



# LONG TERM STABILITY AND PERSPECTIVE OF THE ALICE-HMPID DETECTOR AT LHC DURING RUN 3

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# OUTLINE

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- ▶ HMPID readiness for the LHC Run 3 period (2022-2025)
- ▶ Short review on physics objectives in Run 3
- ▶ Summary



# HMPID: HIGH MOMENTUM PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION DETECTOR

**7 RICH modules**  $\sim 1.3 \times 1.3 \text{ m}^2$  for a total  
CsI active area of  $\sim 11 \text{ m}^2$ ;  
Proximity-focusing RICH;

## PID range:

$1 < p < 3 \text{ GeV}/c$   $\pi, K$ ;  
 $1.5 < p < 5 \text{ GeV}/c$   $p$ ;

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# HMPID basic elements

## Cherenkov Radiator

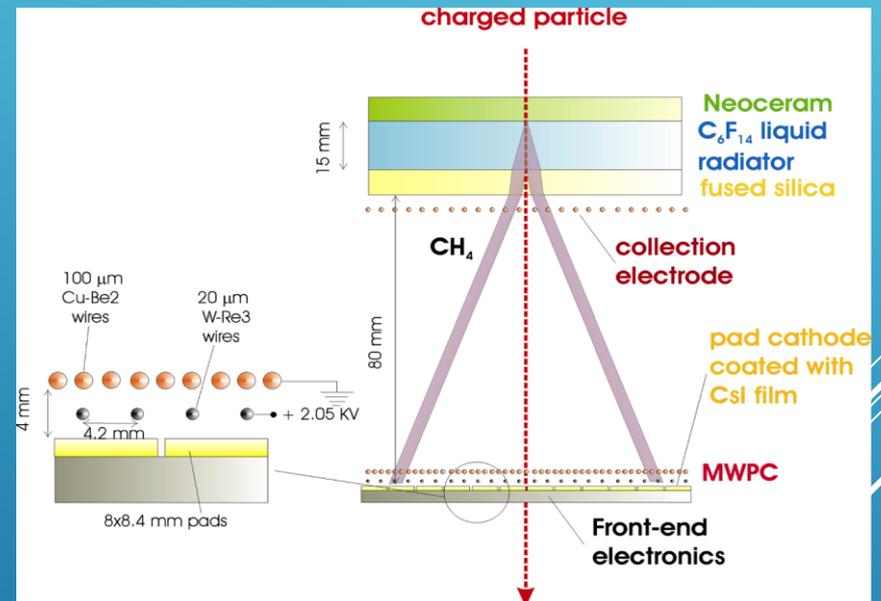
- 15 mm liquid  $C_6F_{14}$ ;  $n=1.2989$  @ 175 nm;  
 $\beta_{th} = 0.77$ .

## Photon converter:

- 300 nm thick reflective layer of CsI;  
 $QE \approx 25\%$  @ 7.1 eV (175 nm)

## Photoelectron detector:

- MWPC 2,2-2.5 mm asymmetric gap with  $CH_4$  at atmospheric pressure, gas gain  $\approx 4 \cdot 10^4$ ;
- analogue pad read-out ( pad size =  $8 \times 8.4$  mm<sup>2</sup>),
- total number of channels  $\approx 160$  K.



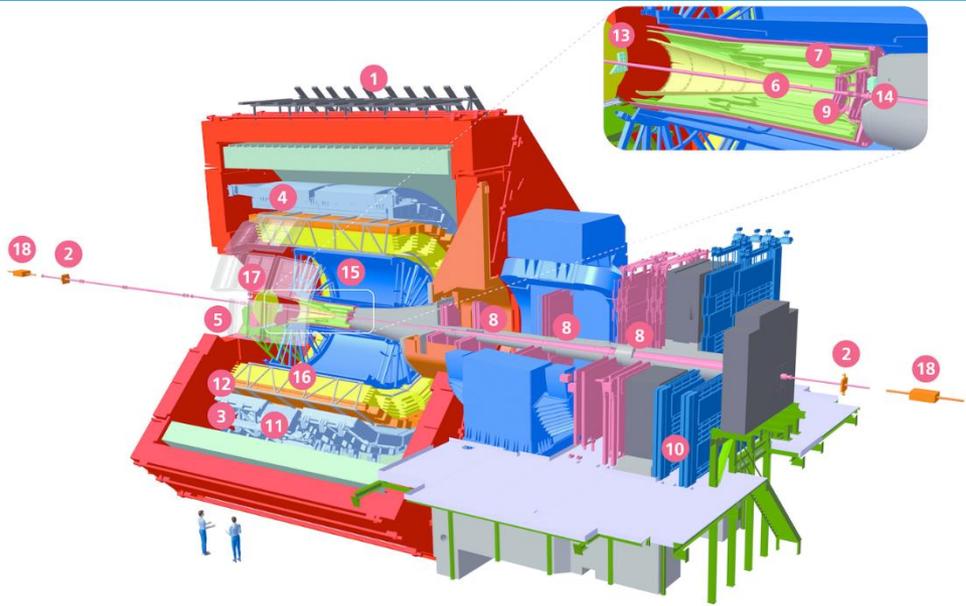


# ALICE-HMPID

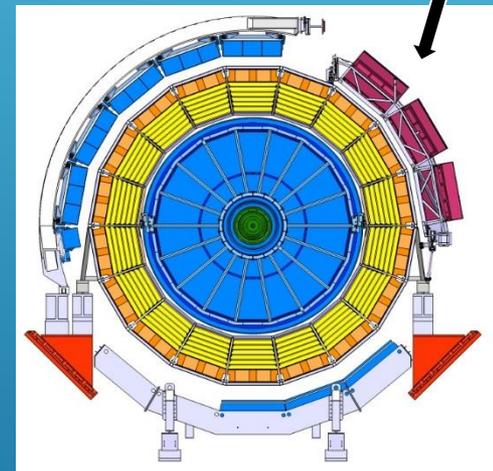


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**A**  
**L**arge  
**I**on  
**C**ollider  
**E**xperiment

