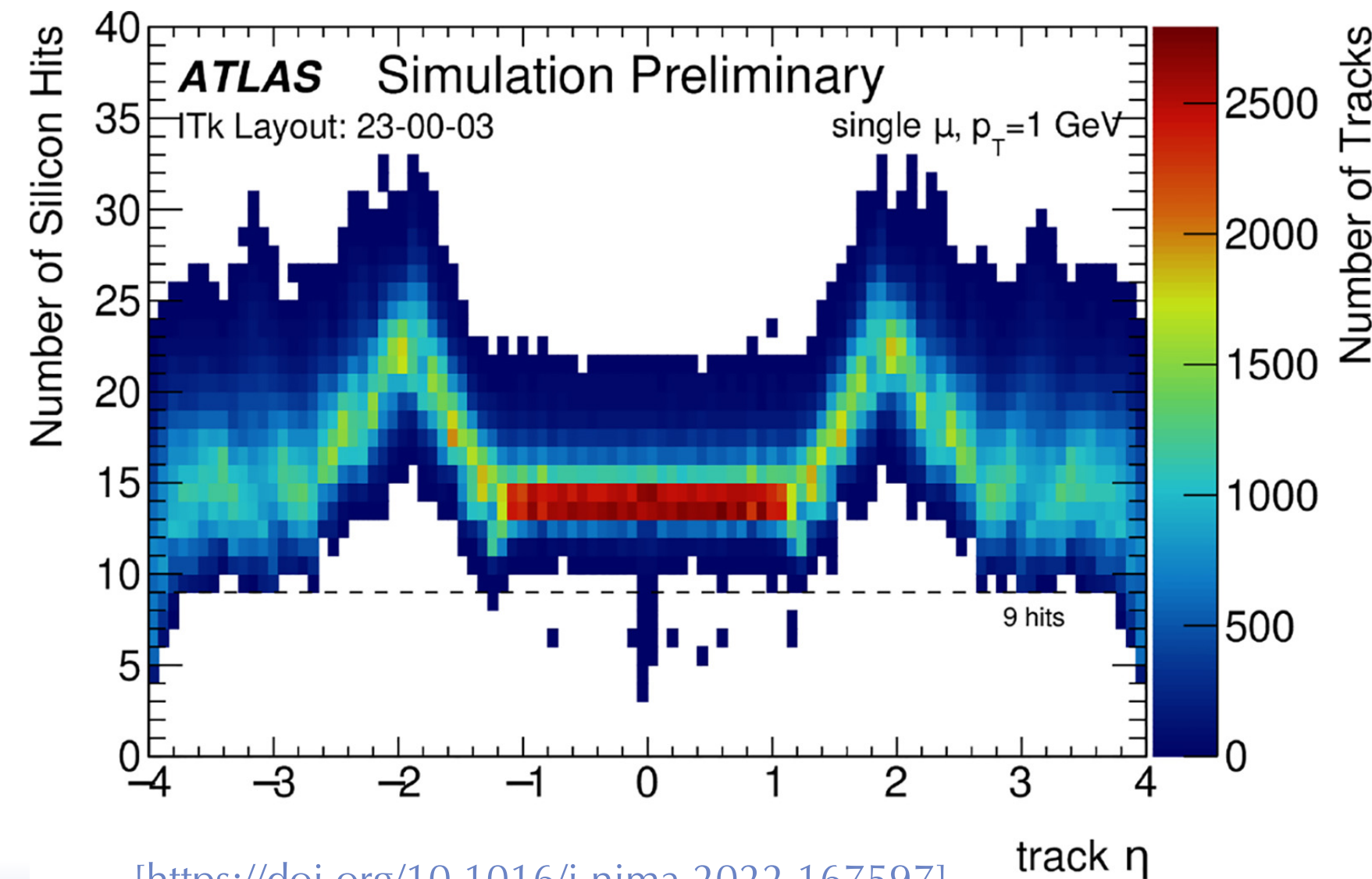
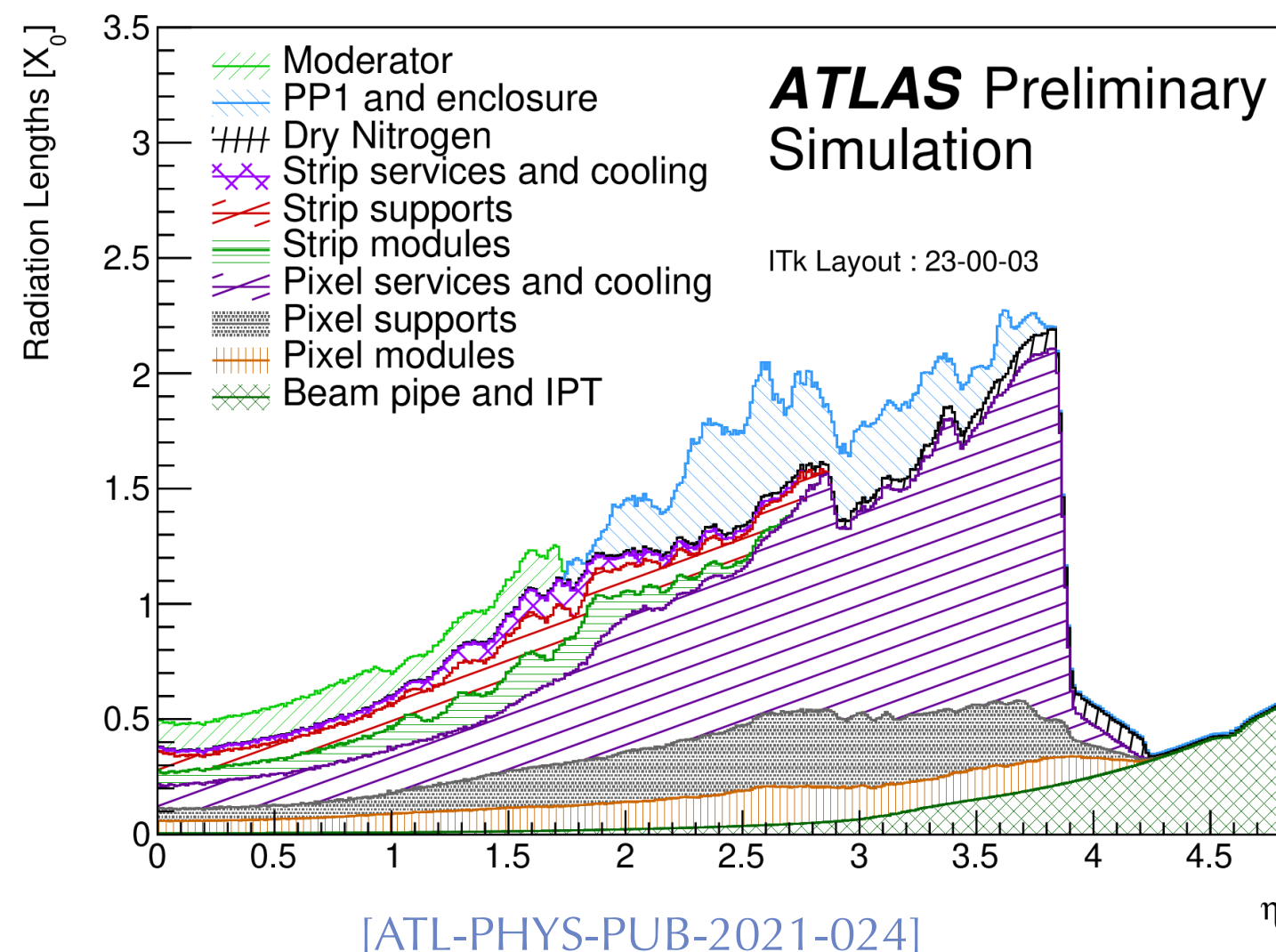
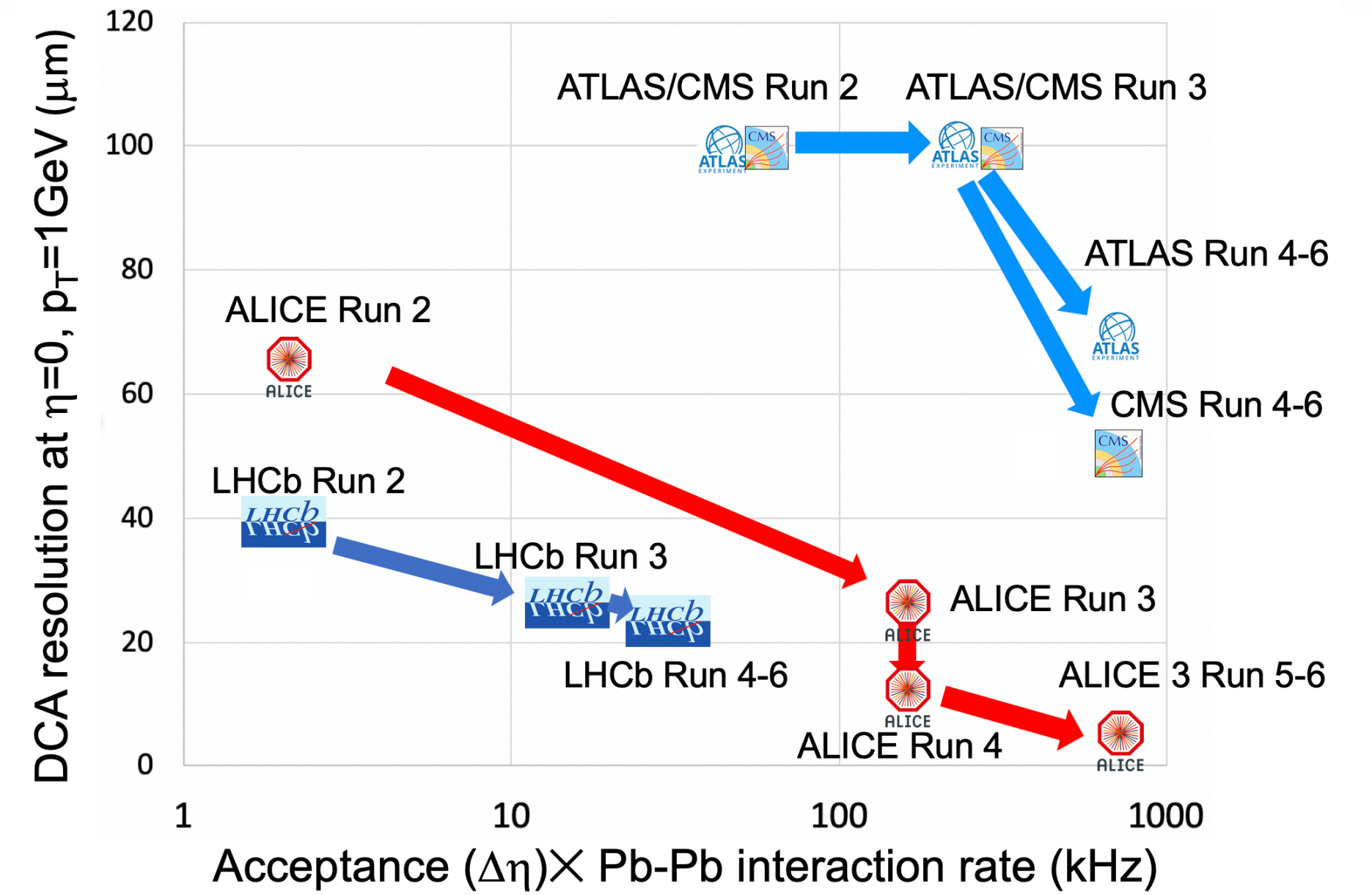


Powering scheme (simplified)

Performance

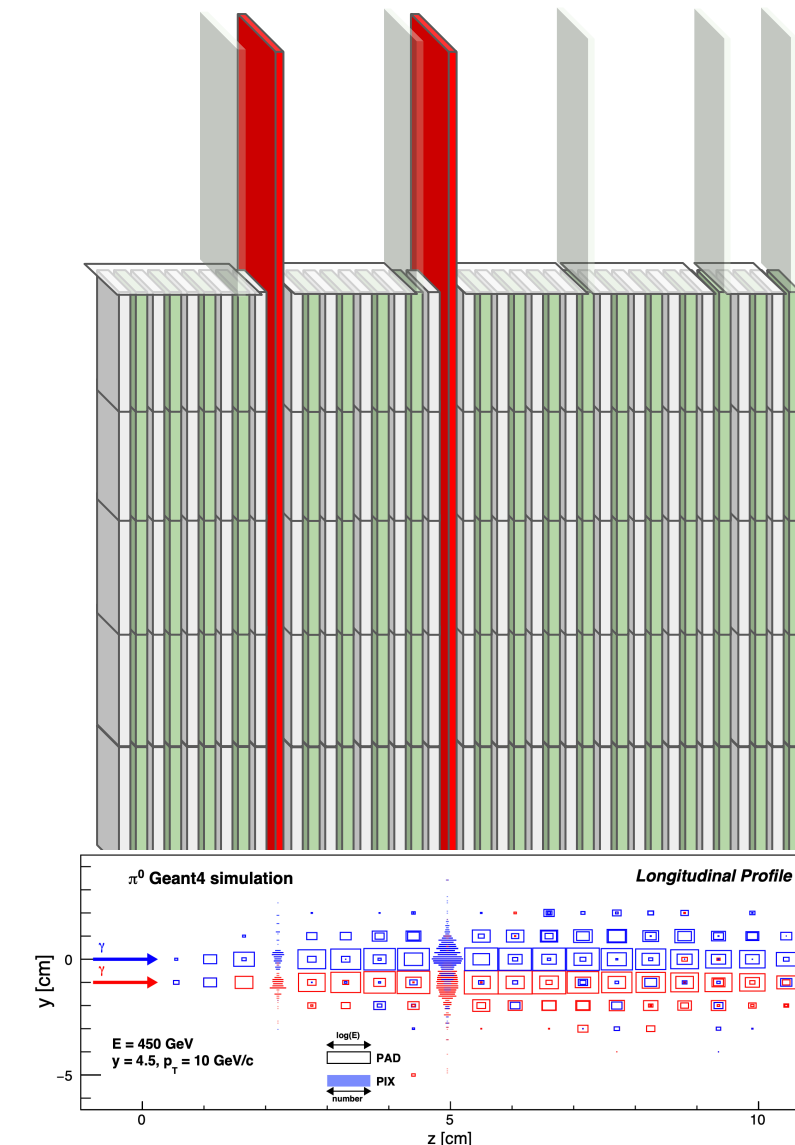
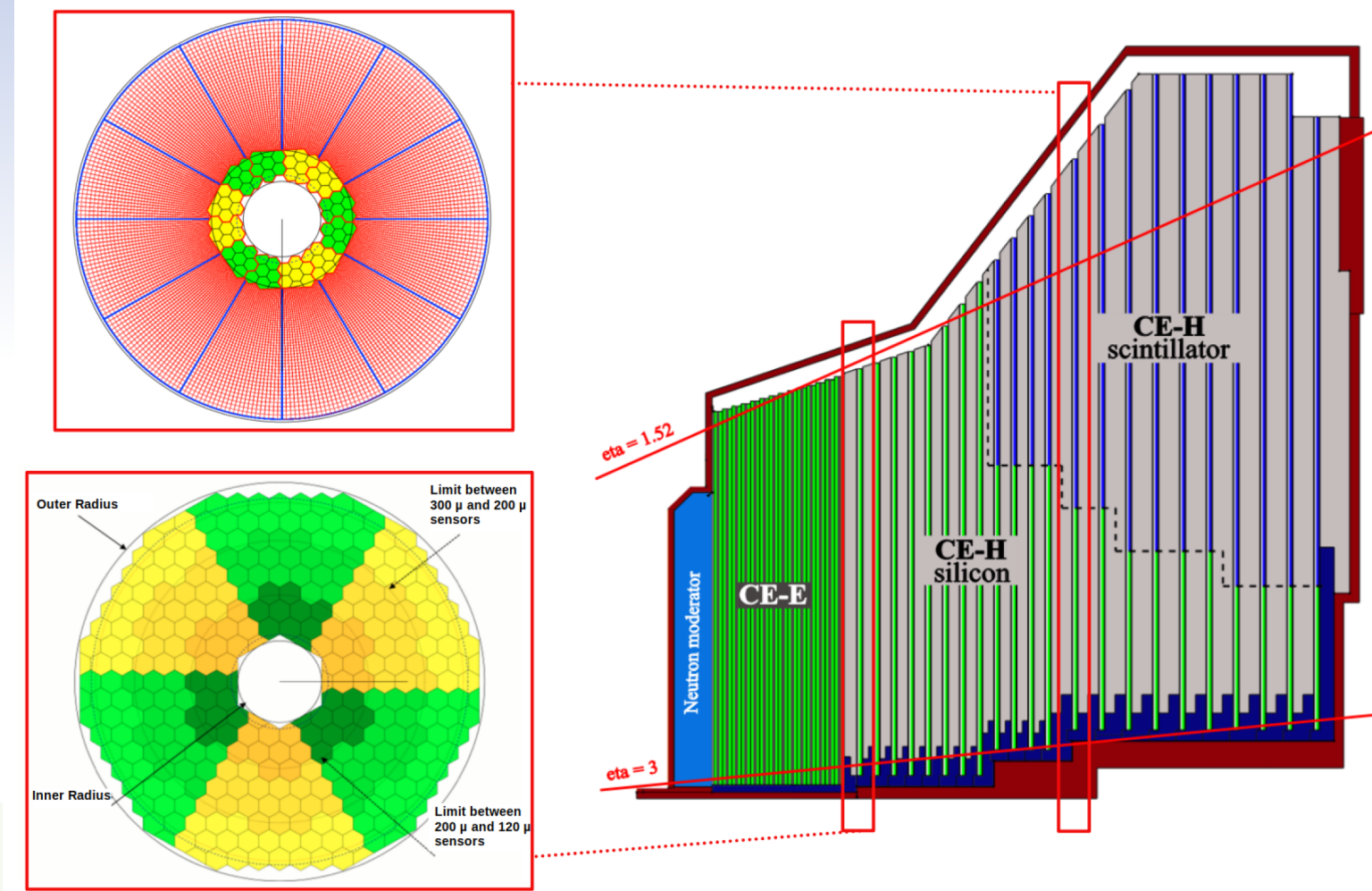
Complementary optimisations of experiments

- Efficiency, fake tracks → occupancy, N_{hits} , 4d resolution
- Pointing resolution $\propto r_0 \cdot \sqrt{x/X_0}$
- Relative p_T resolution (mult. scatt.) $\propto \frac{\sqrt{x/X_0}}{B \cdot L}$
- Relative p_T resolution (pos. res.) $\propto \frac{\sqrt{x/X_0}}{B \cdot L^2}$

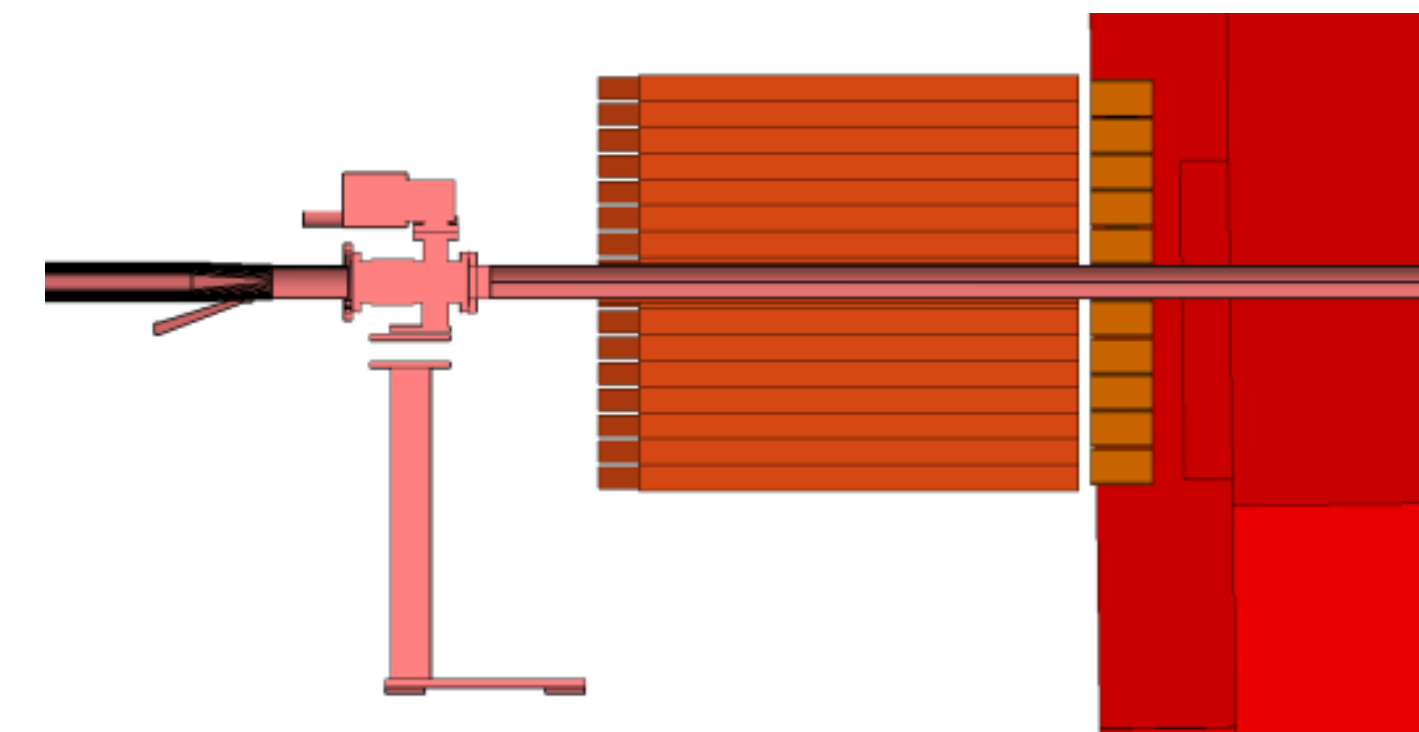


Calorimetry

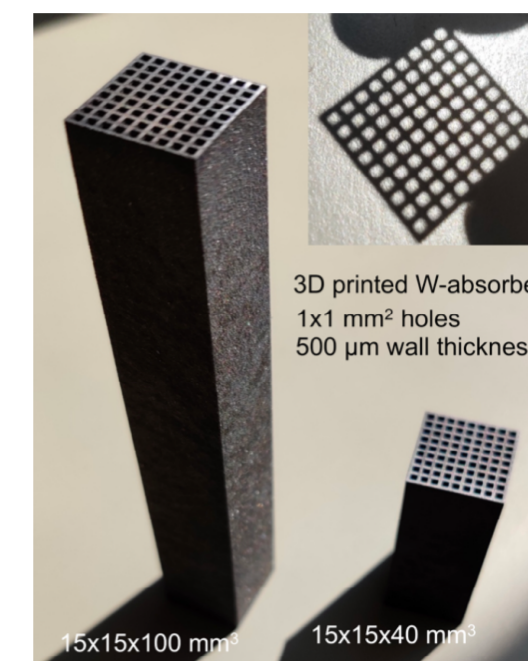
- **Increase granularity and add timing**
→ usage of silicon (pixel) layers
- **ATLAS:** faster and finer readout of LAr + Tile calorimeters
- **CMS:** high-granularity endcap calorimeter silicon and scintillator + SiPM
→ 4d showers ($\sigma_t \approx 20$ ps)
- **ALICE:** Forward Calorimeter sampling ECal with Si pad + pixel layers
→ photon separation
- **LHCb:** SpaCal (or Shashlik) with PMT, 3d printed absorbers
→ precision timing



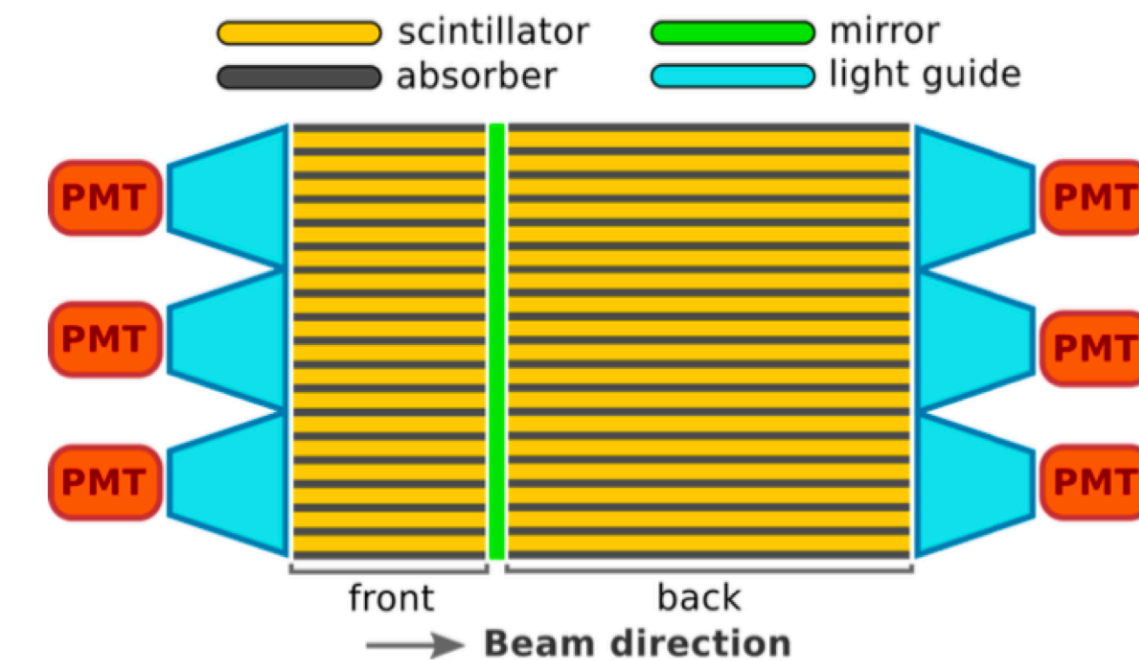
CMS HGCAL



ALICE FoCal



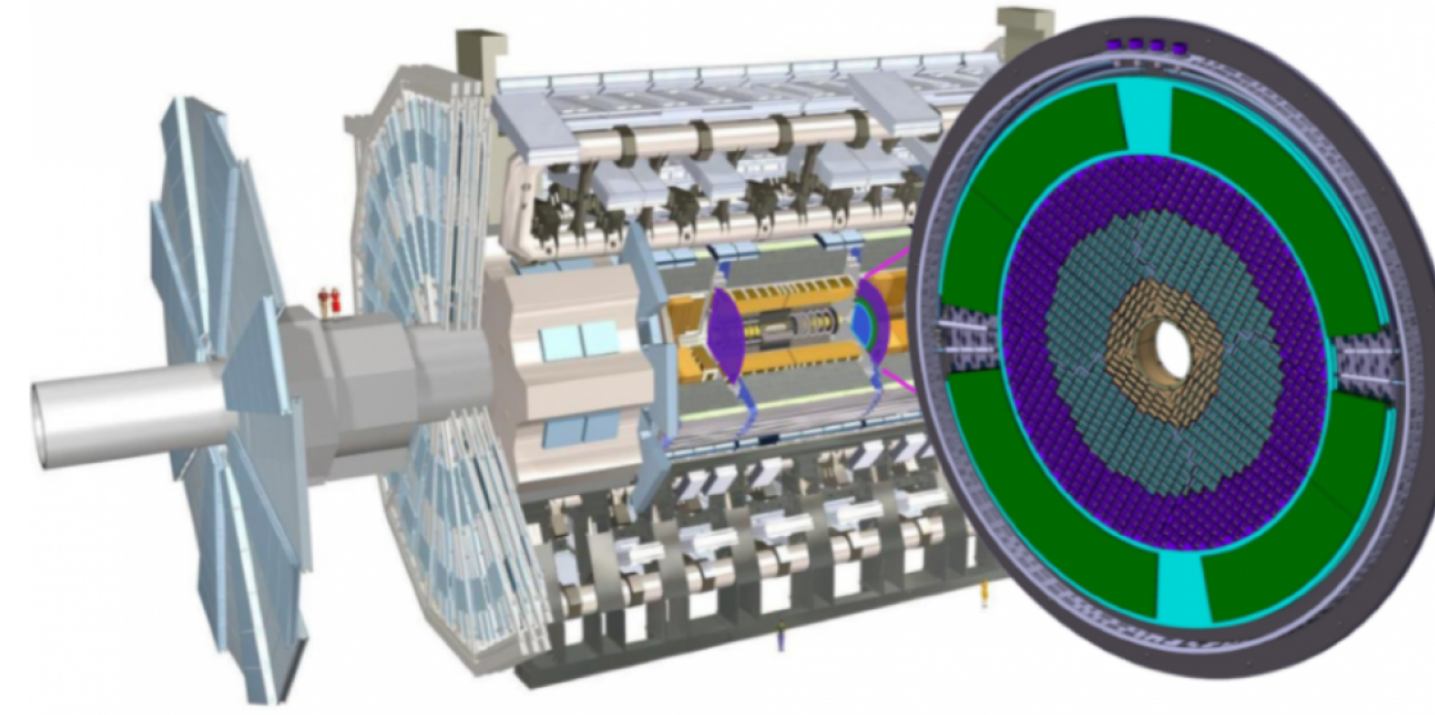
3d printed absorbers



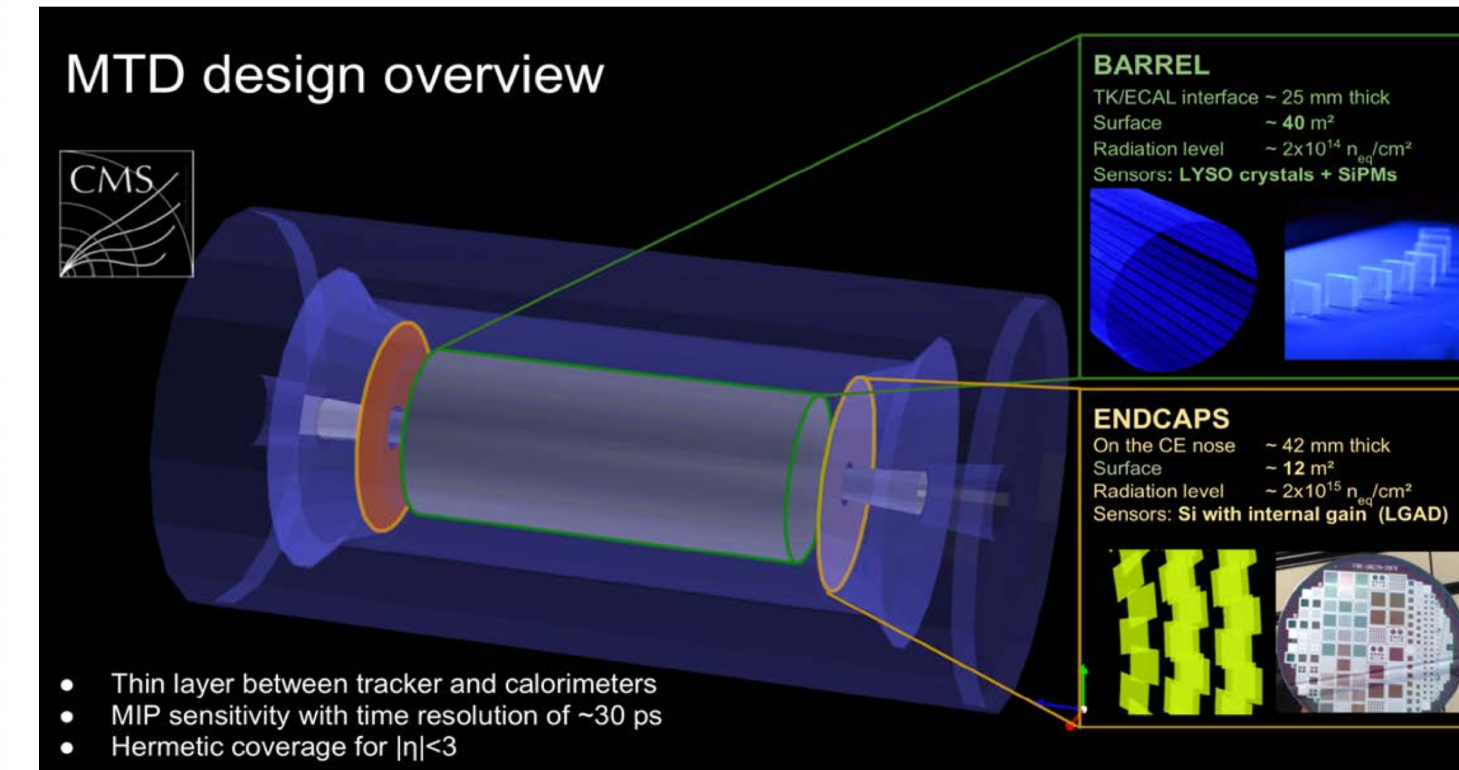
LHCb ECal

Particle identification

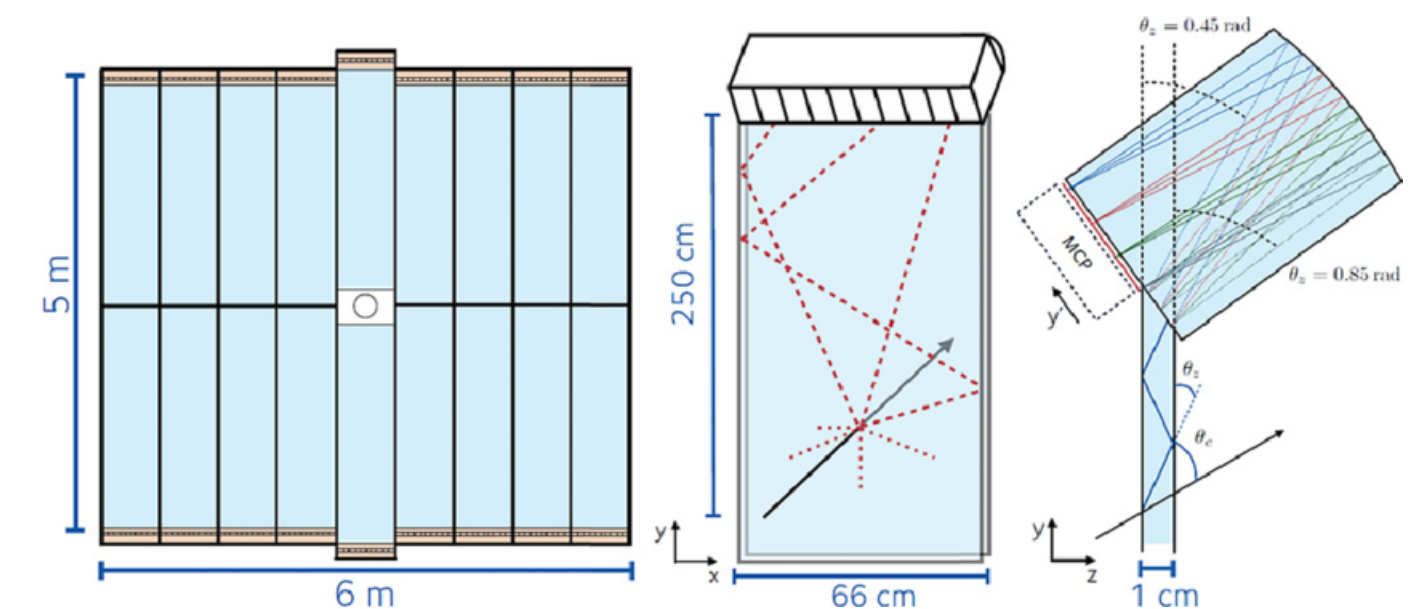
- **dE/dx**
 - time-over-threshold in silicon sensors
- **Time-of-flight** (also pile-up rejection)
 - silicon sensors (all experiments)
 - scintillators (LYSO) + SiPMs (CMS)
- **Cherenkov** → radiator + photon detection
 - threshold or angle
- **Need for fast sensors with**
 - time resolution ~20 ps
 - low noise (dark count rate)
 - good radiation tolerance
 - single photon sensitivity



