

Future ALICE Physics Perspectives and ALICE GEM-TPC upgrade

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Outline

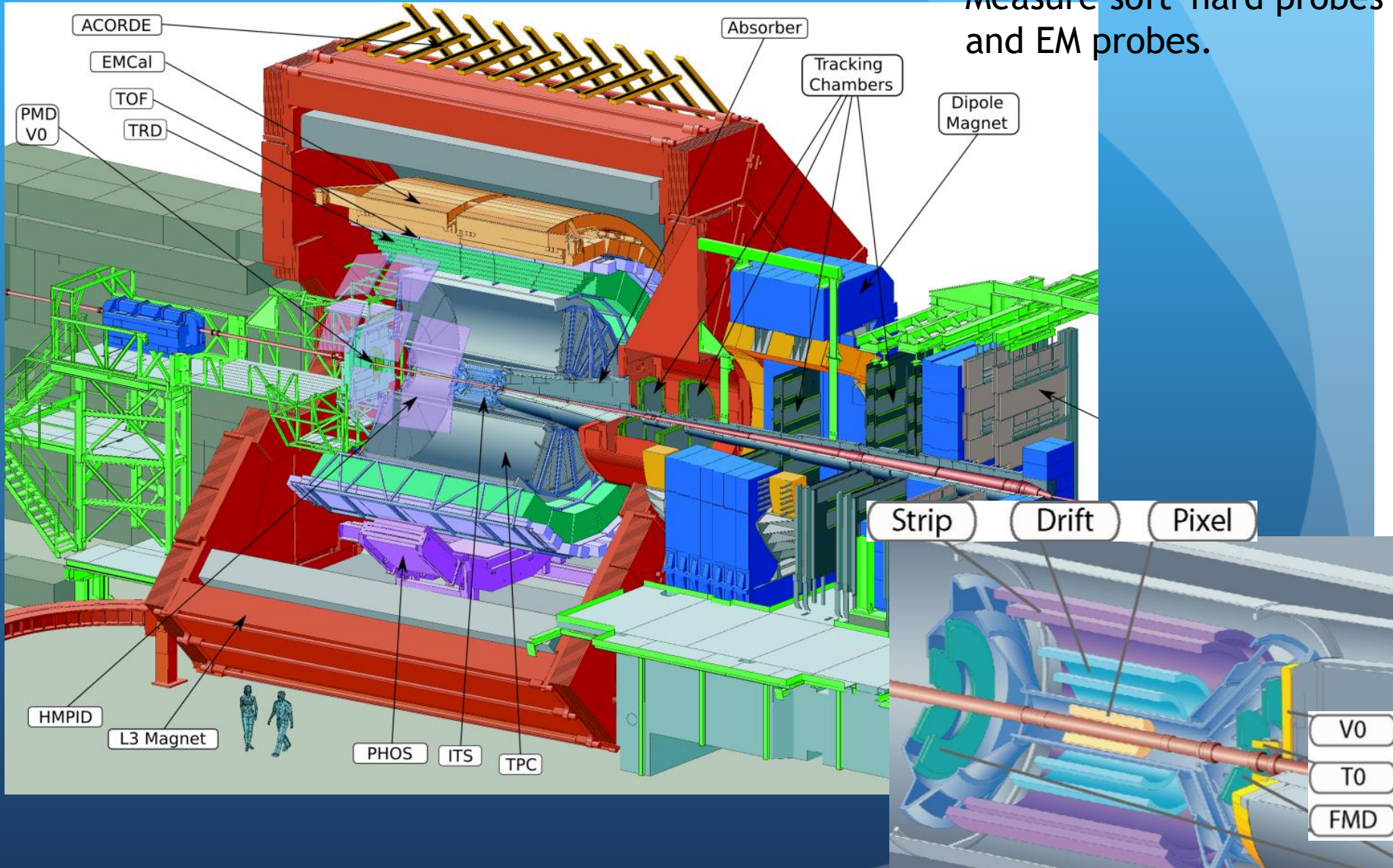
- *Heavy ion physics at LHC energy*
- *Current status of ALICE*
- *Experimental results (inputs for the upgrade)*
- *ALICE upgrade plans*
- *Physics perspectives*
- *GEM-TPC upgrades*
- *Summary and Outlook*

Heavy Ion Physics at LHC Energy

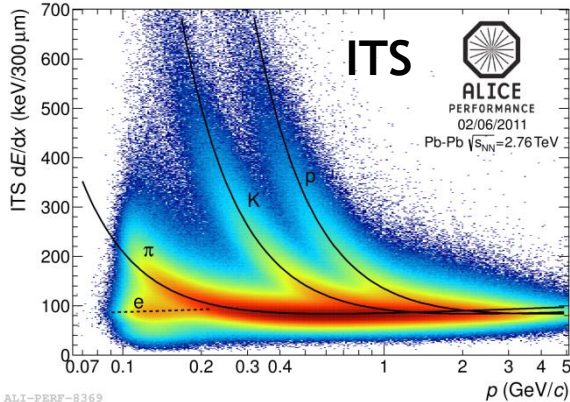
- To fully exploit scientific potential of the LHC - unique in
 - Large cross sections for hard probes
 - High initial temperature/long space-time evolution
 - Observables are more sensitive to the properties of QGP
 - Gluon saturation
 - less complexity in initial conditions???
 - Strongest (Color) EM field shortly after the collisions
 - Key to understand the dynamics just after the collisions
 - Collectivity in high multiplicity p-p and p-Pb collisions?
- Precision measurement of the QGP parameters at $\mu_b=0$
 - Quantitative study of QGP in conjunction with RHIC
- Experiments need to have the capability to measure:
 - Soft probes(PID flow & spectra, correlation)/EM probes (ALICE)
 - Hard probes through jets (ATLAS/CMS and ALICE)

ALICE detector system

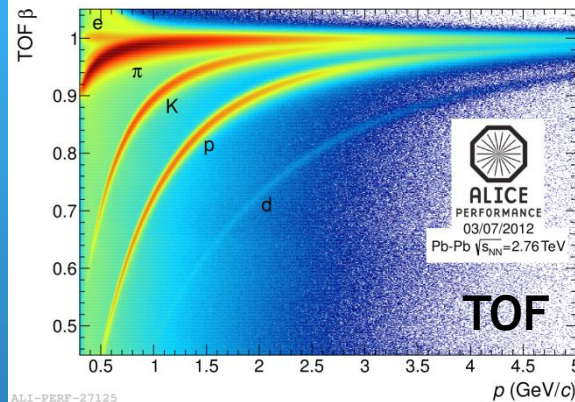
17 kinds of detectors
Dedicated to HI collisions
Measure soft~hard probes
and EM probes.



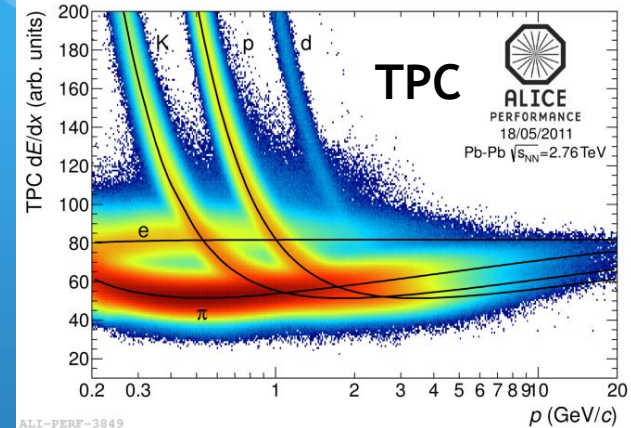
Detector Performance



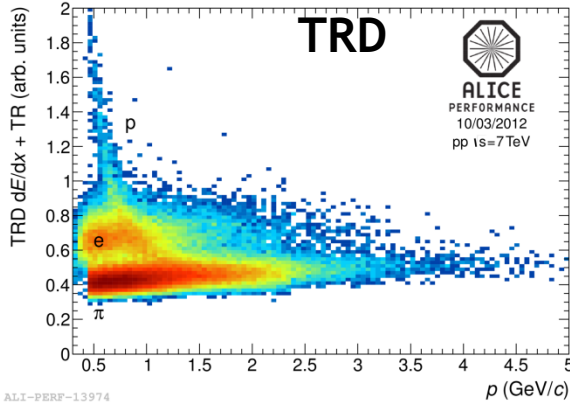
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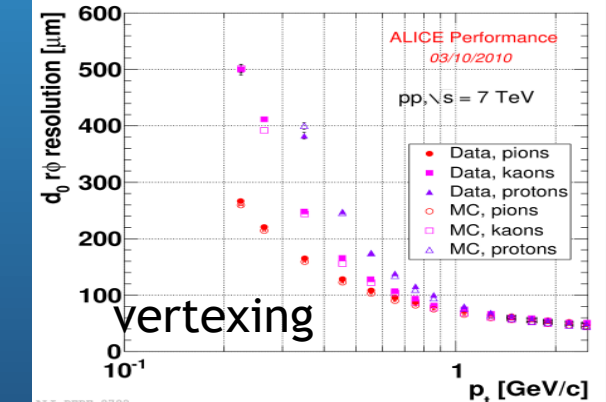
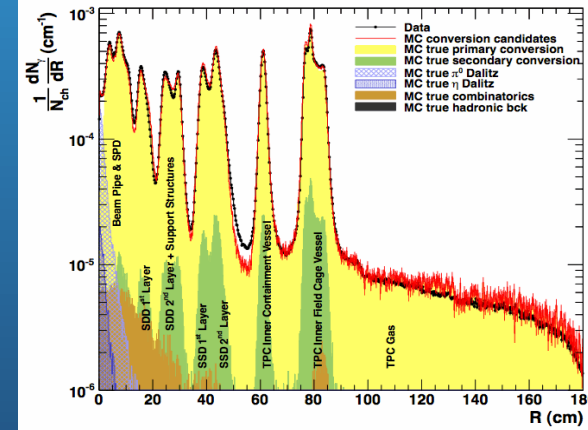
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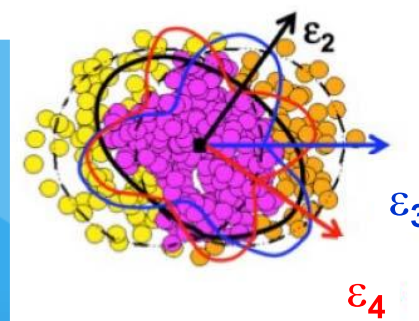
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- Particle Identification ($\pi/K/P/e/\mu$) for wide p_T region
- Efficient low-momentum tracking – down to ~ 100 MeV/c
- Excellent vertexing capability
- Low material budget (10% of X_0)
- good reconstruction capability of photon conversions

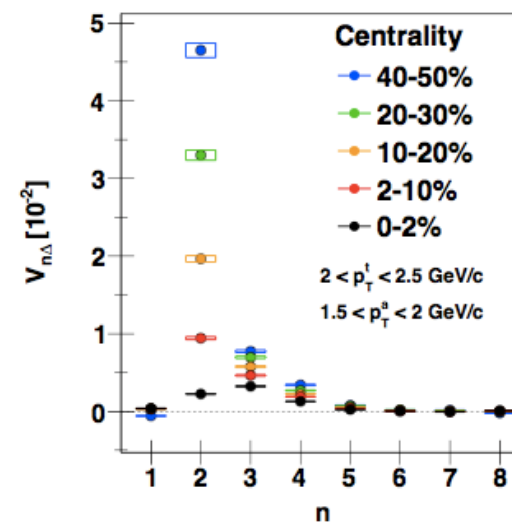
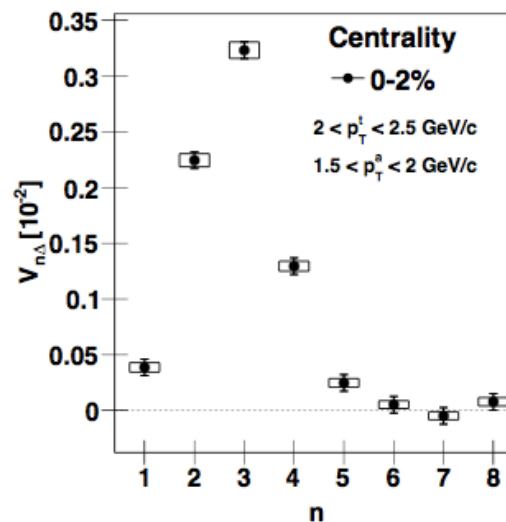
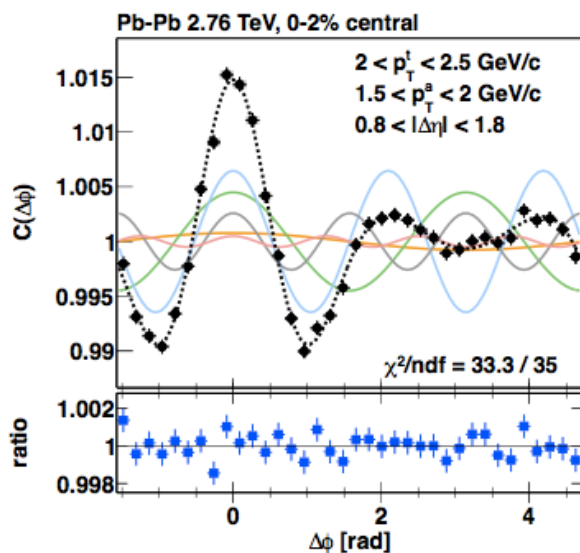
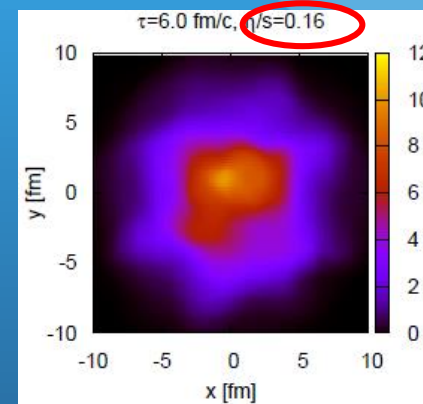
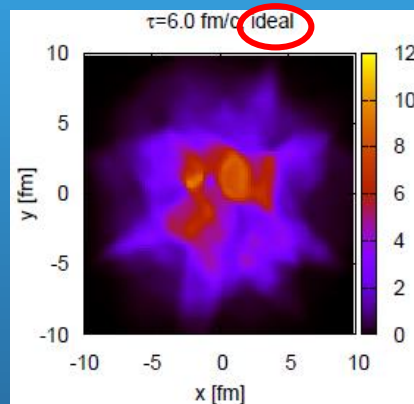
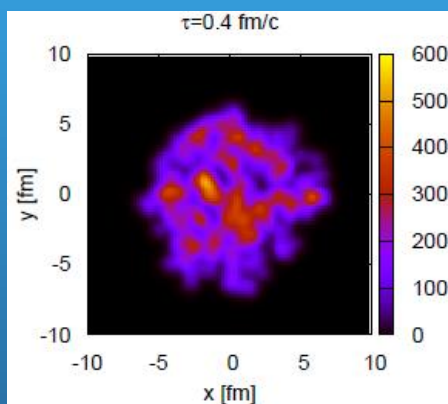
Experimental results (motivate the ALICE upgrades)

1. Higher order Flow
2. Event-by-event flow
3. Heavy flavor measurements
4. jets
5. Photon puzzle
6. Dielectron puzzle and thermal dilepton measurement