HMPID



- 1 ACORDE | ALICE Cosmic Rays Detector
- 2 AD | ALICE Diffractive Detector
- 3 DCal | Di-jet Calorimeter
- 4 EMCal | Electromagnetic Calorimeter
- 5 HMPID | High Momentum Particle Identification Detector
- 6 ITS-IB | Inner Tracking System - Inner Barrel
- 7 ITS-OB | Inner Tracking System - Outer Barrel
- 8 MCH | Muon Tracking Chambers
- 9 MFT | Muon Forward Tracker
- 10 MID | Muon Identifier
- 11 PHOS / CPV | Photon Spectrometer
- 12 TOF | Time Of Flight
- 13 T0+A | Tzero + A
- 14 T0+C | Tzero + C
- 15 TPC | Time Projection Chamber
- 16 TRD | Transition Radiation Detector
- 17 V0+ | Vzero + Detector
- 18 ZDC | Zero Degree Calorimeter



A-side view

- ALICE was built to characterize the high-density,
- high-temperature phase of strongly interacting matter known as quark-gluon-plasma state;
- Excellent PID capabilities are required.

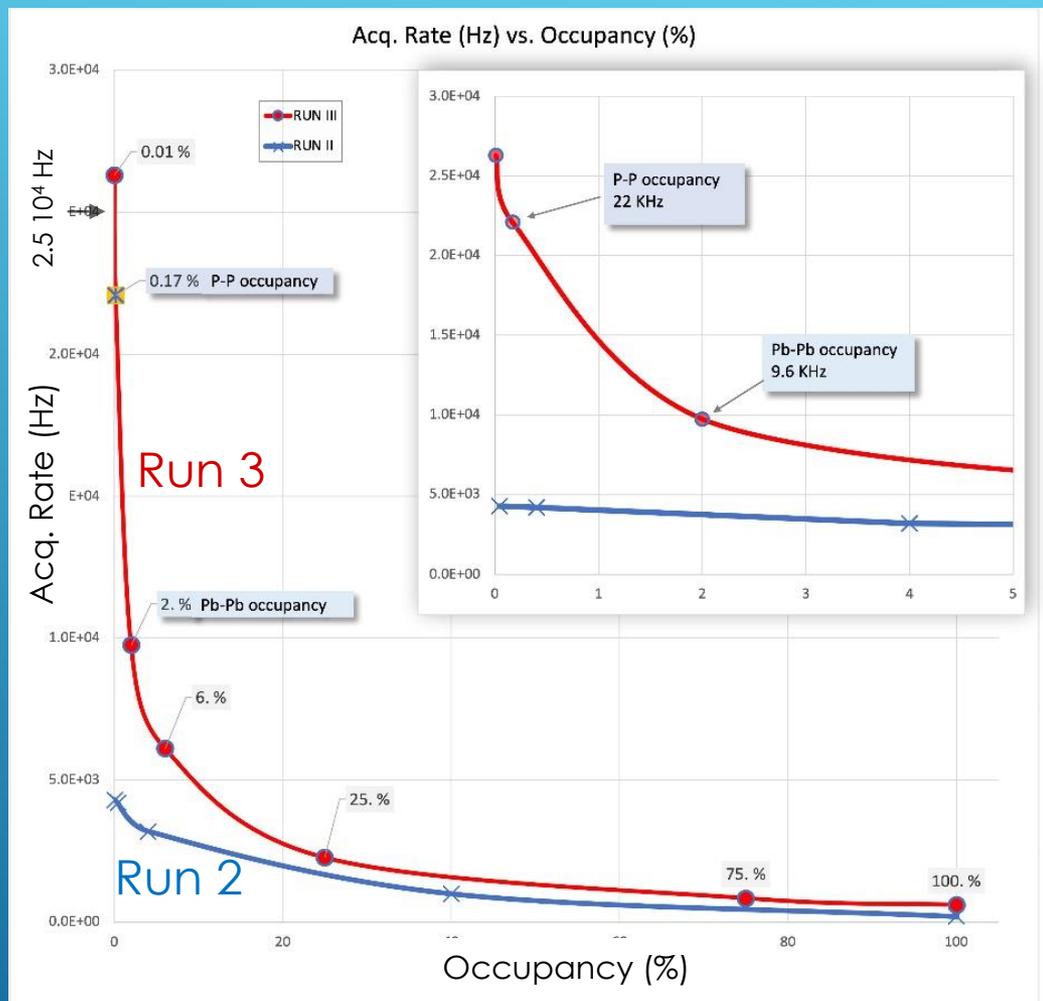


# HMPID readiness for the LHC RUN 3 period (2022-2025)

- Upgrading and performance of the HMPID RO electronics;
- The Charge dose on the CsI photocathodes ;
- $C_6F_{14}$  radiator vessels and HV sectors at beginning of LHC Run 3;
- The Landau distributions of MIP's during the LHC proton fill 7920 of July 2022;
- $C_6F_{14}$  transparency.
- Integration in the O2 (Online-Offline) computing system;

# Readout rate vs. occupancy

- The new RO firmware, the QC and DCS tools are the key components of the excellent performance of the event readout rate;
- These components allow effective and rapid detector configuration and calibration.