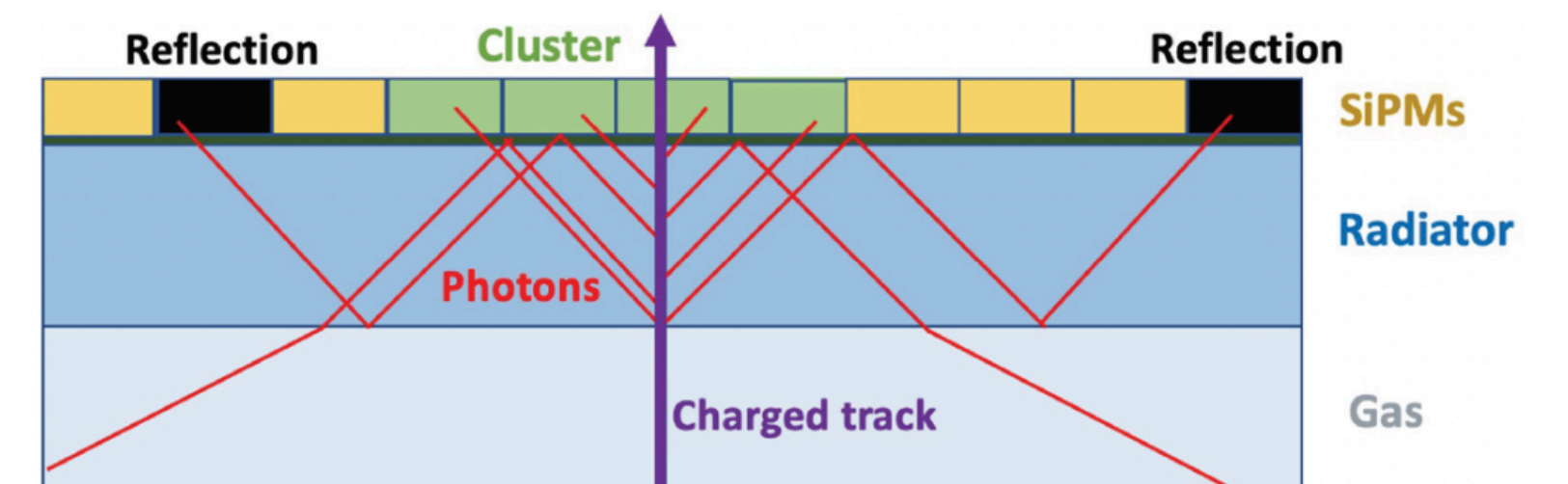
ATLAS HGTD



CMS MTD



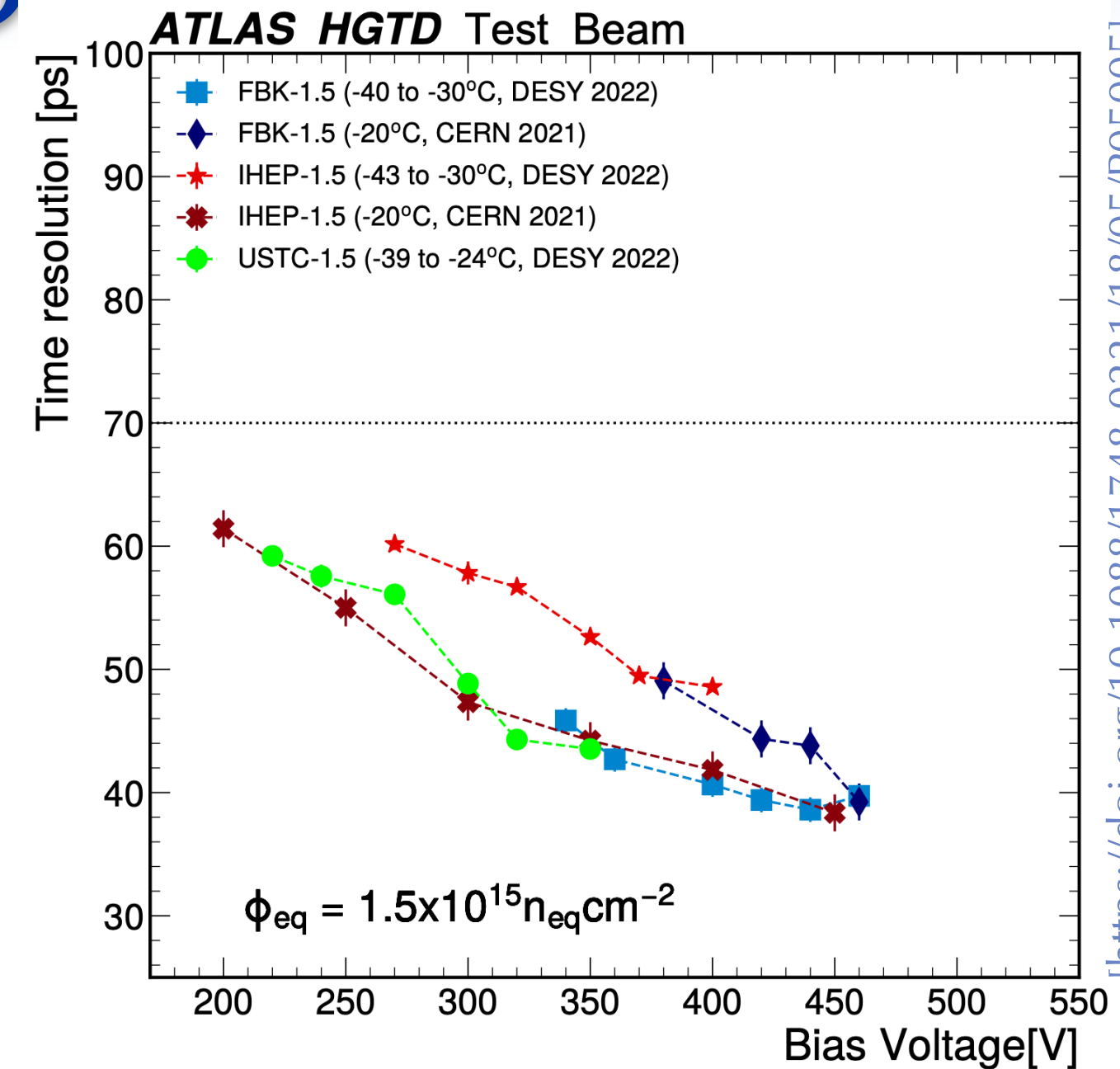
LHCb TORCH



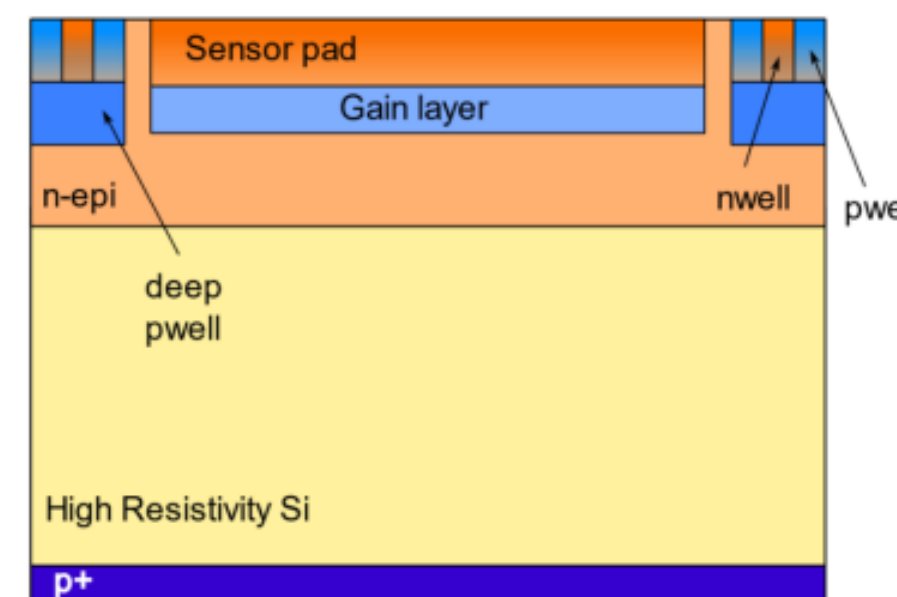
ALICE 3 TOF

Silicon sensors with gain

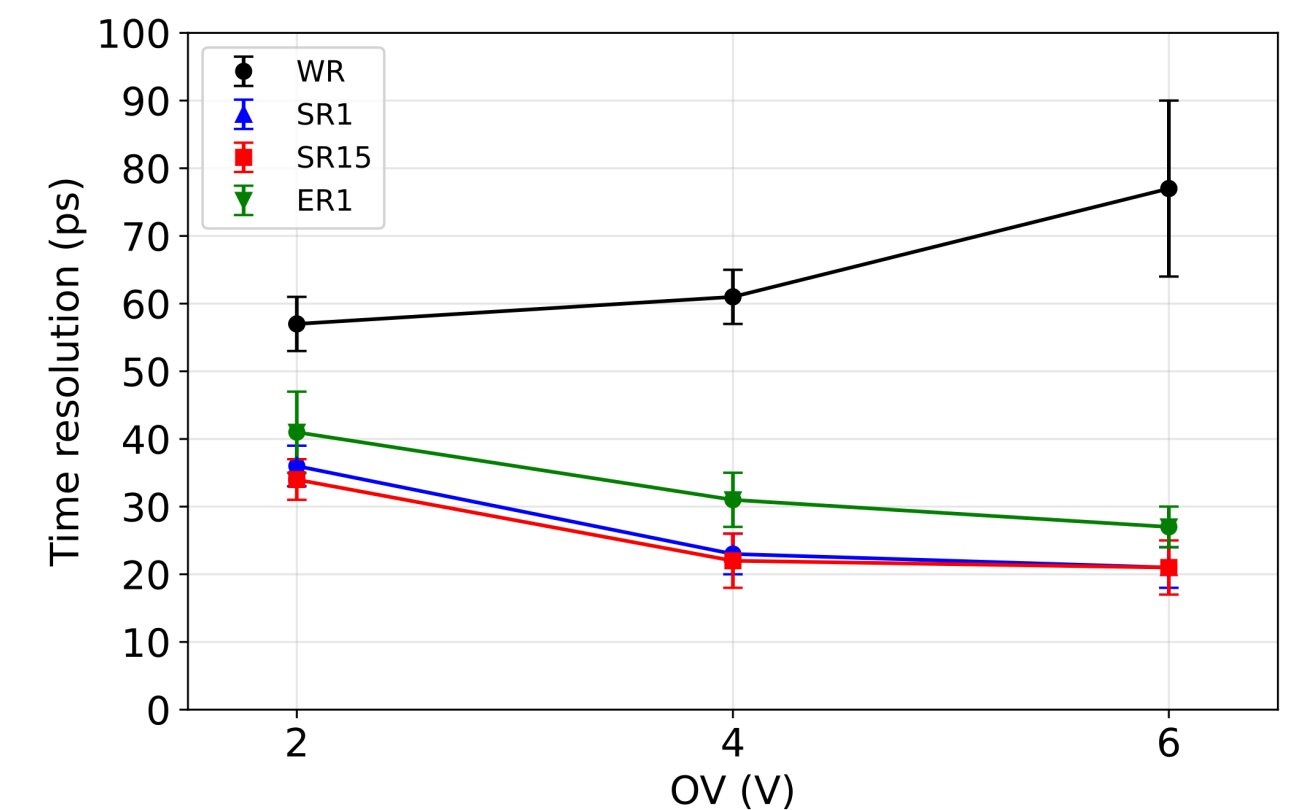
- Additional layer to **amplify primary ionisation signal**
→ fast response (from charged particle or photon)
- **Low-Gain Avalanche Diode (LGAD)**
→ limited gain to mitigate large dark count rates
 - timing endcaps for ATLAS/CMS
- **Single-Photon Avalanche Diode (SPAD, array → SiPM)**
→ large gain + quenching to achieve single photon efficiency
 - considered also for charged particle detection
- **Monolithic sensors with gain**
→ CMOS process with additional gain layer
 - promising results with LFoundry 110 nm (ALICE 3)



ATLAS HGTD



Gain layer in CMOS



SPADs w/ and w/o resin layers

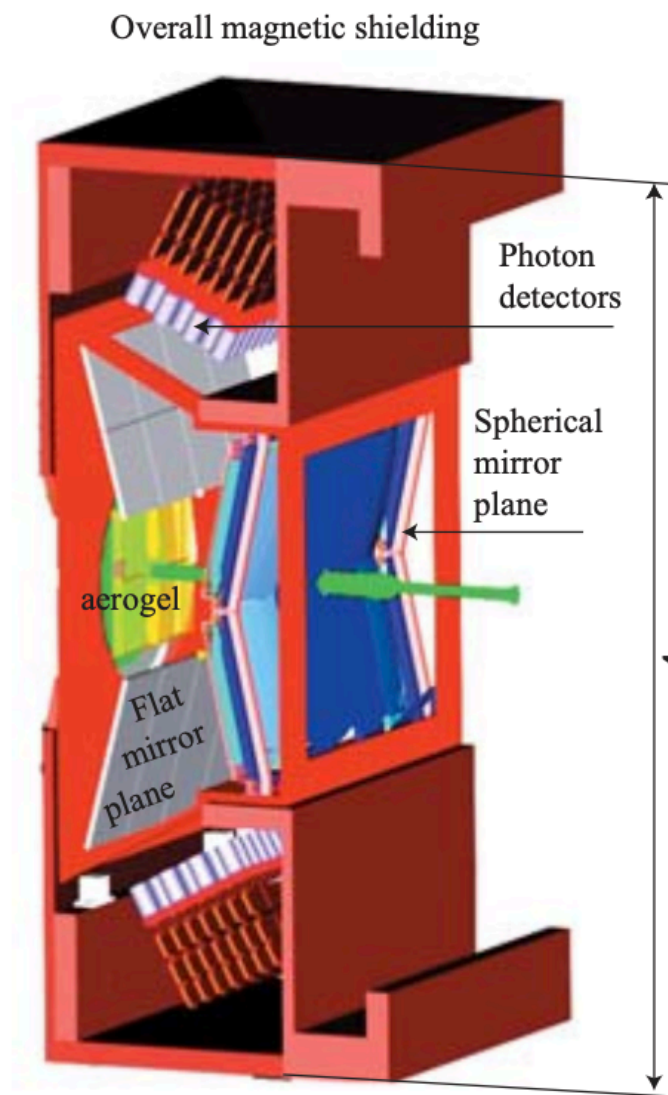
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Ring-Imaging Cherenkov

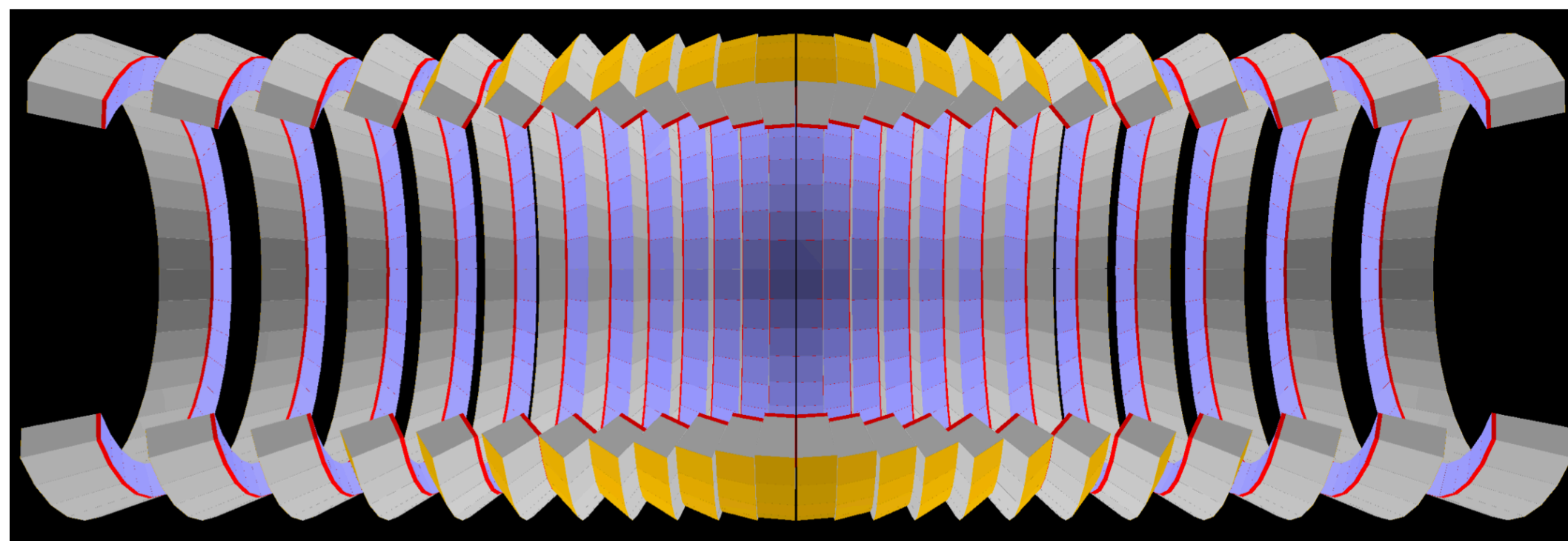
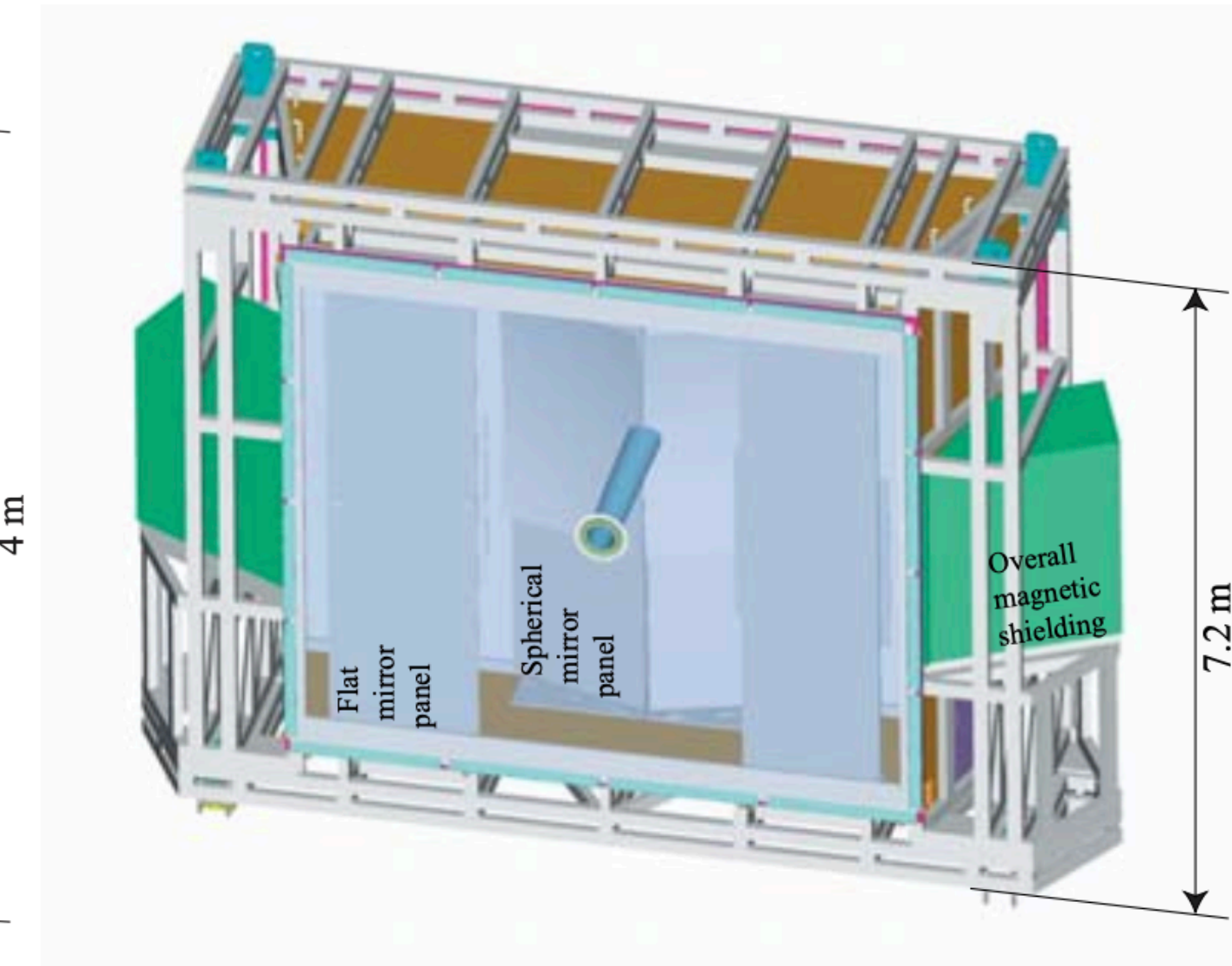
- Combination of **radiators** (LHCb, ATLAS)
 - gas ($n \leq 1.001 \rightarrow$ large p)
 - aerogel ($n \approx 1.006 - 1.1 \rightarrow$ intermediate p)
- **Single photon detection**
 - MCP-PMTs (LHCb)
 - SiPMs (LHCb, ALICE 3)
 - Monolithic SiPMs? (ALICE 3)

LHCb RICH1

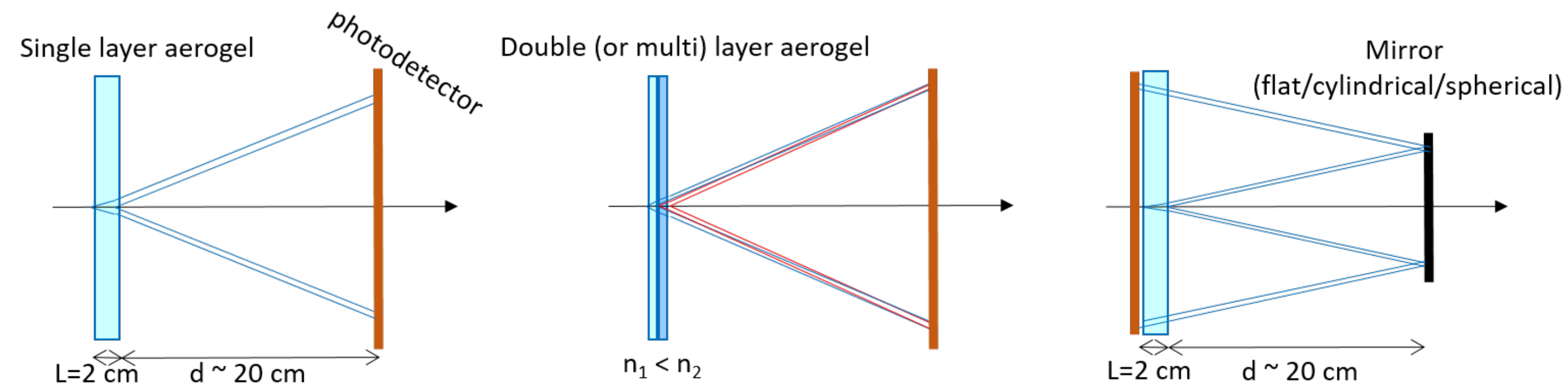


RICH 1

LHCb RICH2



ALICE 3 barrel RICH



RICH configurations

Strangeness tracking



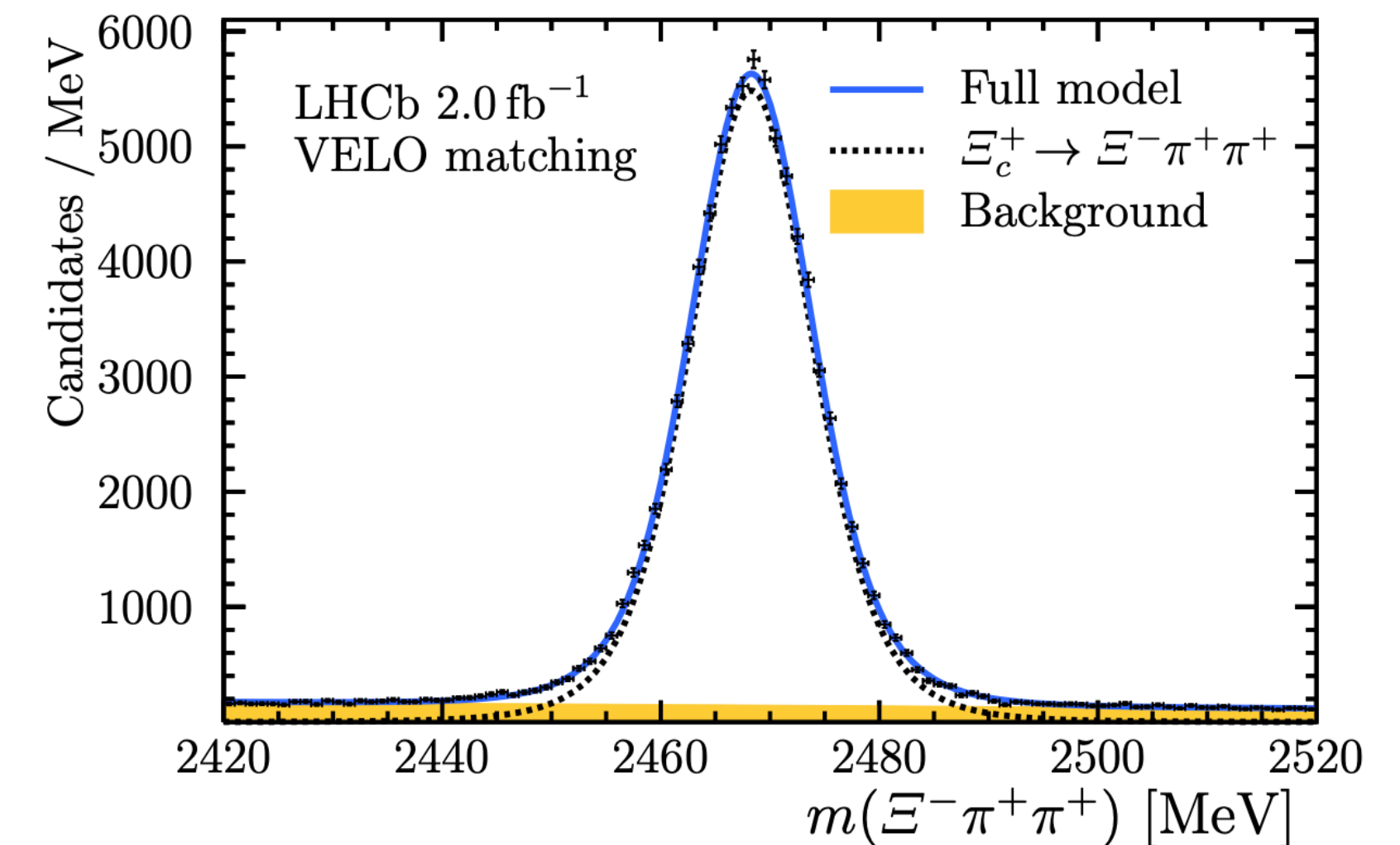
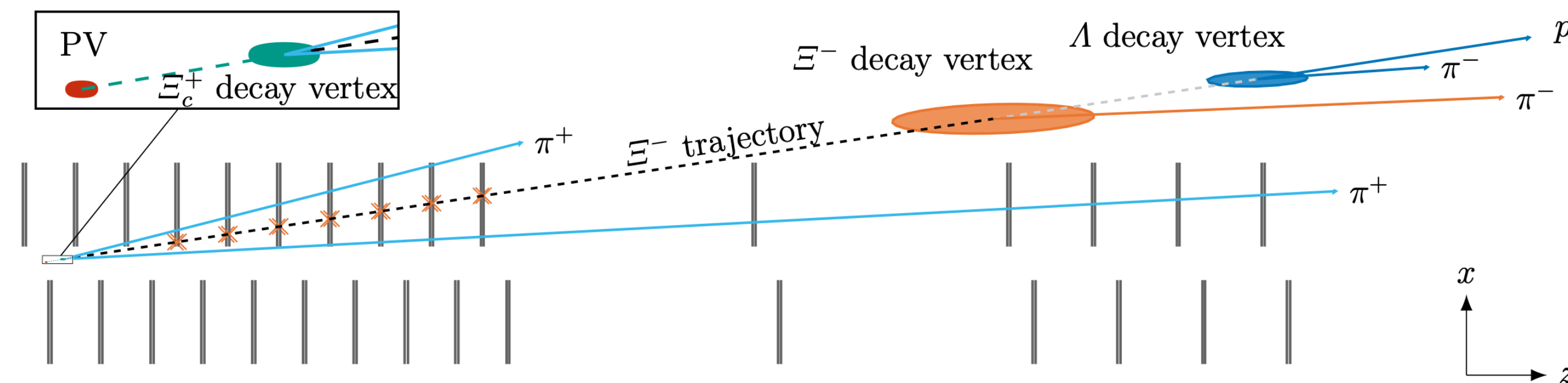
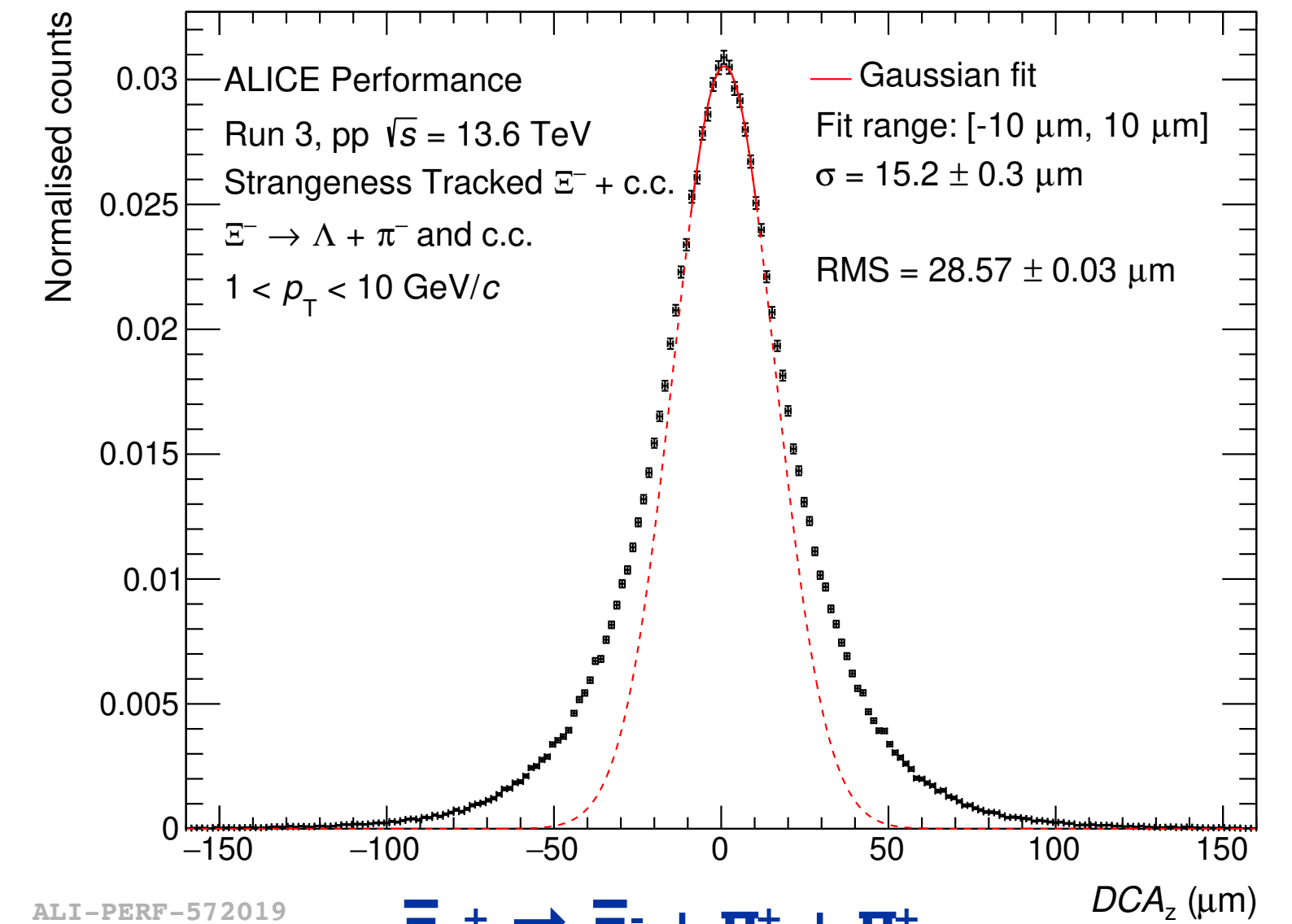
- **Challenging probes with decays of strange hadrons**