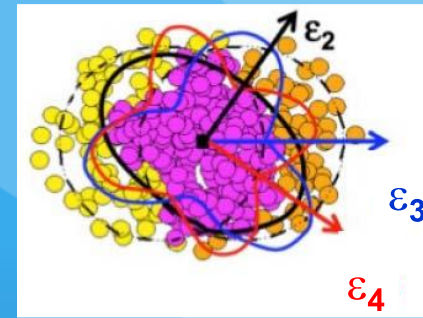
Higher Order Flow



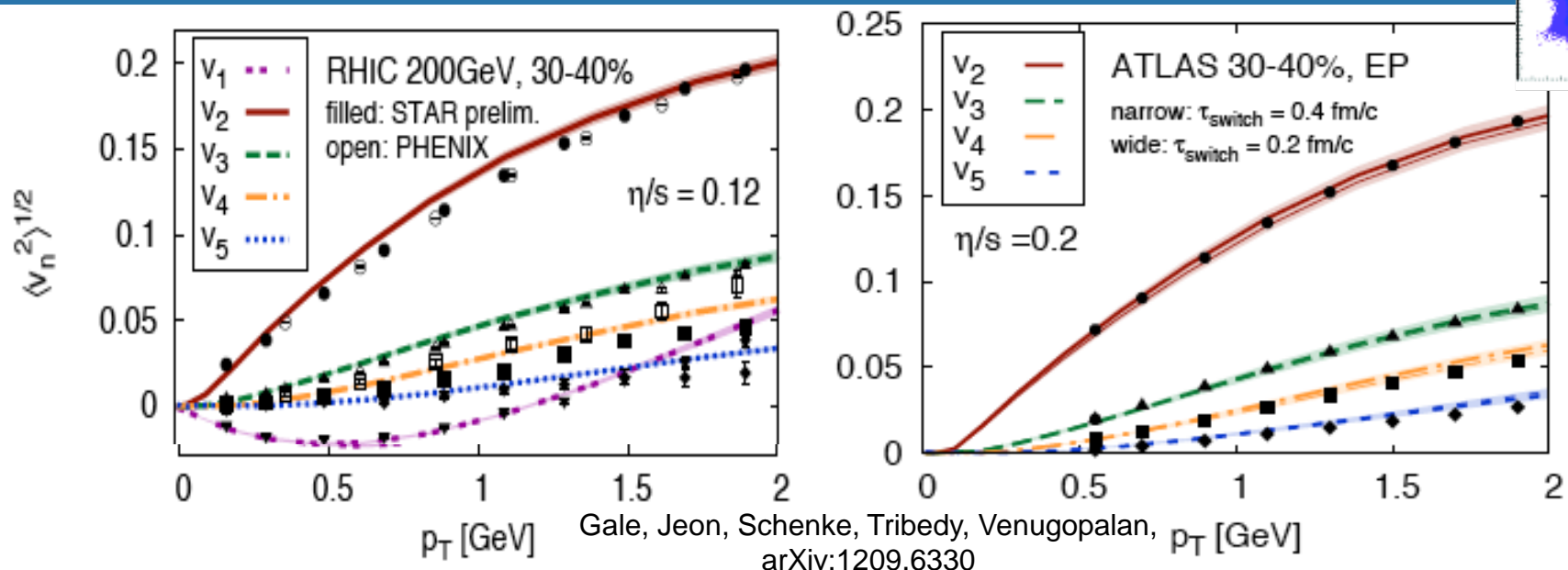
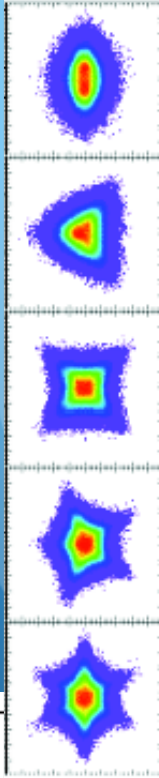
- Higher order Flow measurements
 - Initial conditions (correlation length, fluctuation), Viscosity



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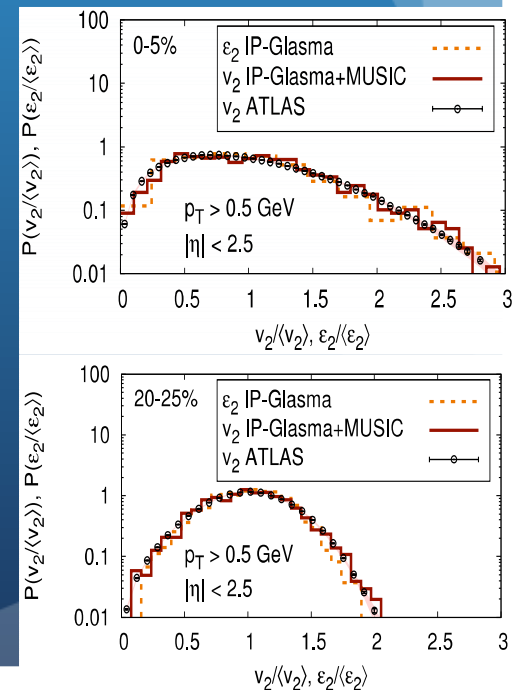
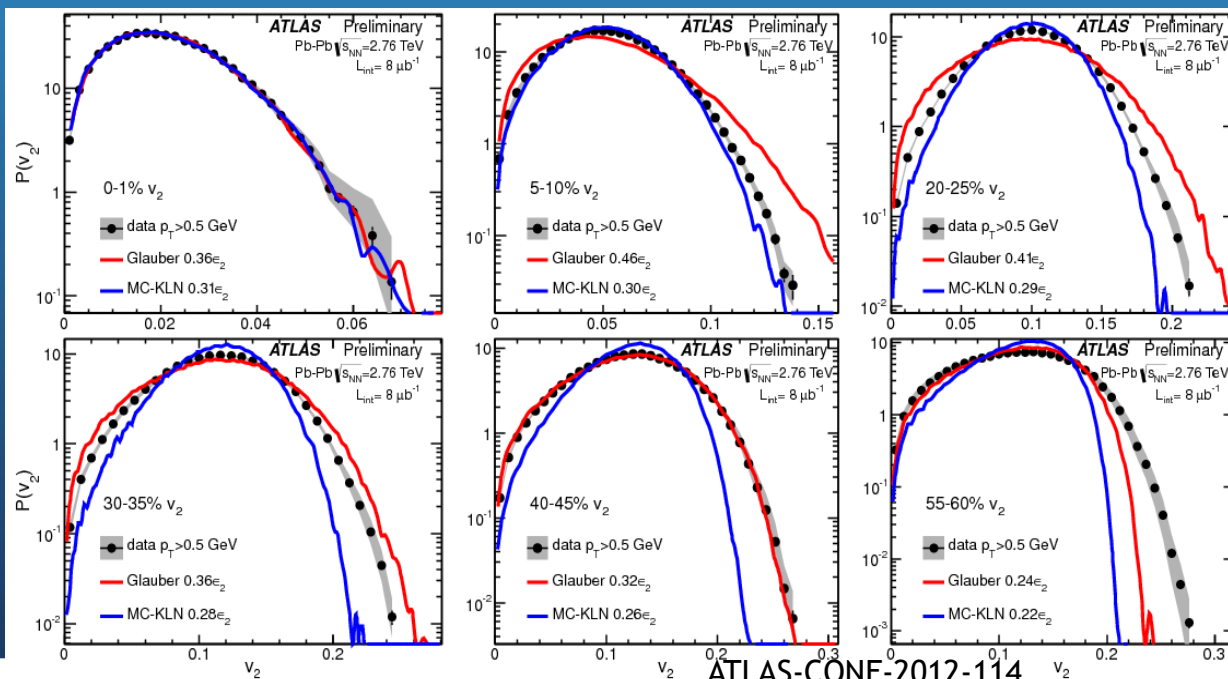
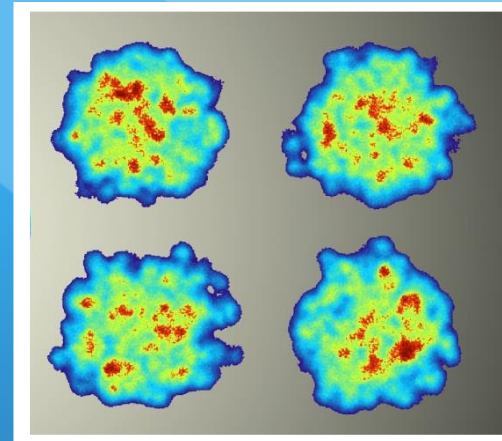


- Higher order Flow measurements
 - IP-Glasma model ($1/Q_s$)
 - $\eta/s=0.12$ (RHIC), 0.2 (LHC)
 - $v_n \propto \exp(-\beta n^2)$, $\beta \propto \eta/s$
- Temperature dependence of η/s ???
- Sensitivity to QGP η/s or hadronics η/s ???. Can differentiate???



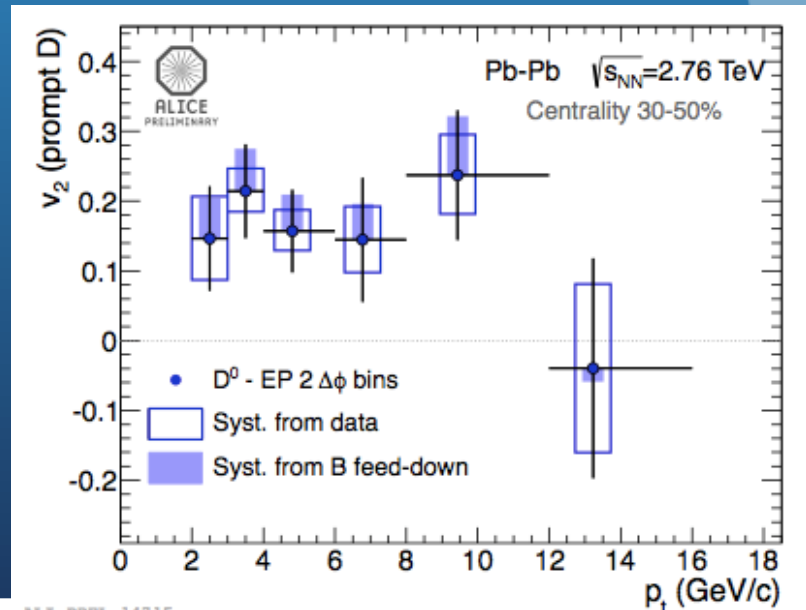
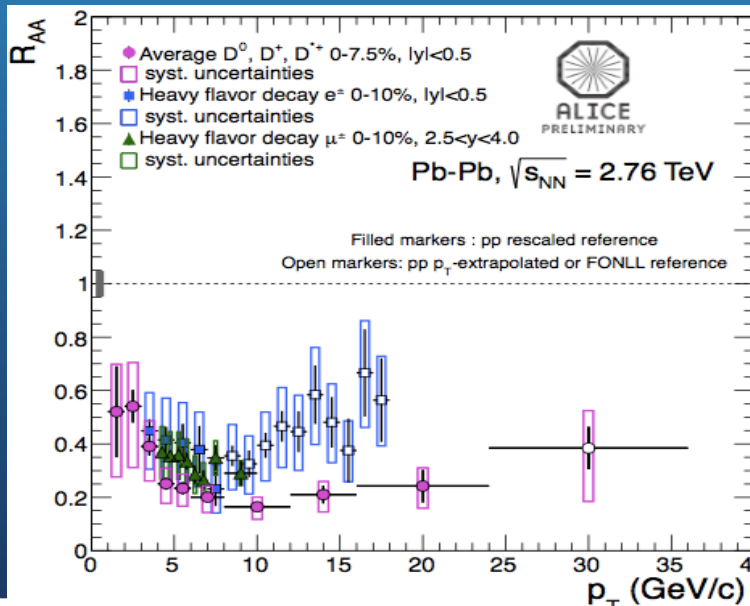
E-by-E Flow

- Event-by-event flow
 - Better understanding of initial conditions
 - Central: MC-KLN, IP-Glasma
 - Peripheral: MC-Glauber, IP-Glasma
- Firm conclusion??? Another cross-check???



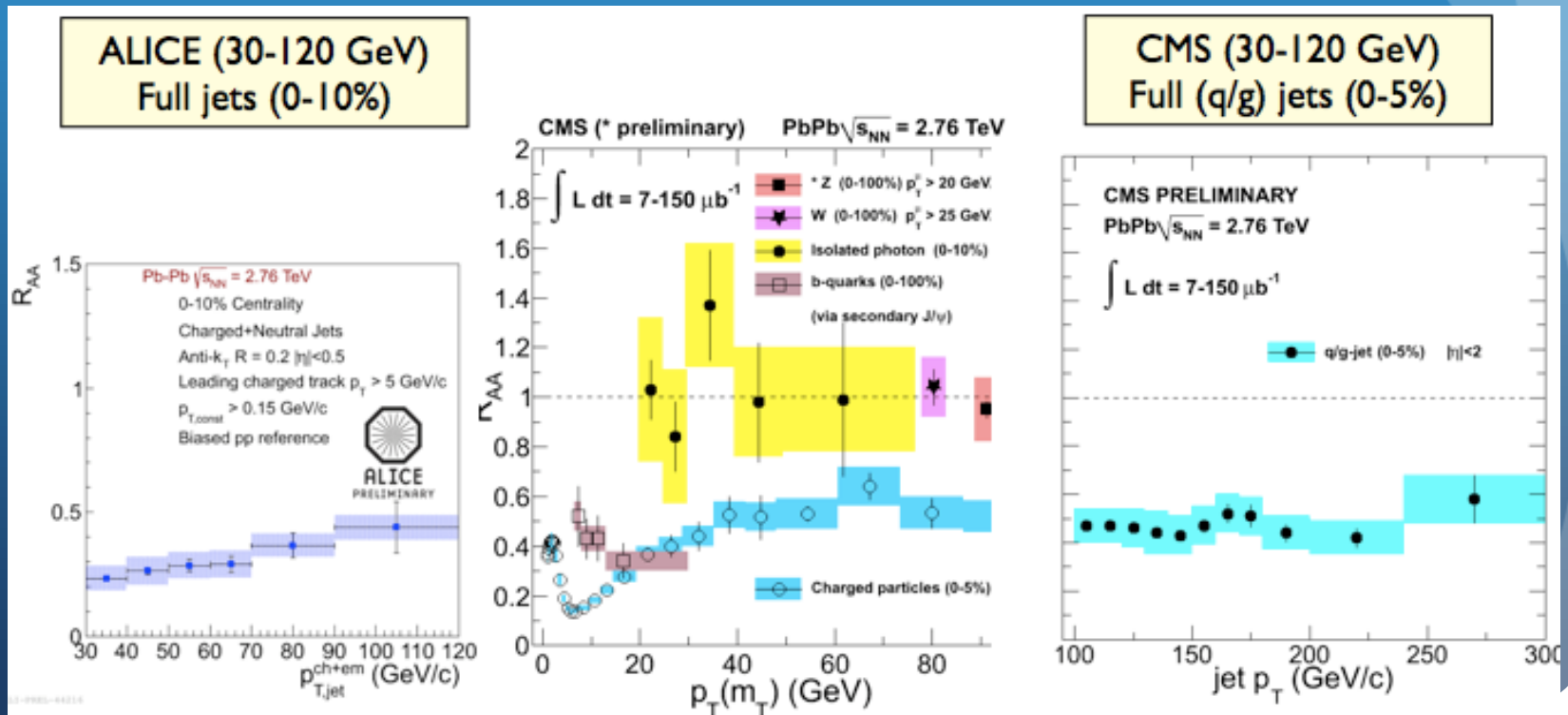
Heavy Quarks

- Heavy flavors
 - Strong suppression like other hadrons. Hint of $R_{AA}(B) > R_{AA}(D)$
- More precision measurements needed!
 - Separation of D/B. Flow of heavy quarks (D, B). v_n measurements
 - Low p_T HQ R_{AA} . Violation of binary scaling??? Wide p_T range (\rightarrow collisional/Radiative energy loss. \rightarrow transport properties)



Jet measurements

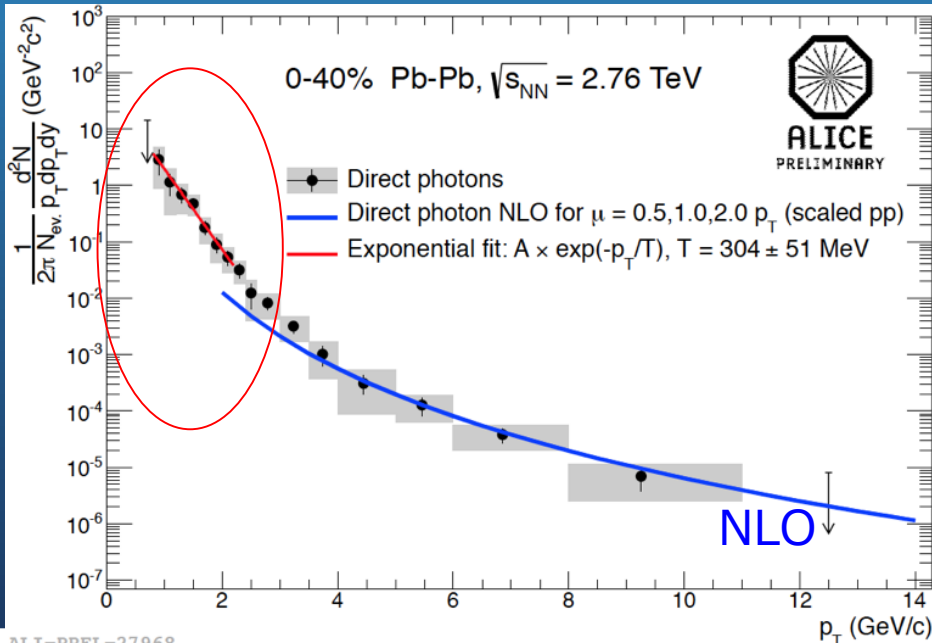
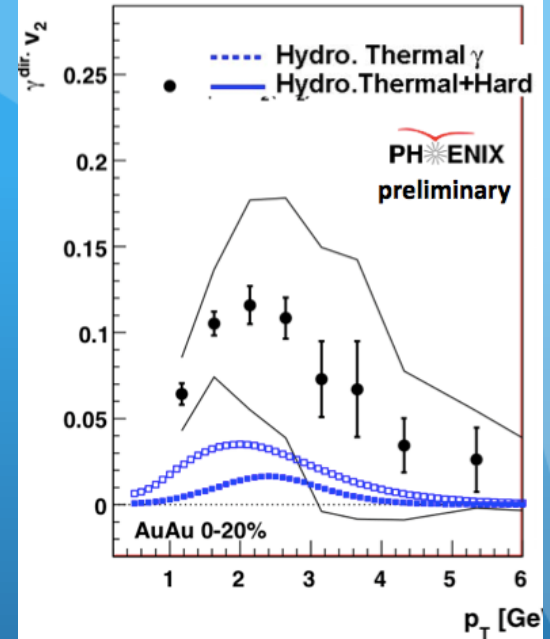
- High pT Jets
- Jet energy \leftrightarrow spatial resolution of the medium
 - E-by-E jet analysis(?). Jet-Fluid interaction. Propagation of lost energy in the medium.