# QC AND DCS TOOLS COMPONENTS

The screenshot displays the HMP Busy Time per DI interface. The main area is a grid of 14 detector channels (Eqi:0 to Eqi:13) with 24 columns representing different detector modules. Each cell contains a checkmark indicating the status of the channel. To the right of the grid is a 'COMMIT' list with buttons for COMMIT 0 through COMMIT 13. A yellow arrow points to the 'COMMIT 10' button. Below the grid are 'SAVE' and 'LOAD' buttons. At the bottom right, there is a 'REQUEST' panel with fields for REQUEST, RESULT, and FILE. The top status bar shows 'ALICE STATE: COSMICS / NO SAFE' and 'PROTON PHYSICS NO BEAM'. The bottom taskbar shows the Windows taskbar with the time 11:00 AM on 8/31/2022.

Some of QC and DCS components for the detector monitoring and calibration

# Detector status 2022

## Leaking radiator vessels

YP 2004		YP 2003		Year of production YP				
RICH6 Rad1: YP 2003 AUGUST 2006		YP 2003			2002	2003	2004	2005
YP 2004		YP 2003		N° radiators	1	10	5	5
YP 2003		YP 2003		YP 2004				
RICH4 Rad1: YP 2002 JUNE 2012		YP 2003		YP 2005				
RICH4 Rad0: YP 2003 OCTOBER 2010		RICH3 Rad0: YP 2003 JUNE 2010		YP 2005				
M6R1 : leaking 2006		YP 2004		YP 2005 R2				
M3R0 : leaking 2010		YP 2003		YP 2005 R1				
M4R0 : leaking 2010		YP 2004		YP 2005 R0				
M4R1 : leaking 2012								

## HV failing sector

M6

M5

M4

M3

M2

M1

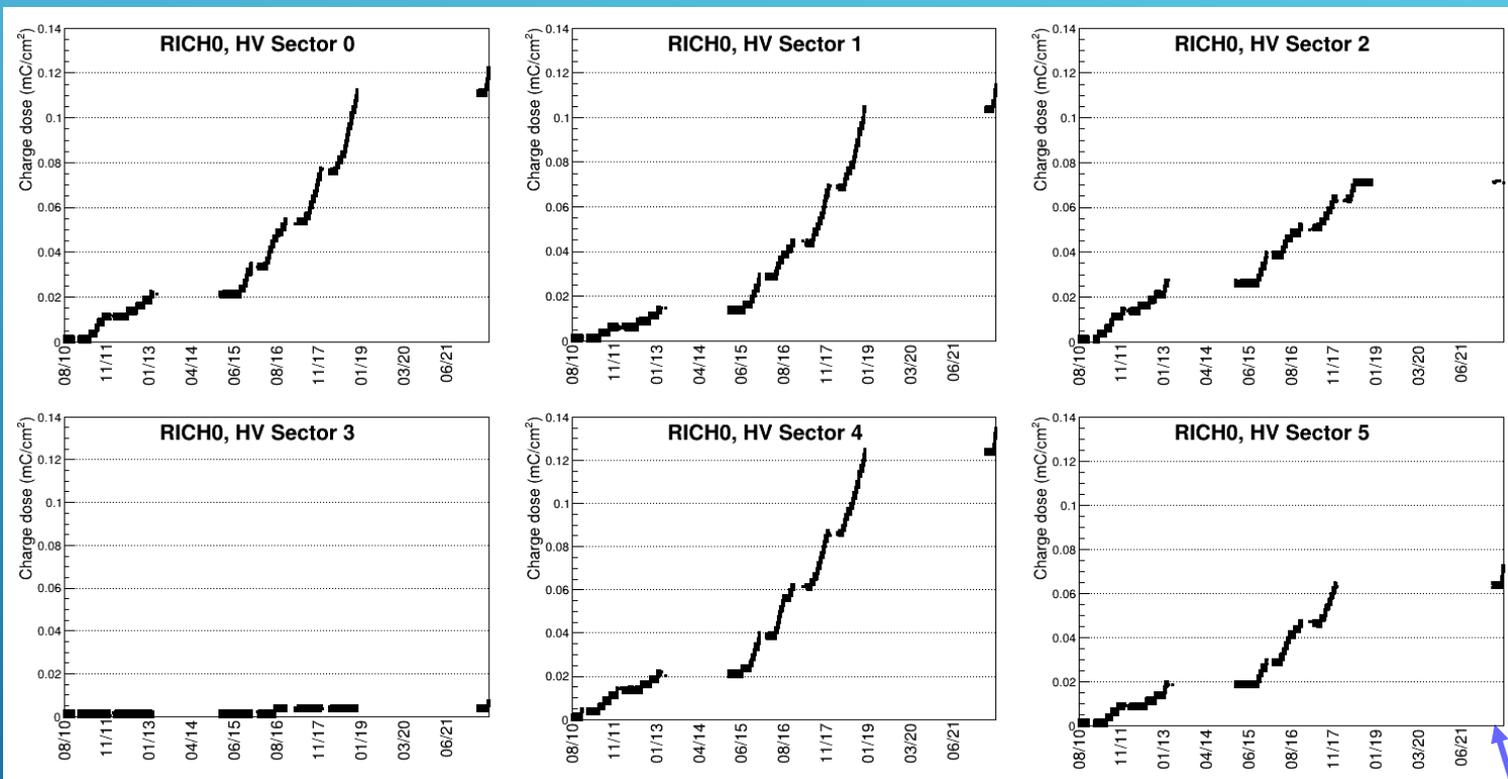
M0

FEE LV low

M5HV1 : failing 2006  
M4HV0 : failing 2009  
M0HV3 : failing 2009  
M1HV1 : failing 2016  
M5HV4 : failing 2022  
M0HV2 : failing 2022