- rare, large background
- limited pointing resolution for vertexing

- **Strangeness tracking** before decay

→ improved pointing resolution

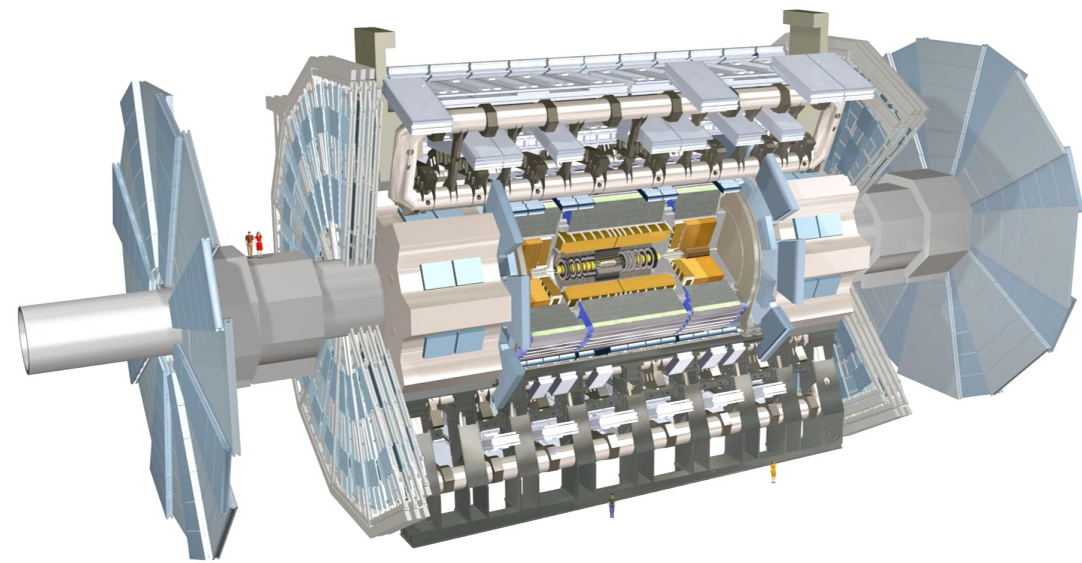
- Ξ_c, Ω_c , hypertriton (Run 3 & 4)
- $\Xi_{cc}, \Omega_{cc}, \Omega_{ccc}$ (Run 5 & 6)



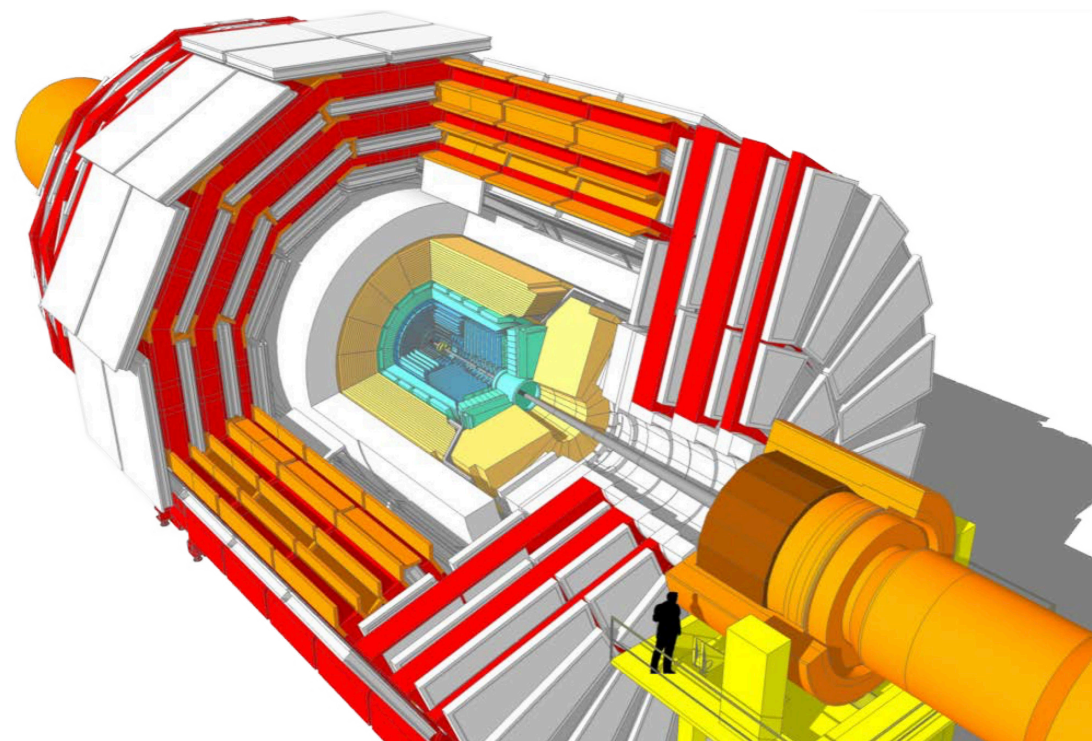
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Upgraded experiments

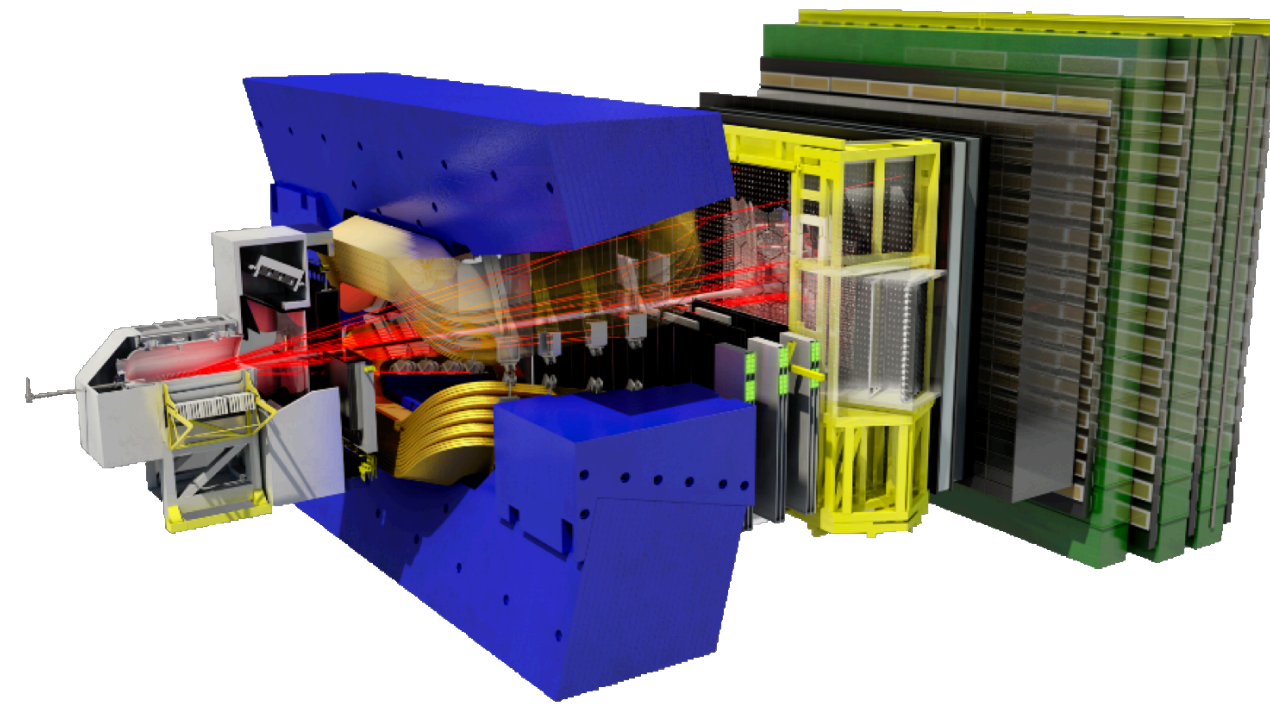
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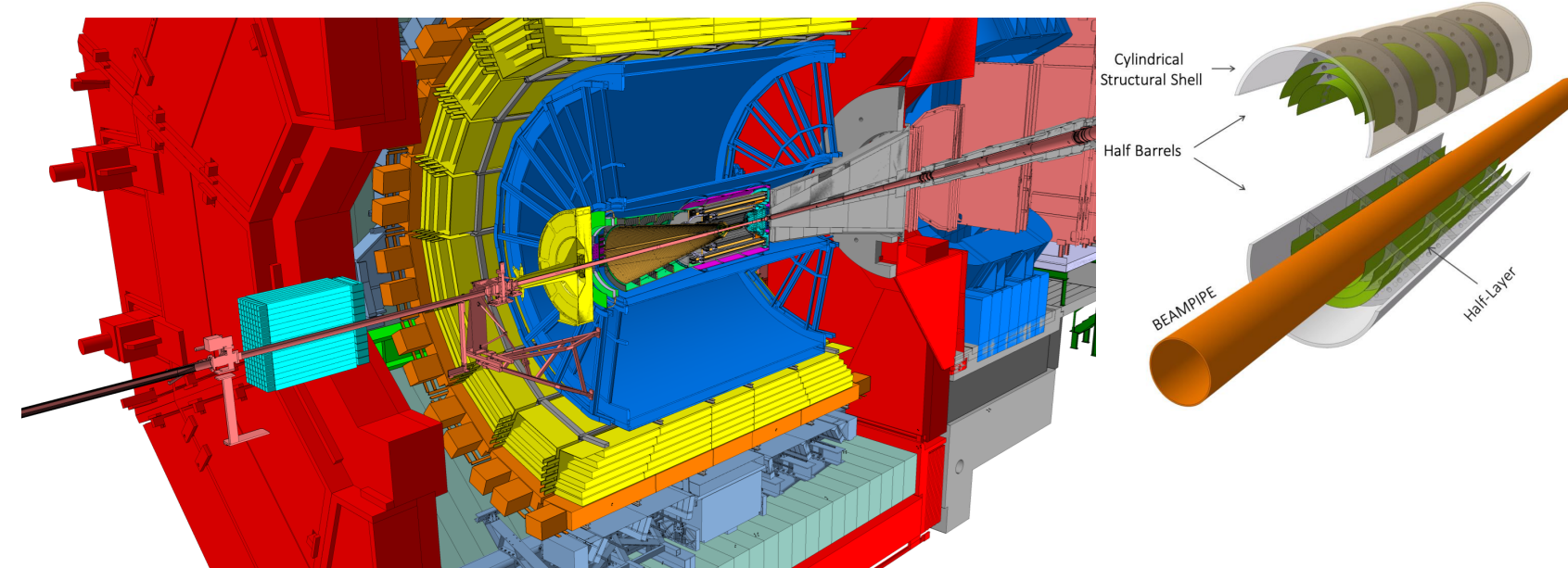
ATLAS phase II
ITk, HGTD, HL-ZDC,
TDAQ, muon chambers



CMS phase II
tracker, MTD, HL-ZDC,
DAQ, trigger, μ chambers

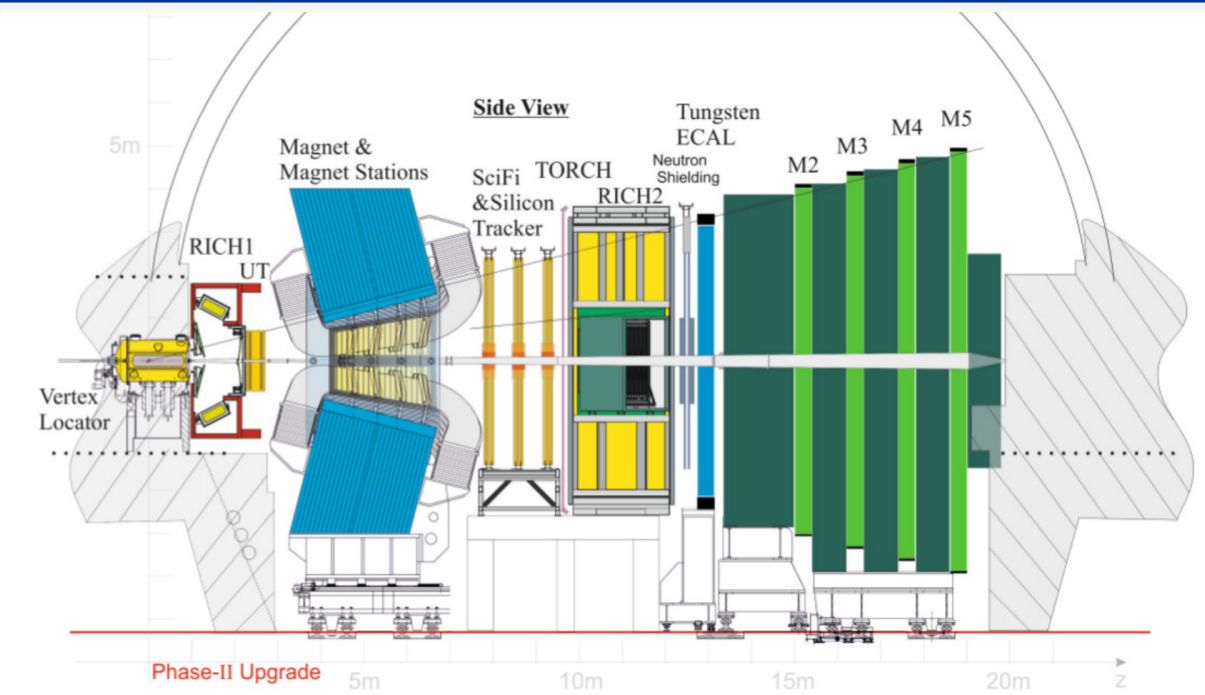


LHCb phase Ib
preparation for phase II,
possibly magnet stations

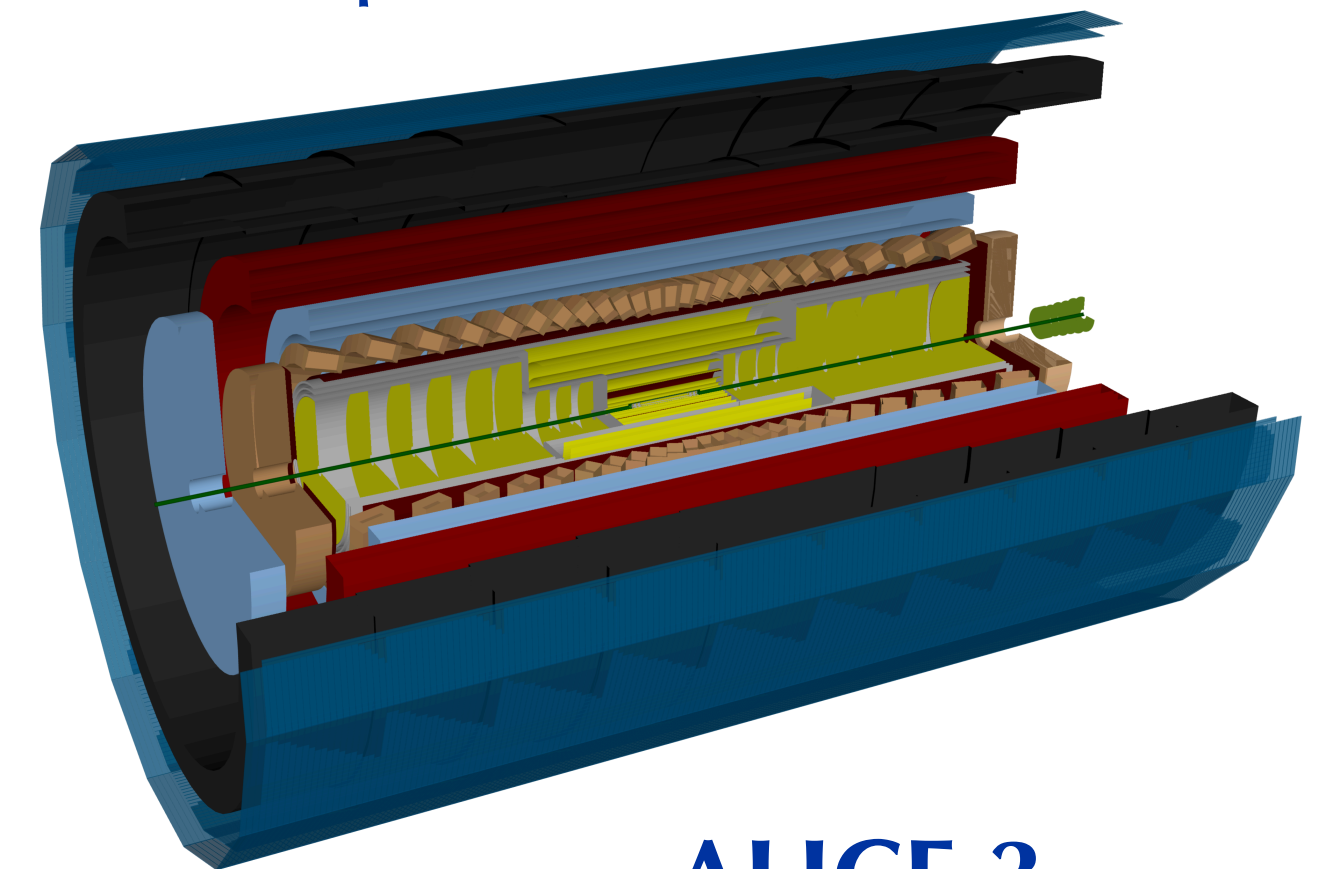


ALICE 2.1
FoCal, ITS3

LS4



LHCb phase IIb
VELO, RICH, TORCH,
calo, μ stations, UT, MT



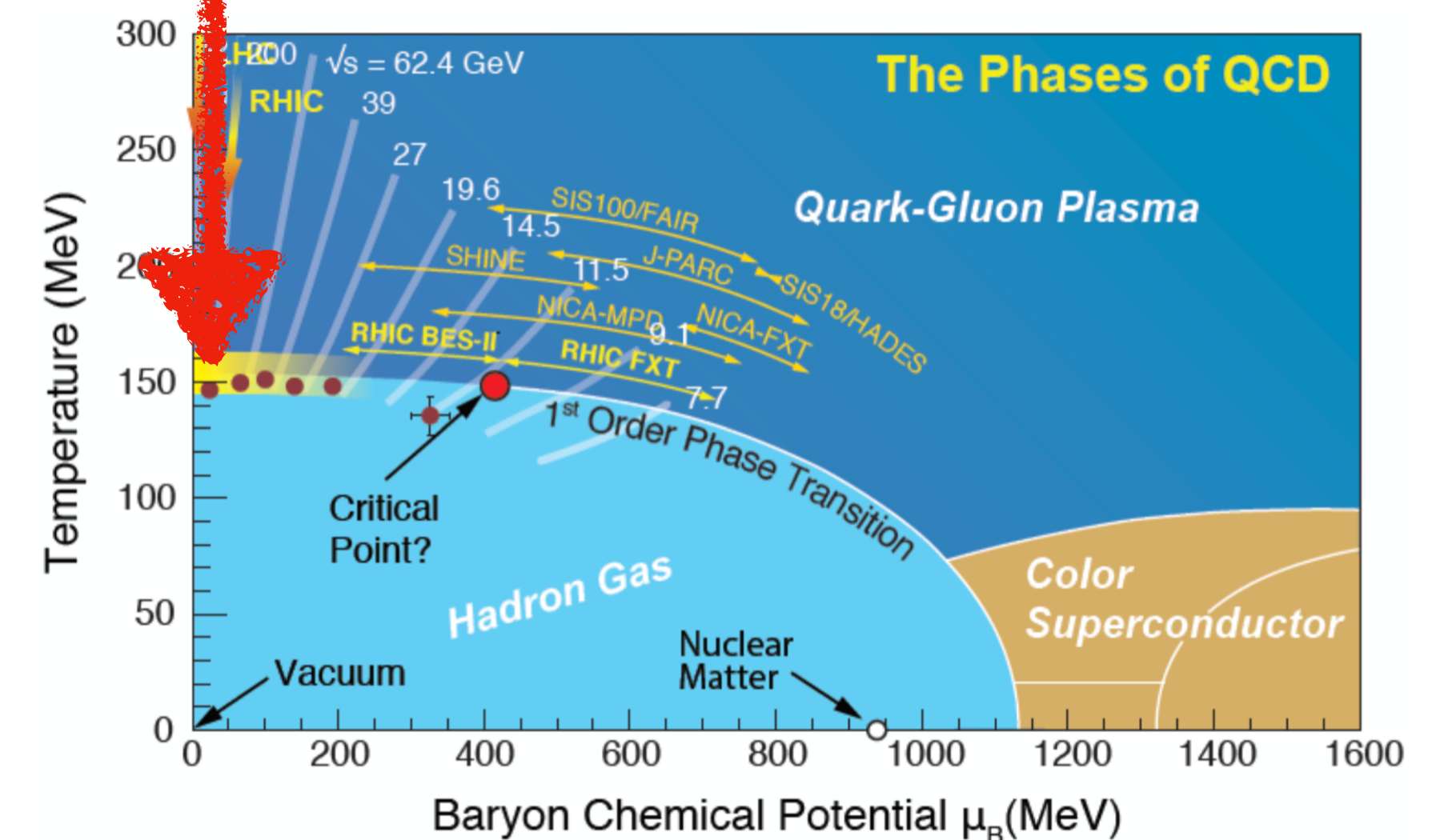
ALICE 3
vertexing, tracking, TOF,
RICH, ECal, μ ID, FCT

Impact on heavy-ion physics

- **Nuclear PDFs**
→ Ultra-peripheral collisions, pA
- **Quenching and connection to collectivity in small systems**
→ systematic measurements of different collision systems
- **Transport properties and thermalisation in the QGP**
→ precision measurements of heavy-flavour probes
- **QGP evolution from early phase onwards: temperature, chiral symmetry restoration, ...**
→ precision measurements of dilepton spectra
- **Transition of partons from the QGP to hadrons**
→ charmed baryons, exotic states
- **Many more opportunities**
→ BSM searches, Low's theorem, ...

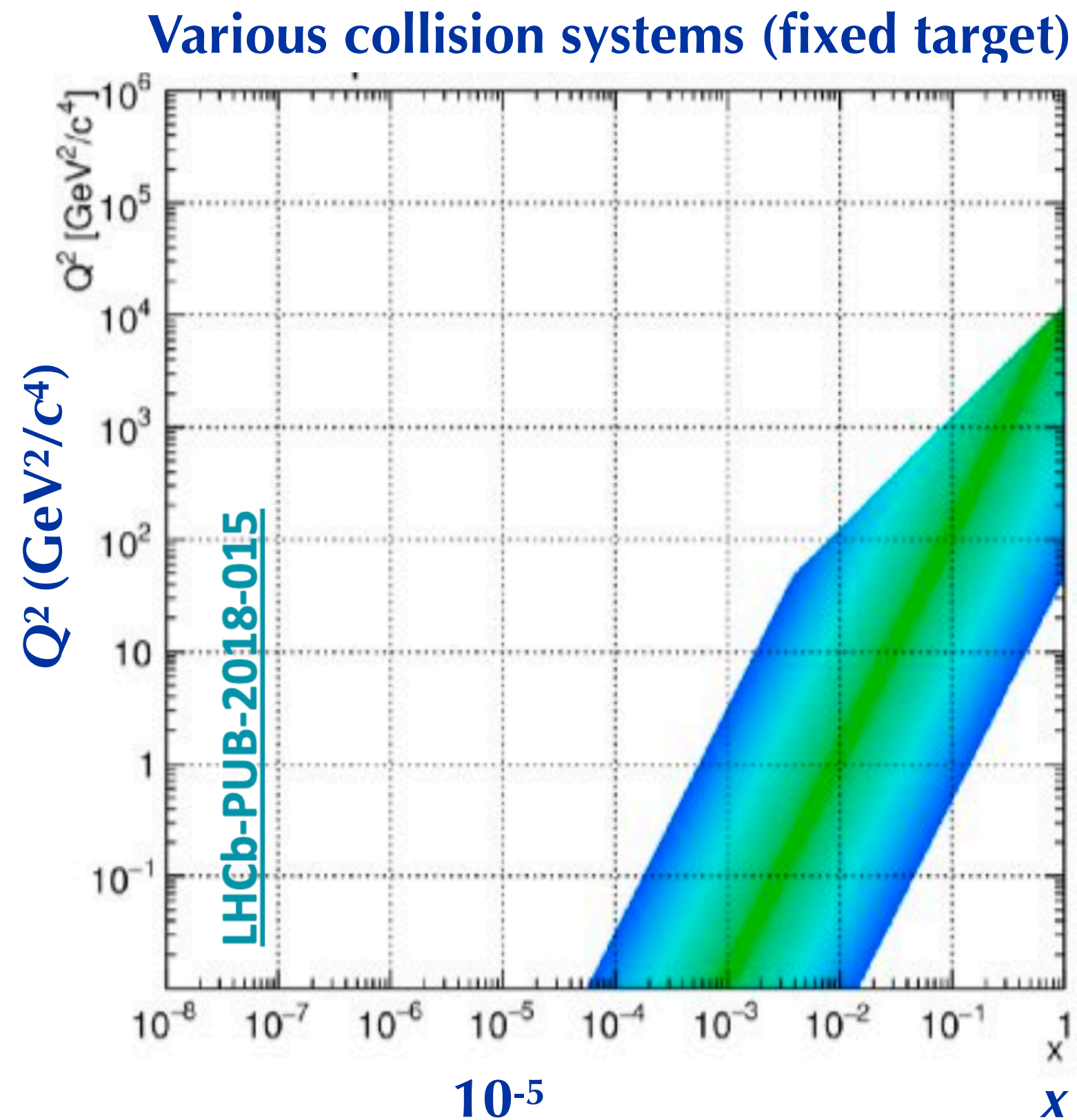
LHC for heavy-ion physics

- **Unique potential**
→ high T , low μ_B , large HF yields
- **Progress enabled by**
 - increased **luminosity**
 - improved **detector performance**, e.g. vertexing, acceptance

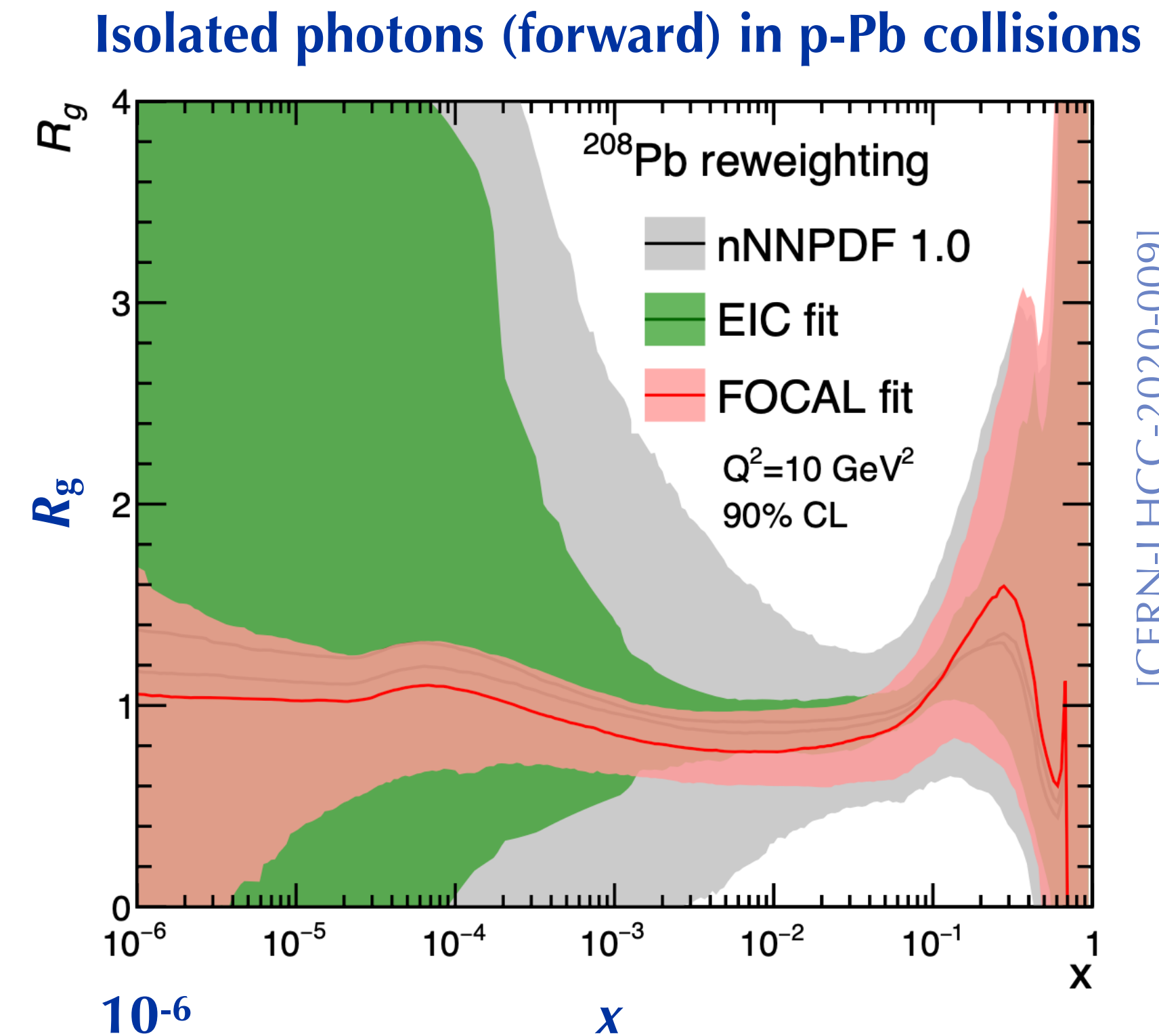


Nuclear PDFs

- **Constrain gluon densities down to low x**
 - new measurements of gluon-probing processes in p-Pb and Pb-Pb
 - increased luminosities, new detectors



Run 3 & 4
(LHCb SMOG 2)



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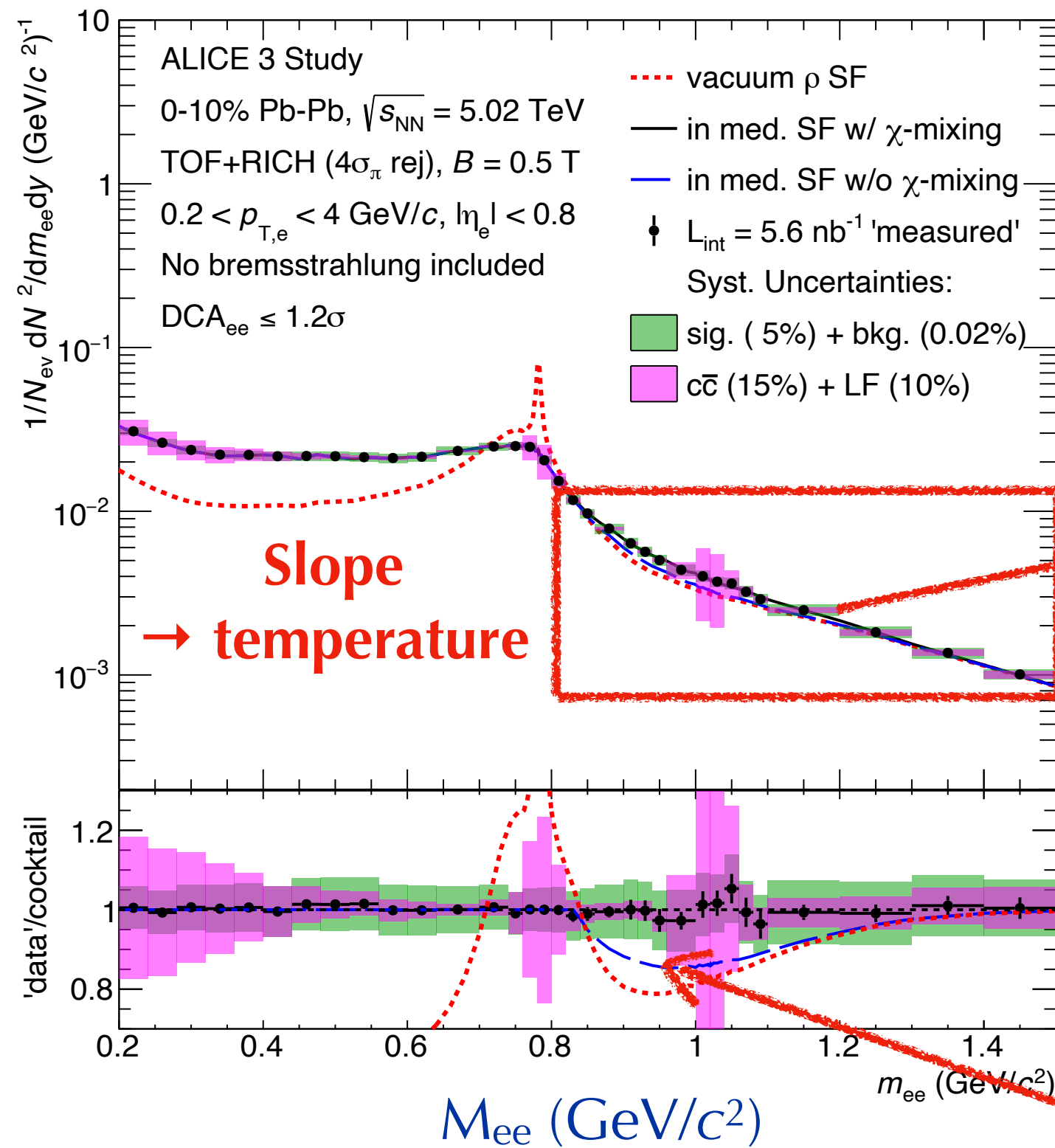
Run 4
(ALICE FoCal)