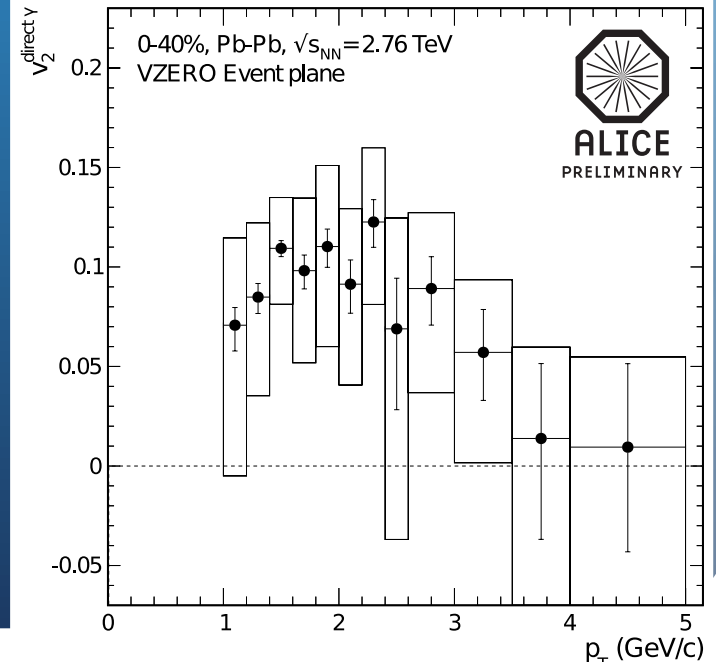
Photons

- Enhancement of low pT photon yield
- Production is well-understood???
- Origin of large photon v2?
 - Hadronic phase? Strong EM field?
 - v_n of photon production. γ - γ HBT

model calculation: Holopainen, Räsänen, Eskola, arXiv:1104.5371v1

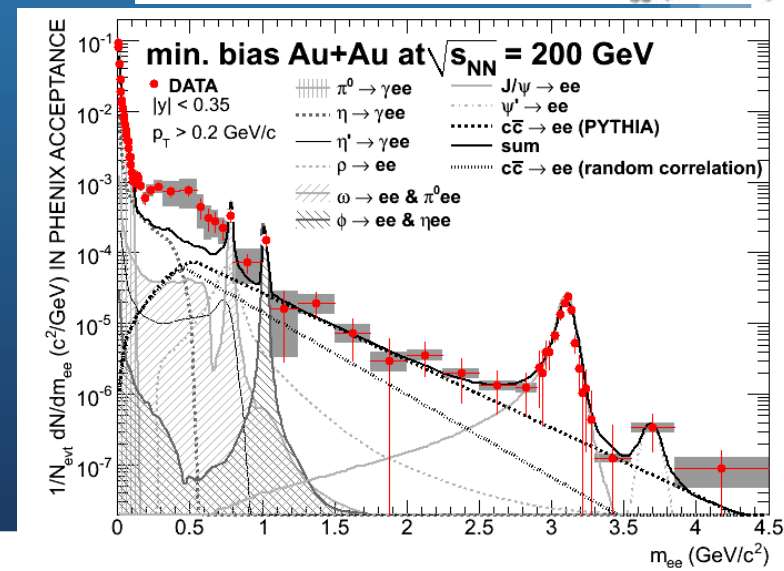
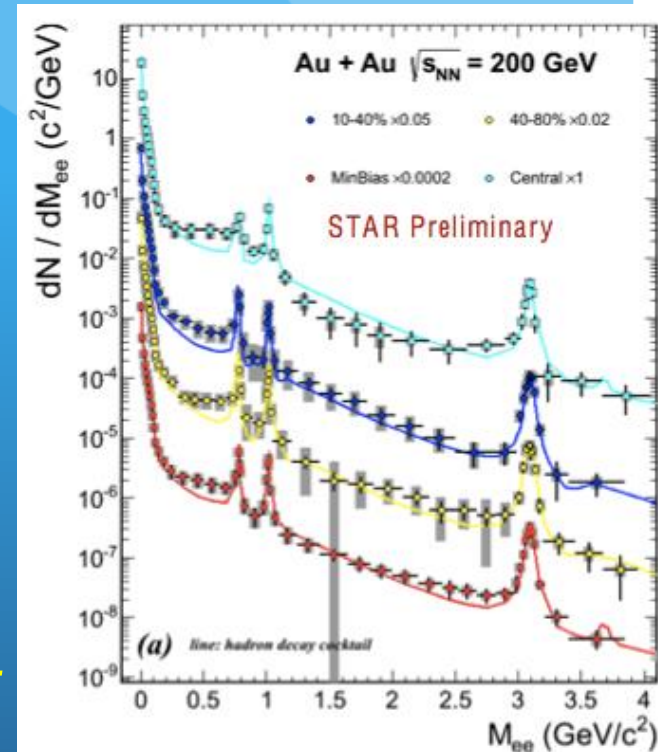
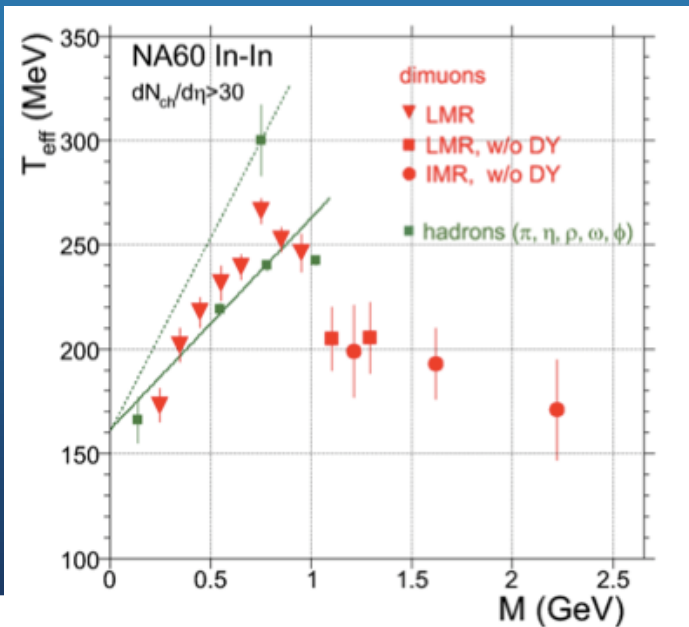


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Dileptons

- Inconsistent between STAR and PHENIX
- ALICE is important!!
 - Mass modification of LVM
 - Virtual photons, radiation from EM field
 - direct thermal dielectrons (M_{ee} , p_T , v_n).
 - Energy loss (angular de-correlation) of HQ



What we have to understand

- Initial conditions
 - E-by-E, higher order flow not only from soft sectors but also from hard probes, p-p/p-Pb collisions
- Temperature dependence of the medium properties
 - E-by-E, higher order flow not only from soft sectors but also from hard probes, Leptons & Photons
- Thermalization mechanism, Dynamics of non-equilibrium QCD
 - Longitudinal correlation, Leptons & Photons, p-p and p-Pb
- What we need are:
 - High luminosity
 - High rate capability (for being able to inspect all MB collisions)
 - High performance detectors (jet, HQ, photons, leptons)

ALUCE upgrade plans

ALICE upgrade strategy

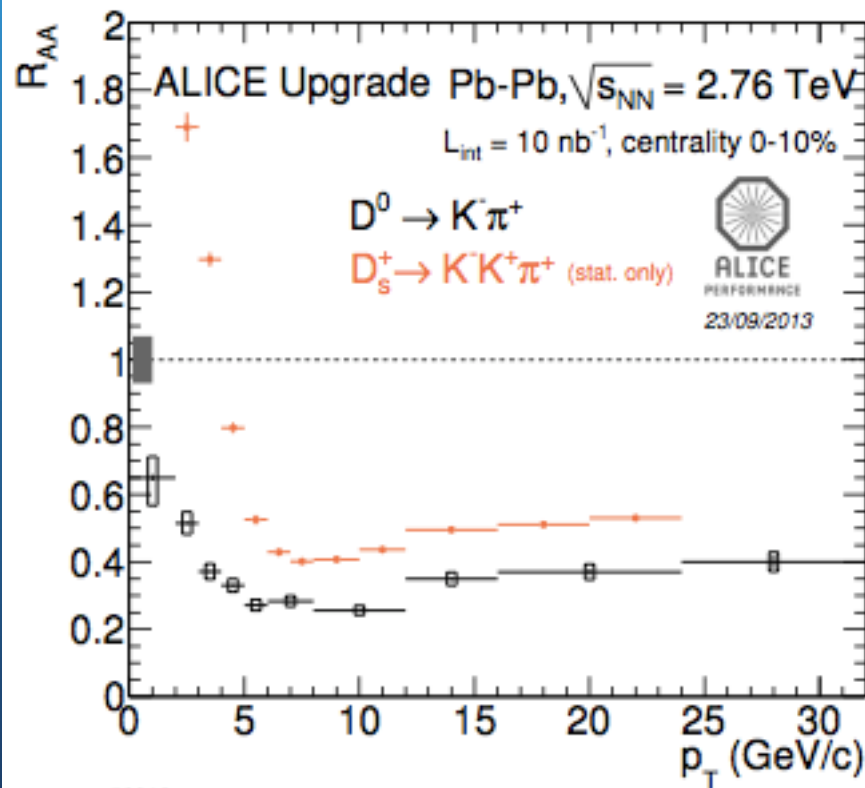
- Need to accumulate not only soft probes but also wide p_T jets, photons, dileptons, heavy quarks
 - Some of them = untriggerable
 - Require a large event samples on tape
 - Increase rate capabilities to inspect all MB heavy-ion collision
 - read out all Pb-Pb interactions at a maximum rate of 50~100kHz (i.e. $L = 6 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$), with a minimum bias trigger
 - Replace dead-time detectors (TPC, SDD) or detector front-ends (pilepined readout, multi-event buffering)
 - DAQ (online tracking, data compression, HLT, event building)
- This is ALICE major upgrade in LS2 (2018)
 - ALICE upgrade proposal endorsed by LHCC

Core upgrade plans and Motivation

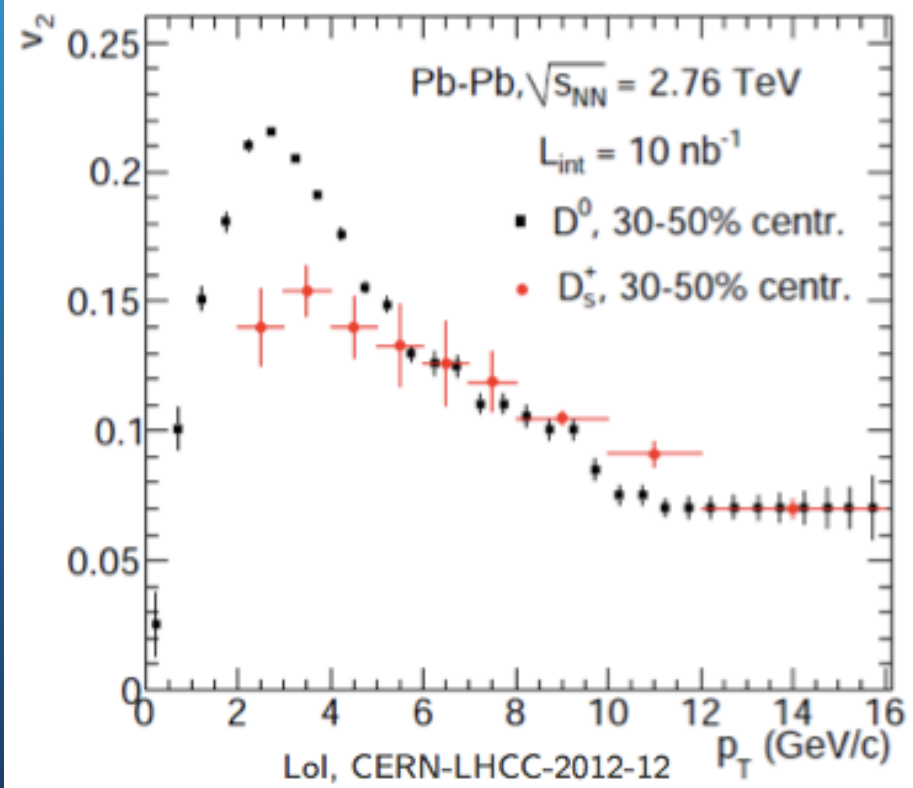
- New ITS
 - 7 layers of Silicon Pixel Detector
 - Improvement vertex resolution → Heavy Flavor
 - Improvement low pT tracking efficiency → Dielectron
- TPC upgrade
 - Replacing MWPC readout chambers to GEM based readout chambers. No gating Grid operation
 - Improve rate capability → Heavy Flavor, Dielectrons, Jets,
- Muon Forward Tracker
 - 4 layers of Silicon Pixel detector in front of Muon Absorber at forward rapidity
 - Improve secondary vertex and momentum resolution → Heavy Flavors, Quarkonia, Low Mass dimuons

Heavy Flavor Measurements

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 - Measurement of Λ_c , D_s , Λ_b
 - v_2 and R_{AA} for wide p_T range (down to low p_T)