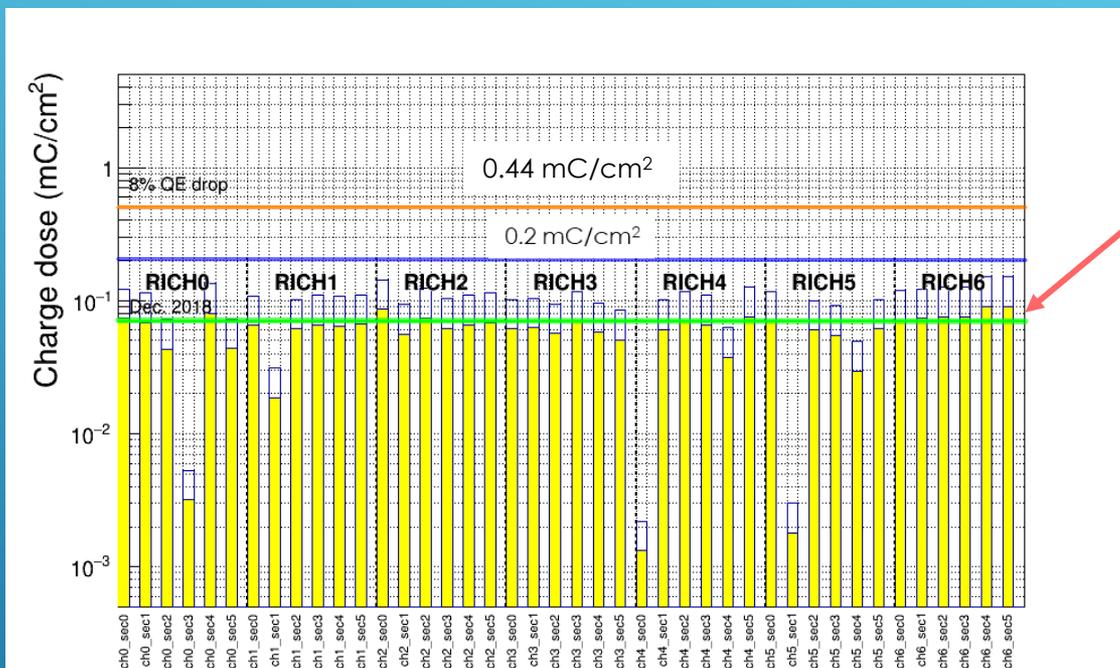
Faulty sub-system segments:  
Combining leaking vessels and failing HV sectors, the detector acceptance is ~ 65%

# Specific charge dose vs. time



2022  
10

# Specific Charge dose on the CsI photocathodes



Since RUN1,  
Expected CsI charge  
dose at the end of  
RUN 2.

- Full yellow bars: measured CsI charge dose end of RUN 2 ; Empty bars: total anode charge.
- **Bleu line:** dose limit for possible CsI QE loss: 0.2 mC/cm<sup>2</sup>; [NIM A553 (2015), NIM A574(2007)]
- **Orange line:** 0.44 mC/cm<sup>2</sup> Expected charge dose end RUN 3. Possible CsI QE loss of 8%.



# The specific Csl charge dose vs. LHC program

## Specific Csl charge dose RUN 1-2

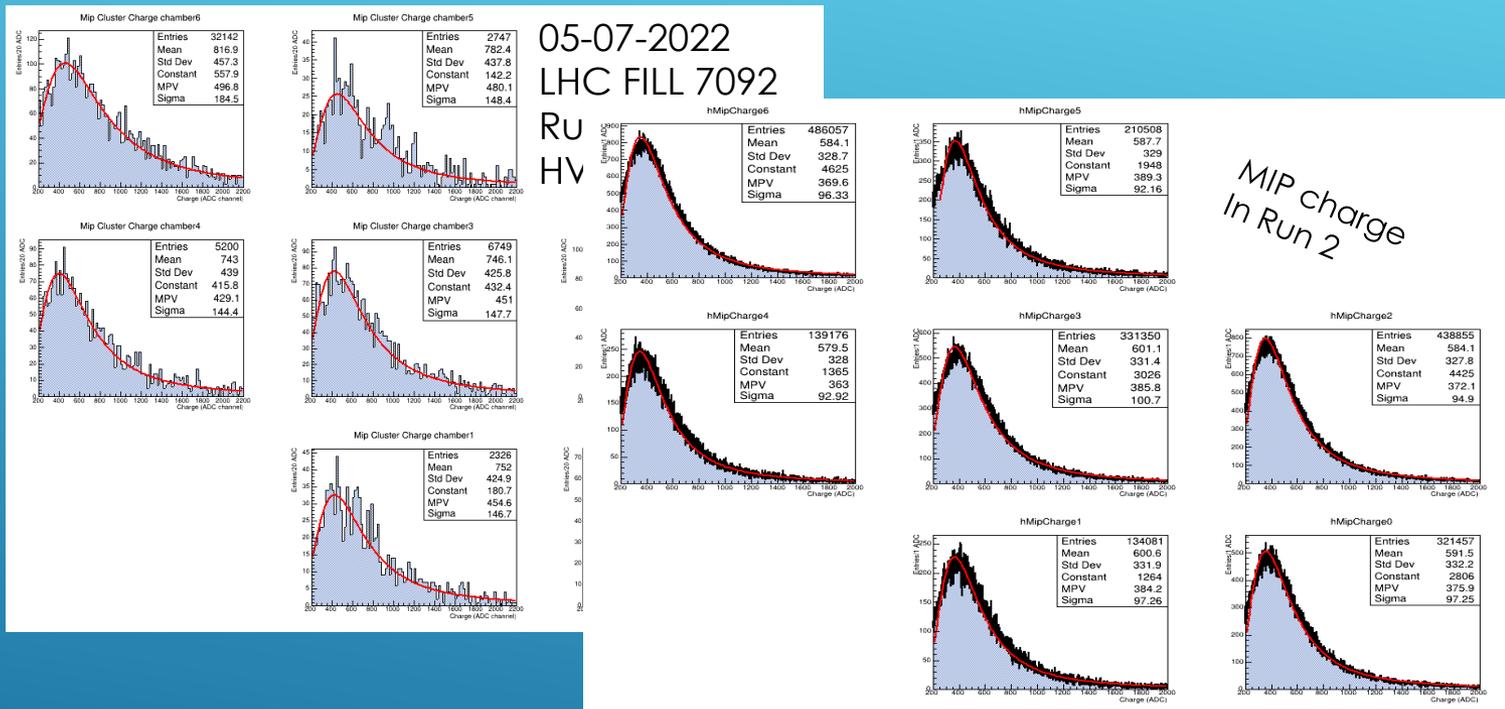
	Delivered Lumi	Measured <Specific Charge dose> mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	Measured <Total charge doose> mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	Expected Csl QE loss %
2010-2013 End of Run1	pp+Pb-Pb	0.002		0
2015 (Run2)	(pp) 7 pb <sup>-1</sup> (Pb-Pb) 0.43 nb <sup>-1</sup>	0.01 ~0.005	0.017	0
2016 (Run2)	(pp) 13 pb <sup>-1</sup> (p-Pb) 43 nb <sup>-1</sup>	0.015 0.005	0.037	0
2017 (Run2)	(pp) 18.9 pb <sup>-1</sup> (Xe-Xe) 0.16 nb <sup>-1</sup>	0.025 0.001	0.053	0
2018 (Run2)	(pp) 27 pb <sup>-1</sup> (Pb-Pb) 0.9 nb <sup>-1</sup>	0.036 0.01	0.089 0.099	0
End Run2			<b>~0.1</b>	0