Thermal radiation

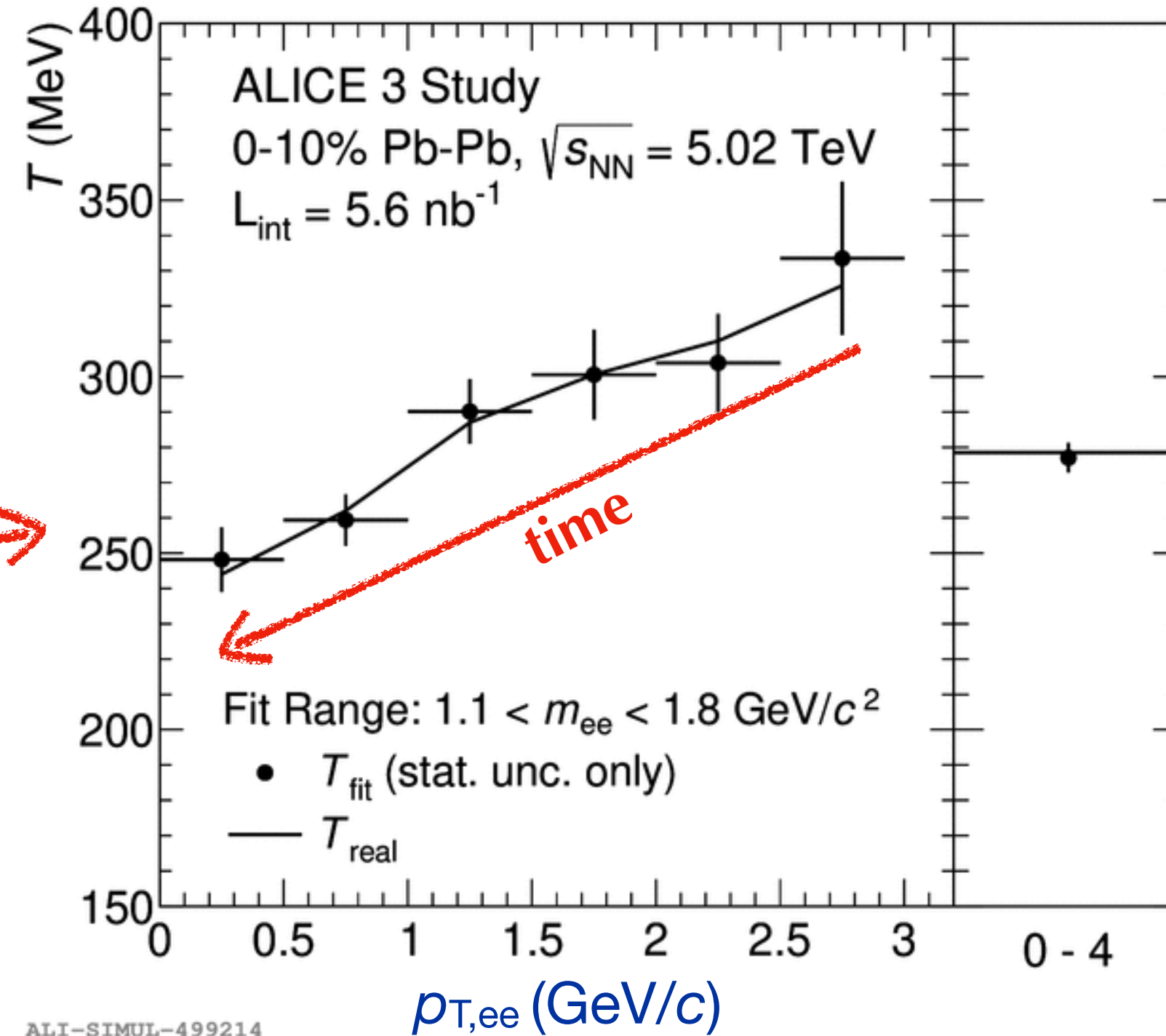
- Understand time dependence and mechanisms of chiral symmetry restoration
 - high-precision measurements of dileptons, also multi-differentially
 - further reduced material; excellent heavy-flavour rejection

Also pursued
by LHCb

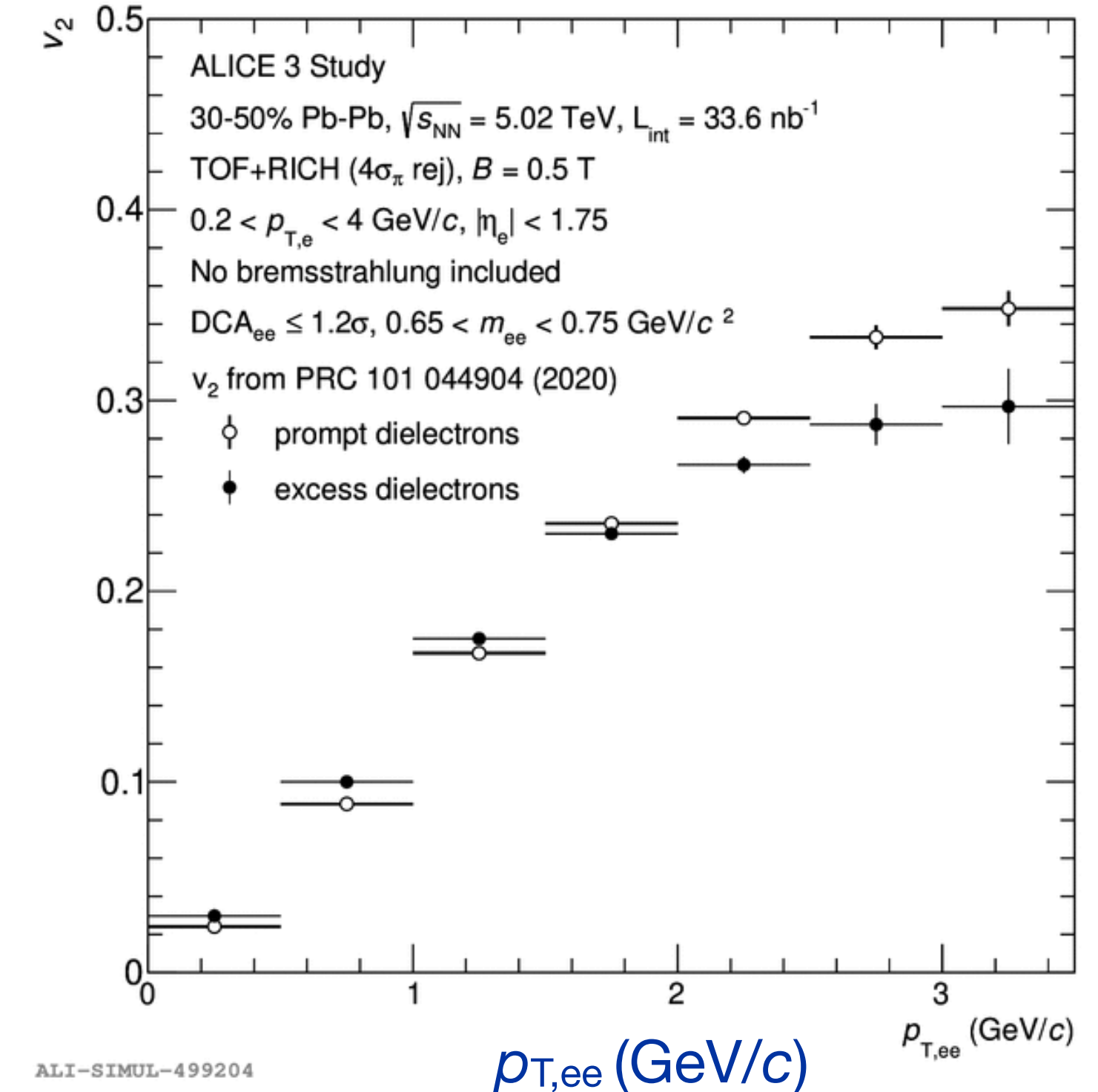
**Invariant mass
spectrum of dielectrons**



**$T(p_{T,ee})$
→ control on emission time**



**Dilepton v_2
→ temporal emission profile**



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Run 5 & 6

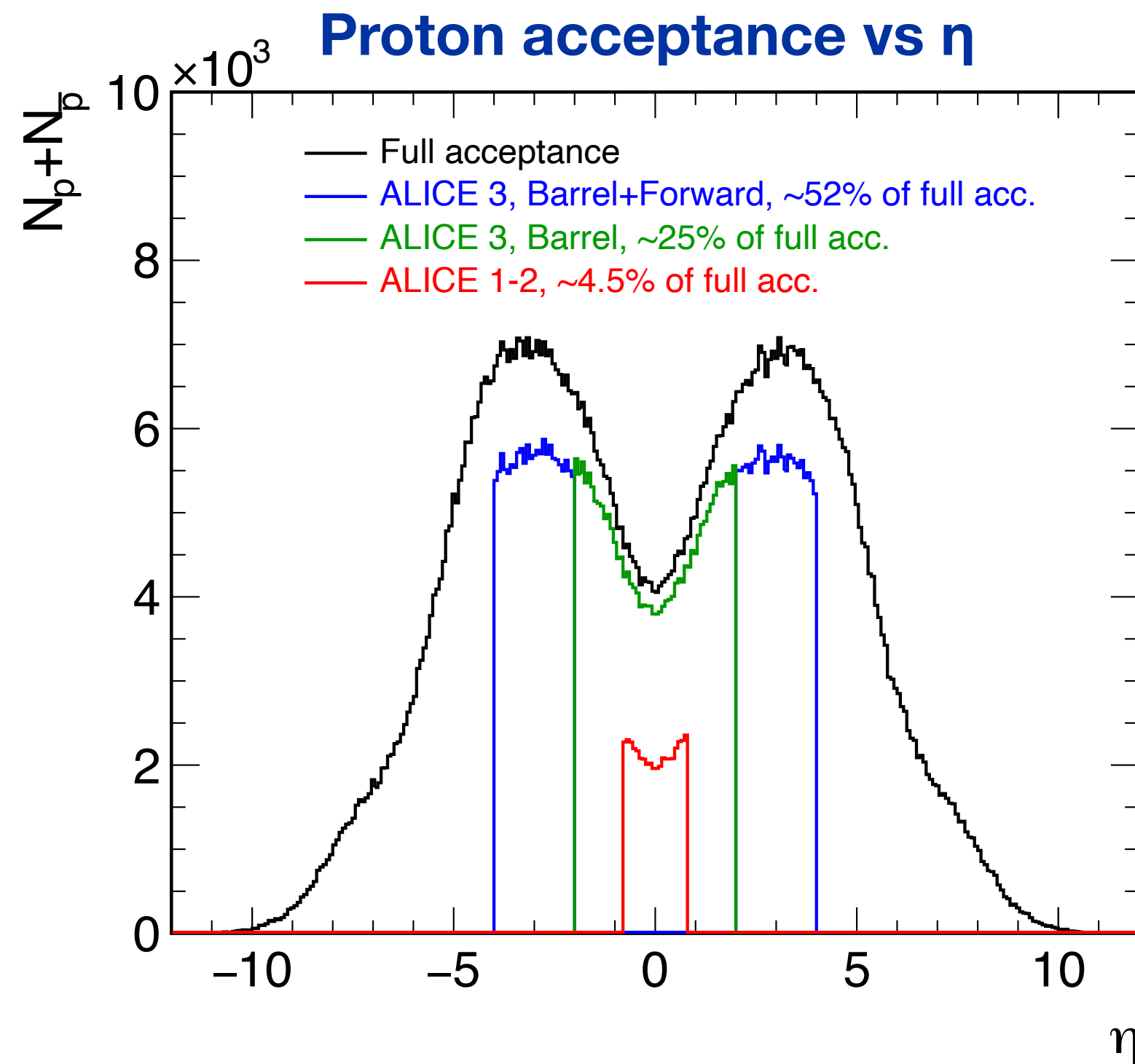
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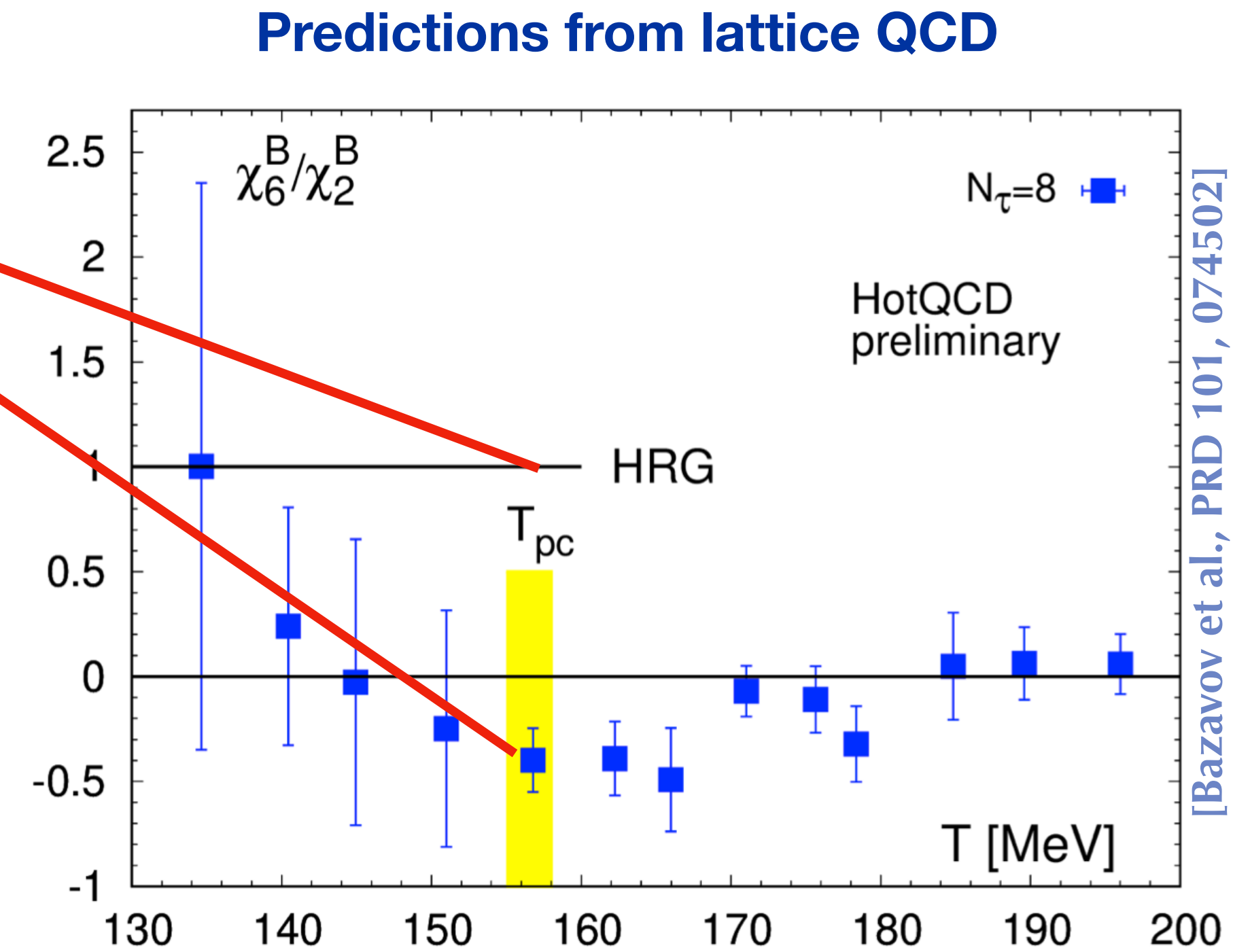
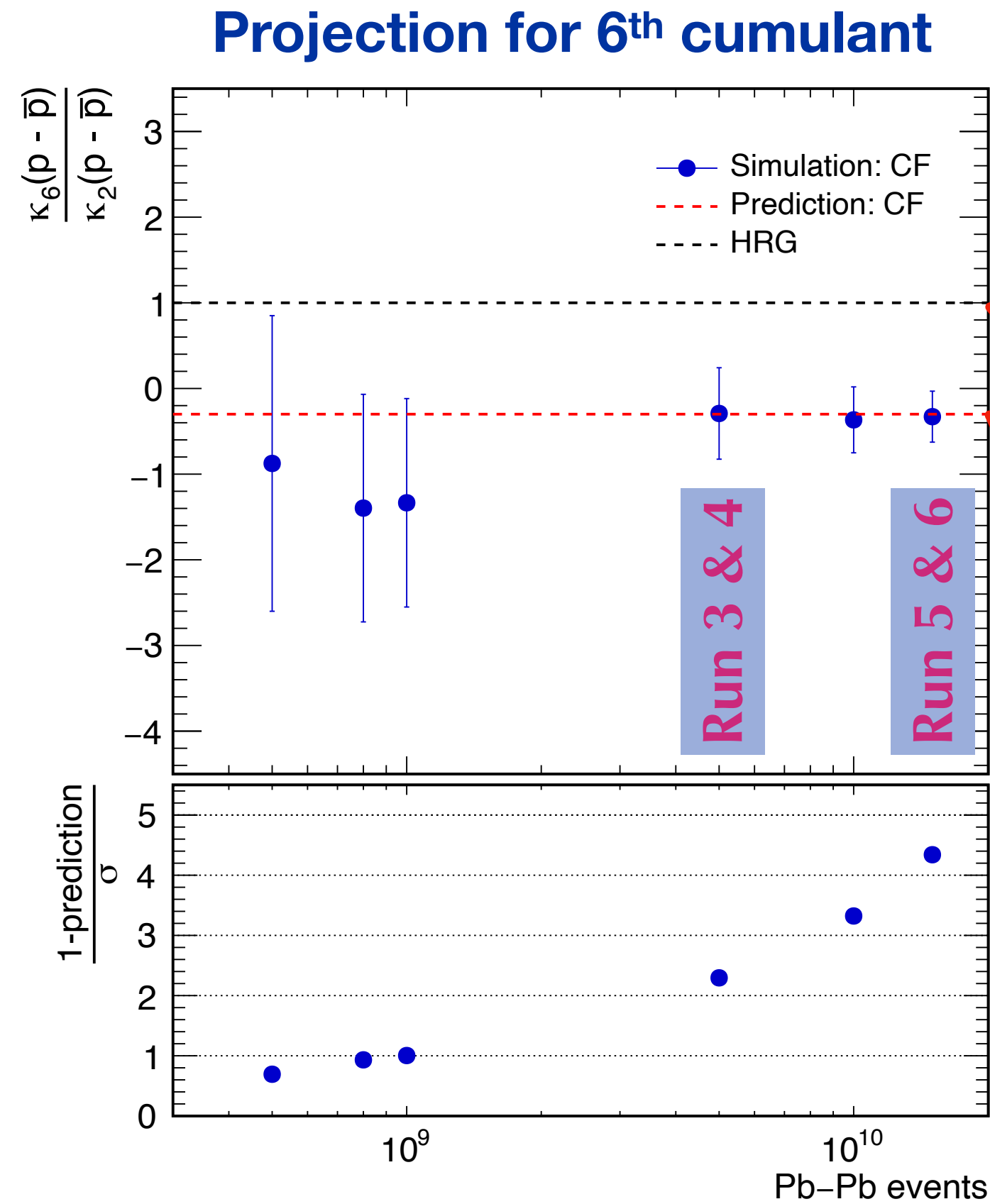
Susceptibilities

- Comparison of critical behaviour with lattice QCD predictions
 - measurements of net-baryon fluctuations (cumulants κ_n)
 - excellent particle identification over large acceptance

CMS MTD
→ C_4/C_2



Run 3 & 4: limited Eff. x Acc.
Run 5 & 6: large Eff. x Acc.

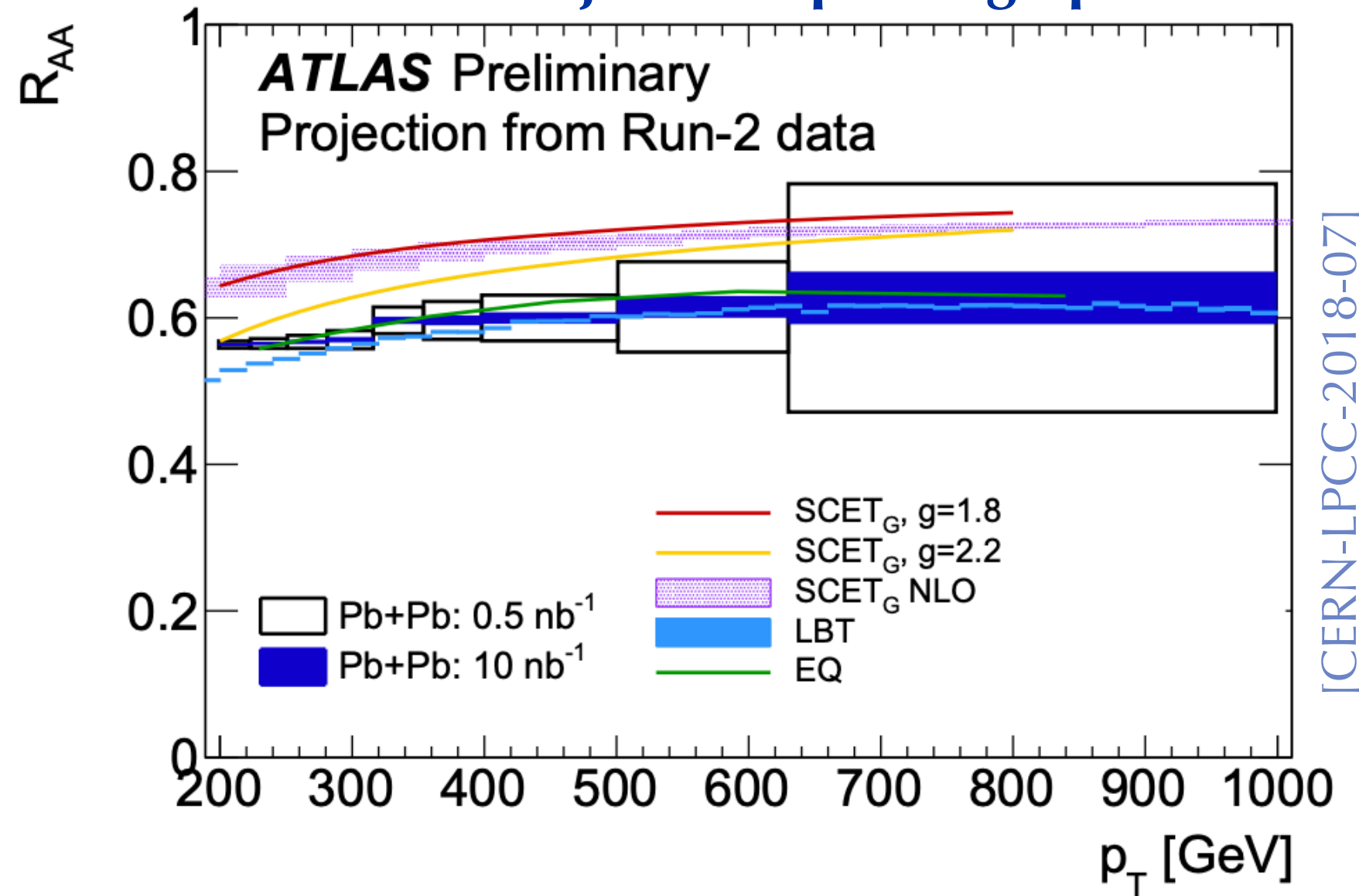


[Bazavov et al., PRD 101, 074502]

Quenching

- Understand mass and time dependence as well as onset in small systems
 - precision measurements, also with new probes and in intermediate systems
 - statistics, new collision systems (OO, pO, HM pp), HF reconstruction/tagging

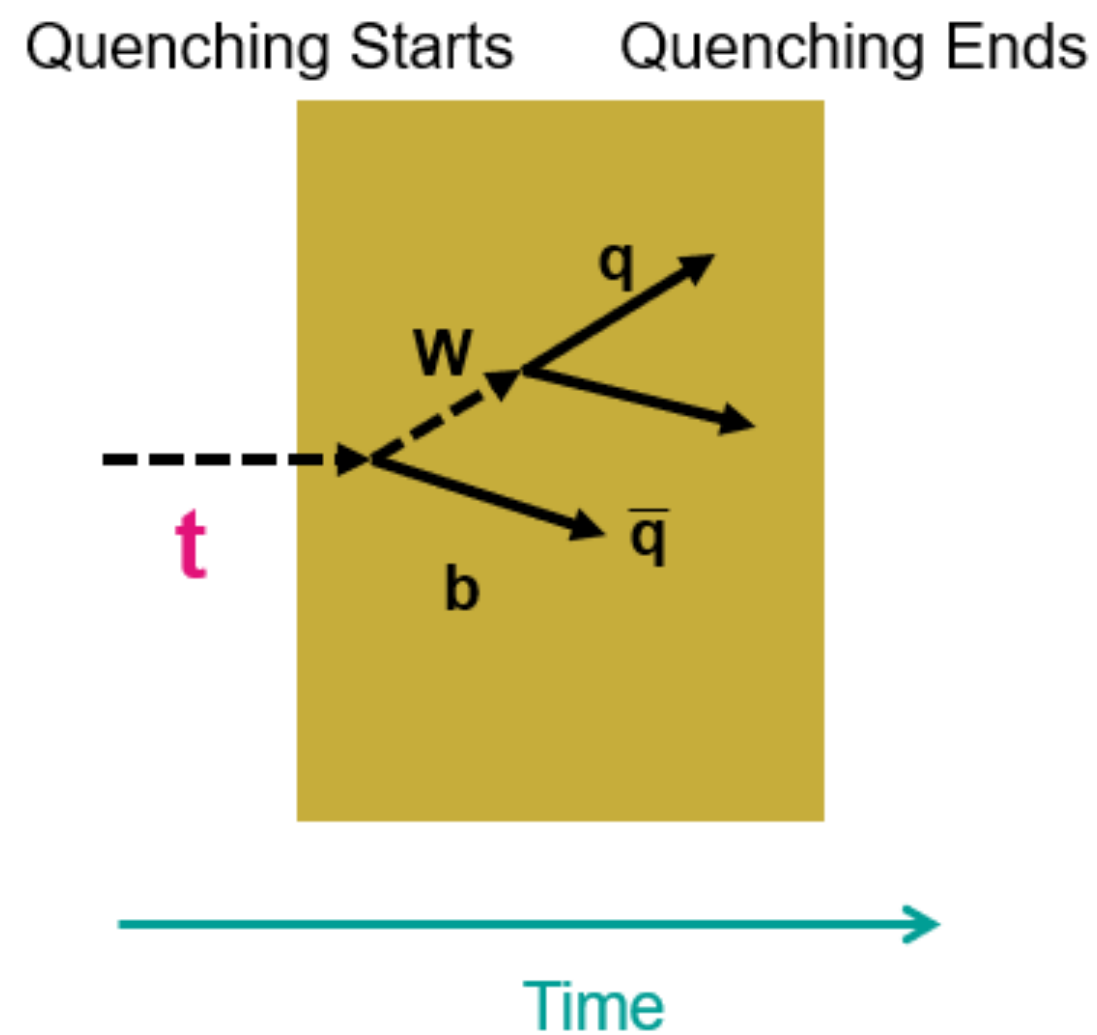
Precise jet R_{AA} up to high p_T



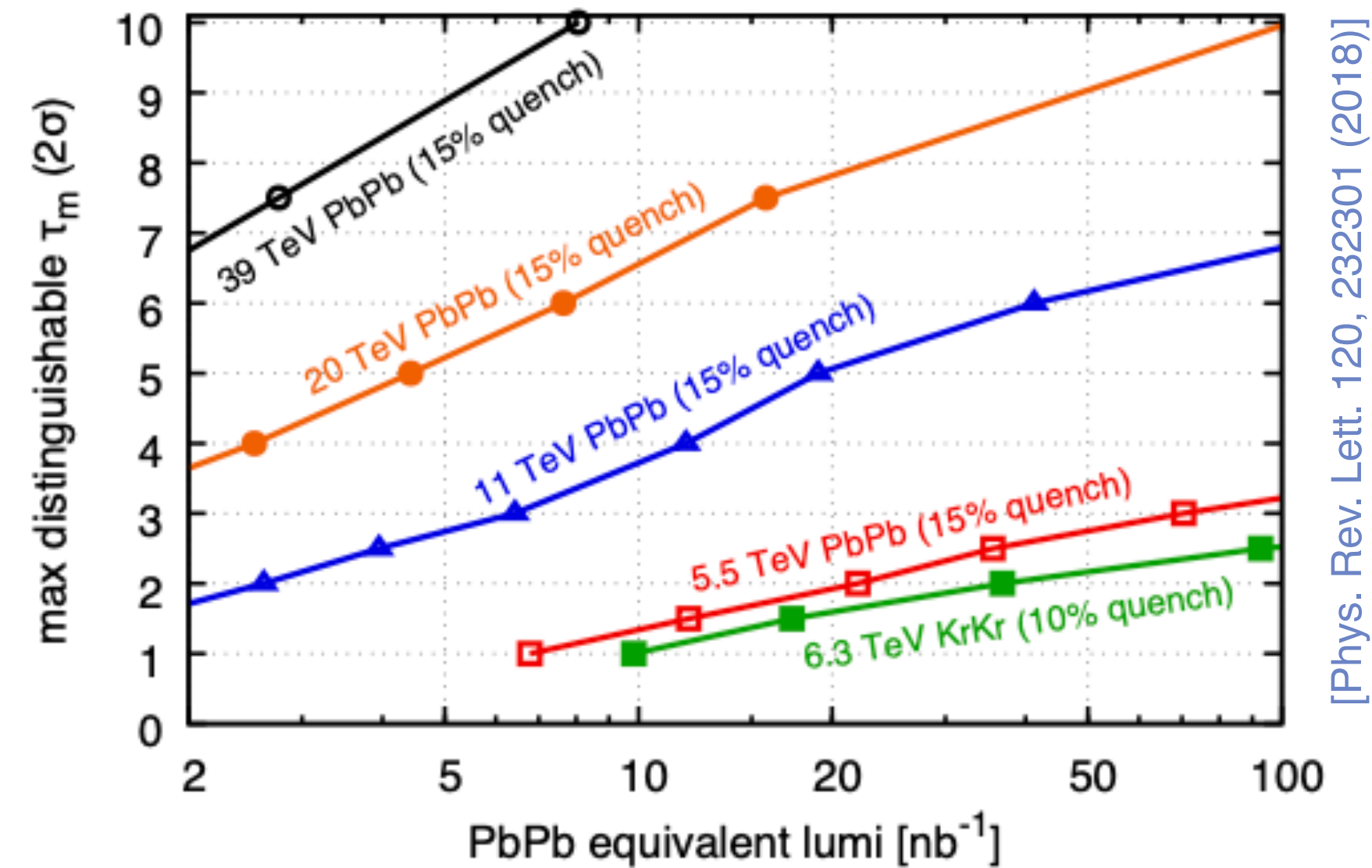
also HF jets
(tagged and reconstructed),
substructure, modification, ...