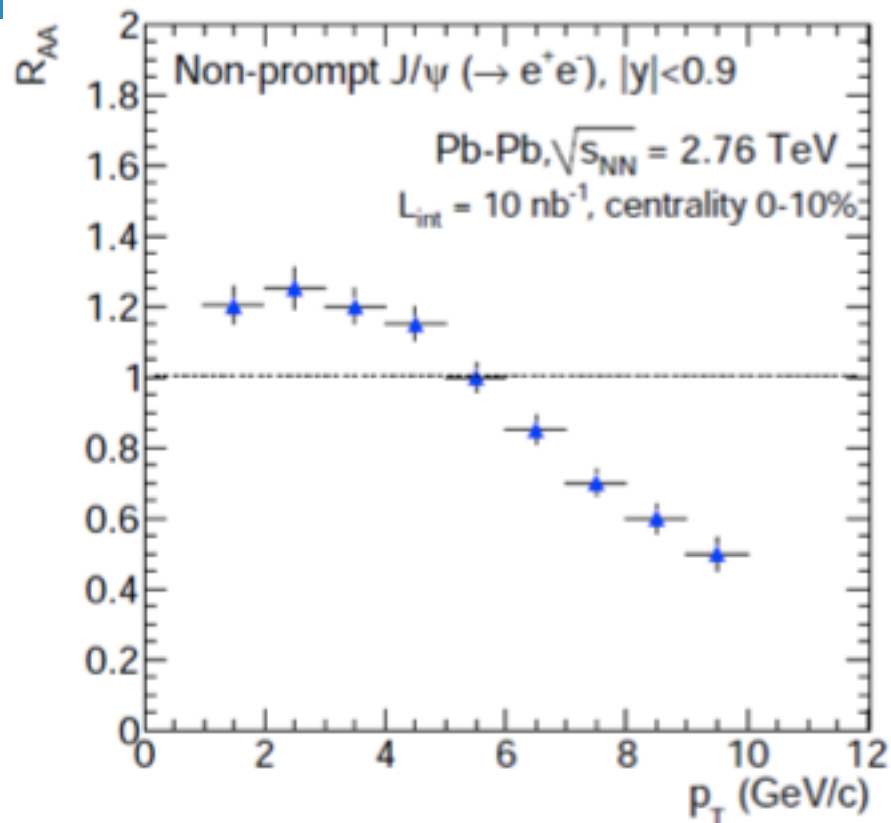
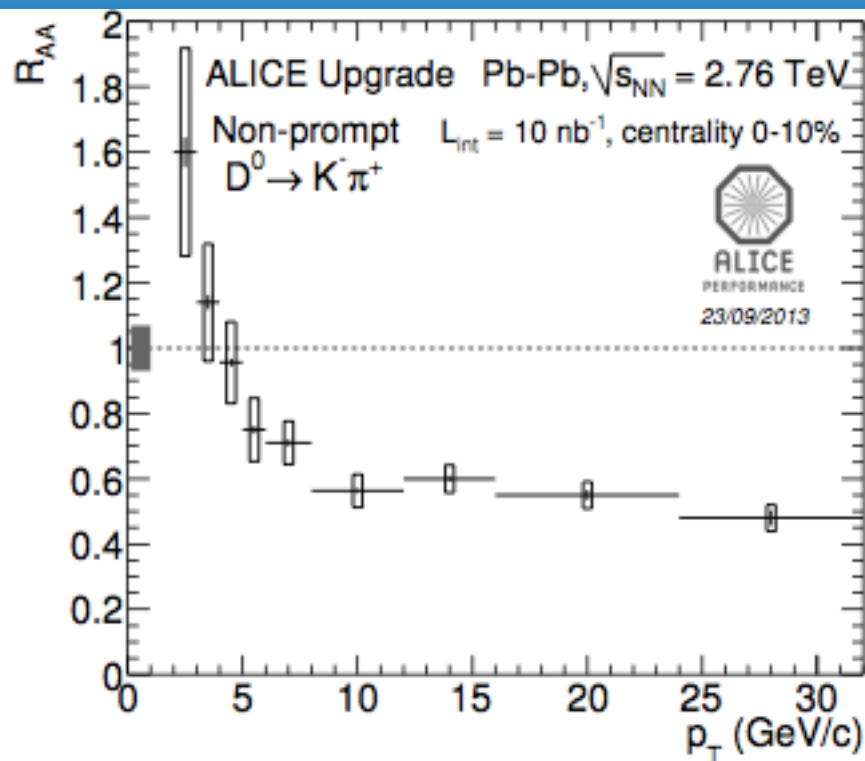
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LoI, CERN-LHCC-2012-12

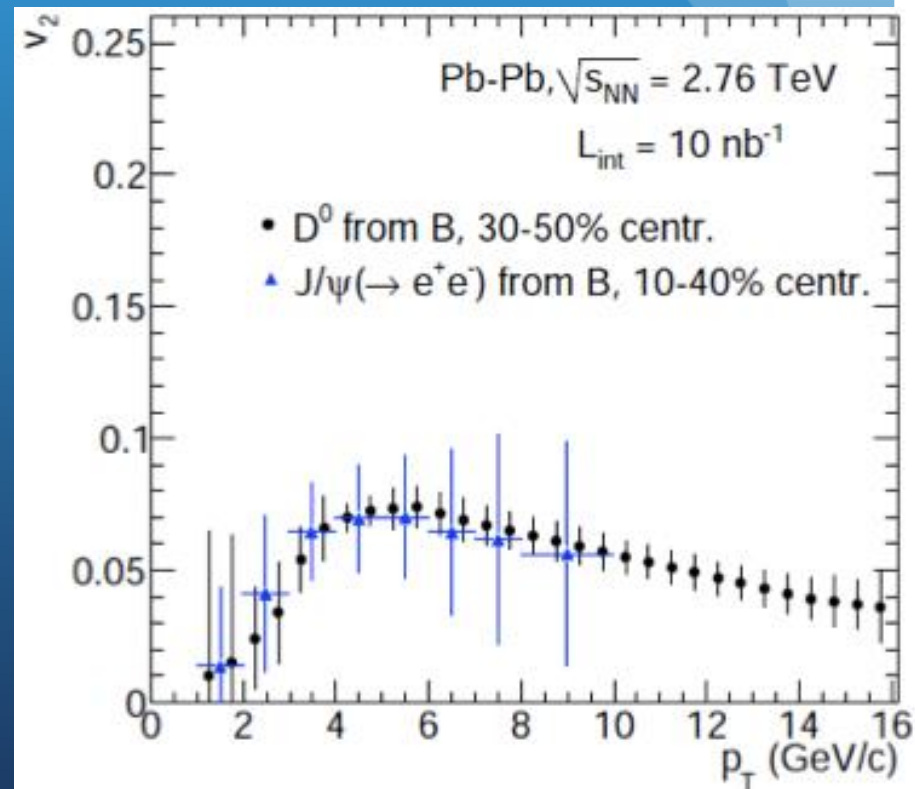
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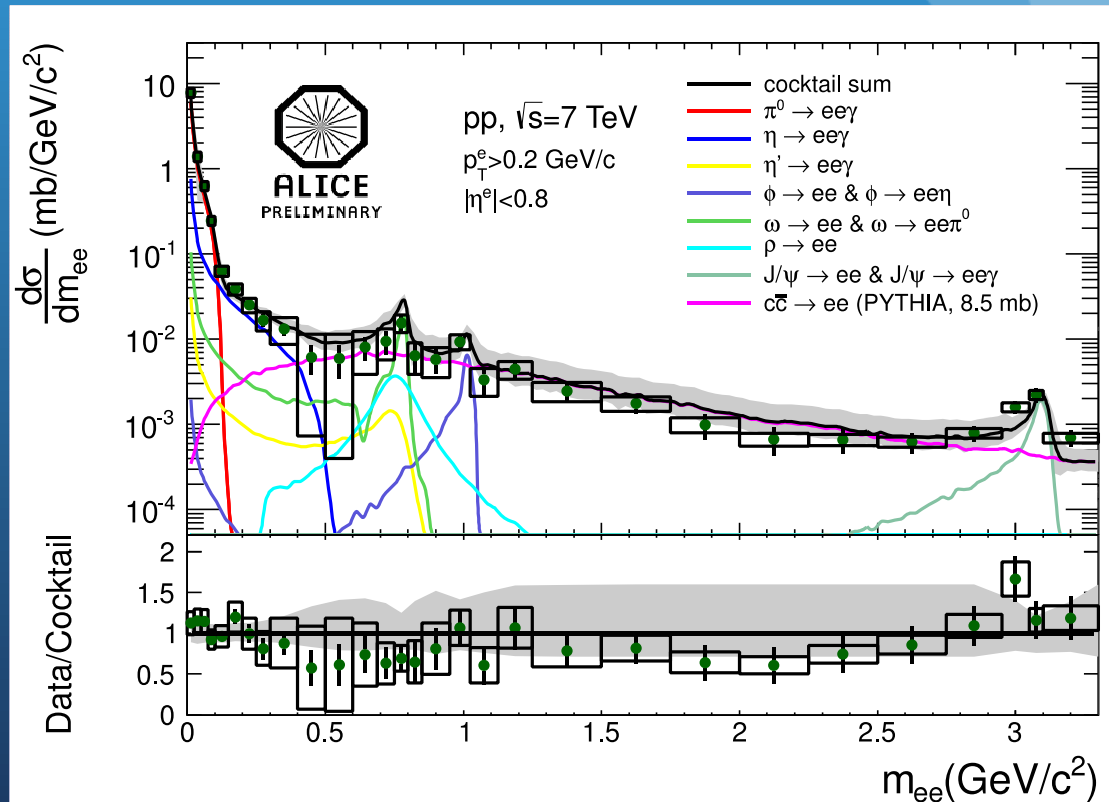
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 - Precision measurements of direct B meson flow!



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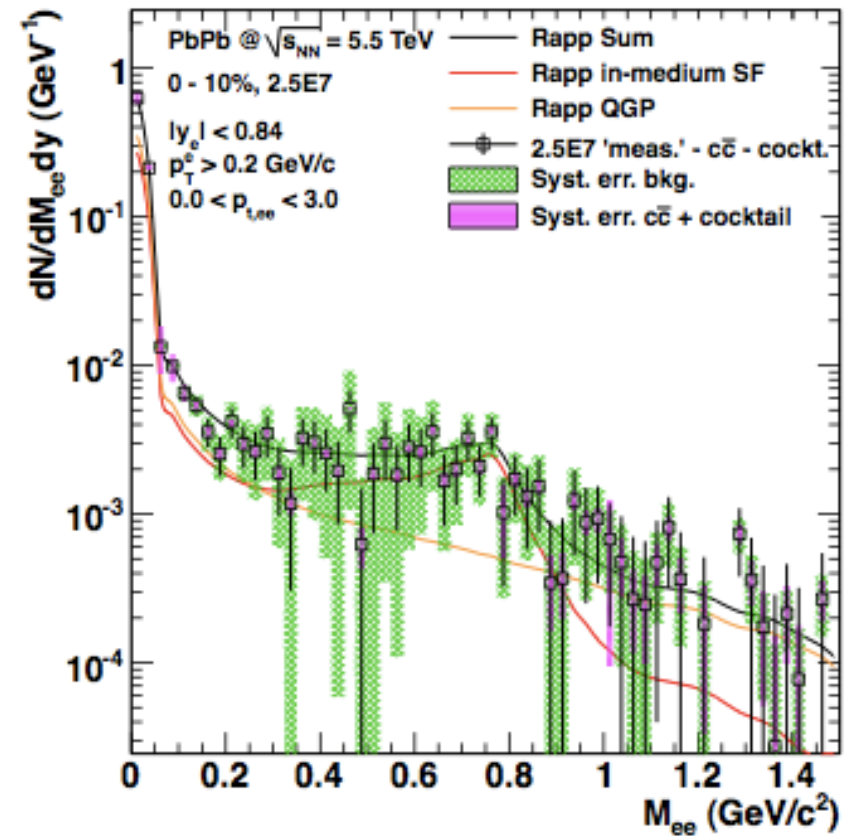
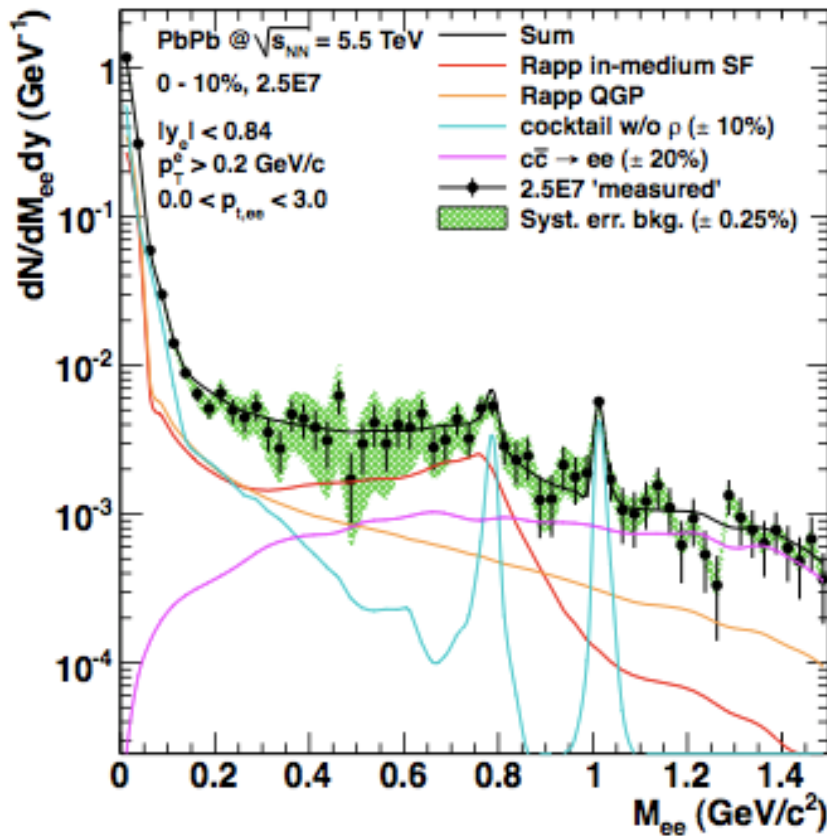
- Unique Physics and Measurement at the LHC
 - Chiral symmetry restoration
 - Virtual photons
 - Thermal radiation, Radiation from EM field

- Need to fight with:
 - Conversion/Dalitz
 - S/N (combinatorial)
 - Charm contributions
 - Charm yield
 - Correlation of pairs



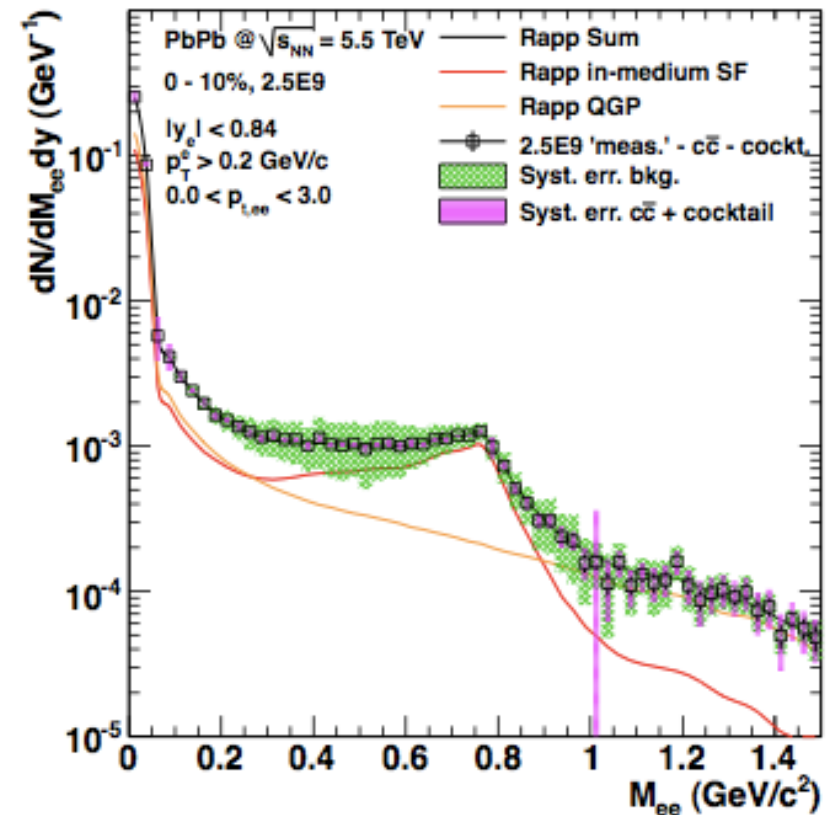
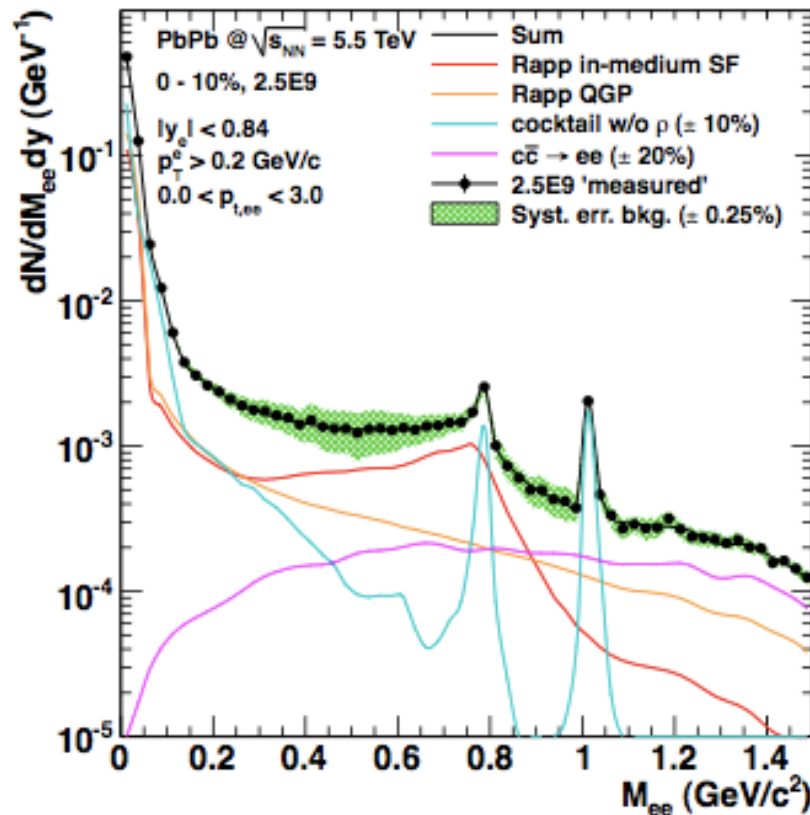
Di-electron Measurements