## Expected Csl charge dose RUN 3

	Delivered Lumi	Measured <Specific Charge dose> mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	Measured <Total charge doose> mC/cm <sup>2</sup>	Expected Csl QE loss %
End Run2			0.1	0
2022 (Run 3)	(pp) 40 pb <sup>-1</sup> (Pb-Pb) 3 nb <sup>-1</sup>	0.054 0.034	0.188	
2023 (Run 3)	(pp) 40 pb <sup>-1</sup> <b>(Pb-Pb ??) 3 nb<sup>-1</sup></b>	0.054 0.034	0.276	5
2024 (Run 3)	(pp) 40 pb <sup>-1</sup> (Pb-Pb ? ) 3 nb <sup>-1</sup>	0.054 0.034	0.364	6
2025 (Run 3)	(pp) 40 pb <sup>-1</sup> (Pb-Pb) 3 nb <sup>-1</sup>	0.054 0.034	0.452	8
End Run3			<b>~0.452</b>	

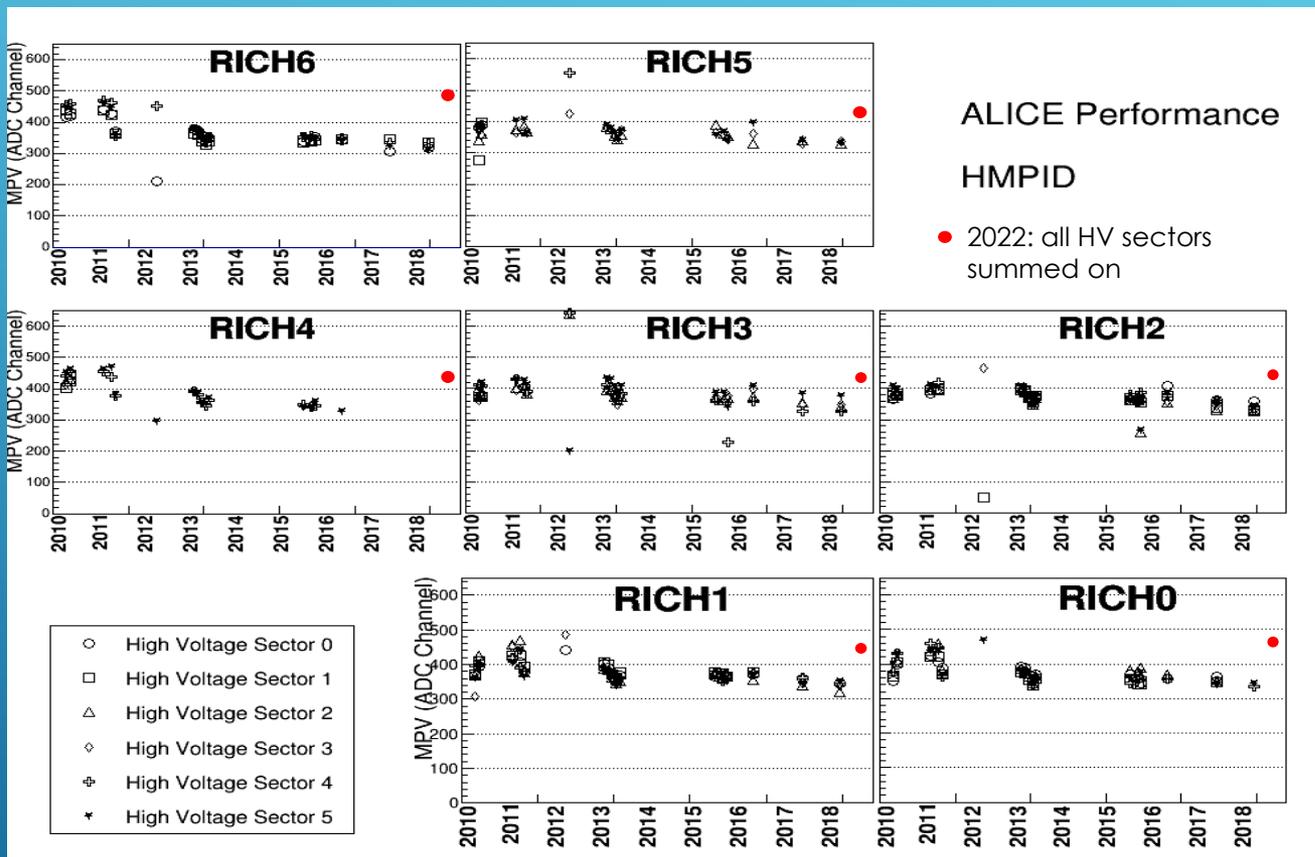


# LHC RUN 3 FILL: MWPC'S LANDAU DISTRIBUTIONS!

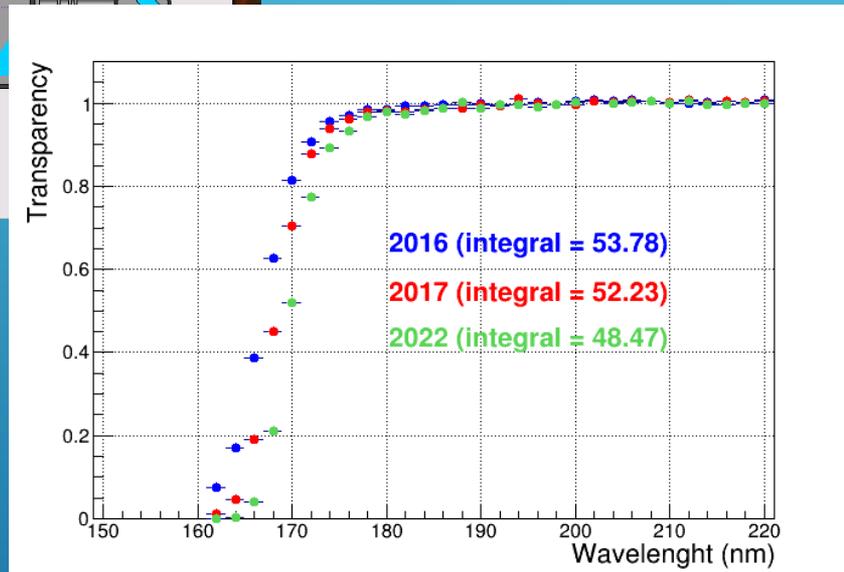
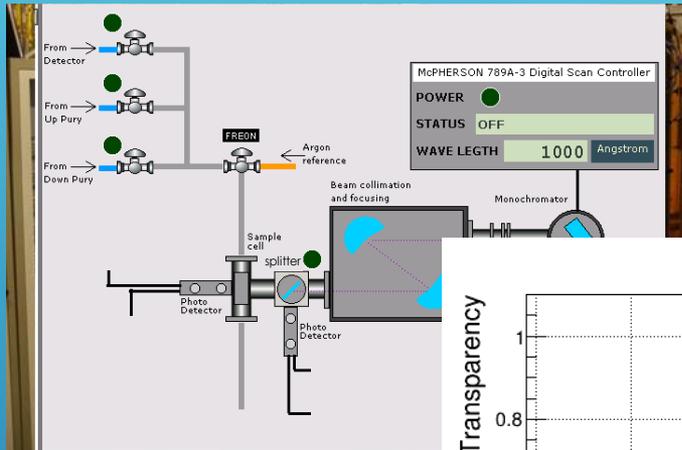


- MPV systematic higher value w.r.t. Run1-2: The selection criteria of MIP is not yet based on TPC tracks;
- The actual result is a successful check of the readout and data analysis chains.

# LANDAU MPV VS. TIME



# C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>14</sub> TRANSPARENCY MONITORING



We expect the C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>14</sub> transparency to improve with further re-circulation through the H<sub>2</sub>O molecular severs, around the water absorber peak of 165 nm.



# ECS integration and Grafana monitoring



The image displays two browser windows. The top window shows the ECS 'Environment details' for a 'Readout' environment. It lists several components and their data rates: StfBuilder (111 MB/s), StfSender (111 MB/s), TFBuilder (110 MB/s), DPL in (109 MB/s), CTF Writer (110 MB/s), and CTF Writer (16.3 MB/s). The 'Run Number' is 524240. The 'Detectors' list includes HMP, which is circled in blue. The bottom window shows a Grafana dashboard for 'Readout' with the following metrics: 'Most recent run number' 524240, 'Readout data since SOR' 166 GB, and 'Readout current data rate' 62.8 MB/s. The dashboard includes four time-series graphs: 'Readout data over time since SOR', 'Readout data rate since SOR', 'Readout data rate per equipment', and 'Global readout rate'.