Run 3 & 4

Boosted Top



probe medium after τ_m



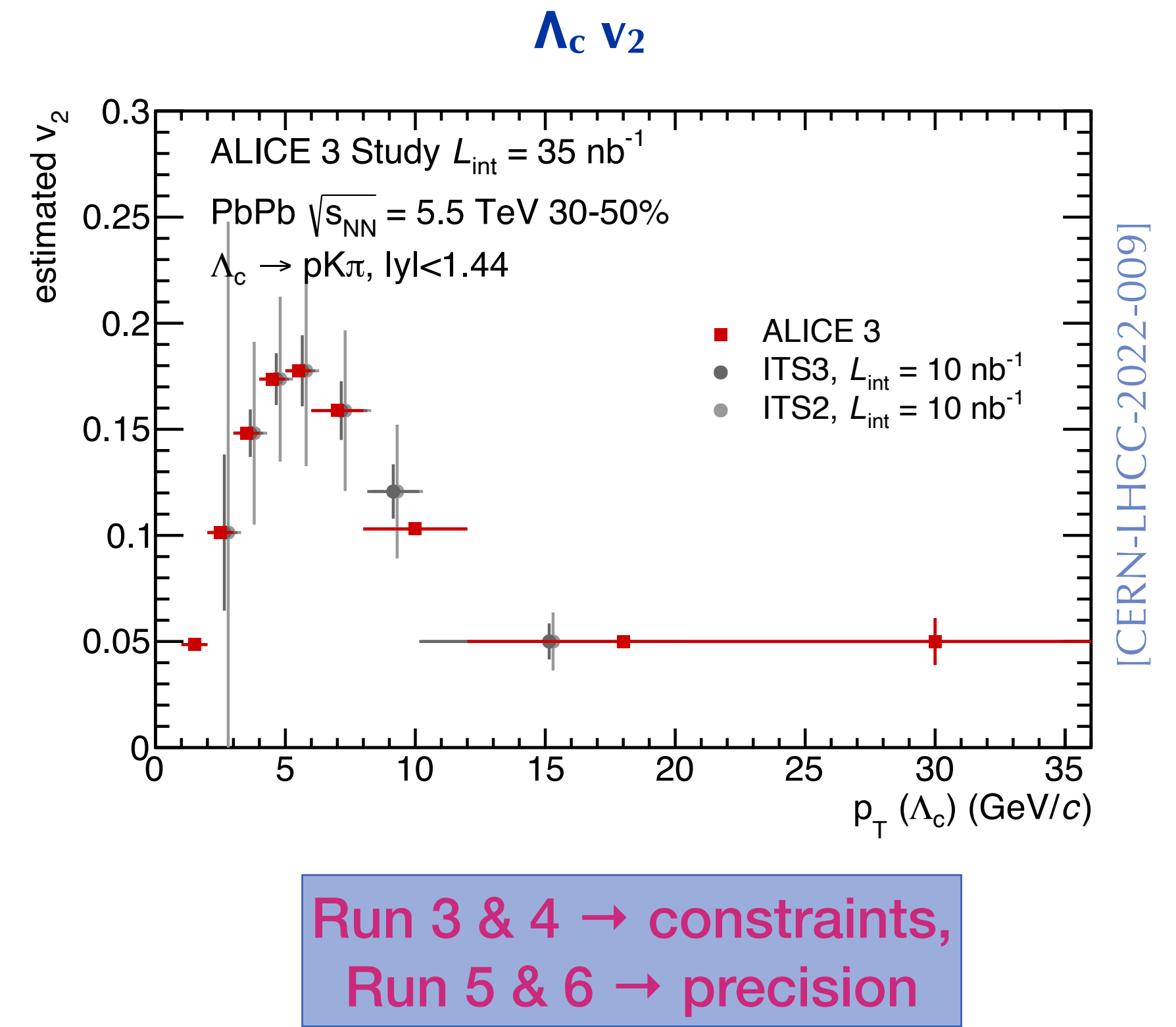
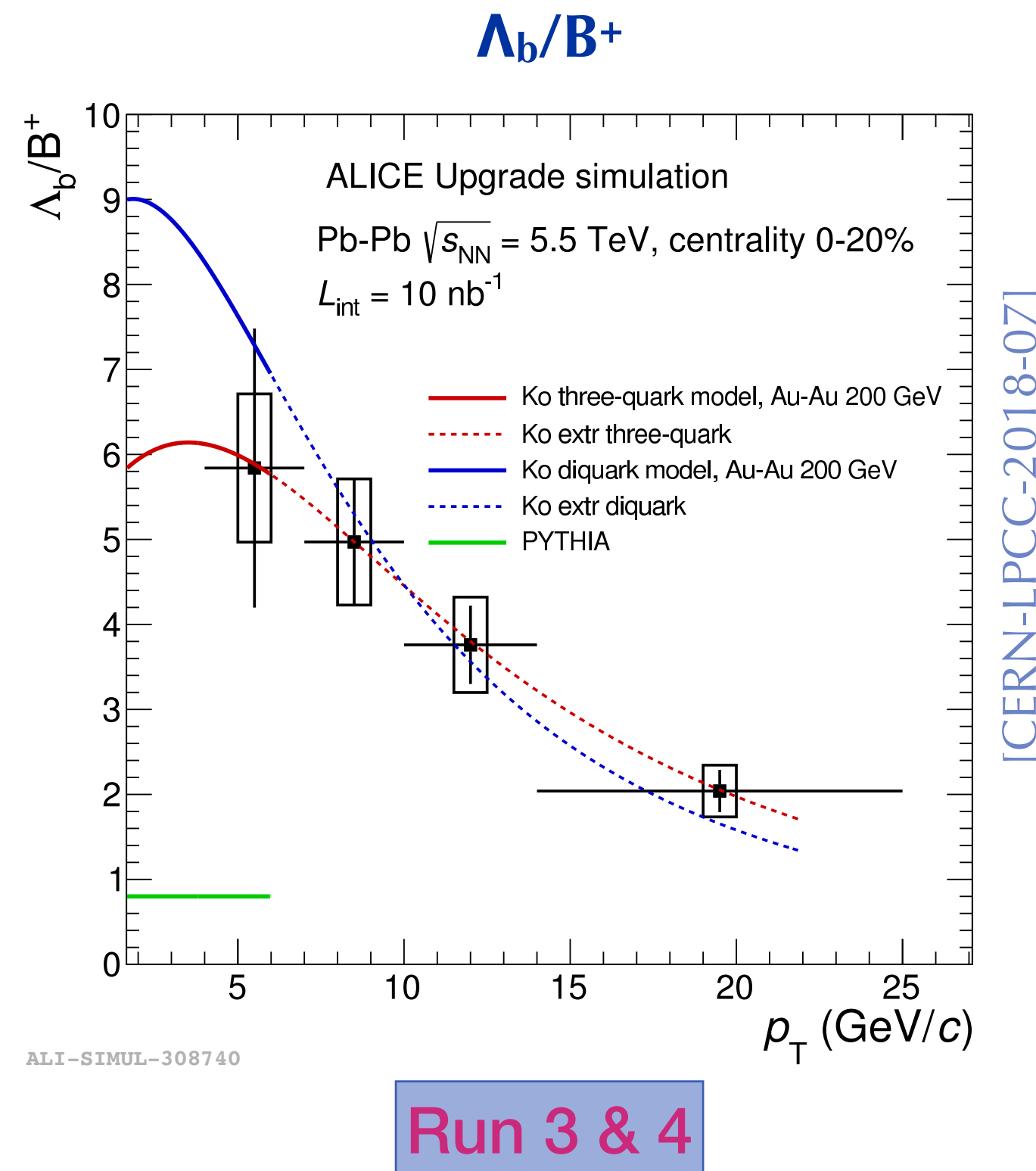
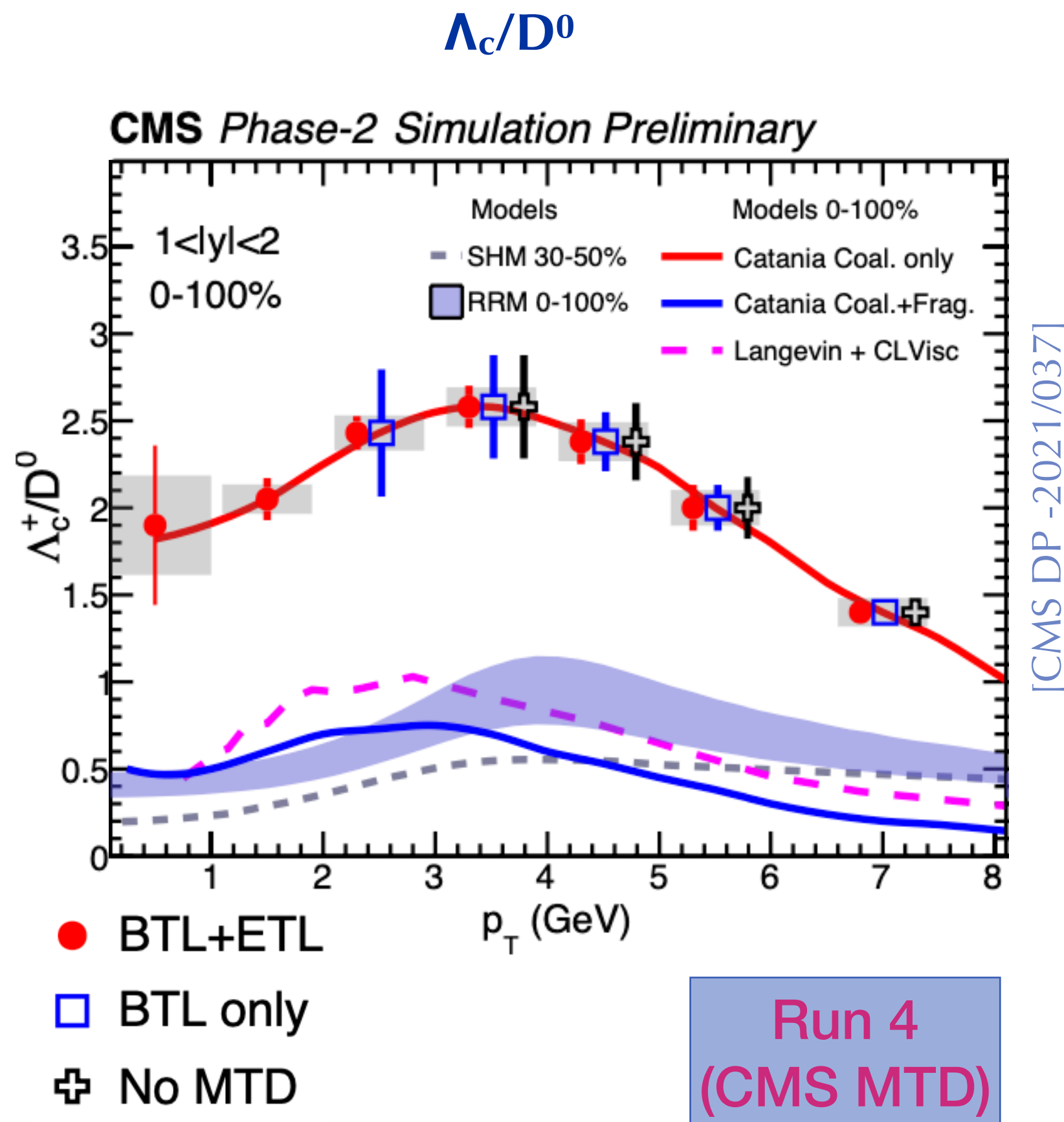
Run 3 & 4:
proof of concept

Heavy-flavour hadronisation

- **Constrain hadronisation models**

- measurements of baryon/meson ratios, nuclear suppression, and flow

- luminosity, vertexing, PID

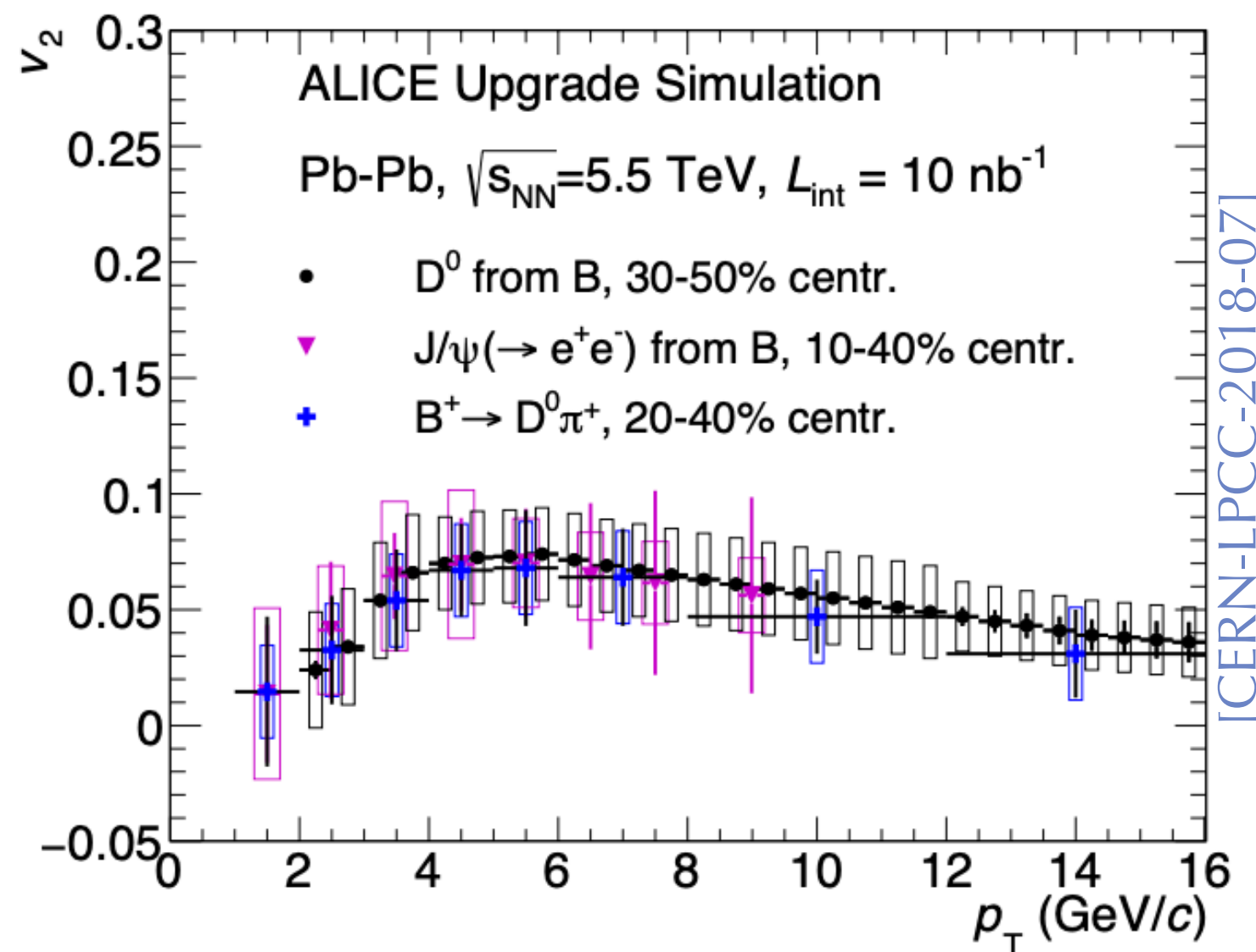


Heavy-flavour transport

- Understand transport and thermalisation in the QGP
 - measurements of $D\bar{D}$ correlations and in the beauty sector
 - statistics and vertexing

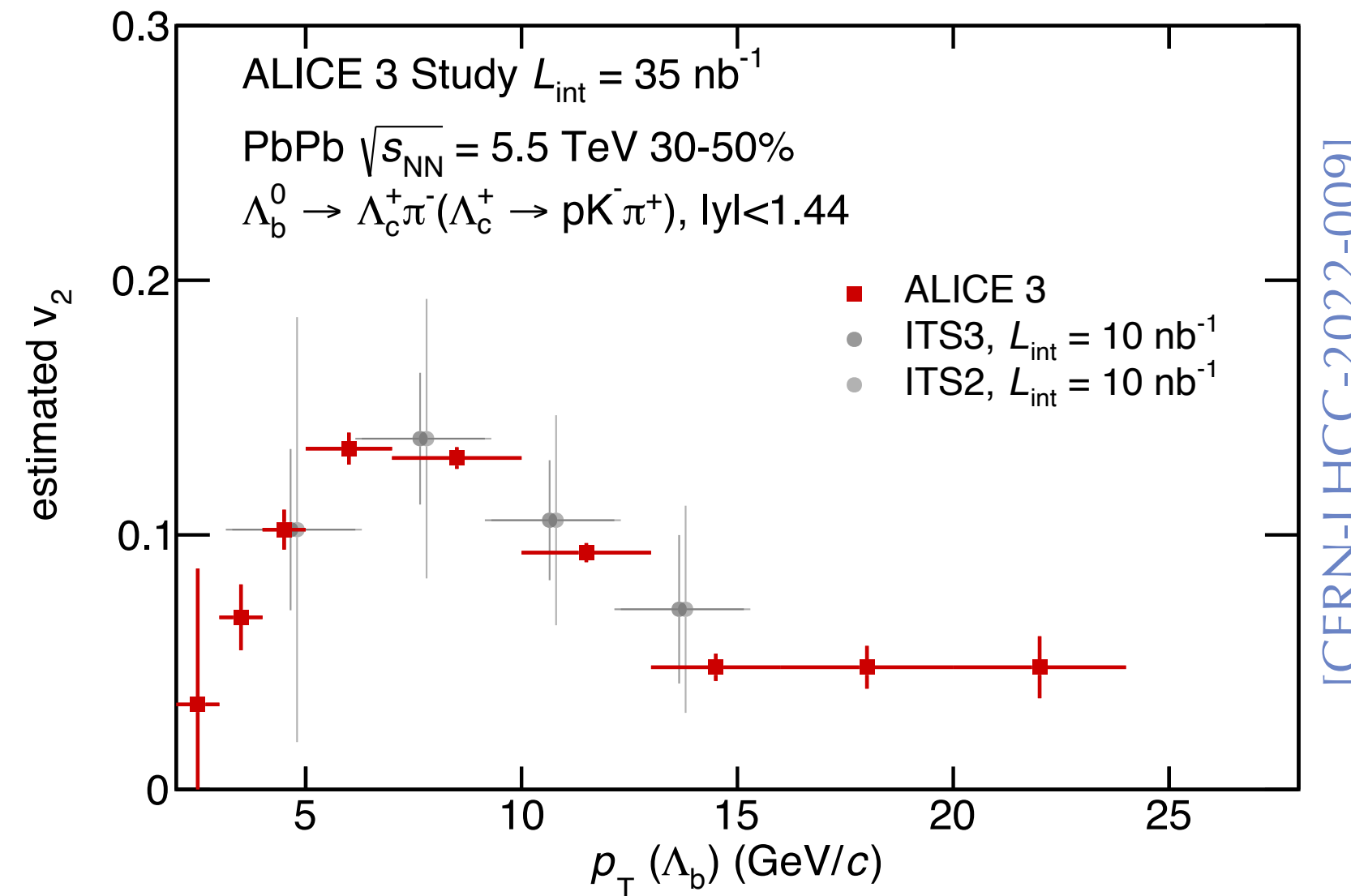
$$\tau_Q = (m_Q/T) D_s$$

B meson v_2



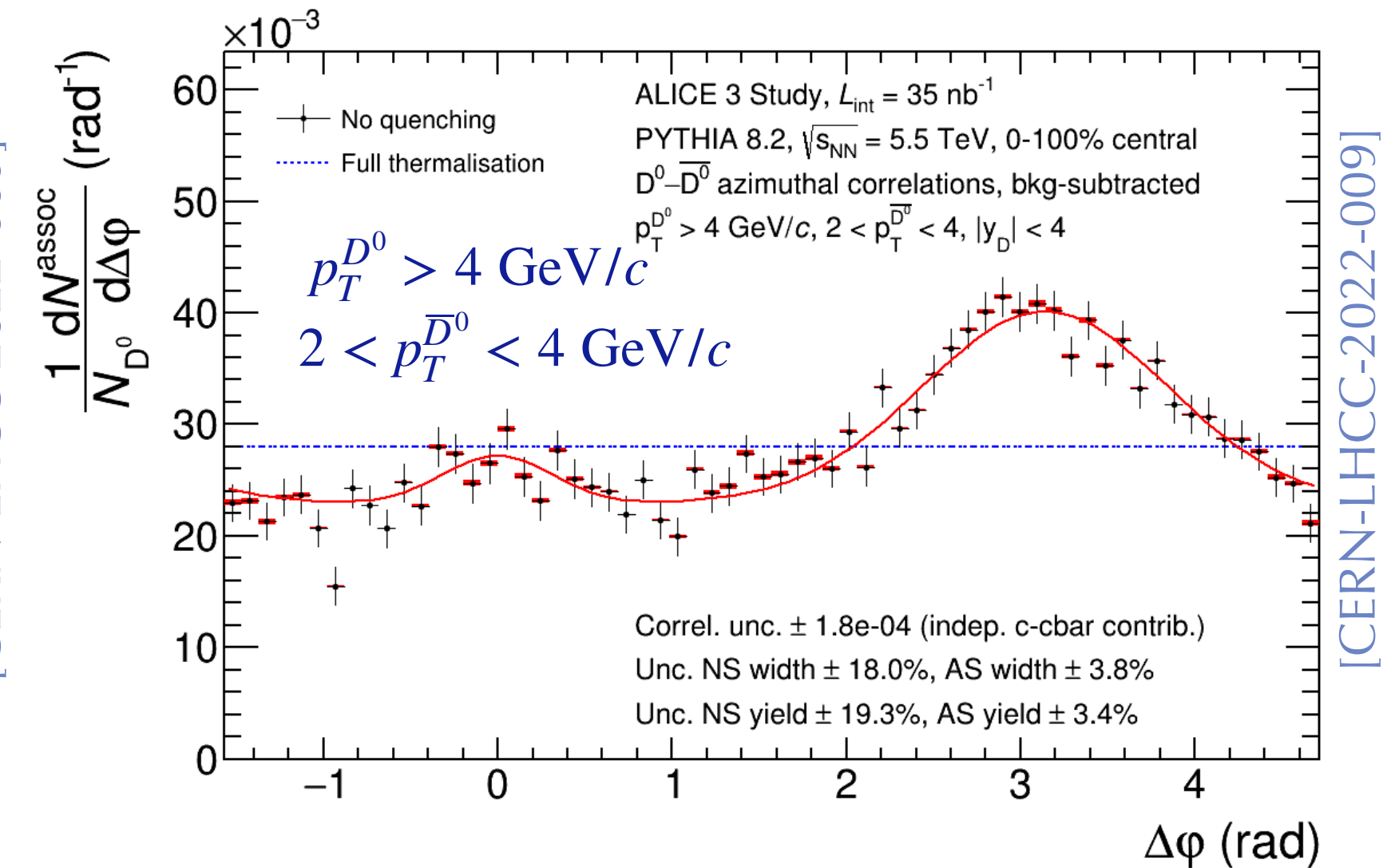
Run 3 & 4

Λ_b v_2



Run 3 & 4: constraints
Run 5 & 6: precision

$c\bar{c} \rightarrow D^0\bar{D}^0$ correlations

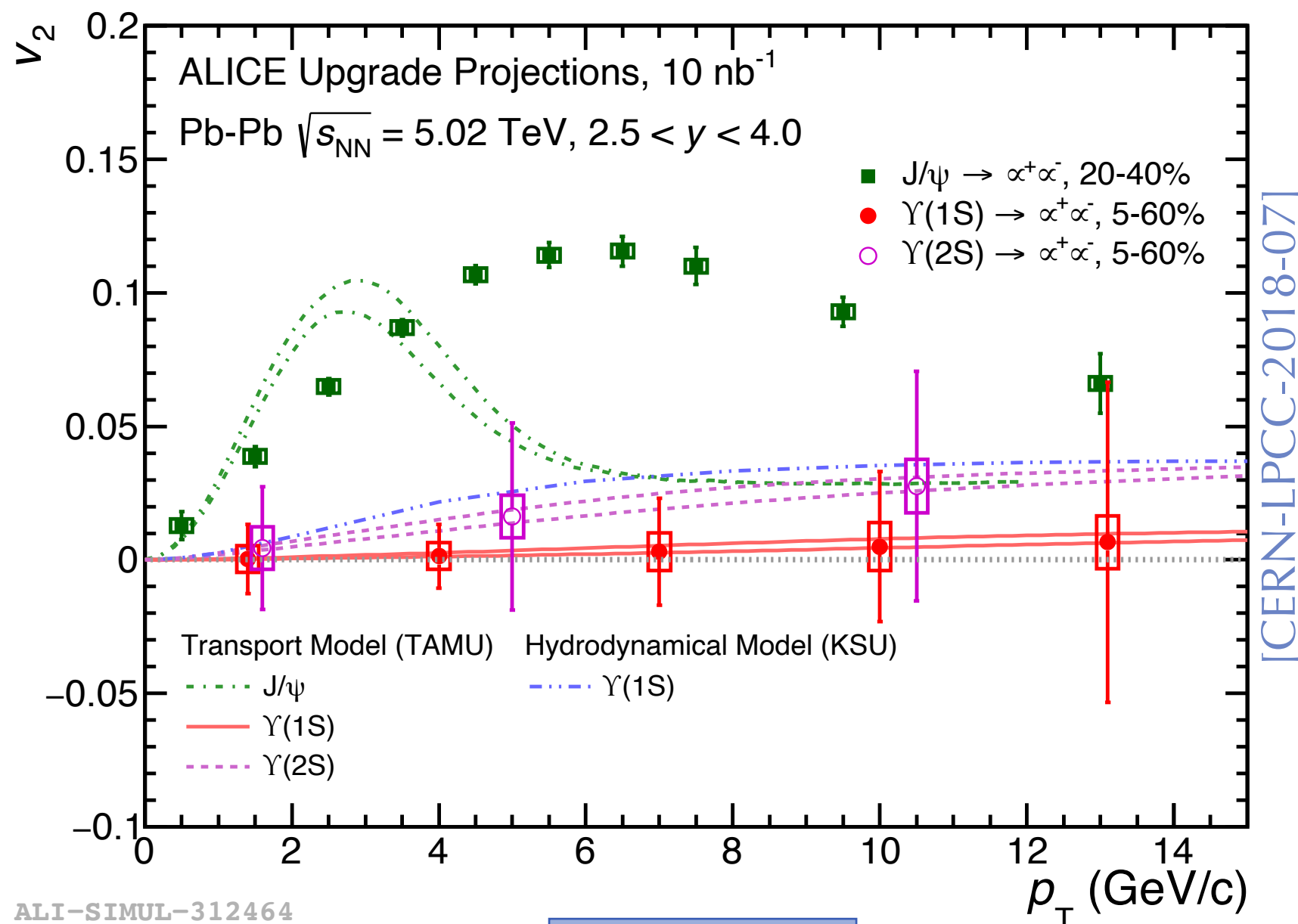


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Quarkonia

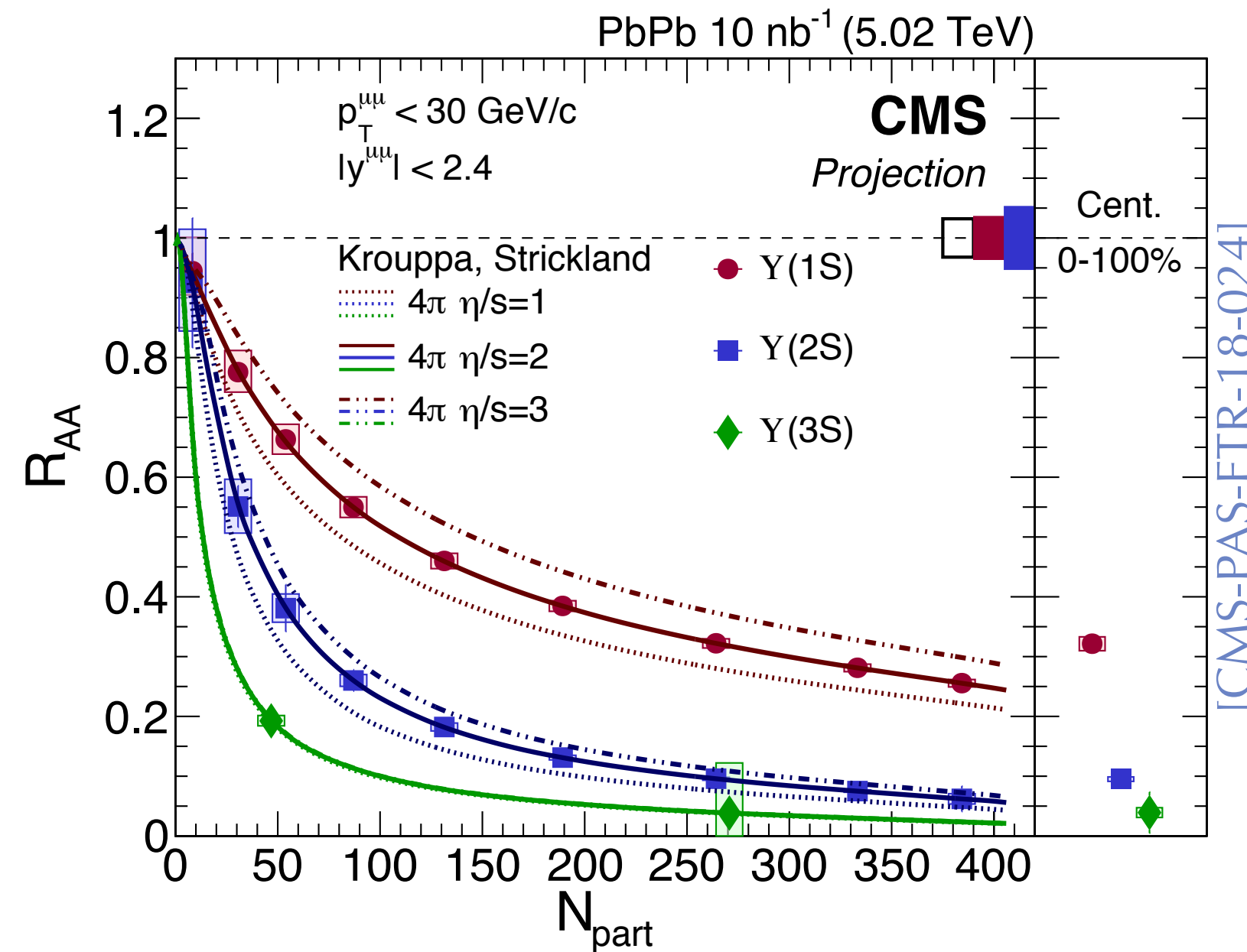
- Understand heavy-quark dynamics in the QGP
 - precision measurements of bottomonium and P-wave charmonium states
 - luminosity and PID

v_2 for J/ψ , Υ



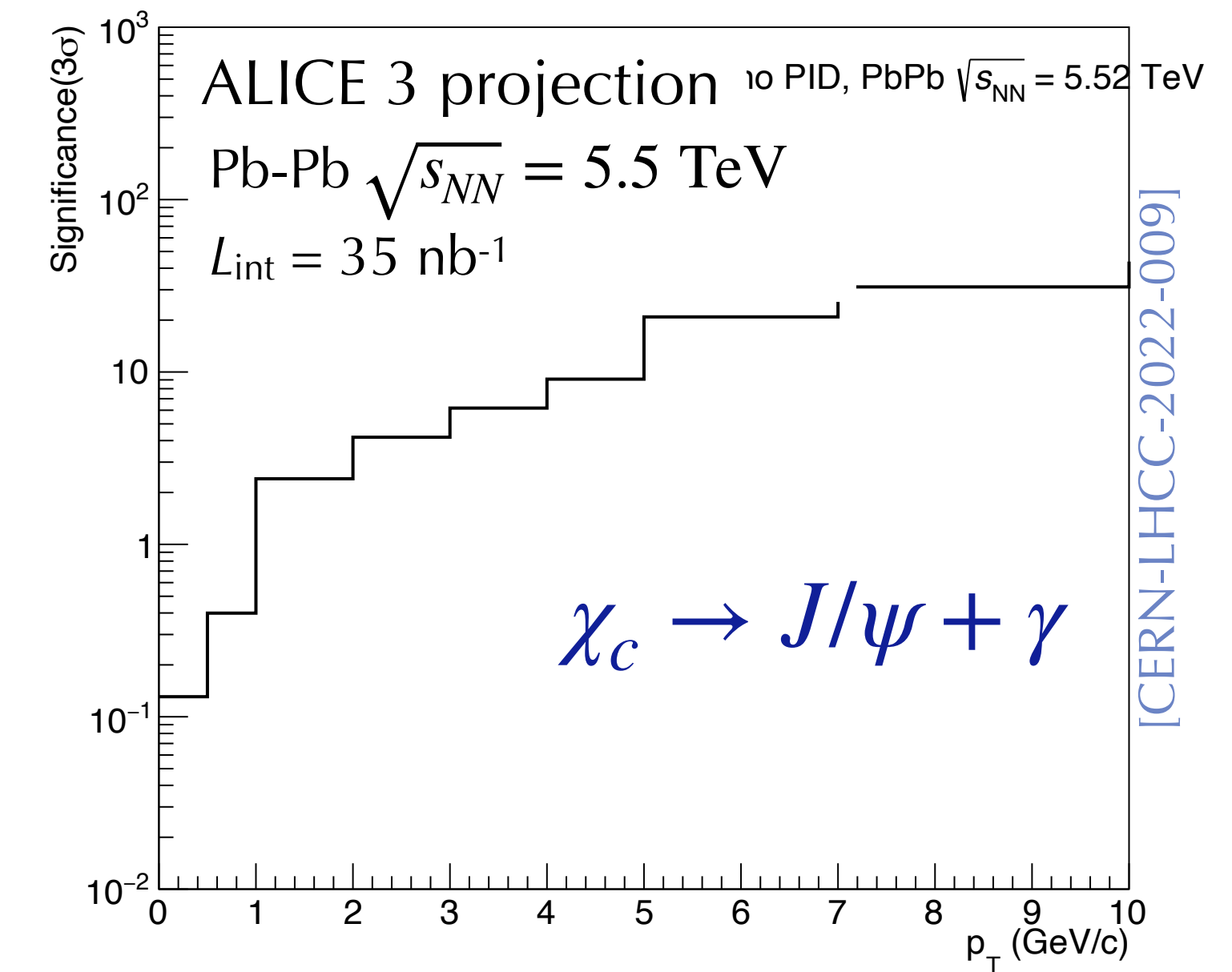
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R_{AA} for Υ states



Run 3 & 4

χ_c in Pb-Pb collisions

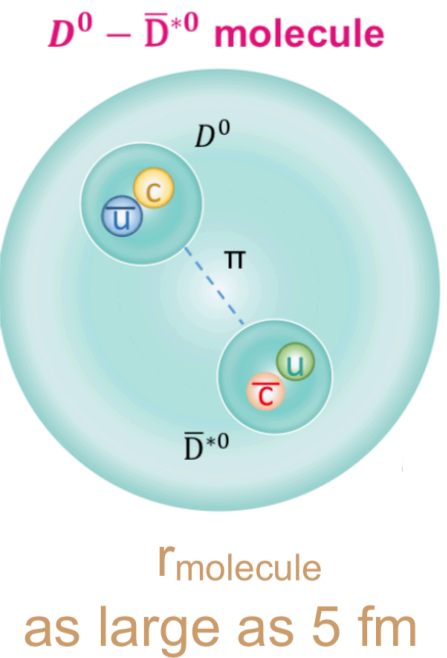


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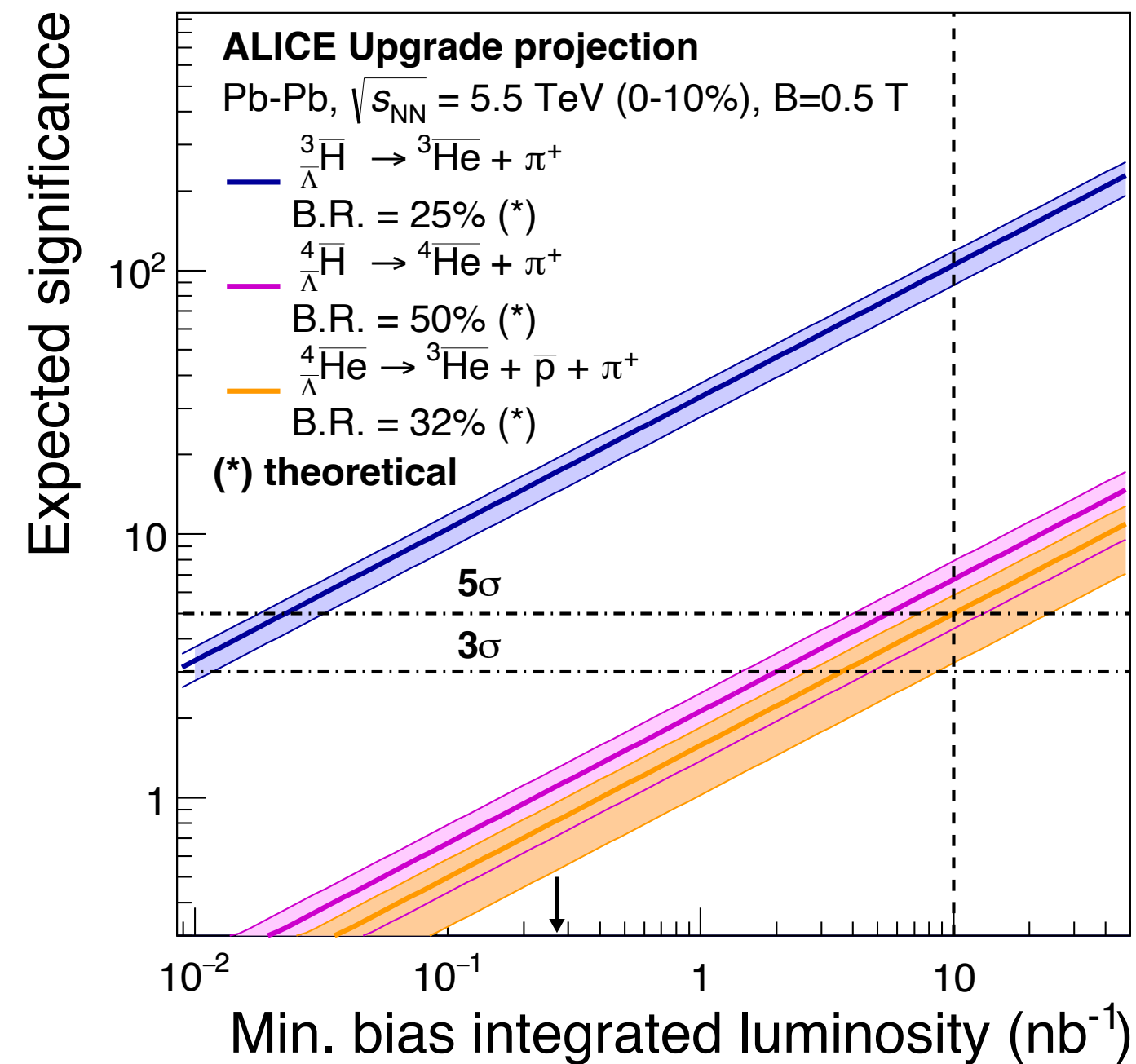
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Further bound states