- Current scenario on statistics, tracking and PID capability, but $B=0.2$ T



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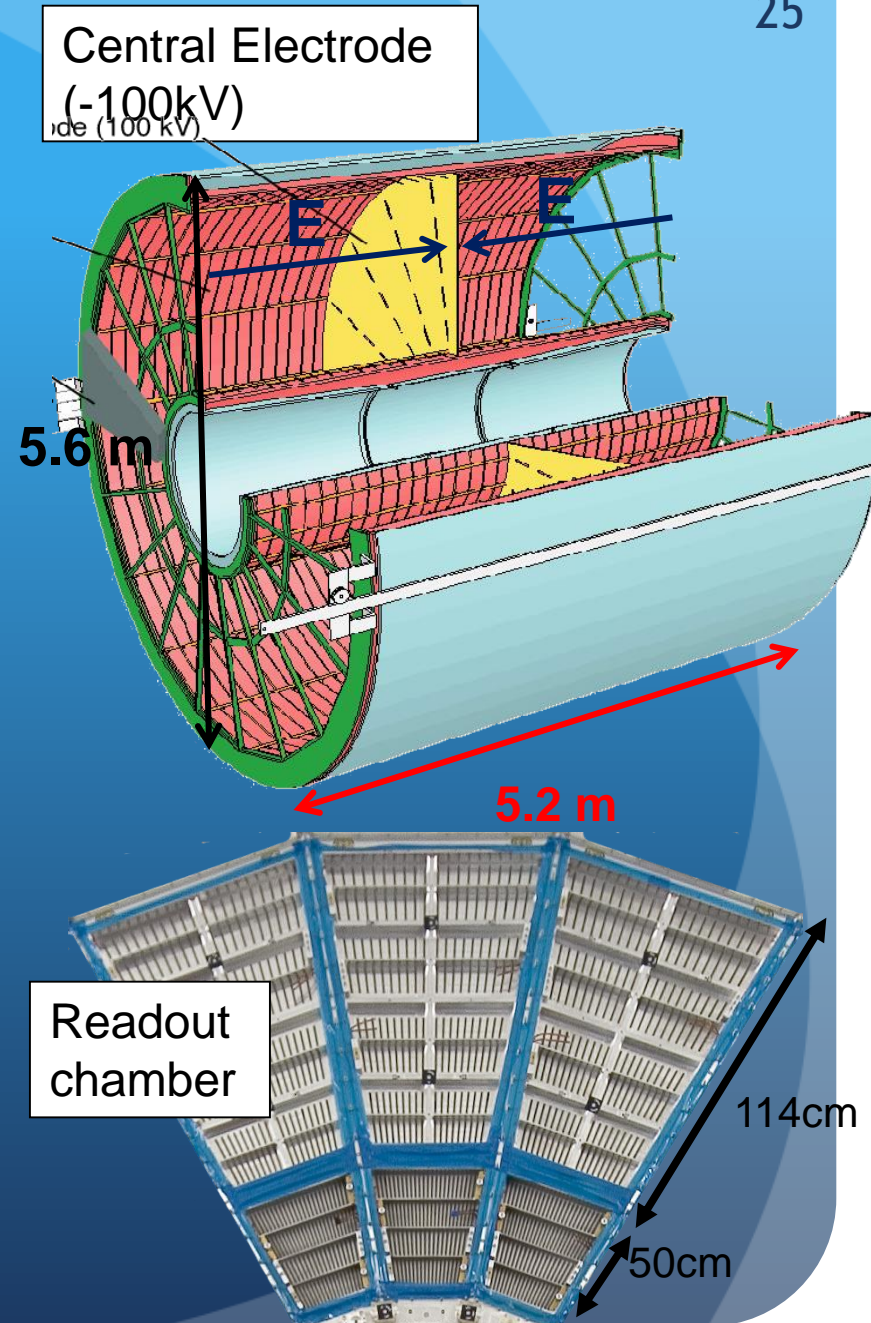
- New ITS + GEM-TPC (keep current tracking & PID capability)
 - Improve tracking efficiency, rejection of conversion and Dalitz
- 50kHz data taking. $B=0.2$ T



ALICE GEM-TPC upgrade

ALCIE TPC - I

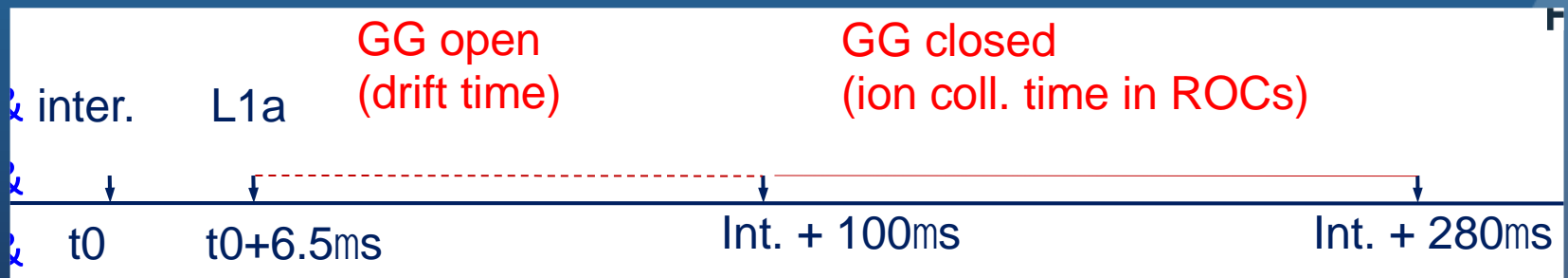
- Diameter: 5.6 m, length: 5.2 m
- Acceptance: $|\eta| < 0.9$, $\Delta\phi = 2\pi$
- Readout Chambers: total = 72
 - Outer: 18 x 2, Inner: 18 x 2
 - Pad size
 - Inner: $4 \times 7.5 \text{ mm}^2$
 - Outer: $6 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$
 - Pad channel number = 557,568
- Gas: Ne-CO₂-N₂ (90-10-5)
at Drift field = 400V/cm
 - Diffusion $\sim 0.2 \text{ mm} / 1 \text{ cm}$
 - Drift velocity $\sim 0.8 \text{ cm} / \mu\text{s}$
- Total drift time: $92 \mu\text{s}$



Current Rate limitation

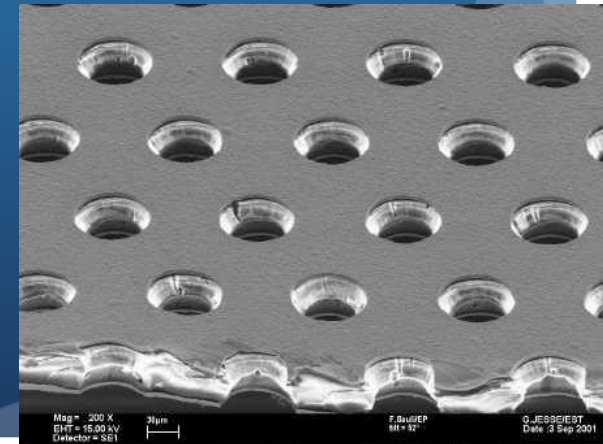
- Gating Grid operation
 - Gating Grid (GG) is used to prevent ion back flow into the drift region
 - It takes $\sim 180 \mu\text{s}$ for the ions generated in the MWPC to reach the GG \rightarrow unavoidable dead time after each triggered event
 - Additional $100 \mu\text{s}$ for suppression of event pile-up

--> **Maximum GG trigger rate is $\sim 3.5 \text{ kHz}$**



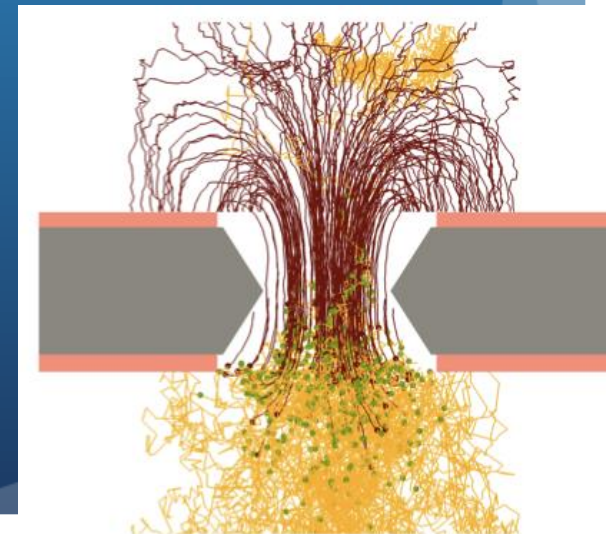
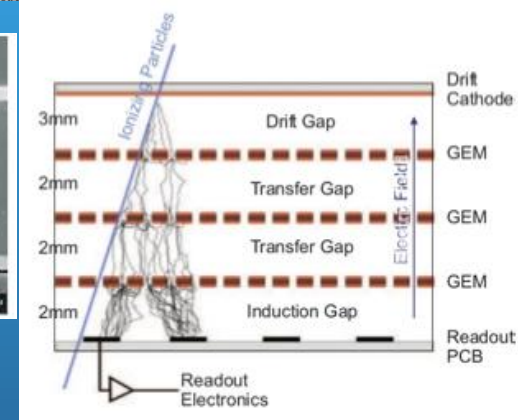
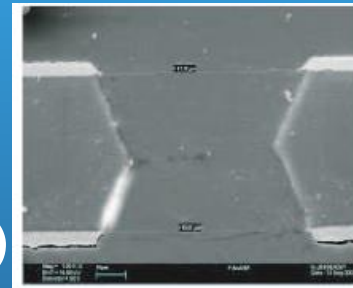
TPC Core Upgrade and strategy

- Goal, Requirements
 - No gating grid operation but keep small ion back flow capability to avoid a field distortion in the drift space
 - 0.25-1% of IBF at the gain of 2000 (= 5~20 ions per one seed)
 - Maintain the gain stability under 100 kHz/cm² particle rate
 - This is not possible with MWPC. Gain decreases by ~20%.
 - Keep current PID and tracking capabilities
- Strategy
 - TPC Continuous readout without gating grid
 - No trigger, No deadtime
 - Replace MWPC readout by GEM readout
 - Efficient to block back-drifting ions
 - High rate capability
 - Preserve PID and tracking capability



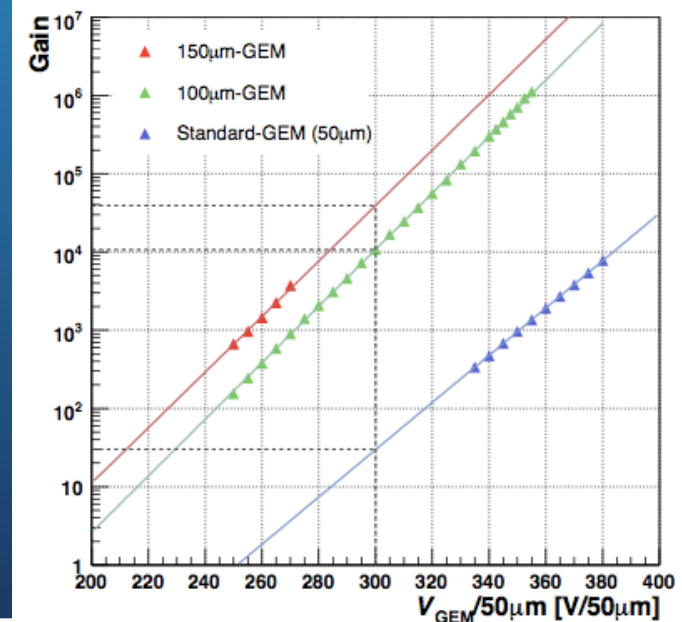
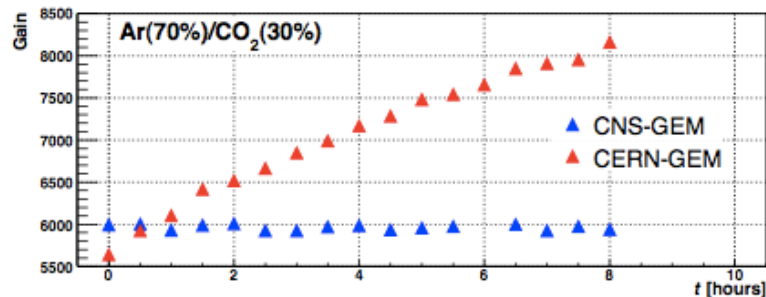
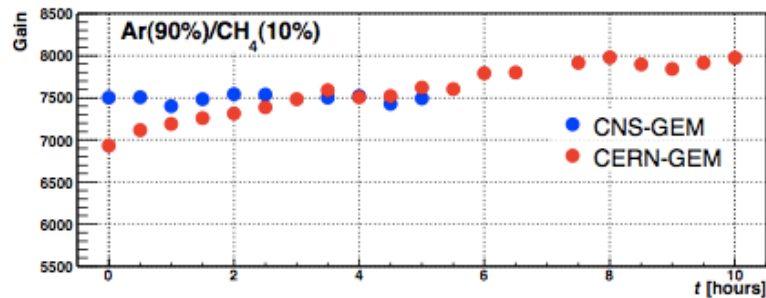
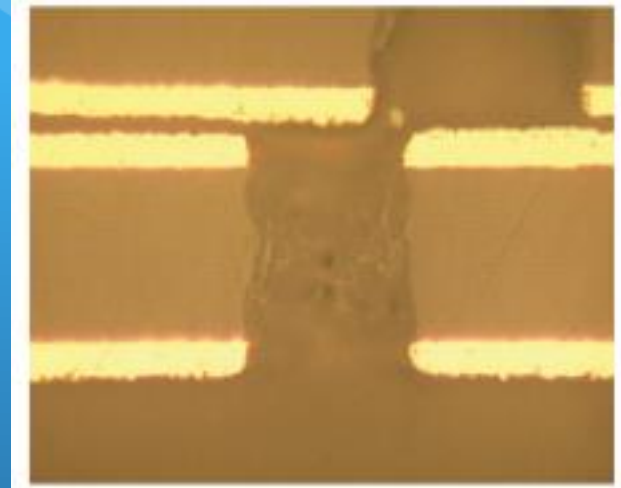
What is GEM?