# Short review on physics objectives in Run 3

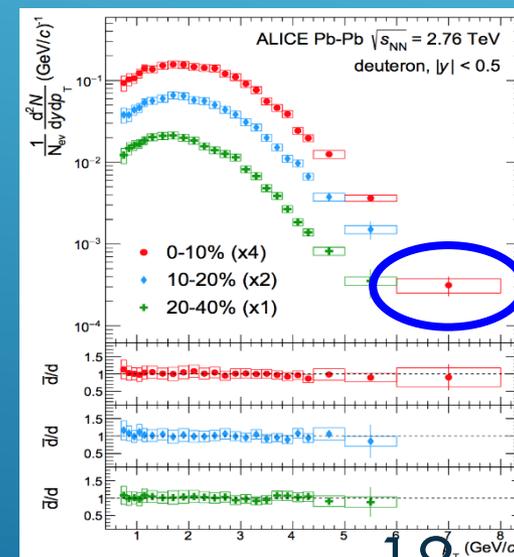
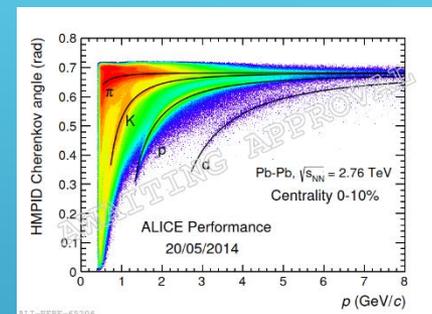
# LIGHT NUCLEI DETECTION

## ▶ pp collisions

- ▶ In Run 3,  $\sim 10^{10}$  events are expected in the HMPID acceptance,
- ▶ the **8 GeV/c** momentum bin for the **deuteron** can be filled in. This spectrum extension is of interest for the example in the quest of establishing the composition of the X(3872) particle;

## ▶ Pb-Pb collisions

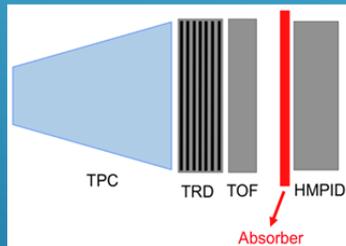
- ▶ In Run 1 (2010-2013), HMPID filled in the **8 GeV/c** momentum bin for deuteron in 0-10% centrality interval (figure on the right);
- ▶ The data analysis of the 2018 Pb-Pb data is not yet done. With its statistical abundance we expect to fill in the deuteron momentum bin at **10 GeV/c** (0-10% centrality);
- ▶ In 2022, (with  $B=0.2$  T) we expect also the **12 GeV/c** bin can be filled in. Contribution in other centralities, possible;
- ▶ Triton and  $^3\text{He}$  spectra up to 7 GeV/c using central collisions can also be measured. Cross-check with TPC-TOF measurement to be done.



# INELASTIC CROSS SECTION FOR ANTI-DEUTERONS

- ▶ Interesting for cosmic anti nuclei, multi-baryon state production...

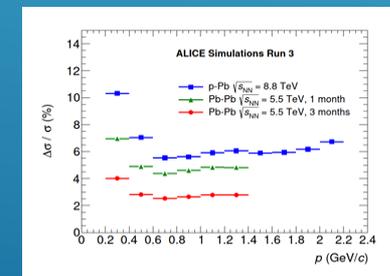
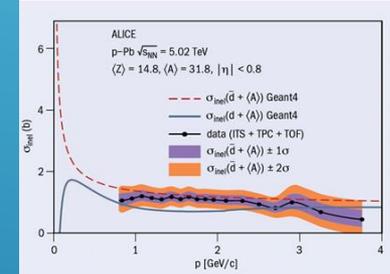
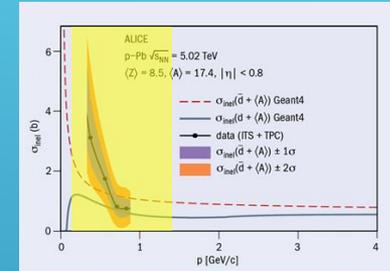
$$N = N_0 \times e^{-\frac{\Delta x}{\lambda_i}} \quad \text{with } \lambda_i = \frac{A}{\rho N_A \sigma_h}$$



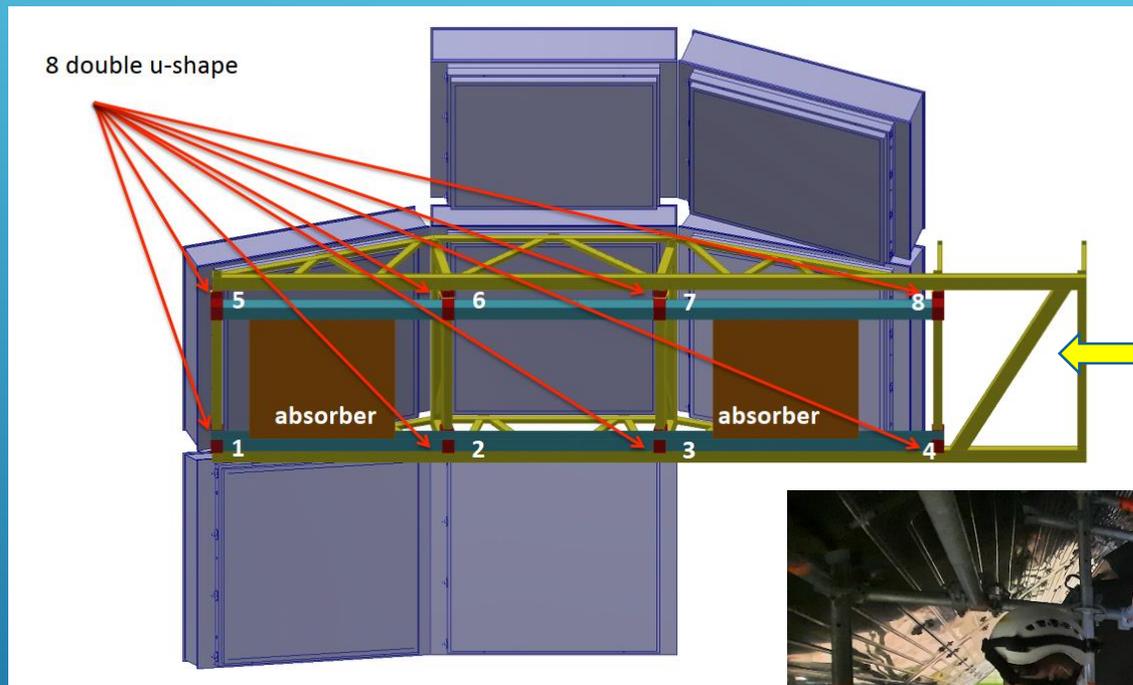
e.g.: 8 cm thick aluminium slab ( $0.5 \lambda_i$ )

$$N_A^{HMPID} = (N_{A, \text{present}}^{TPC} \times 0.05 \times f) \times \epsilon \times 10 \text{ (new acq.rate)}$$