- Understand formation and behaviour of bound states in the QGP
 - measurements of exotic states and hadron-hadron correlations
 - requires luminosity, acceptance, PID

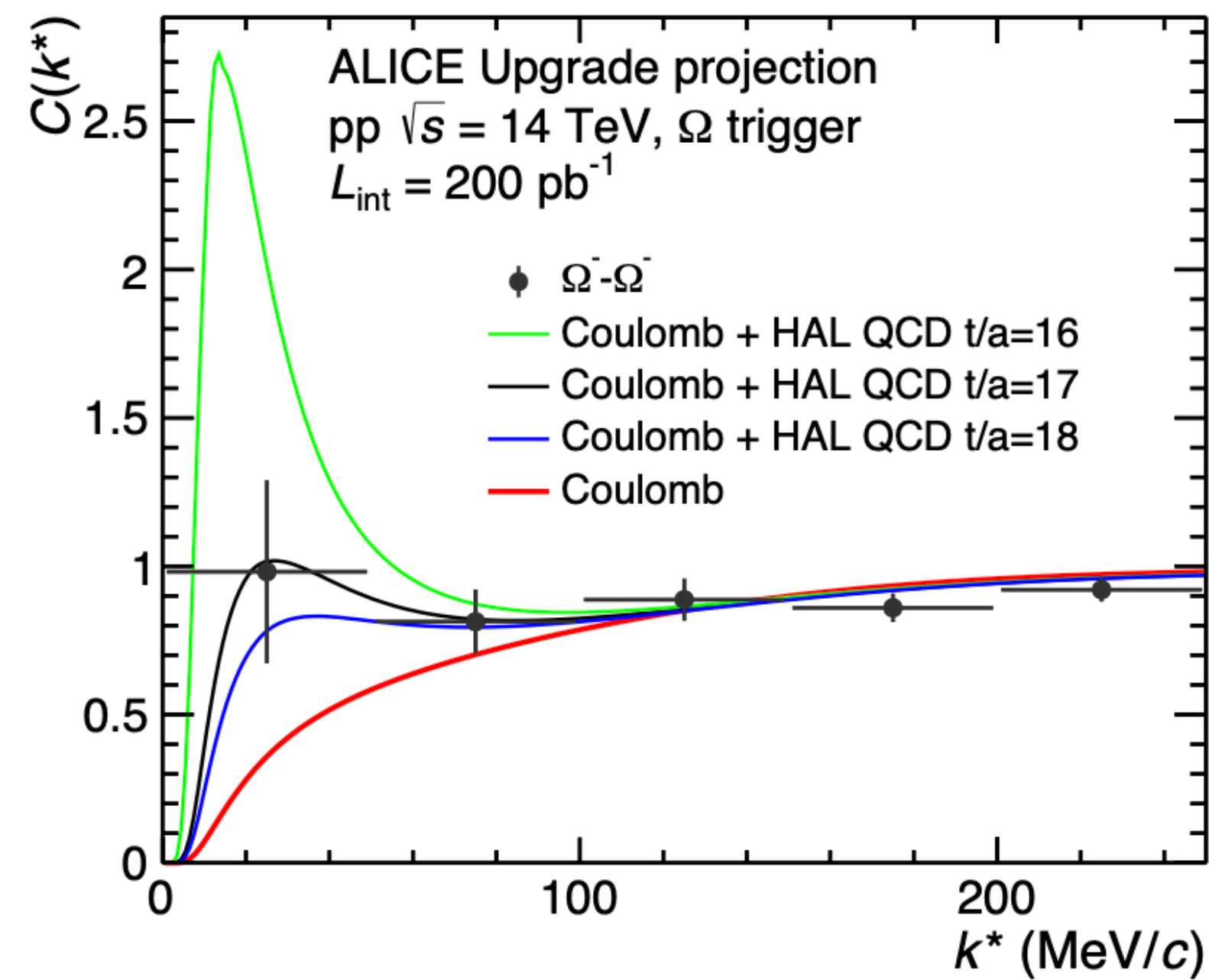


anti-hyper-nuclei



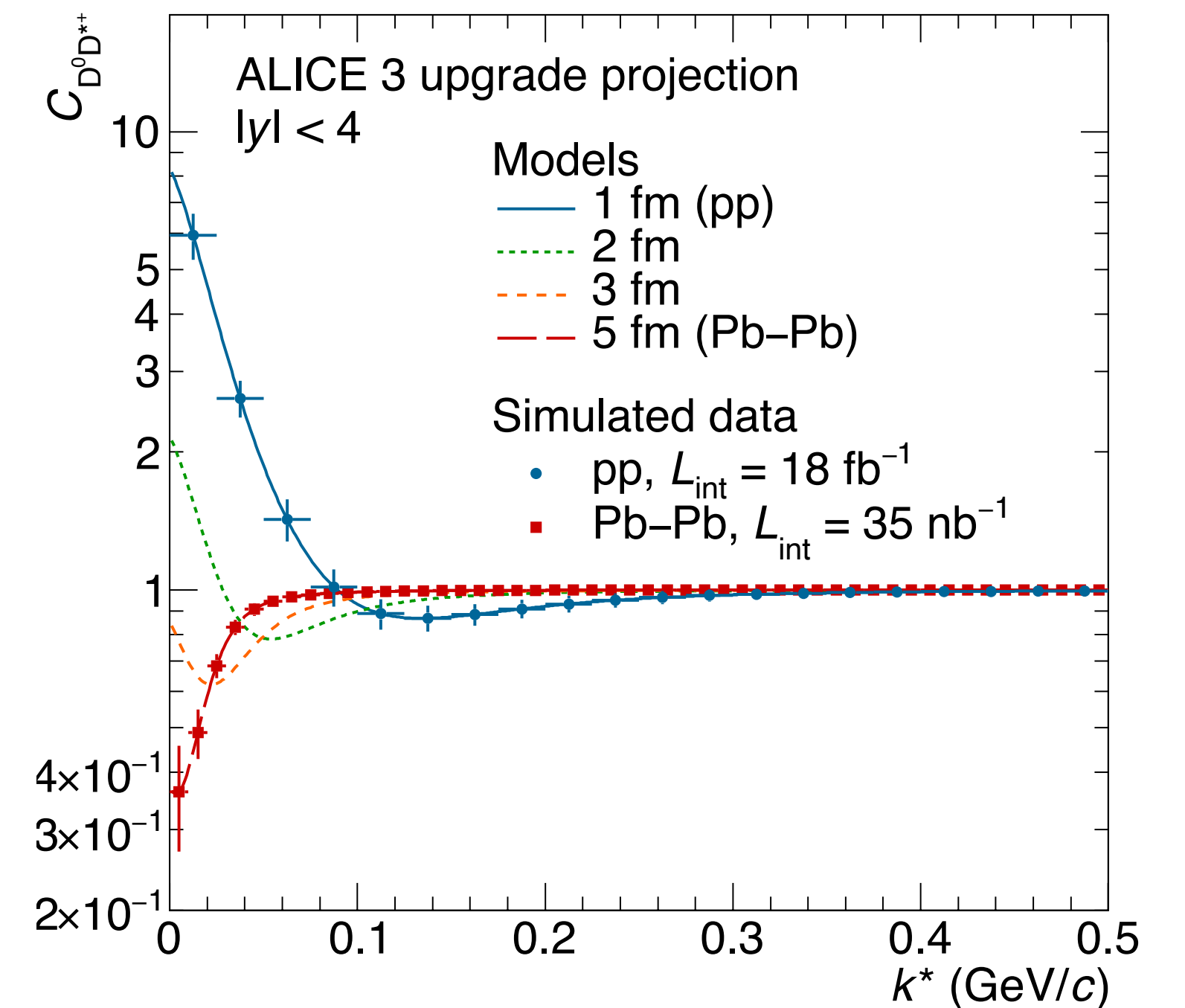
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Ω - Ω interactions



Run 3 & 4

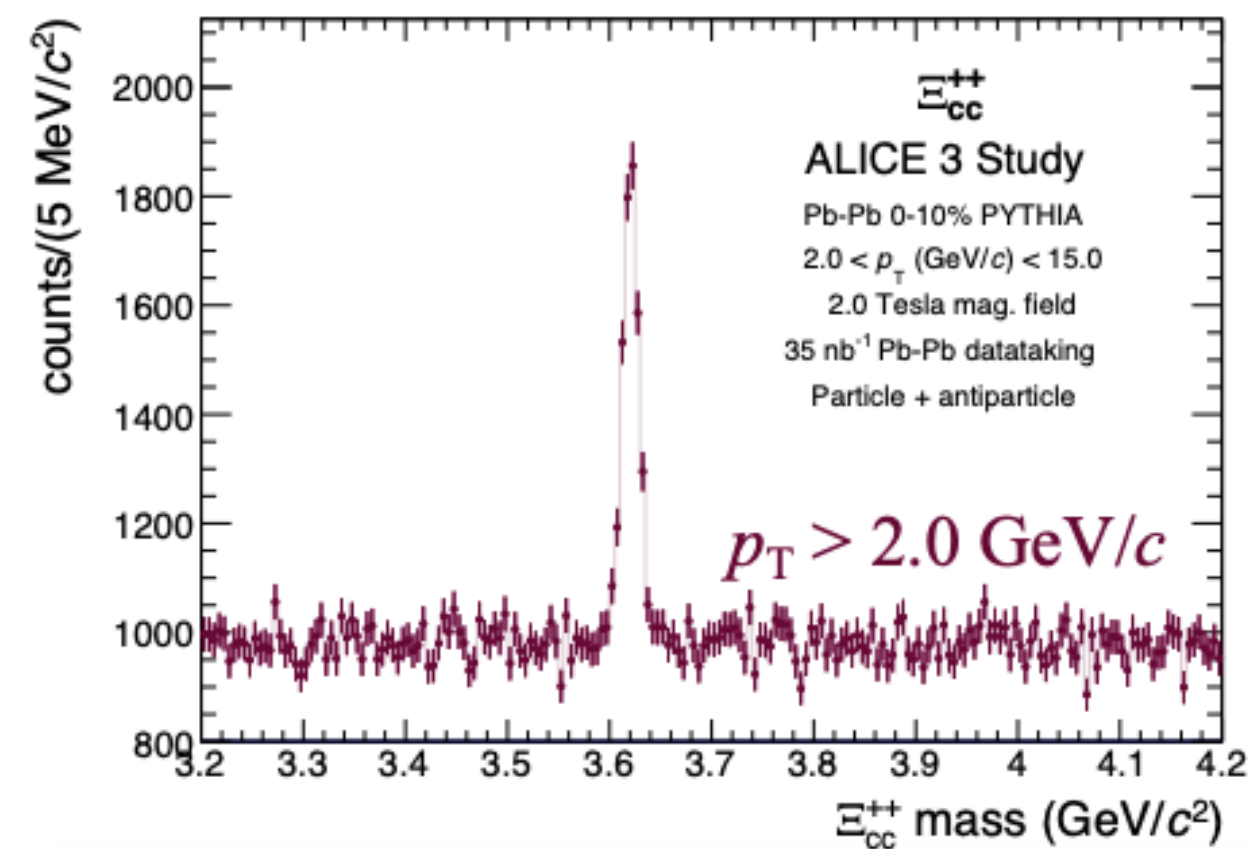
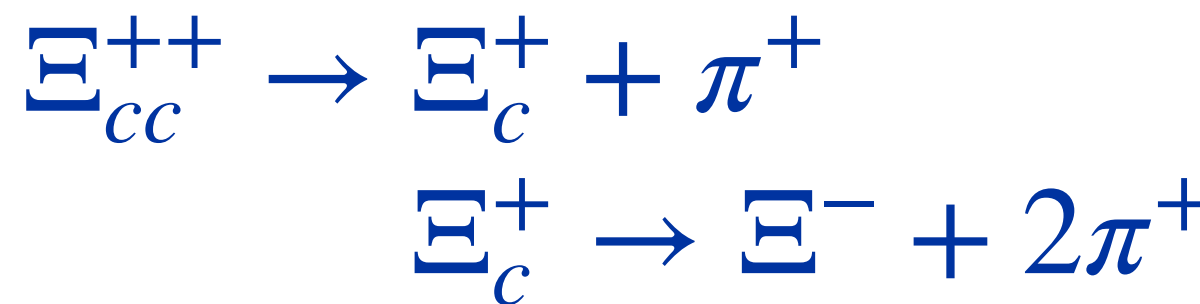
$D^0 D^{*+}$: nature of T_{cc}^+



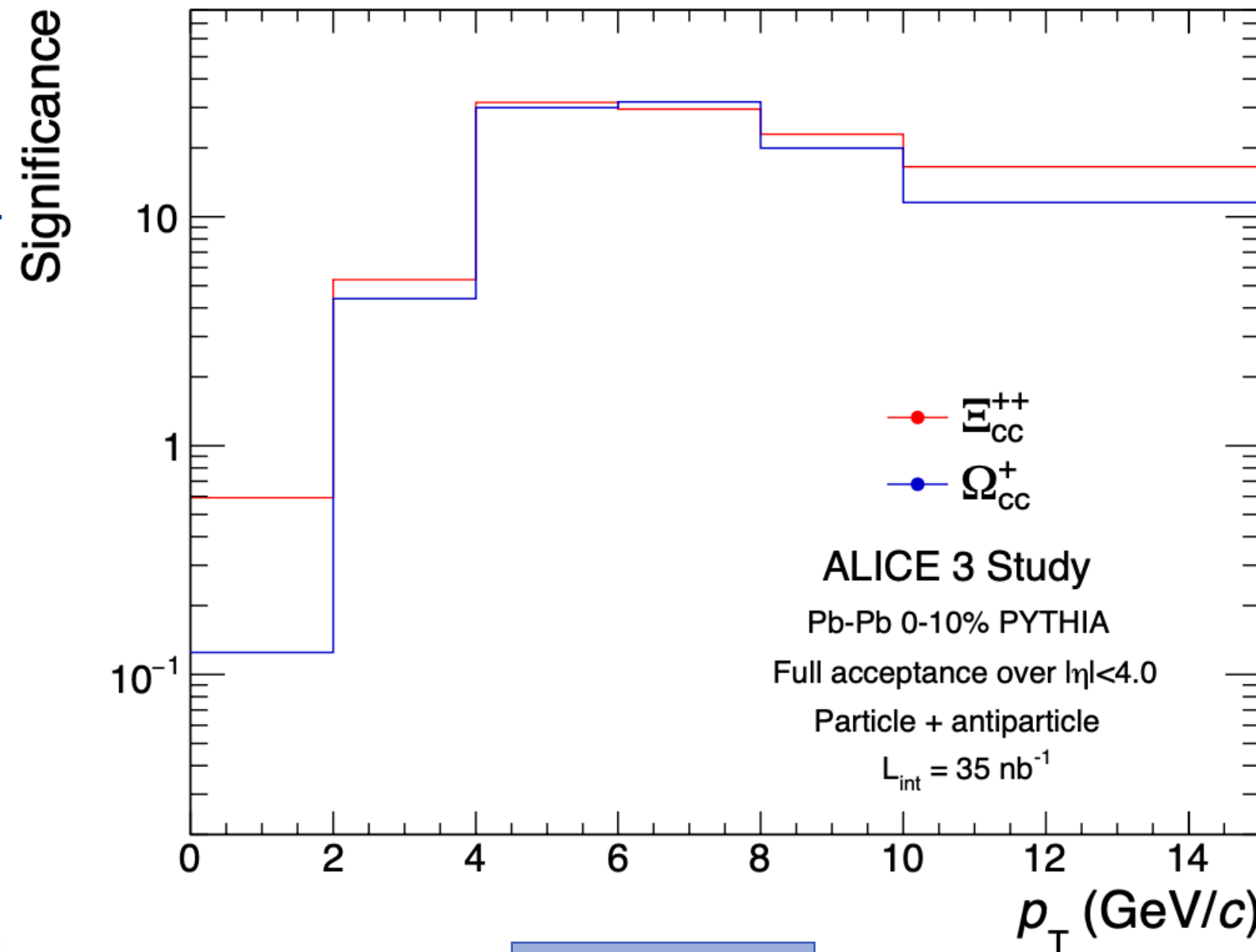
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Multi-charm baryons

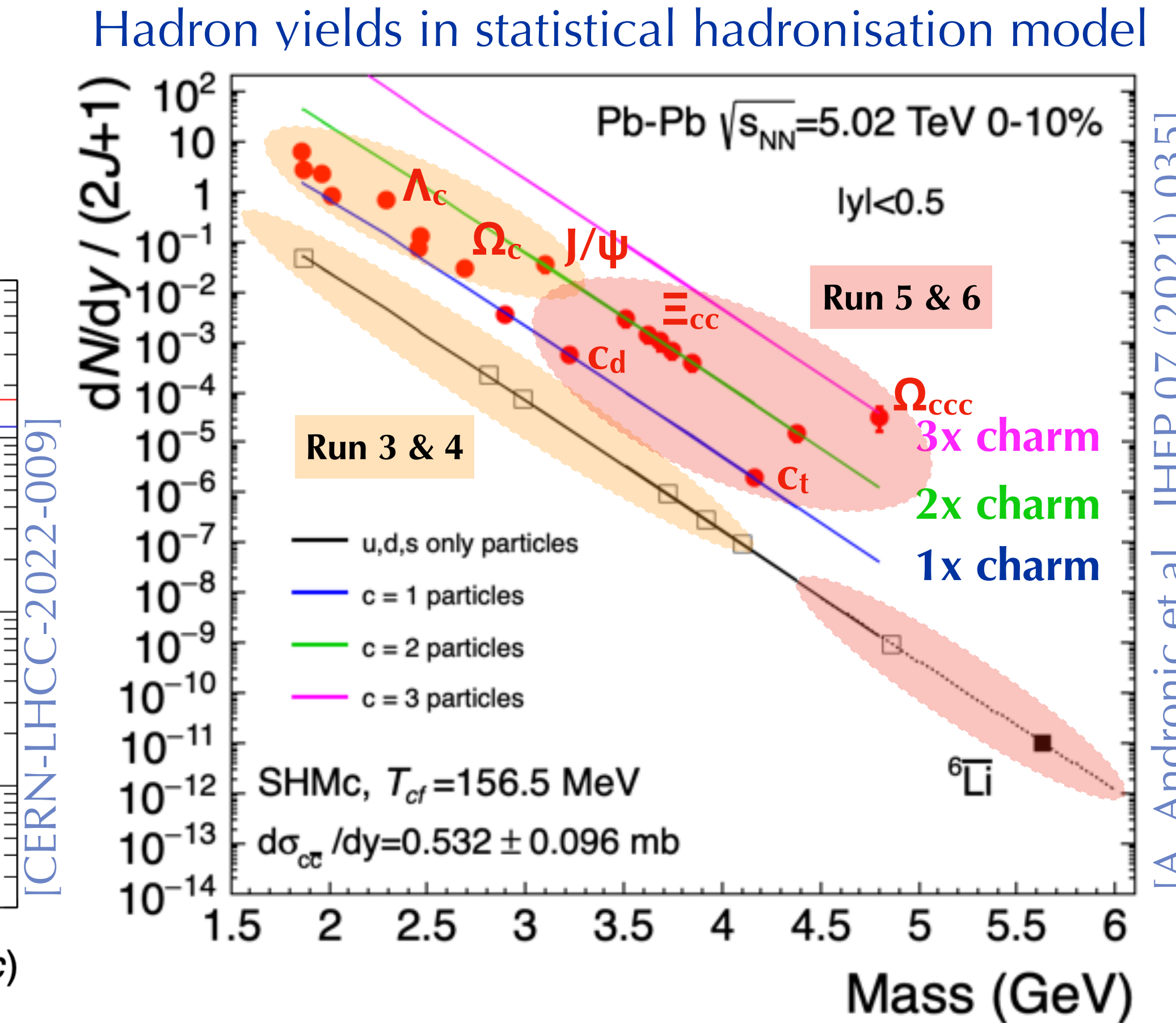
- Expected enhancement of multi-charm states provides high sensitivity to equilibration
 - systematic measurement of hadron yields
 - luminosity, acceptance, vertexing, PID, strangeness tracking



Run 5 & 6



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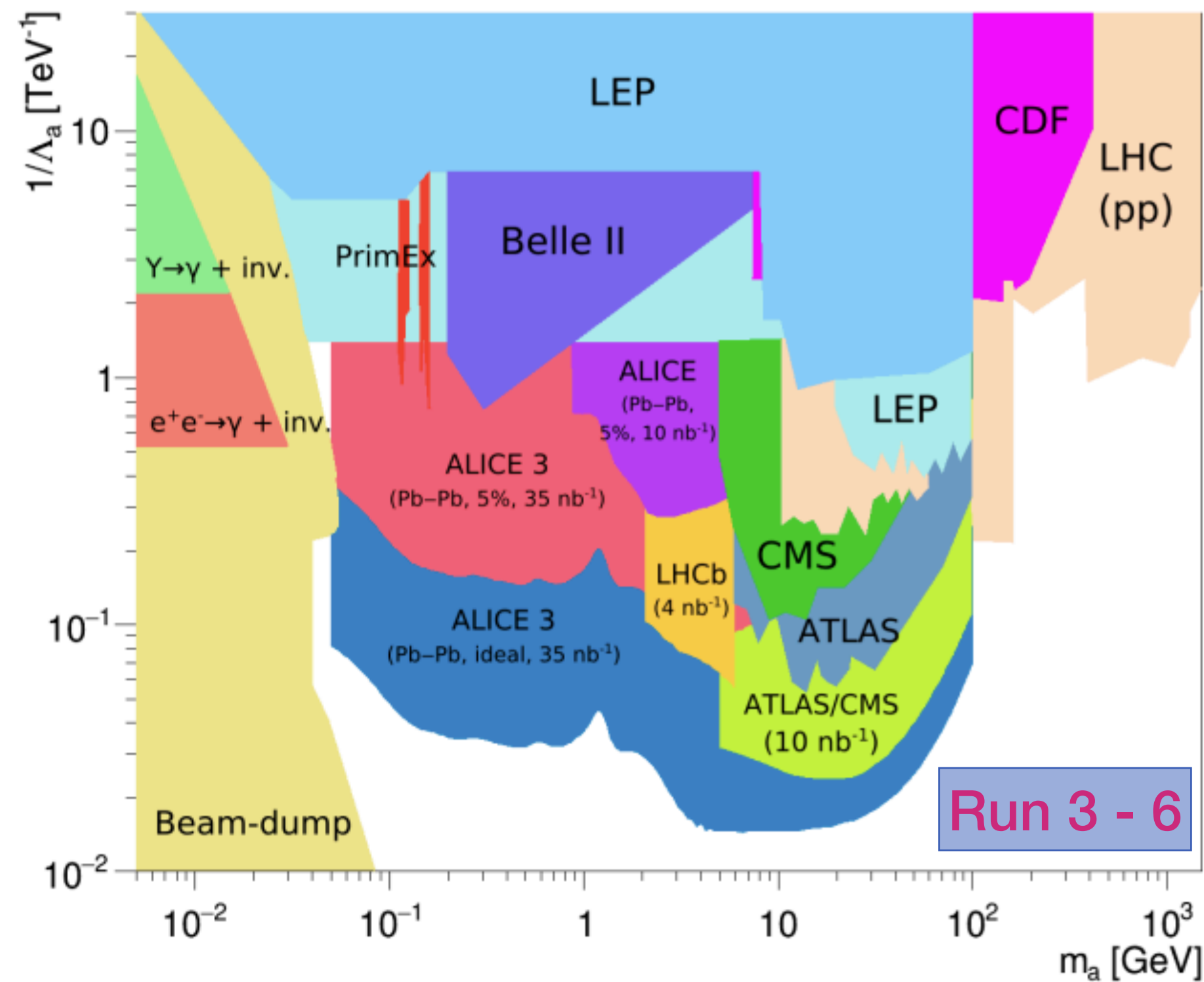


[A. Andronic et al., JHEP 07 (2021) 035]

Further opportunities

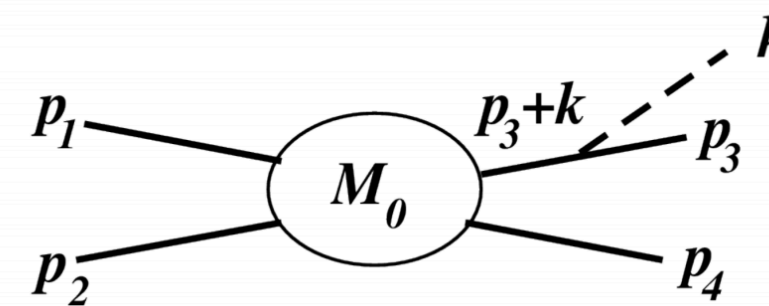
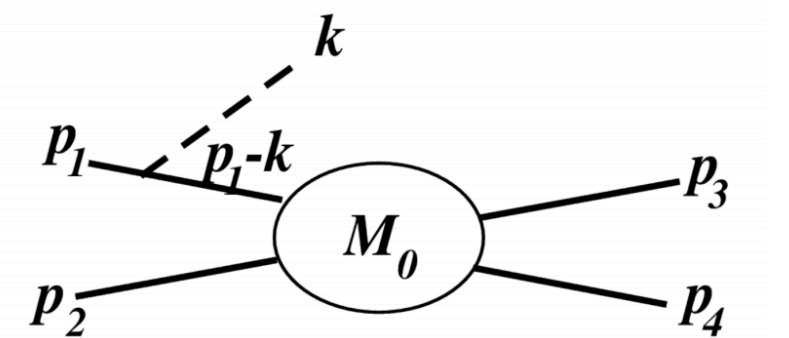
- Fully exploit LHC for opportunities arising from the detectors
 - BSM searches (L-by-L, ...), Low's theorem, ...
 - statistics, new detectors

Search for axion-like particles $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



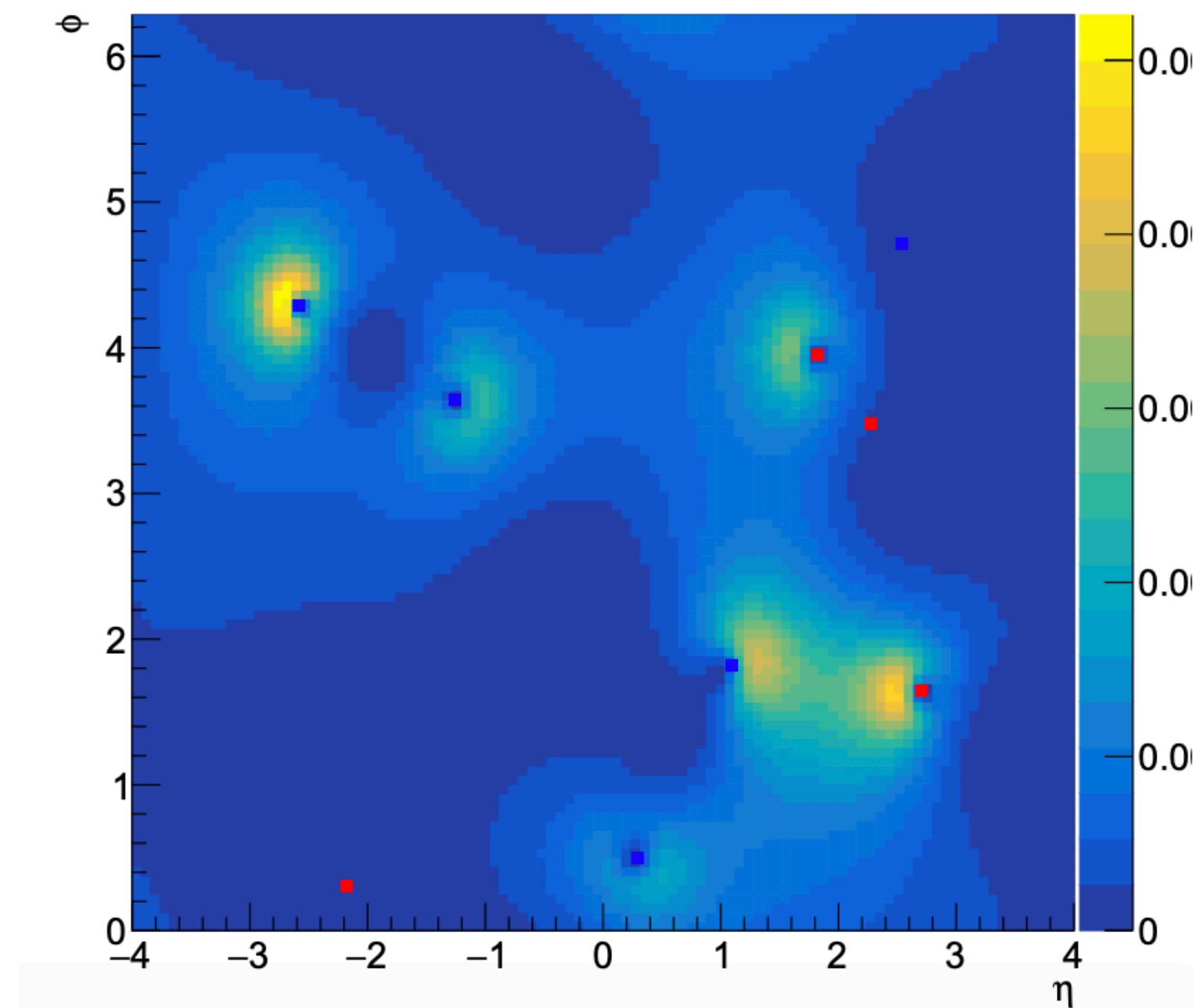
Measure ultrasoft photons $p_T \approx \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ MeV}/c)$, fundamentally linked to charged particle final state

Low's theorem



Run 5 & 6

[PRD 105 (2022) 1, 014022]



Luminous future at the LHC



- LHC provides ideal and unique opportunities to study hot QCD matter
- Extensive heavy-ion programme with all four LHC experiments
- Rich R&D programmes on technologies of interest beyond LHC

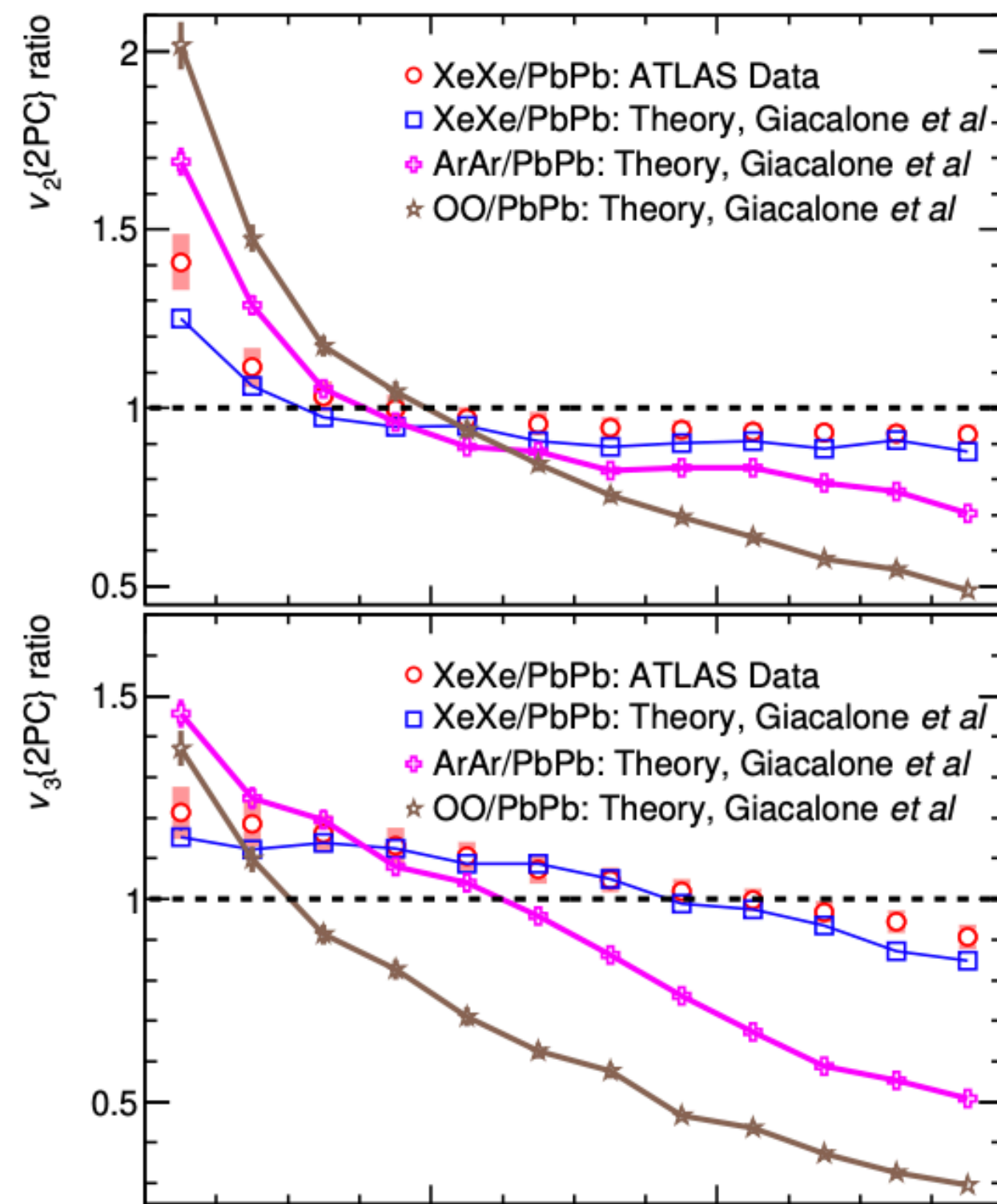
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Backup