- Invented by F. Sauli (~1997)
- Standard GEM foil
 - 50um thick kapton
 - 5um Cu electrode
 - Pierce the hole
 (by chemical, laser, plasma etching)
- Potential between upper and lower electrode
 - Avalanche inside of the hole
- Merit of the GEM (compared to MWPC)
 - Stable operation by stack configuration
 - High rate capability
 - Good IBF capability with asymmetric field
 - No ExB effect



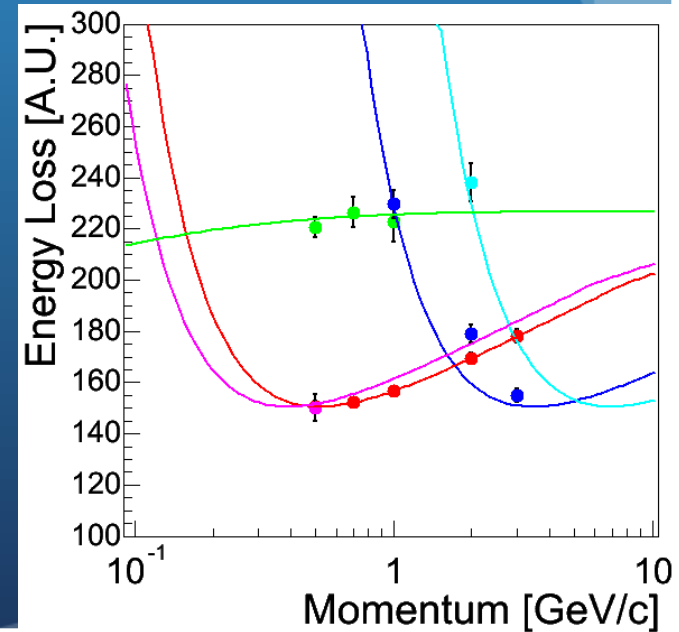
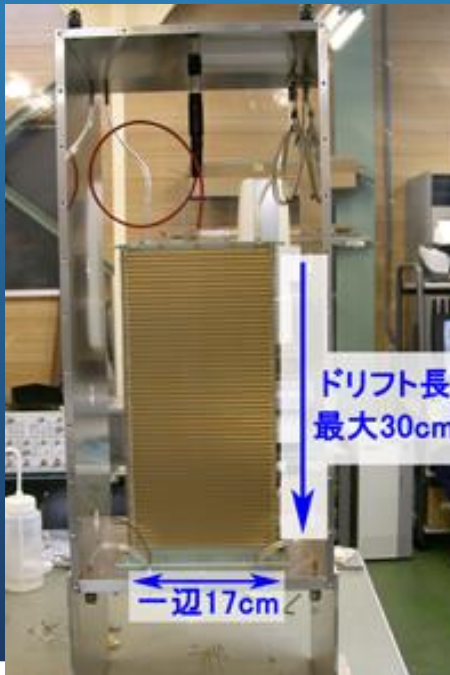
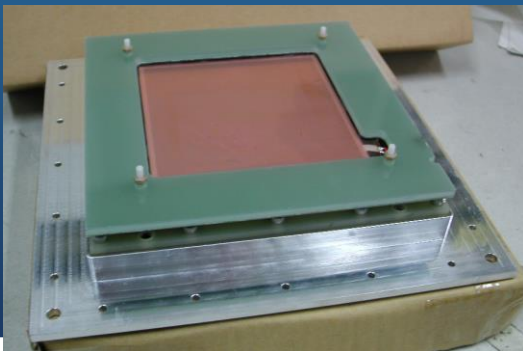
Experience of GEM in CNS

- We started GEM R&D since 2002.
- Fabrication of GEM in Japan (SciEnergy)
 - Plasma + Laser etching
 - Cylindrical holes
 - No charge up \rightarrow stable operation
 - Thicker GEM (100 μm , 125 μm GEM) \rightarrow stable operation



Experience of GEM in CNS

- Another type of GEM
 - COBRA-GEM for ion feedback suppression
 - Glass-GEM (no out gas, no neutron reaction with H, long term stability)
 - Telfon GEM (large arc resistance, robust against discharge/spark)
 - No short of GEM even after 10^4 times discharges (at single GEM gain $\sim 10^4$)!
- Application
 - GEM-TPC (CF_4)
 - X-ray Imaging

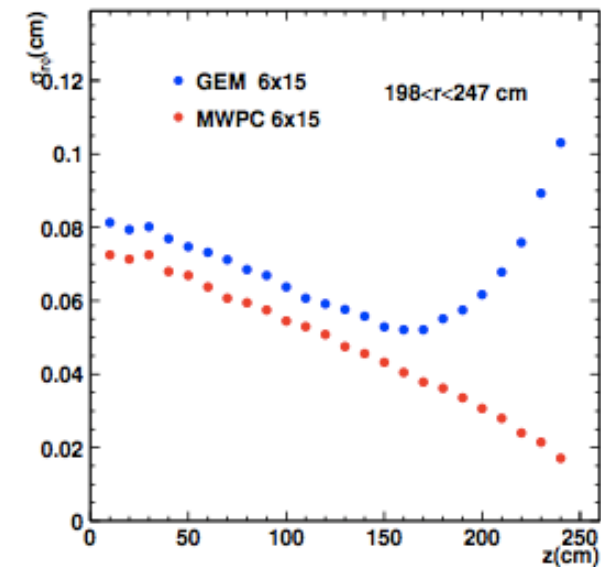
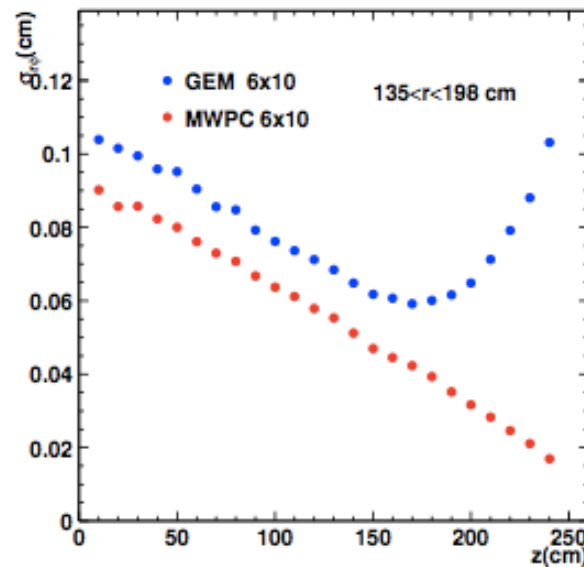
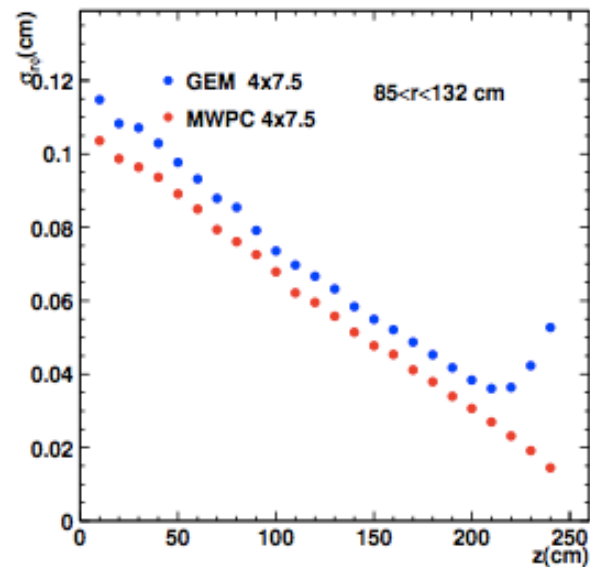


R&D items of GEM-TPC upgrade

- Gain stability of GEM under Ne/CO₂
- Systematic study of Ion back flow
 - 3-4 GEM layers (pitch, hole, transfer field dependence)
 - Another type of GEM (Cobra GEM)
 - Micromegas + 2 GEM systems
 - Garfield simulation
- Large size foil R&D, IROC Prototype and Beamtest
- Electronics R&D
 - SAMPA chip, GdSP chip
- Performance evaluation, reconstruct strategy

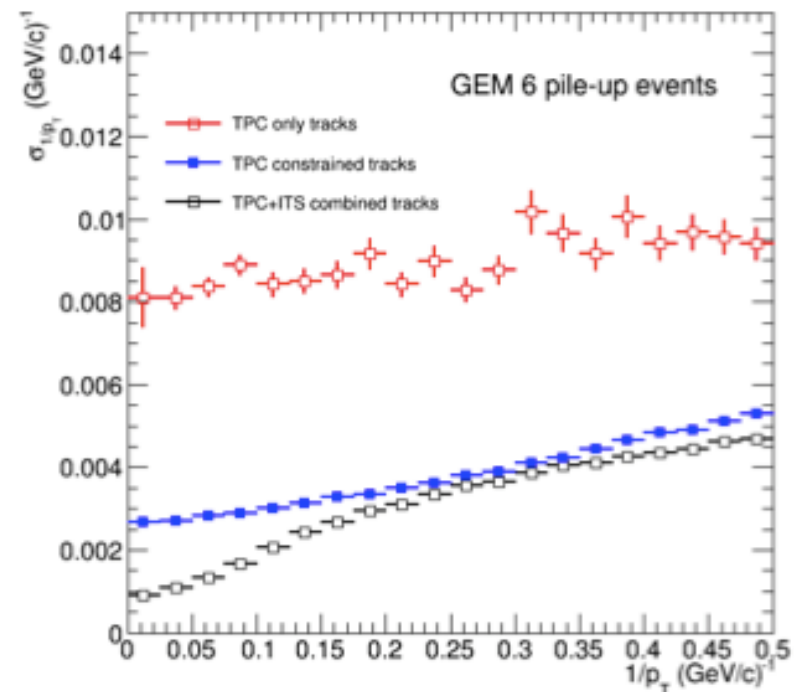
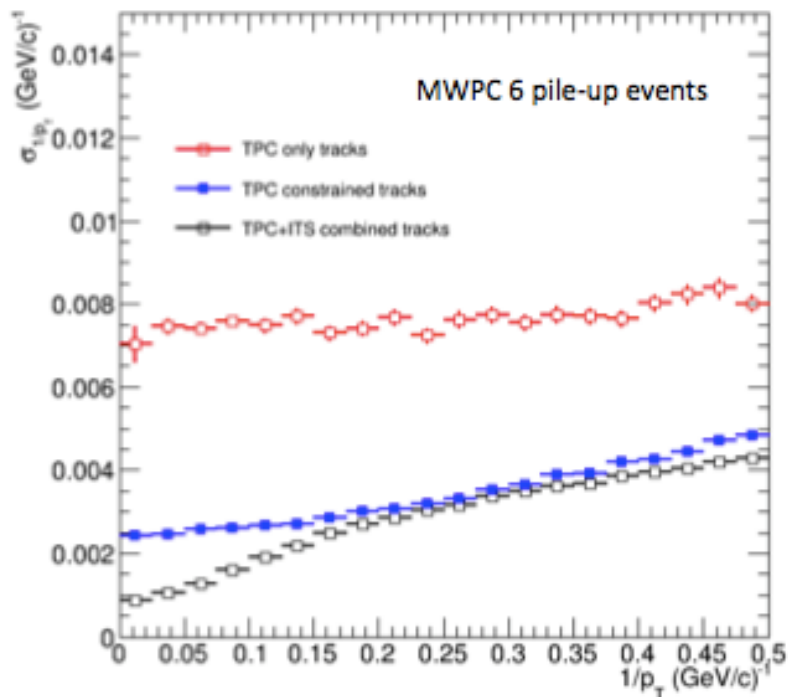
Expected Performance

- Position Resolution
 - Slightly worse than MWPC due to lack of a Pad Response function in GEMs (narrow spread of signal over pads)
 - Near the chamber worse resolution due to low diffusion and narrow PRF



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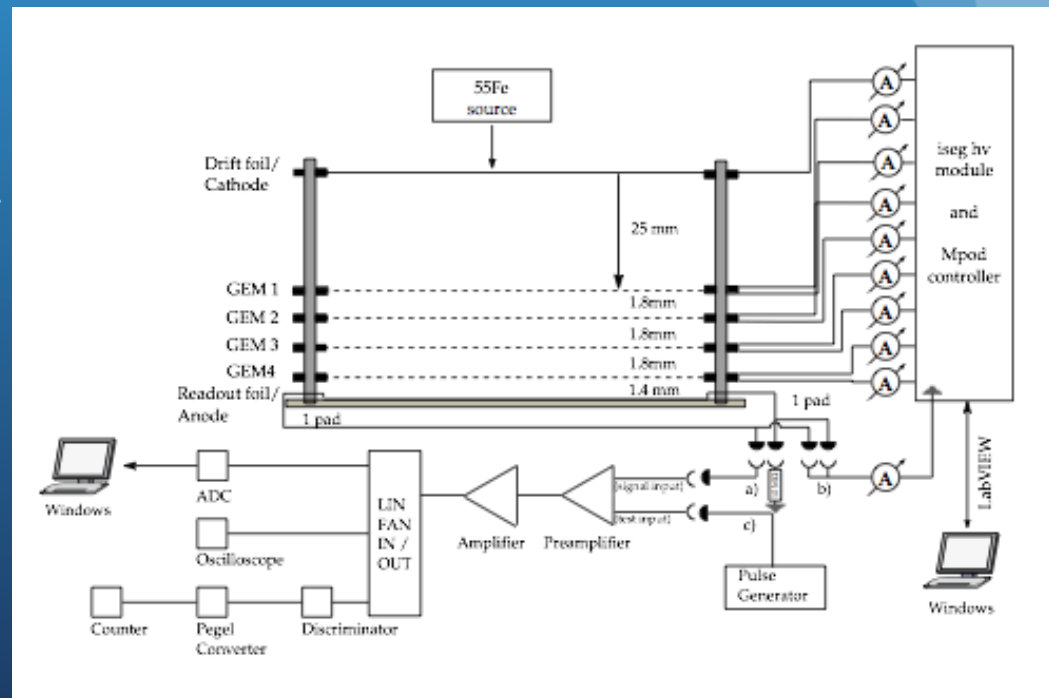
- Momentum Resolution
 - Very little deterioration for TPC standalone and 6 pile-up events
 - Less merged cluster in case of GEMs: lack of PFR
 - No difference between MWPC and GEM in case of ITS vertex +TPC tracking



IBF studies

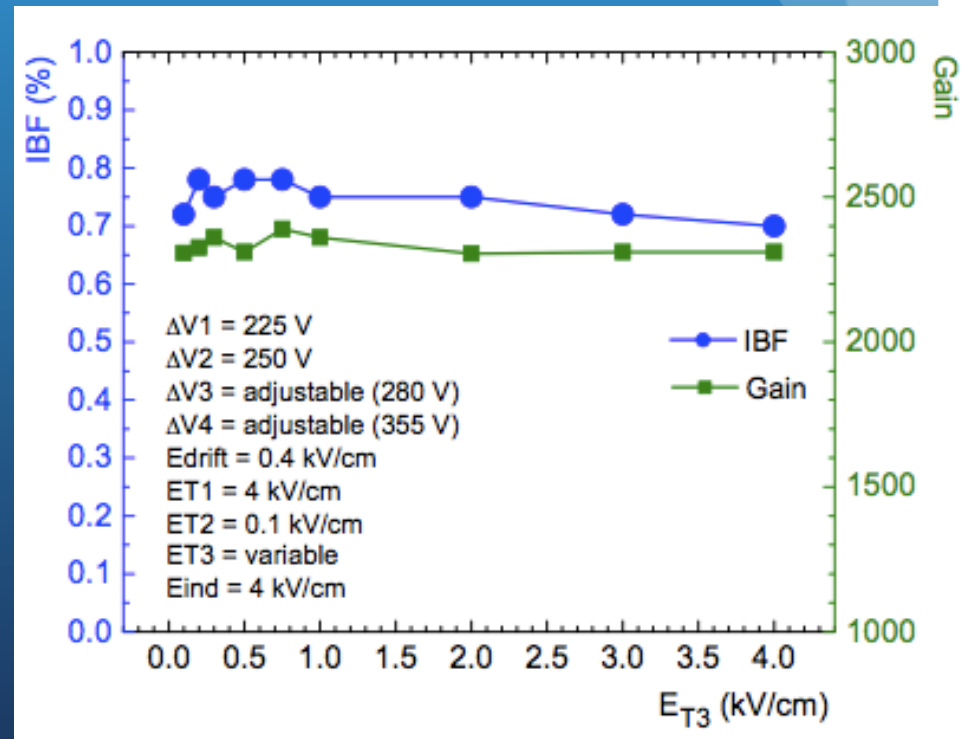
- Dedicated test setup at CERN, TUM, FRA, Tokyo
- Systematic studies as a function of:
 - rate \rightarrow space-charge effect to the IBF
 - Field configuration, number of GEM layers, large pitch foil
- Measure the current at cathode and anode pad.