- ▶ expected statistical precision 2-4% in the momentum interval  $0.2 < p < 1.4$  GeV/c for Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5$  TeV (Run 3)
- ▶ A systematic uncertainties of 5.5% is expected based on conservative estimate (<https://alice-notes.web.cern.ch/node/1015>);



# May 2021: installation of the absorbers





# SUMMARY

- ▶ HMPID readout rate @20 KHz in pp collisions and 9 KHz in Pb-Pb, 10 times higher the rate limited by the triggered TPC in Run 1 and 2.
- ▶ Detector compliant with the new Online and Offline ALICE data taking and analysis environment (O2). Now the TPC is on continuous RO!!
- ▶ First Landau distributions for MIP's successfully measured in July 2022 in the LHC fill 7092, ALICE RUN#520145;
- ▶ The physics objectives in Run 3, were also mentioned.



AFTER RUN 1 AND RUN 2,  
NOW SAILING IN RUN 3!!



Motto of Italian training ship  
"Amerigo Vespucci"

Motto: A word or phrase chosen as  
a guiding principle, beliefs or ideals guiding  
a family, or institution



Thank you for your attention!!



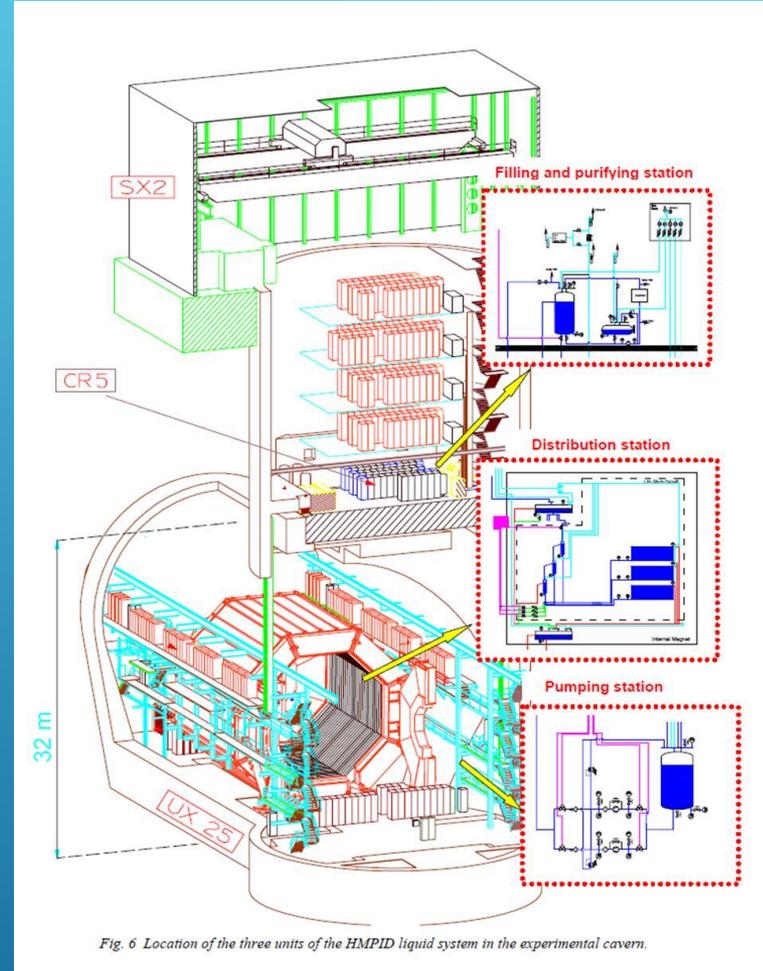
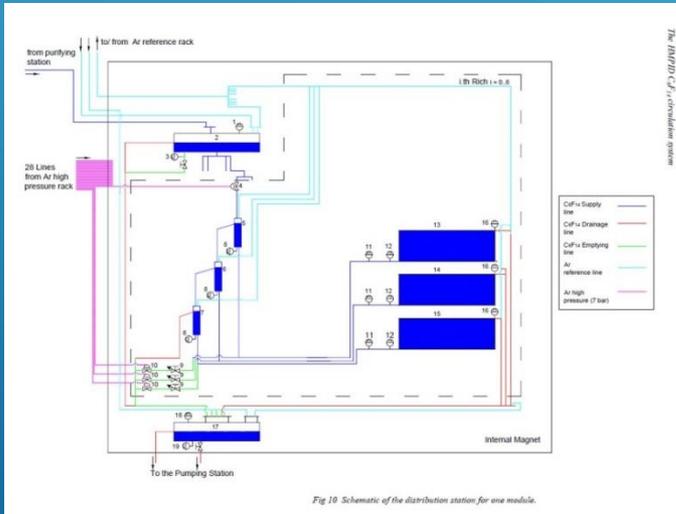
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# BACKUP SLIDES

# C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>14</sub> CIRCULATION AND PURIFYING SYSTEMS

- C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>14</sub> : 3M PF5060DL;
- Safe C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>14</sub> circulation by gravity flow;
- Separated control for each radiator vessel;



# ESTABLISHING THE COMPOSITION OF THE X(3872) PARTICLE