Small systems

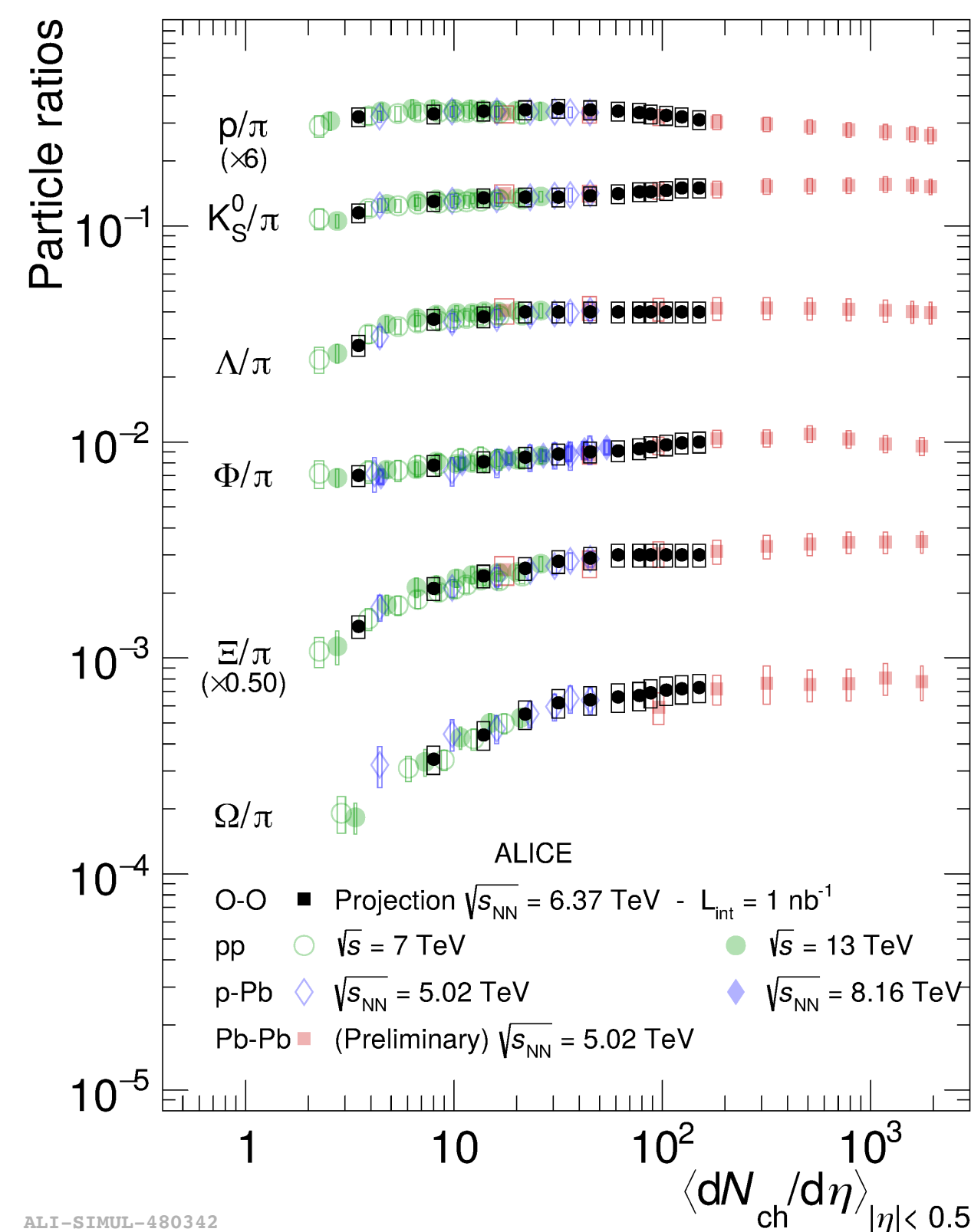
- Understand evolution from small to large systems
 - systematic measurements of flow and particle production
 - large high-multiplicity pp sample and new collision systems

Flow



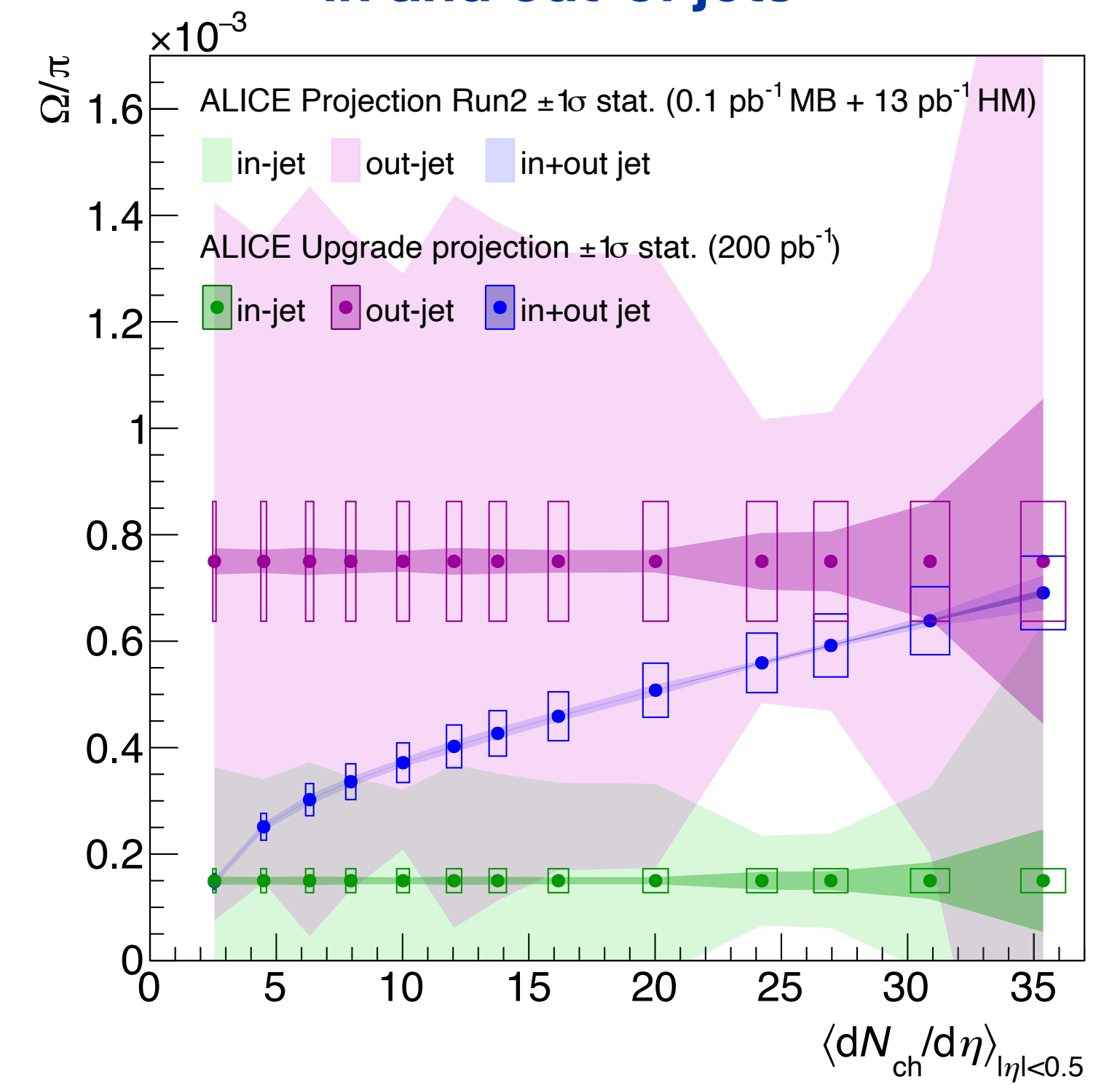
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Strangeness/baryon enhancement



Run 3 & 4

Production of particles in and out of jets

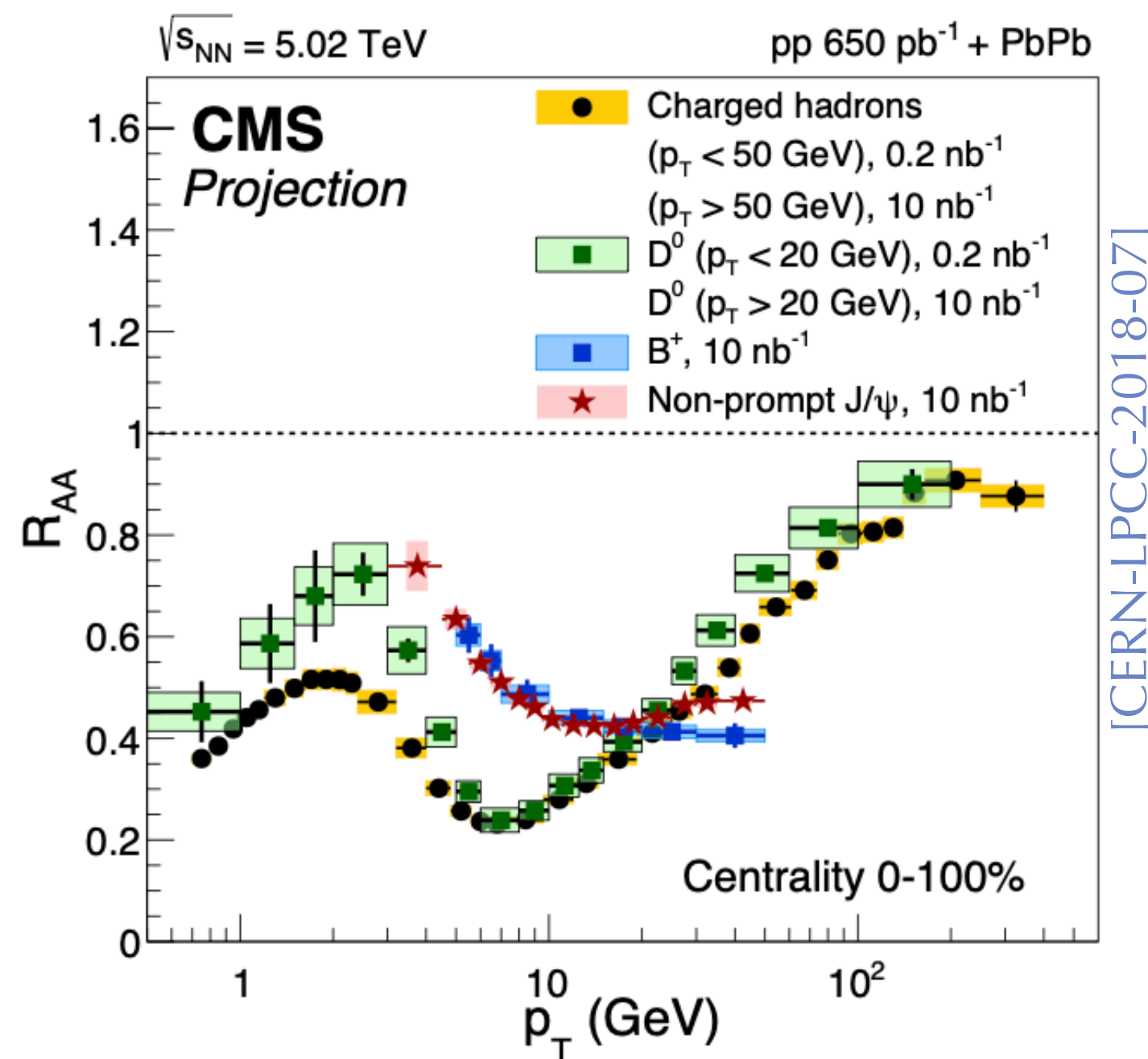


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Heavy-flavour transport

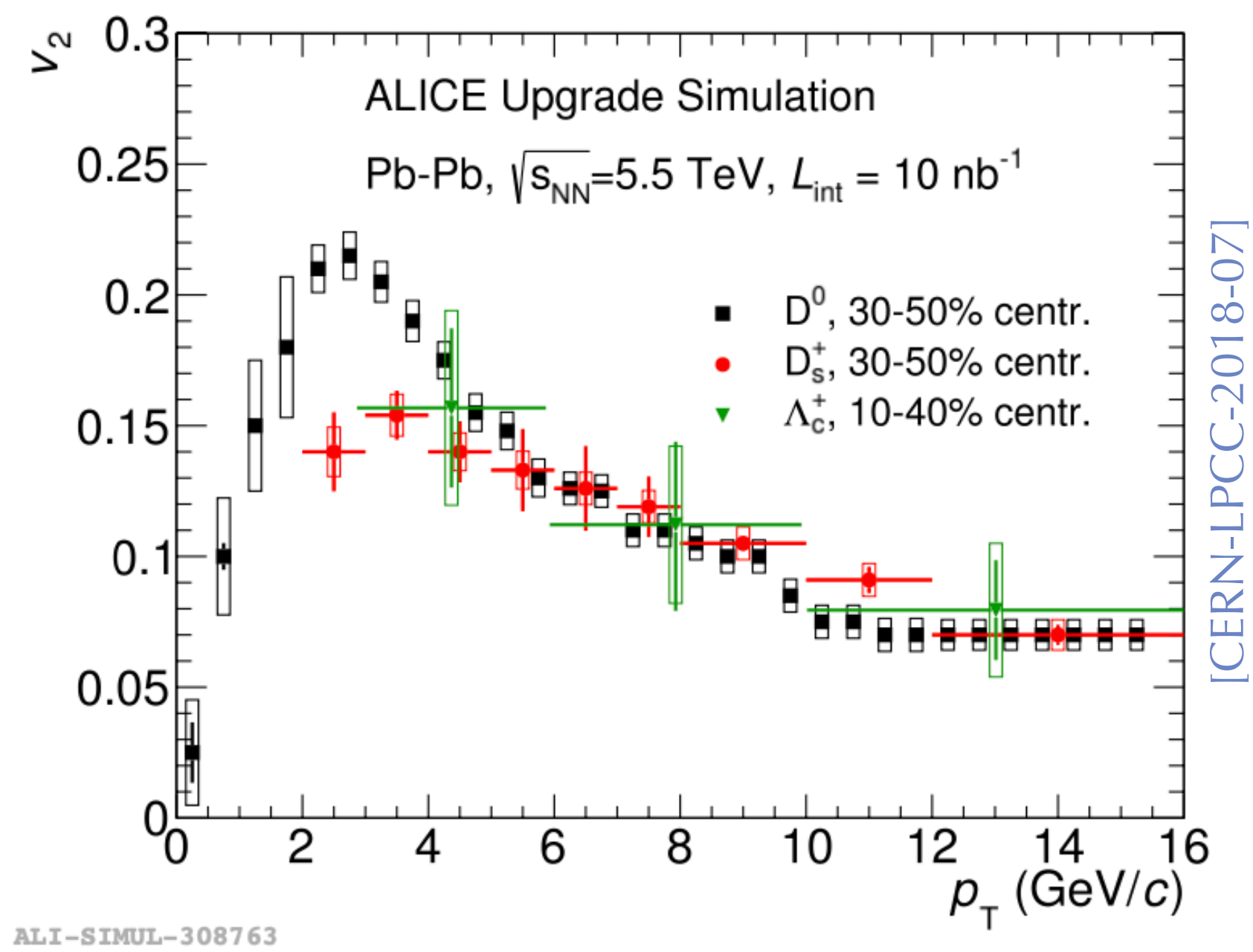
- Measure spatial diffusion coefficient in the QGP
 - precision measurements of R_{AA} and v_2 for charm and beauty
 - statistics and vertexing

Precise R_{AA} for c and b mesons



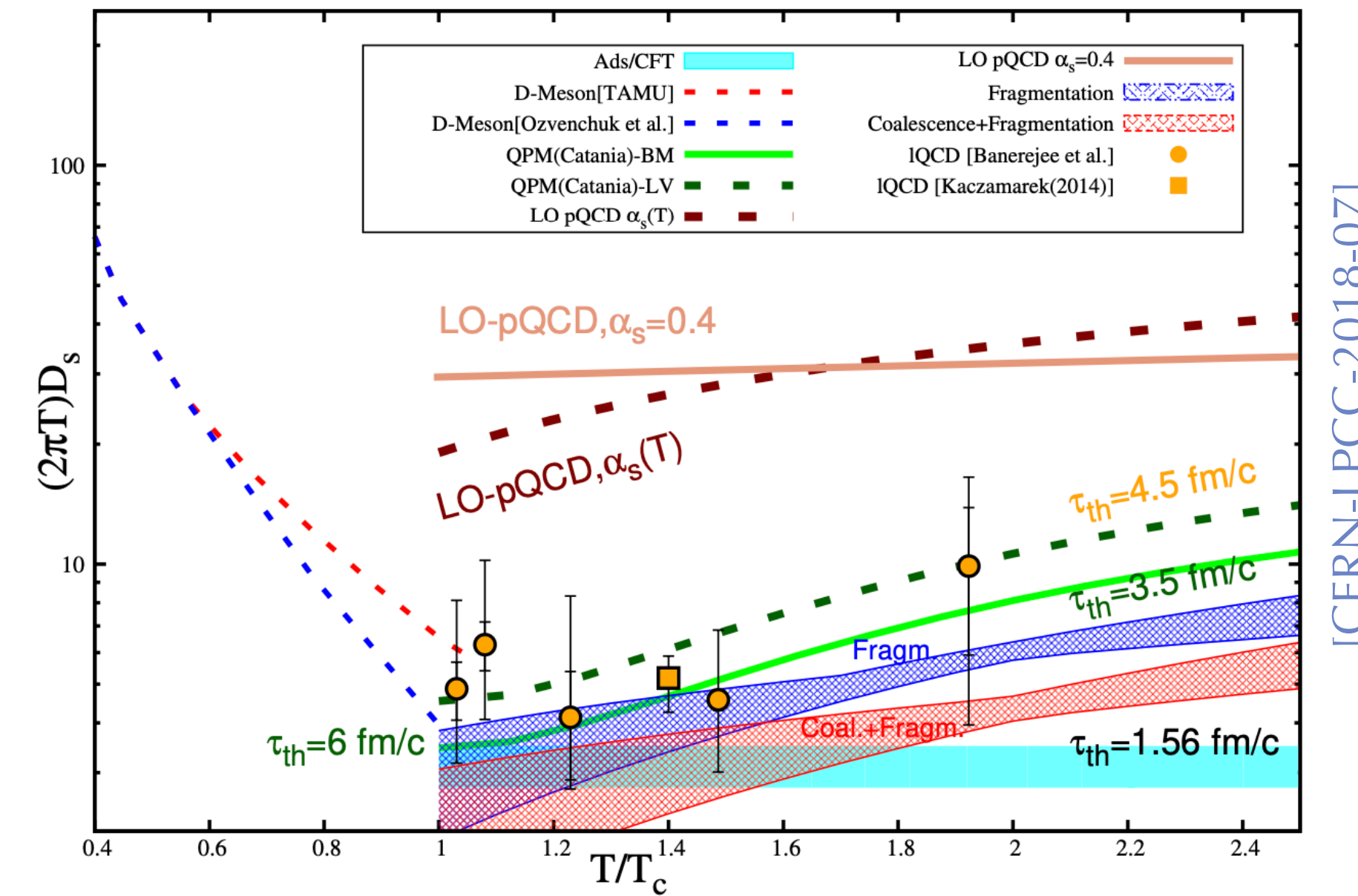
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v_2 for charm hadrons



Run 3 & 4

R_{AA} and $v_2 \rightarrow D_s$

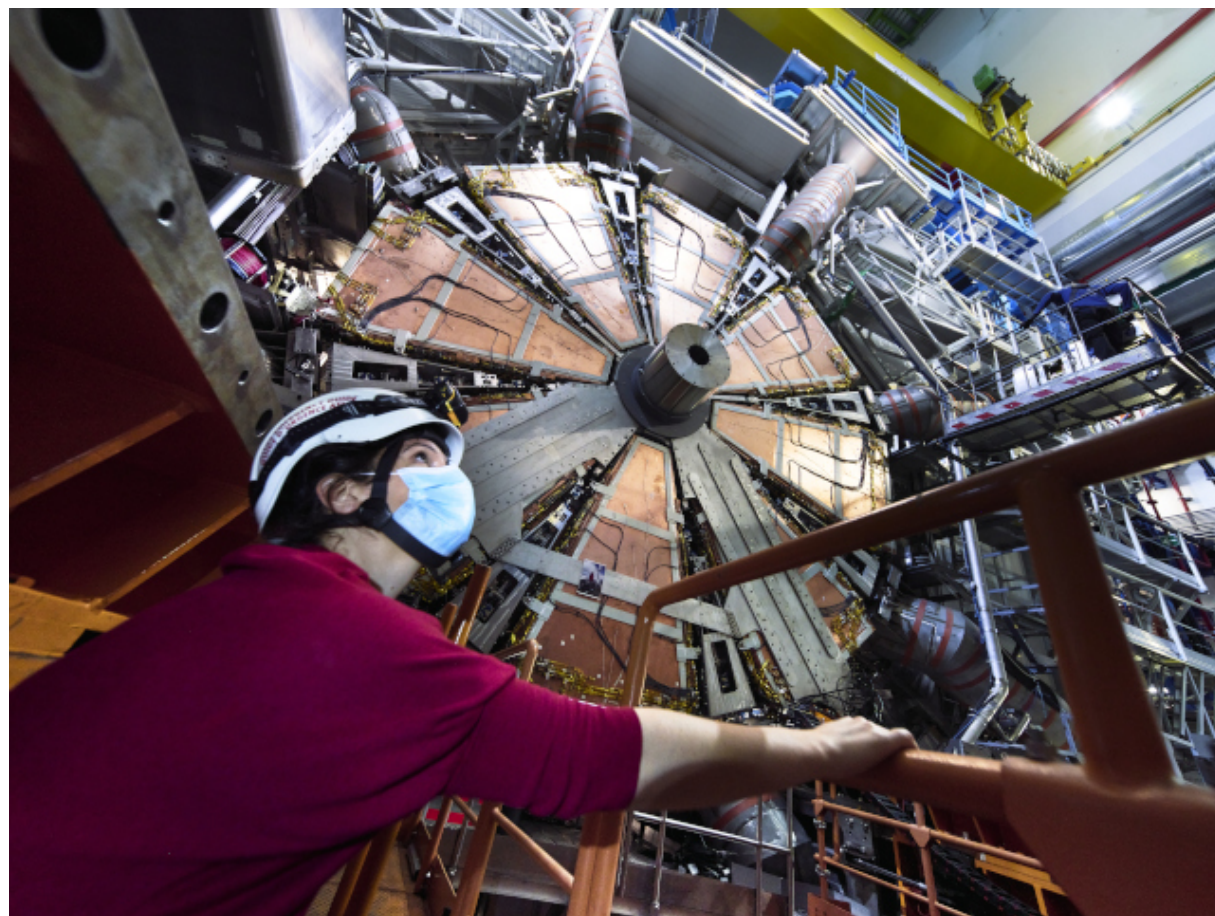


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ATLAS phase I upgrades

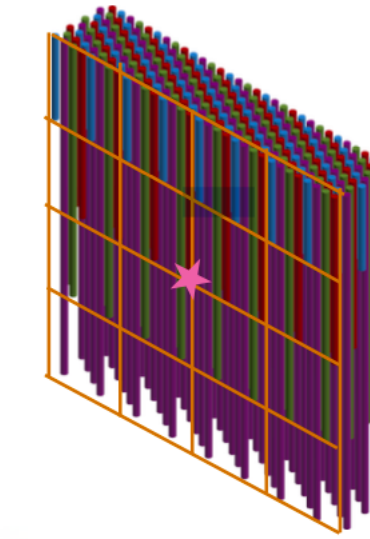
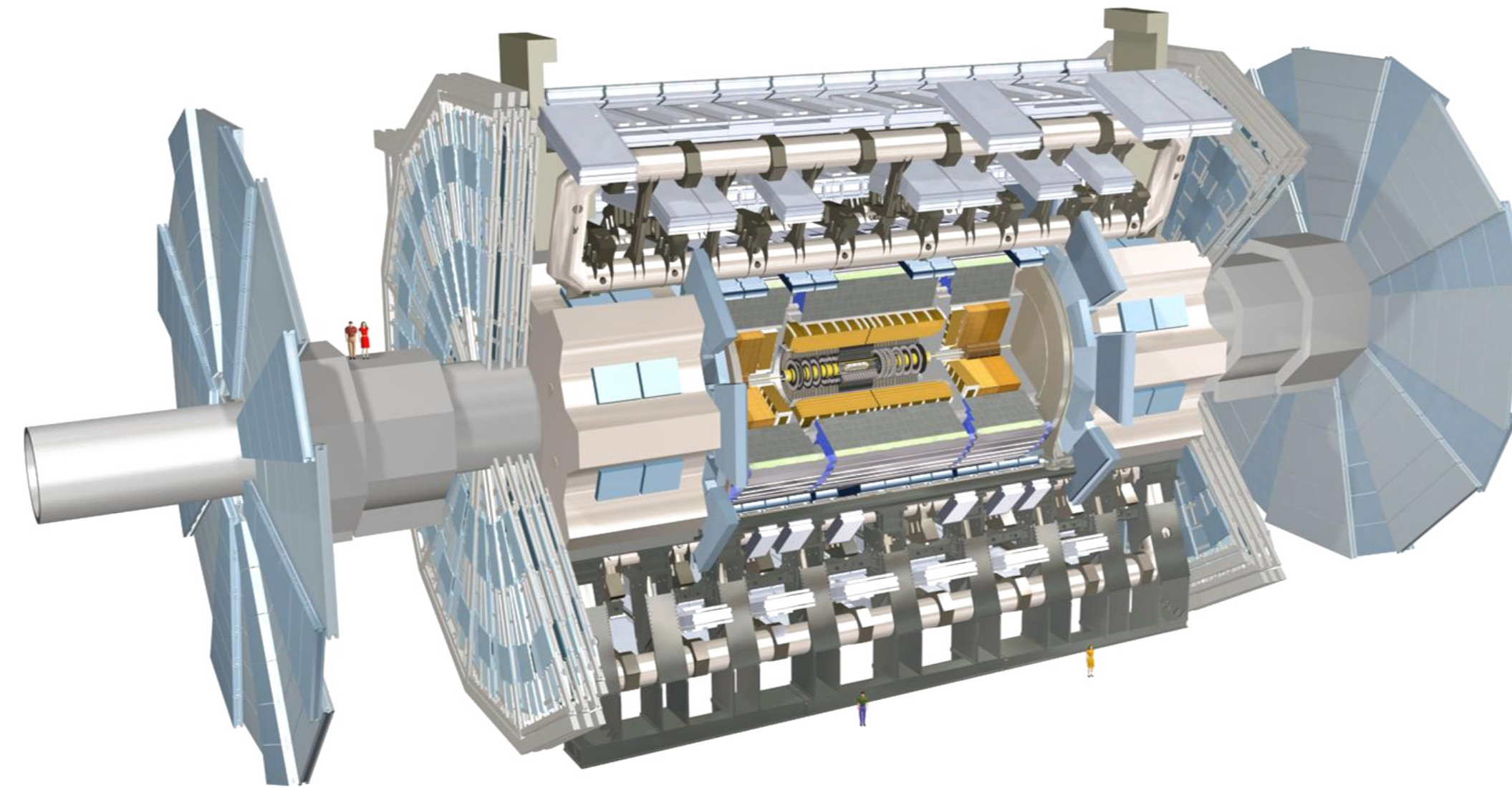
Muon system

- New **Small Wheels** installed
→ sTGC + MicroMegs



Trigger and DAQ

- L1 and HLT improvements

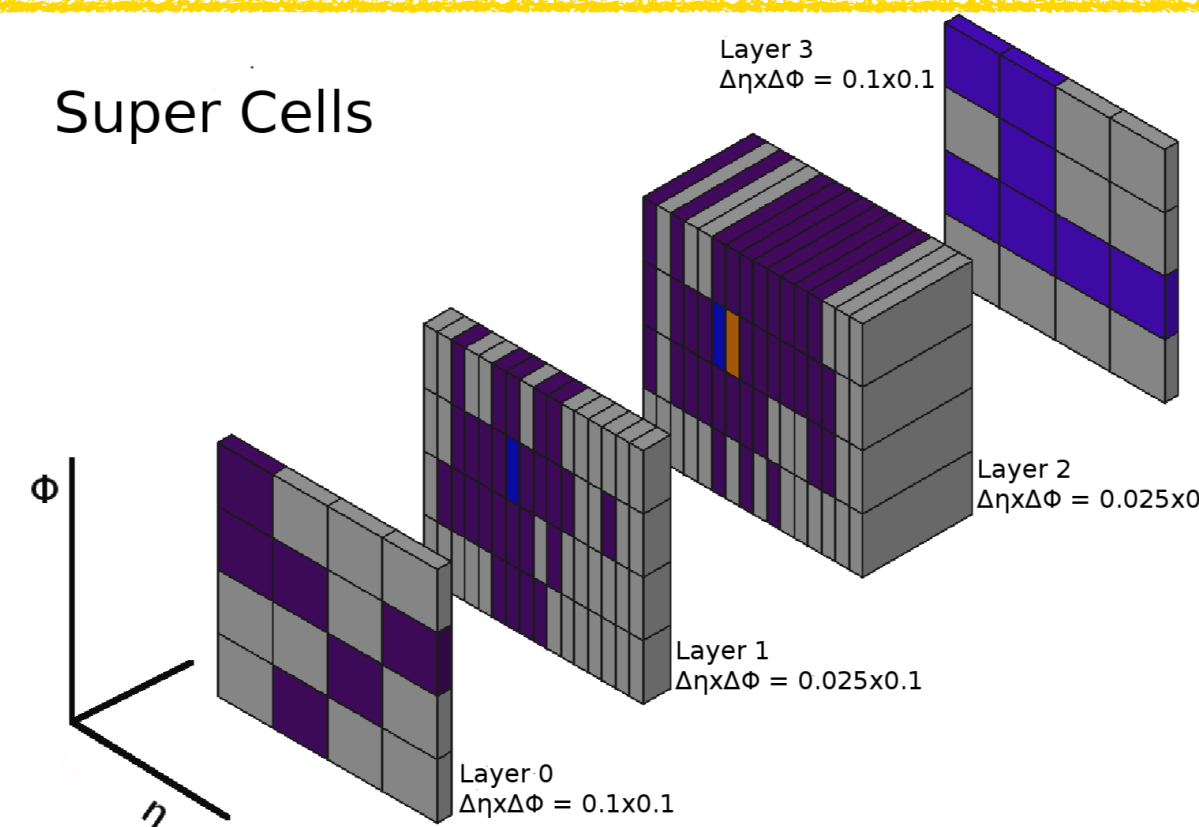


ZDC

- Fused silica rods for radiation tolerance
- On-detector processing
- Reaction plane detector

LAr calorimeter

- **Segmented super-cells:** shower-shape discrimination at trigger level



- Increased statistics
- Improved ZDC

ATLAS phase II upgrades

LAr calorimeter

- **Segmented super-cells:** shower-shape discrimination at trigger level

High-granularity timing detector

- Based on LGADs
- PID with $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} \approx 35$ ps
- Baseline trigger for HL