$$IBF = (I_C - I_C^0) / I_a$$



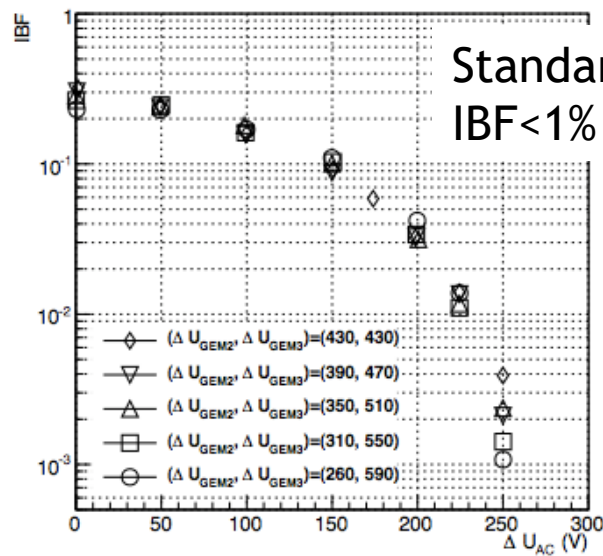
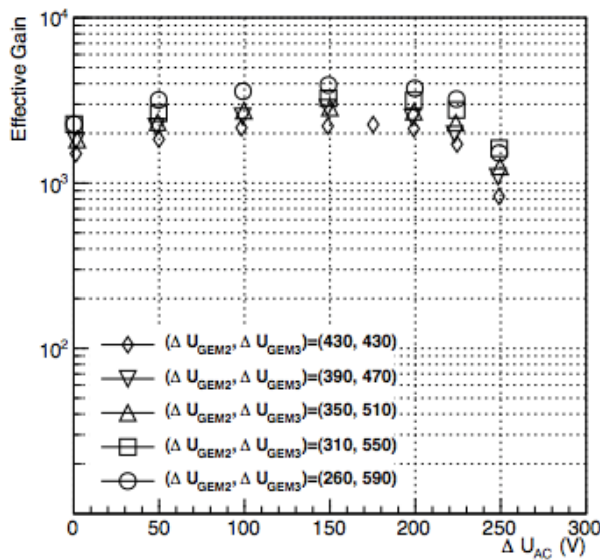
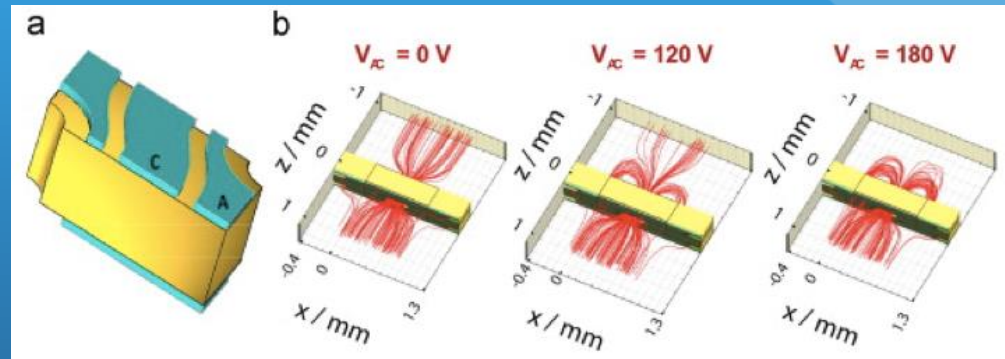
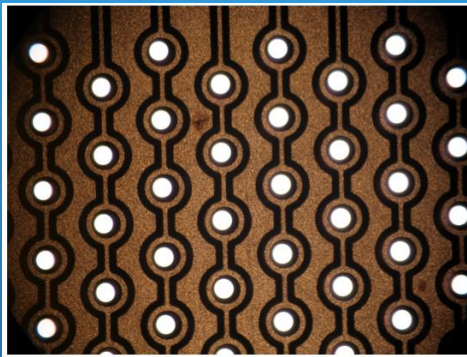
IBF studies

- 3 standard GEM setups ~ 2% of IBF
- 4 GEM setup with large pitch foils on GEM1 and GEM3
 - LP-S-LP-S: LP=280um pitch (S=140um pitch)
 - Reach 0.8% of IBF and secured some flexibility
- Further studies are on going
 - S-LP-LP-S setup
 - Resolution
 - Smaller pitch GEM
 - Conical GEM
 - etc...



IBF studies

- Alternative options = “COBRA” GEMs
 - Additional electrode and potential difference to absorb ions

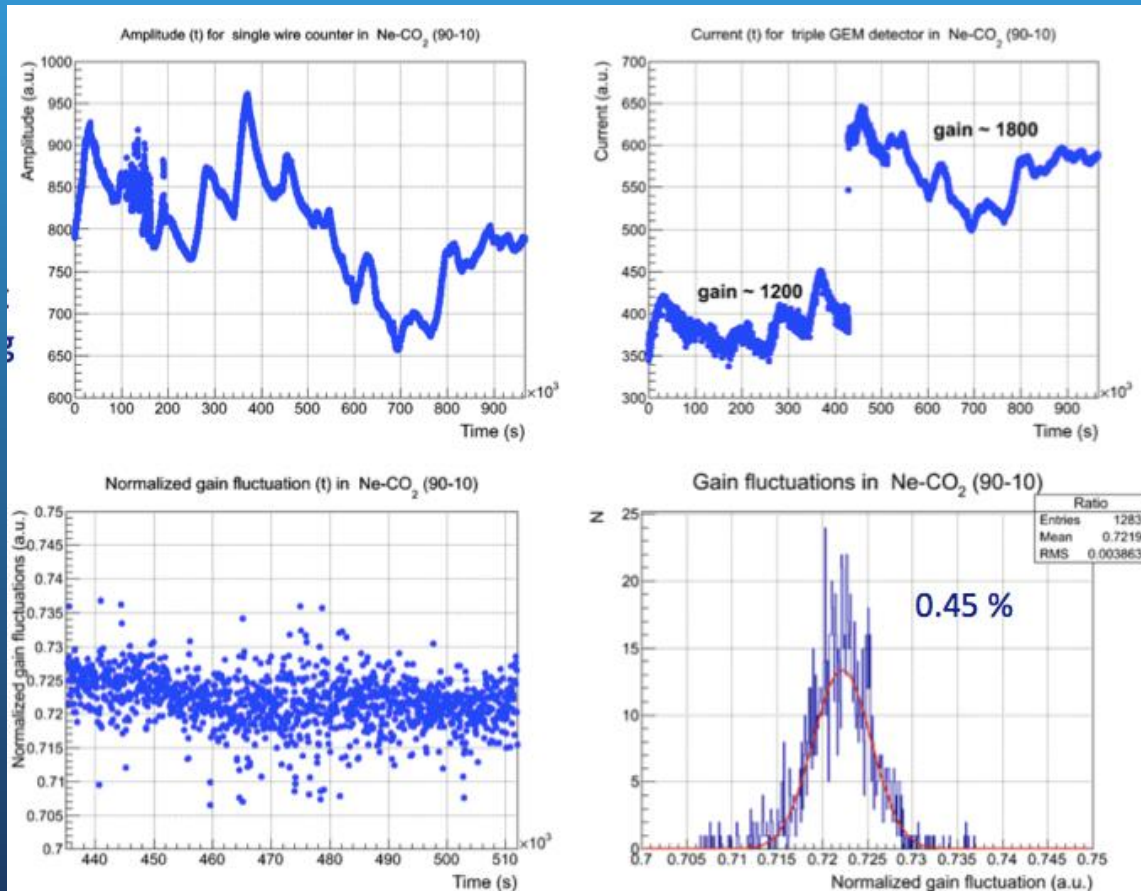


Standard - Cobra - Cobra
IBF < 1% is reached!

COBRA-GEM
 $\phi = 150 \mu\text{m}$
 $t = 200 \mu\text{m}$
 Pitch = $400 \mu\text{m}$
 Rim = $50 \mu\text{m}$

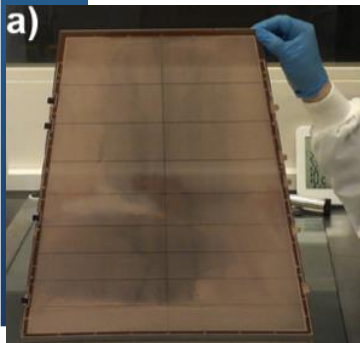
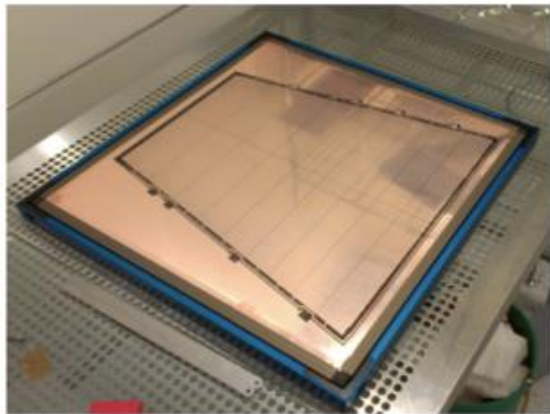
Stability

- GEM detector system and wire chamber system in one gas loop system. (common on gas concentration and P/T)
- Wire-chamber is reference. Stability = 0.45%



IROC Prototype and beamtest

- Large size GEM by “single” mask technology
 - 3 GEM layers for IROC size and prototype
 - Beamtest at CERN-PS T10 beamline (10-11. 2012)
 - PCA16 + ALTRO electronics (from LCTPC) + ALICE DAQ system

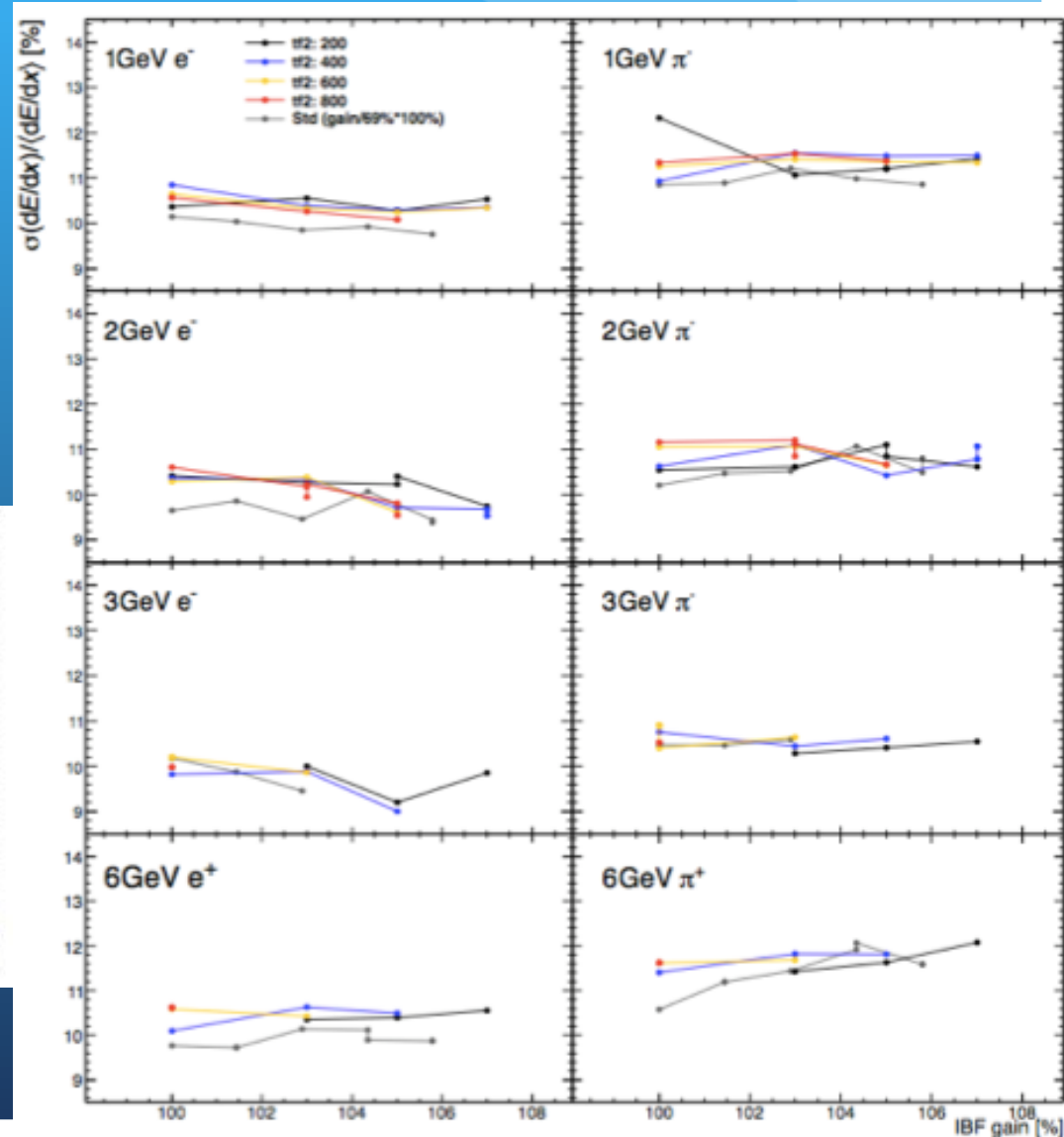
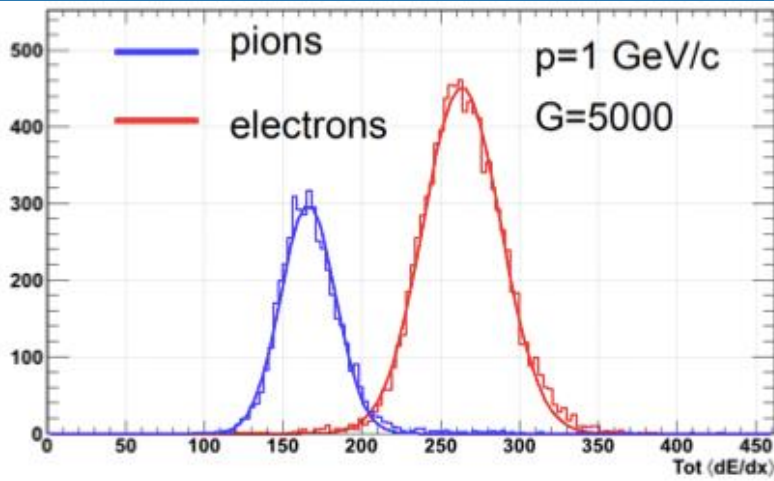


- p, π^\pm, e^\pm beam, 1/2/3/6 GeV/c
- 2000 particles / 0.5s
- Cherenkov and Pb glass detectors for external reference PID
- Goal: measure PID via dE/dx and dE/dx -separation power for different GEM settings



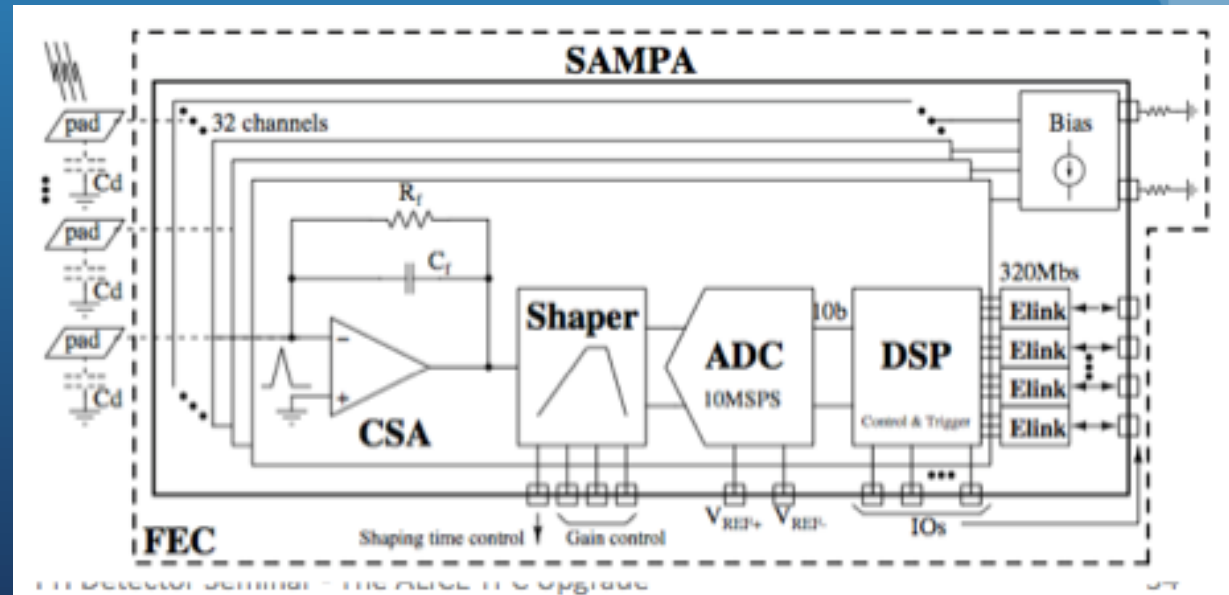
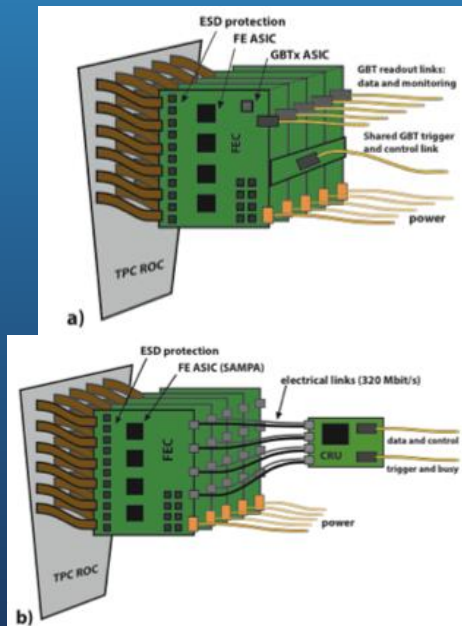
IROC Prototype

- dE/dx resolution
 - Only 46 rows are used.
 - Almost equal to the expected for MWPC.
- Performance is preserved.