Muon system

- New Small Wheels installed
→ sTGC + MicroMegas
- New muon chambers

Trigger and DAQ

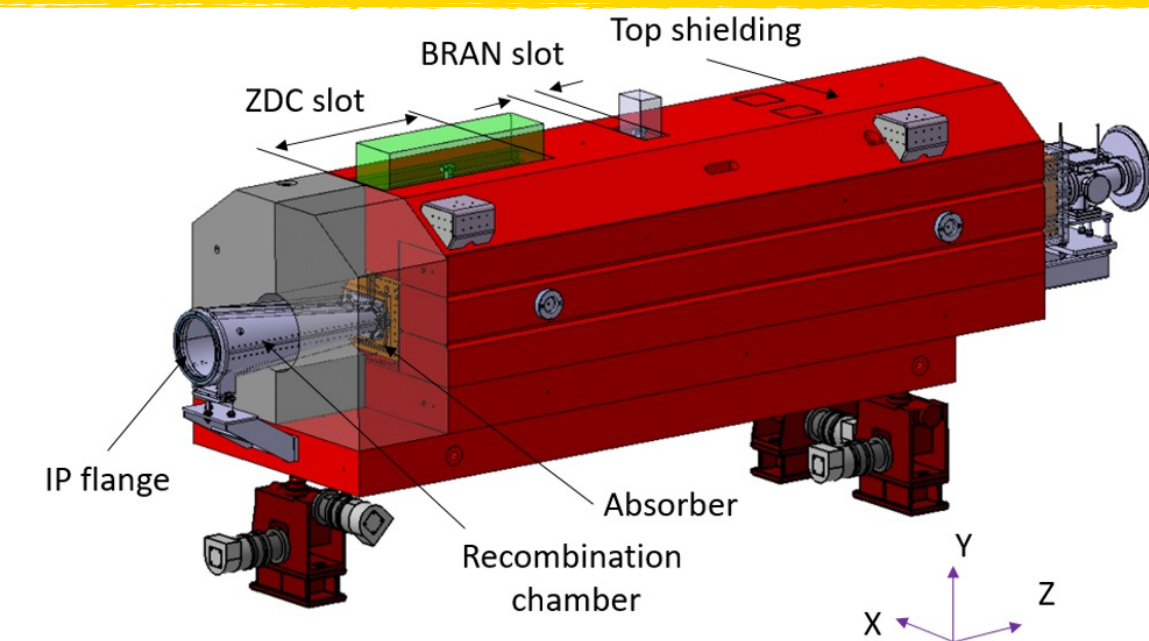
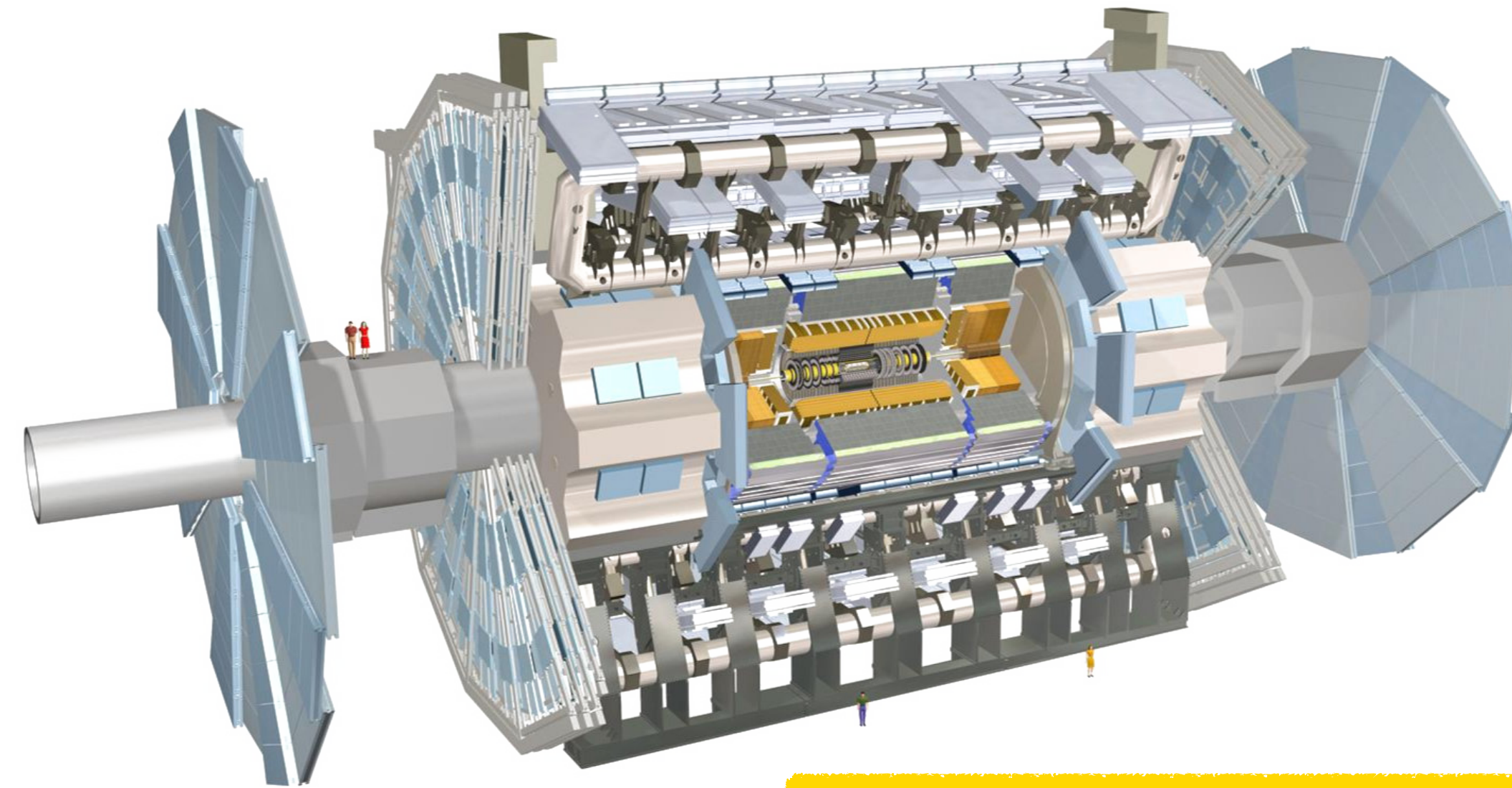
- L1 and HLT improvements
- Further upgrades

Electronics upgrades

Luminosity detectors

HL-ZDC

- JZCaP (jointly with CMS)
- adapt to new optics
- increase radiation hardness
- Reaction plane detector



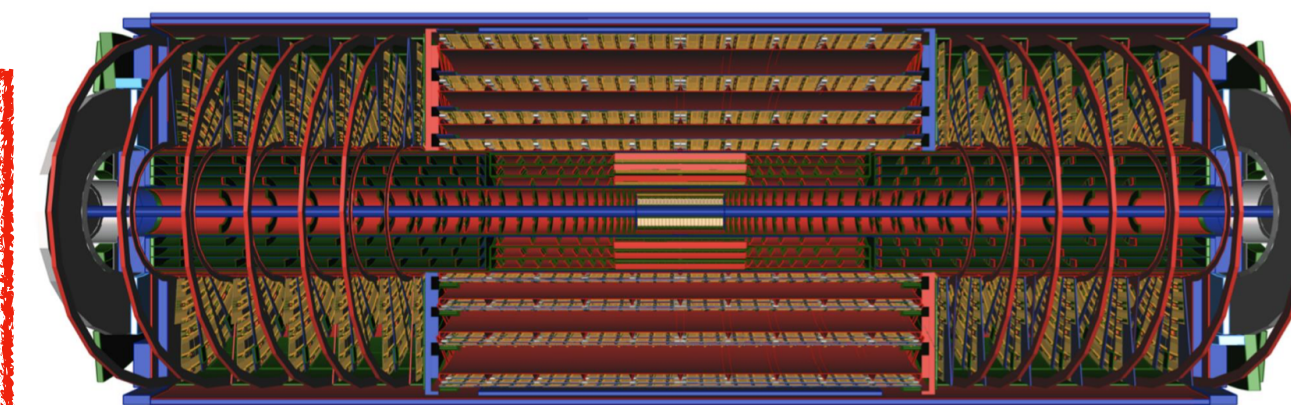
Endcap calorimeters

- higher granularity

New Inner Tracker (ITk)

- hybrid silicon pixel and strip sensors
- coverage up to $|\eta| < 4$

- Extend tracker acceptance to $|\eta| < 4$
- Time-of-flight PID $2.5 < |\eta| < 4$
- Endcap calorimeters with higher granularity



CMS phase I upgrades

Tracker

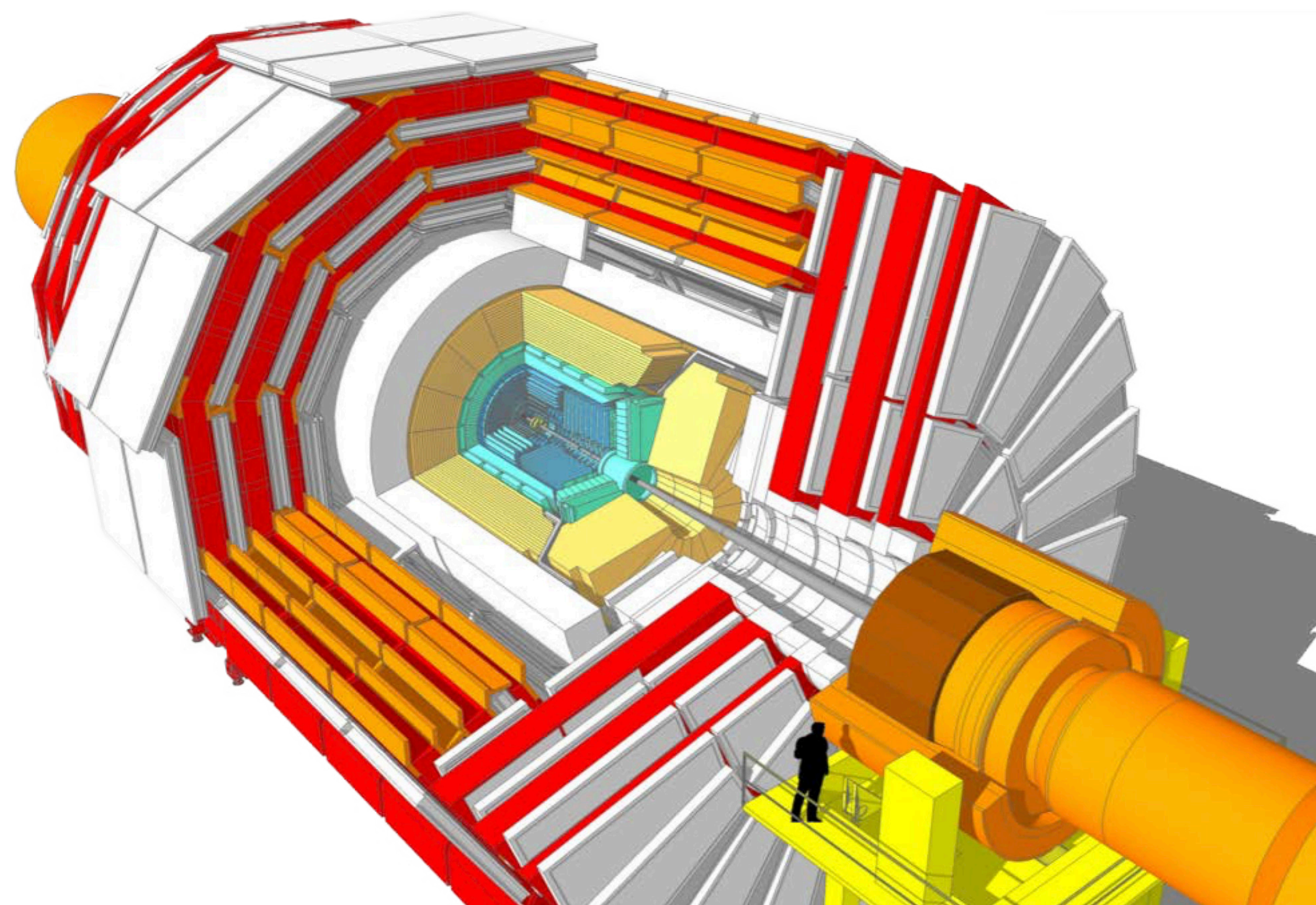
- Phase-I pixel detector:
 - 3 → 4 barrel layers
 - 2 → 3 forward disks
 - 30 → 22.5 mm beampipe

HCal

- HPD → SiPMs
- Upgraded readout

Trigger

- FPGAs for L1 trigger
- Inclusion of CSC and GEM for track algorithm for L1
- GPU modules for HLT



Forward muon system

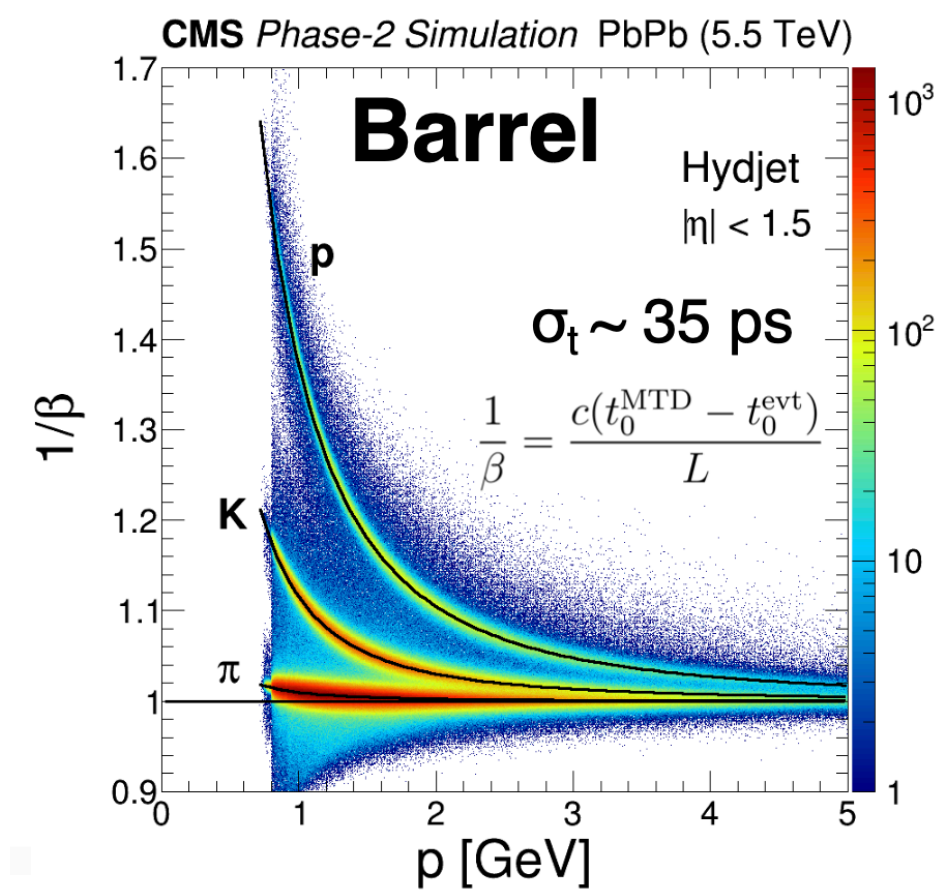
- 144 GEM chambers installed
- new frontend electronics for CSC endcaps

→ Increased bandwidth and larger MB statistics

CMS phase II upgrades

MIP timing detector

- barrel: LYSO + SiPMs
- endcaps: LGADs
- $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} \approx 30 \text{ ps}$



Tracker

- inner: hybrid silicon pixels
- outer: hybrid silicon pixels + strips

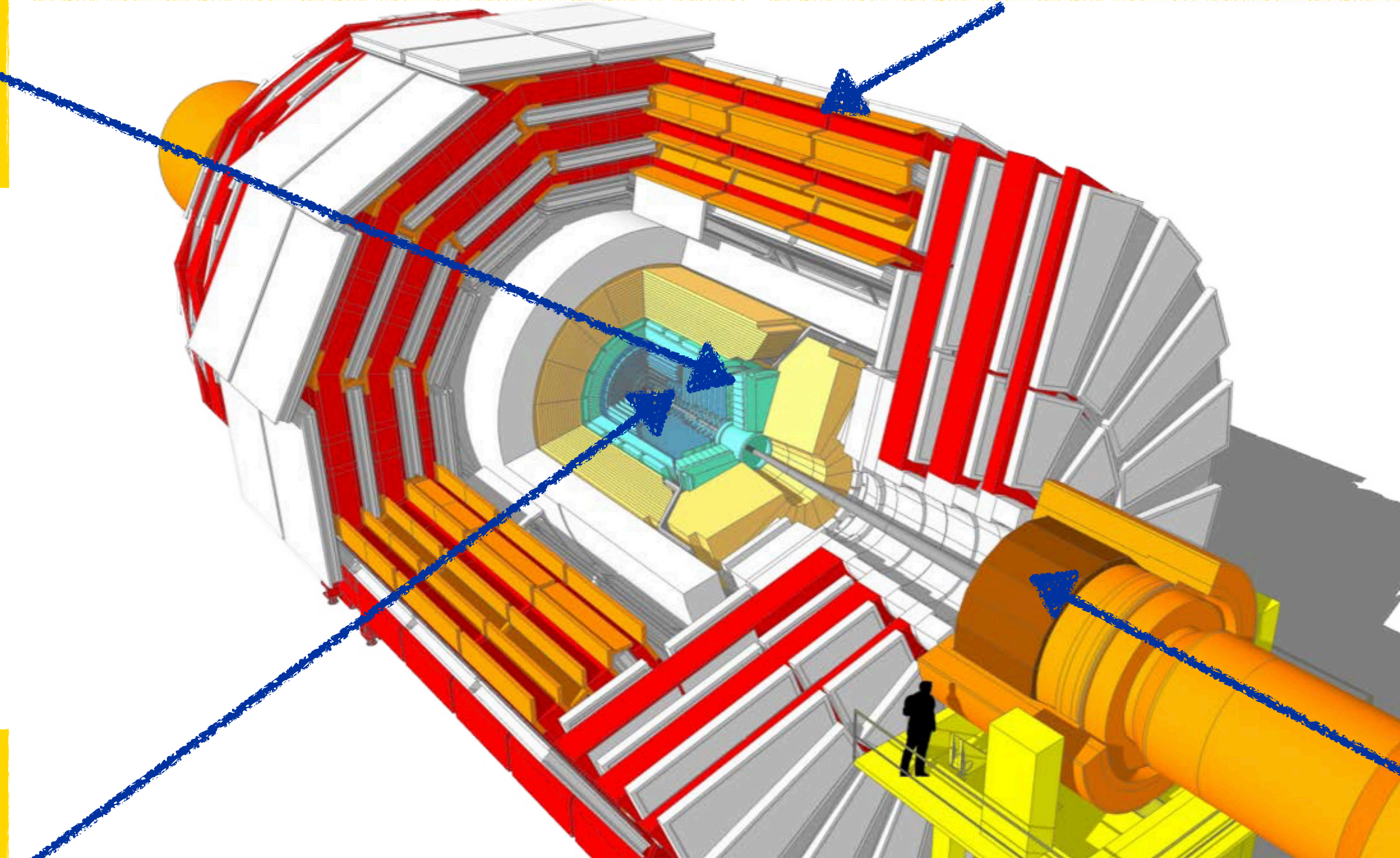
HCal

- HPD \rightarrow SiPMs

L1 trigger, HLT, DAQ

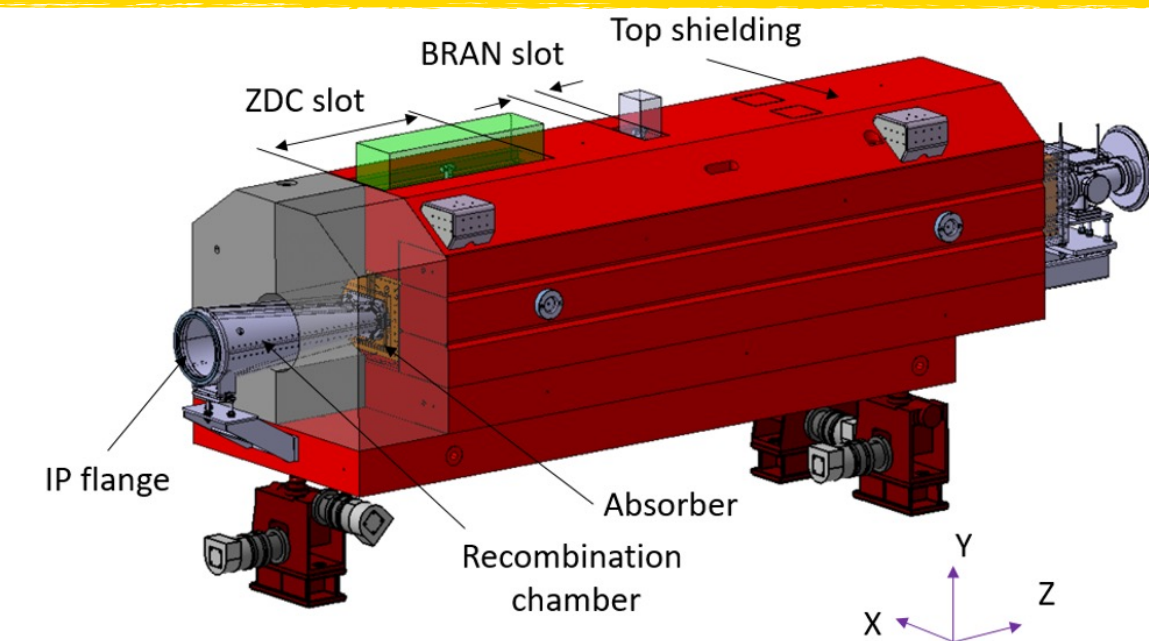
Luminosity detectors

New readout for muon system



HL-ZDC

- JZCaP (jointly with CMS)
- adapt to new optics
- increase radiation hardness
- Reaction plane detector



Endcap calorimeter

- High-granular ECal + HCal \rightarrow 4d showers ($\sigma_t \approx 20 \text{ ps}$)

Forward muon system

- All GEM chambers
- new frontend electronics for CSC endcaps

- \rightarrow Charged particle tracking up to $|\eta| < 4$, muons up to $|\eta| < 3$
- \rightarrow Time-of-flight PID up to $|\eta| < 3$
- \rightarrow High-precision vertexing
- \rightarrow Wide coverage calorimetry

LHCb upgrade Ib

RICH

- RICH1 (C₄F₁₀) renewed, RICH2 (CF₄) upgraded
- HPD → MaPMTs
- new readout ASIC (CLARO)
- timing

Vertex Locator

- new VeloPix sensor
- closer to beam (8.1 mm → 5.1 mm)
- thin RF foil

SMOG 2

- parallel operation with pp
- higher pressure
- also non-noble gases

Readout and data processing

- sw trigger on GPUs
→ readout at 40 MHz

Infrastructure for Run 5 & 6

- engineering, mechanical support, shielding

Muon stations

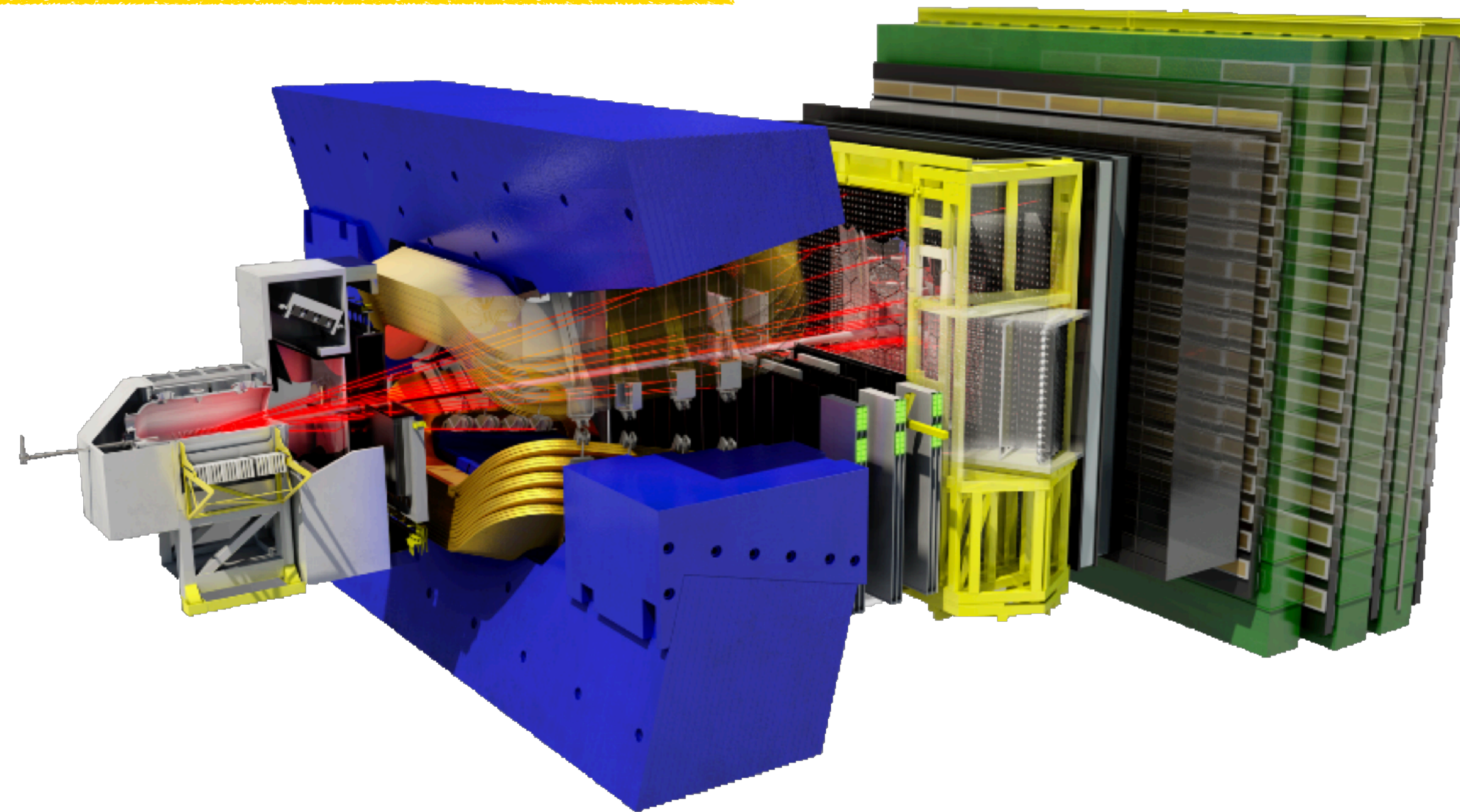
- M1 (GEM) removed
- new electronics (triggerless)

Tracking

- Upstream tracker
- SciFi tracker
→ replace two inner modules (possibly with MAPS)
- Magnet stations (possibly)
→ p_T below 5 GeV/c

Calorimeters

- new electronics (triggerless, non-zs data)
- reduced PMT gain



- ⇒ 50 kHz Pb-Pb (> 30 % centrality)
- ⇒ Improved vertexing
- ⇒ Higher luminosities for fixed target

LHCC review of Framework TDR completed in March 2022

LHCb Upgrade II

RICH

- RICH1 and RICH2
- precision timing

TORCH

- Time-of-flight wall
- precision timing

Run 5 infrastructure

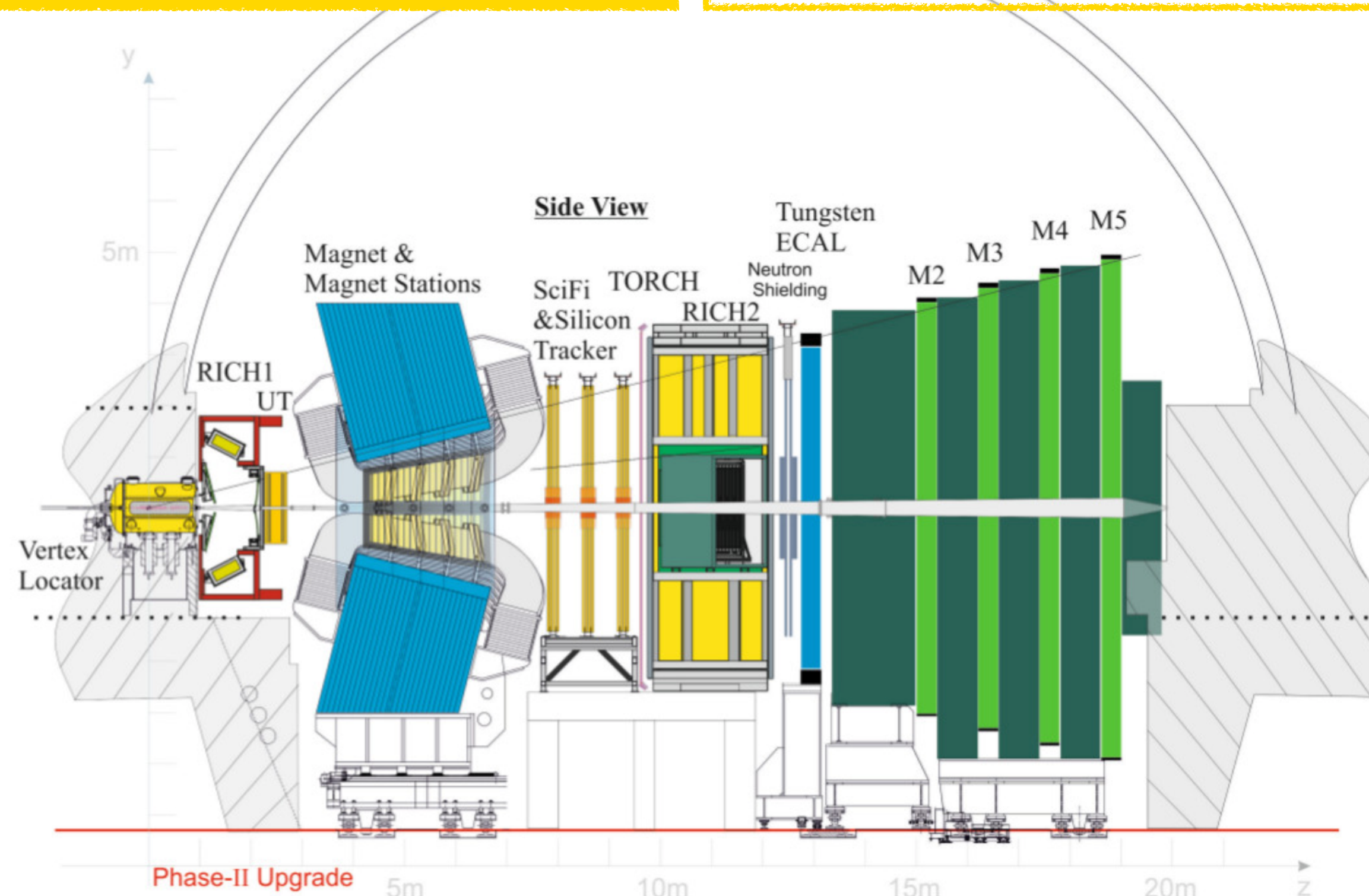
- engineering, mechanical support, shielding

Muon stations

- M2 - M5
- additional shielding (instead of HCal)

Vertex Locator

- new VELO
- precision timing



Tracking

- new Upstream Tracker (timing)
- Mighty Tracker (SciFi + silicon)
- Magnet stations (possibly) → p_T below 5 GeV/c

Fixed target

- possible extension with polarised gas target, solid target

Calorimeters

- SPACAL or Shashlik
- precision timing

- ⇒ No centrality limitation for AA
- ⇒ Excellent vertexing capabilities

ALICE 2.1 upgrade

Time Projection Chamber

- new readout chambers: MWPC → GEM

Consolidation and readout upgrade of all subsystems

Fast Interaction Trigger

- new detectors

Inner Tracking System

- 3 + 2 + 2 layers of MAPS (~10 m²)
- improved vertexing at higher rates
- ITS3 → Bent, wafer-scale monolithic pixel sensors for 3 innermost layers

FoCal

FoCal-E

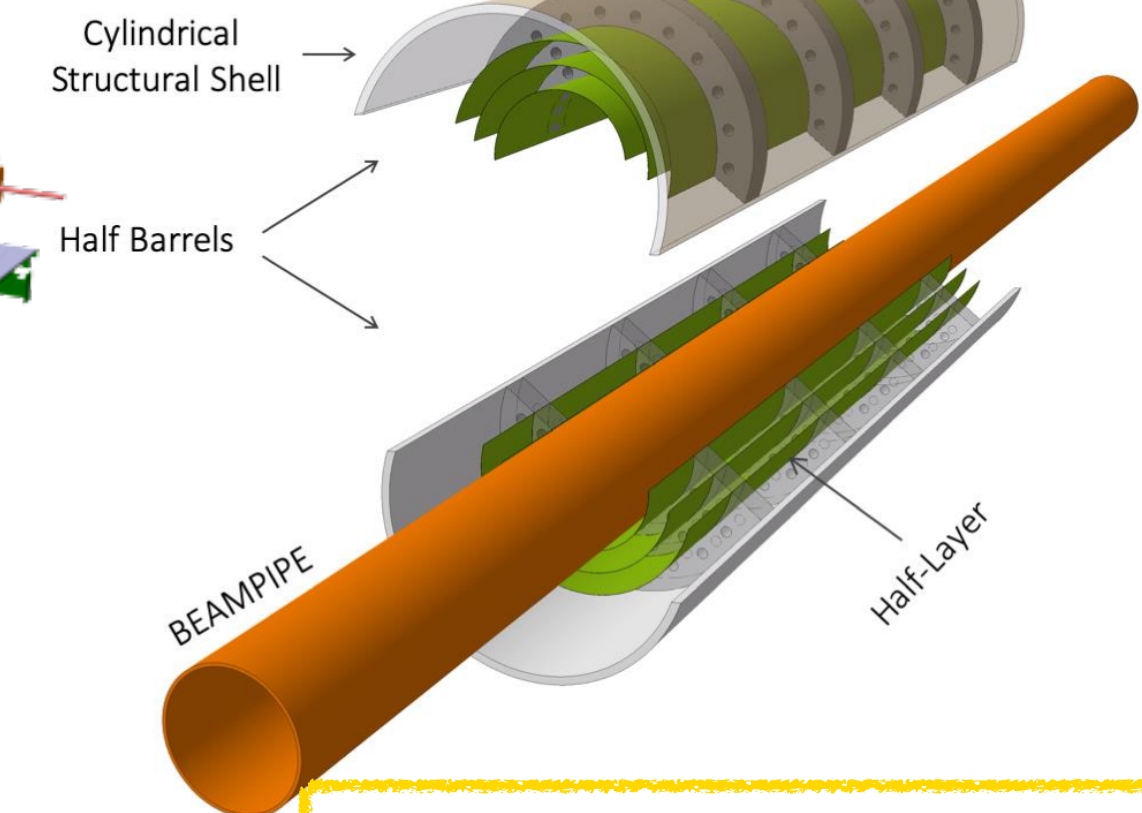
FoCal-H

- **FoCal-E:** Si-W high-granular elm. calorimeter
- **FoCal-H:** Cu-fibre hadronic calorimeter

Integrated on-/off-line system

- continuous readout
- GPU-based reconstruction parallel with data taking
- online event selection

- ⇒ Continuous readout with Pb-Pb @ 50 kHz
- ⇒ Better vertexing (central and forward)



Muon Forward Tracker

- MAPS-based tracker installed
- vertexing in forward acceptance (muon arm)

ALICE 3 upgrade

Vertex detector

- Retractable detector
 $R_{in} \approx 5$ mm
- Wafer-scale monolithic CMOS sensors

Tracker

- Monolithic CMOS sensors

Superconducting magnet system

Elm. calorimeter

- PbWO4 in central region
- Pb/Sci for large acceptance

Time-of-flight detector

- monolithic CMOS sensors with gain layer

Ring-imaging Cherenkov detector

- Aerogel radiator
- SiPM read-out

Muon ID

- Iron absorber
- Scintillating bars, WLS, SiPM

- Tracking and PID over large acceptance
- Excellent vertexing
- Continuous readout

Forward Conversion Tracker

- Tracking disks (MAPS)