Readout system

- Readout system
 - Replace existing PASA+ALTRO to SAMPA system
 - SAMPA = 32channel PASA (dual polarity) + ALTRO in same die
 - 10~20MHz ADC capability, DSP, support trigger/continuous readout
 - Option = “GdSP” chip being developed at CERN
 - 40MHz, 128channel input, DSP, high speed data transmission via GBT



Status and Plans

- Technical Design Report will be submitted soon.
- 2013-2014: design and prototyping
- 2015-2016: production of GEMs (chambers) and FEE
- 2017-2018: Construction of ROCs, Installation and commissioning
 - Depending on shutdown schedule

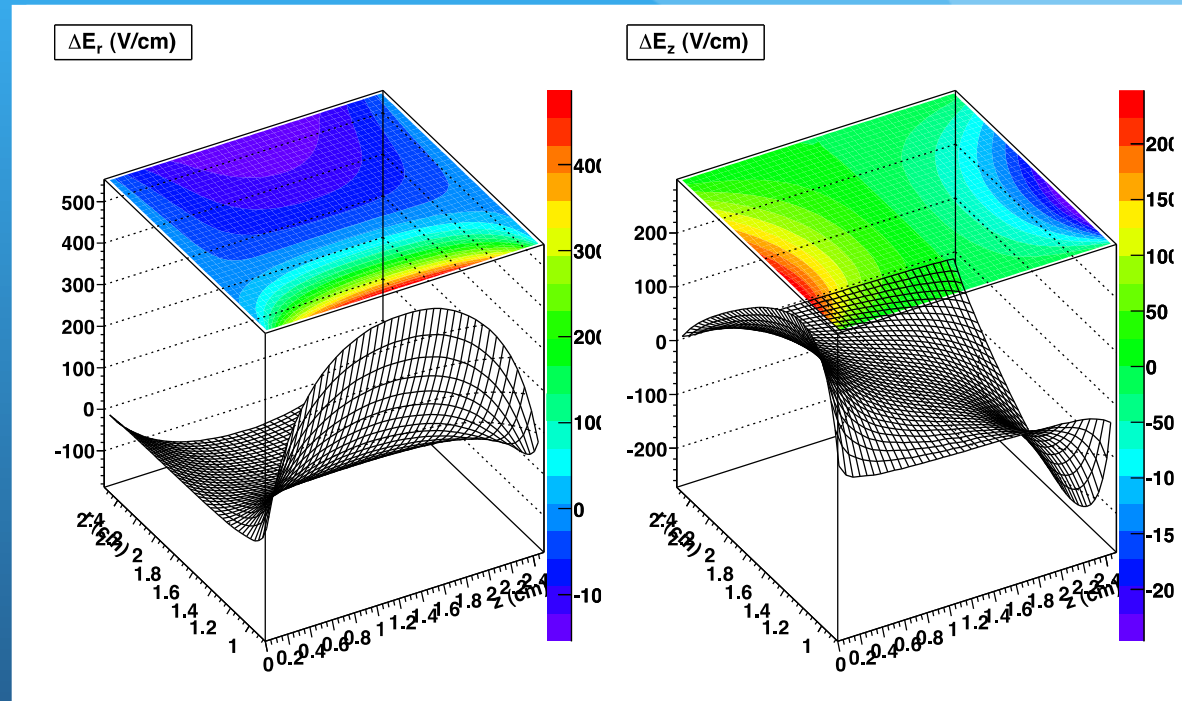
Summary and Outlook

- ALICE upgrades have been proposed to strengthen physics programs for precision QGP studies.
 - E-by-E flow, higher order flow for soft~hard probes, lepton, photons
 - ALICE is unique in low p_T physics, HQ measurements, dielectron measurement
 - Inspecting 50kHz of minimum bias Pb-Pb collisions
 - Require core upgrades (ITS, TPC, electronics, and DAQ), enhanced rate capabilities , and running beyond LS2/LS3.
 - Significant R&D efforts are on-going
 - GEM-TPC R&D is ongoing
 - To prove the principle, low IBF, space-charge distortion, online-offline corrections, continuous running.

Backup slides

Run at 50 kHz Pb-Pb after LS2

- With present MWPC readout, space-charge leads to unbearable distortions (order 1 m) and deterioration of dE/dx (10-20% gain drop)

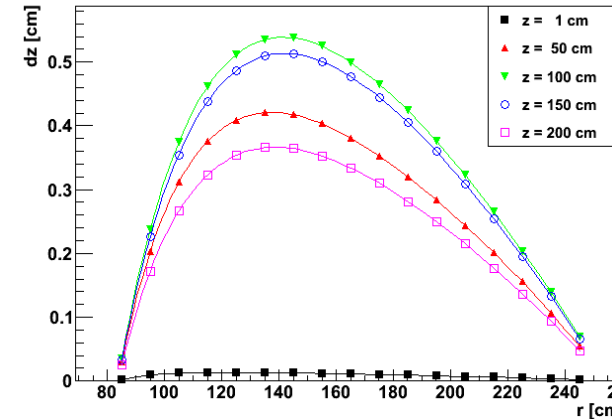
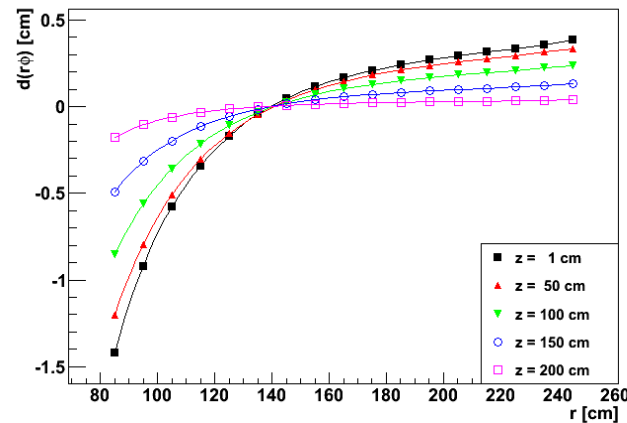
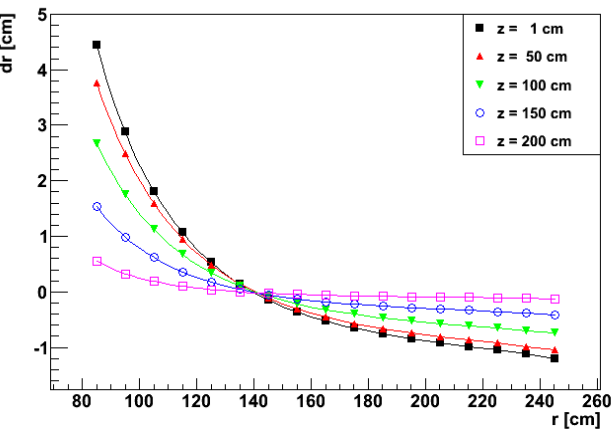


- ☞ GEMs offer the possibility to sustain continuous readout under high rates at a lower gain, while efficiently blocking ions to the % level
- ☞ 100 m² of large size foils, long drifts, high rates

Ongoing R&D: Ion Back Flow (IBF)

- High rates and long drifts: 'standard' GEM operation results in too large distortions (IBF 5-10%).
- IBF can be minimised by optimising electric fields, GEM geometry, gain sharing*: for IBF $\sim 0.25\%$ distortions stay well below 10 cm, as shown in simulations below
- Target value is IBF $\sim 0.25\%$ at gain 1000-2000

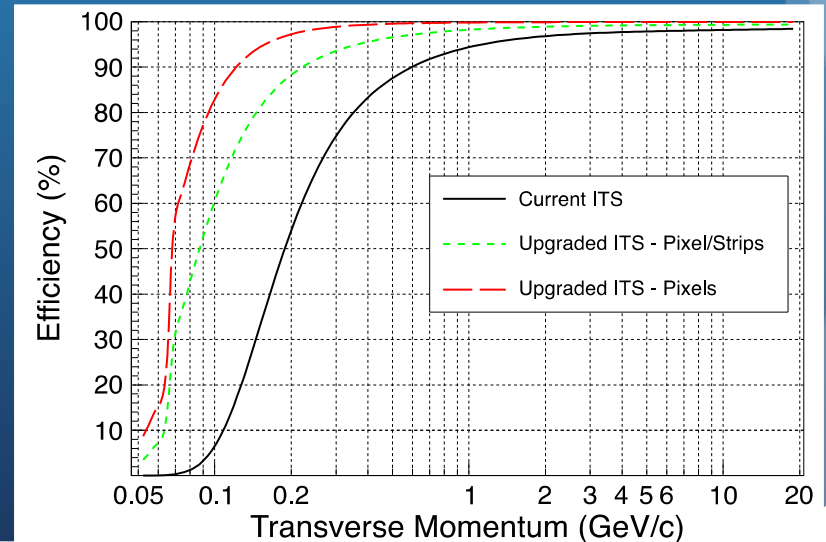
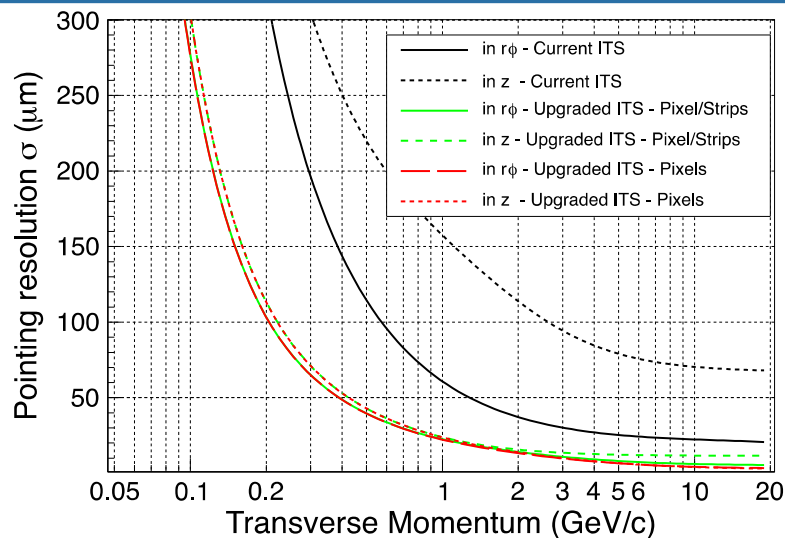
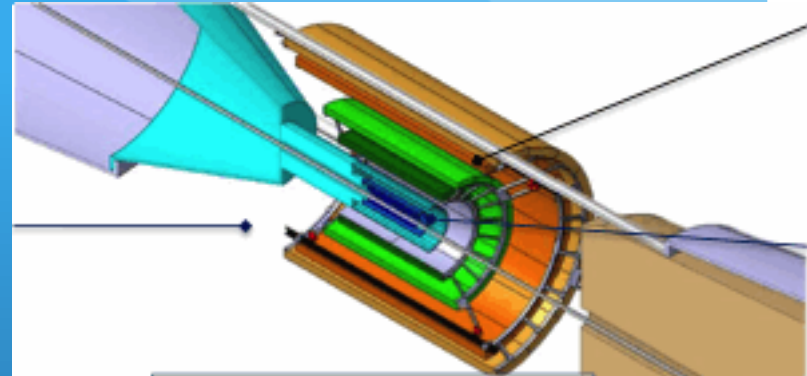
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* M. Killenberg et al. NIM A530, 251 (2004) , B. Ketzer et al. arXiv:1207.0013

Core Detector Upgrades - ITS

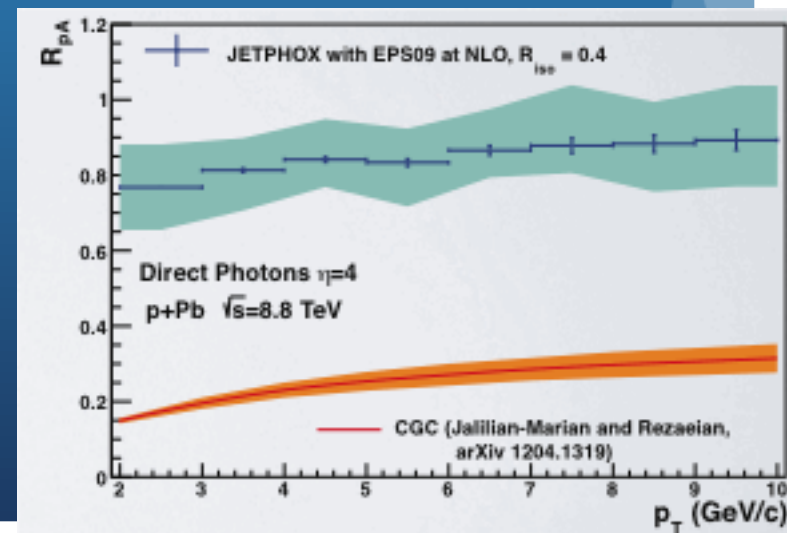
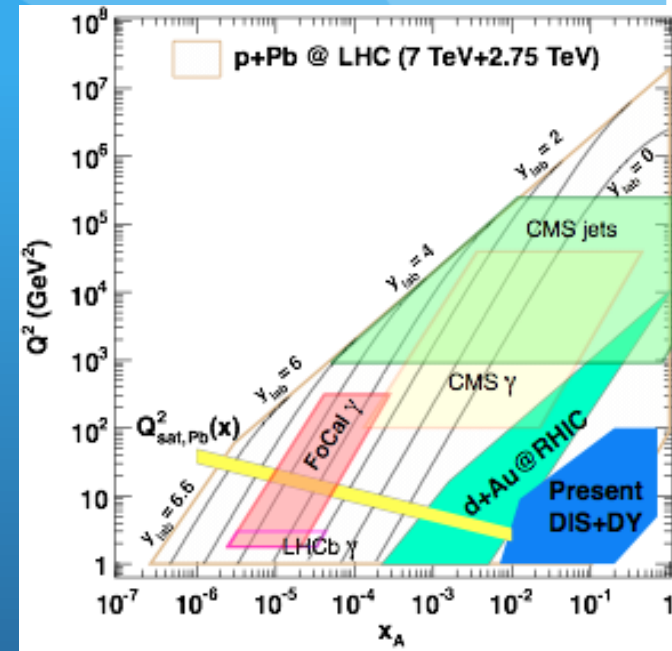
- 6- \rightarrow 7 Si layers
 - 7 pixels or 3(pixel)+4(strip)
 - Inner most at $R=2.2\text{cm}$
 - Low material $0.3\%X_0/\text{lay}$ ($\leftarrow 1.14\%X_0$)
 - Hybrid-pixel or MAPS(MIMOSA, LePIX, INMAPS). Extensive R&D.
 - Improve vertex resolution by factor of 3
 - Improve low p_T tracking efficiency



Other upgrades - FOCAL

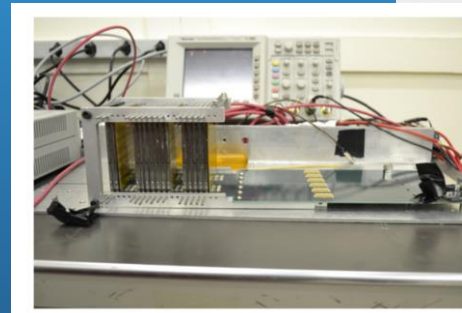
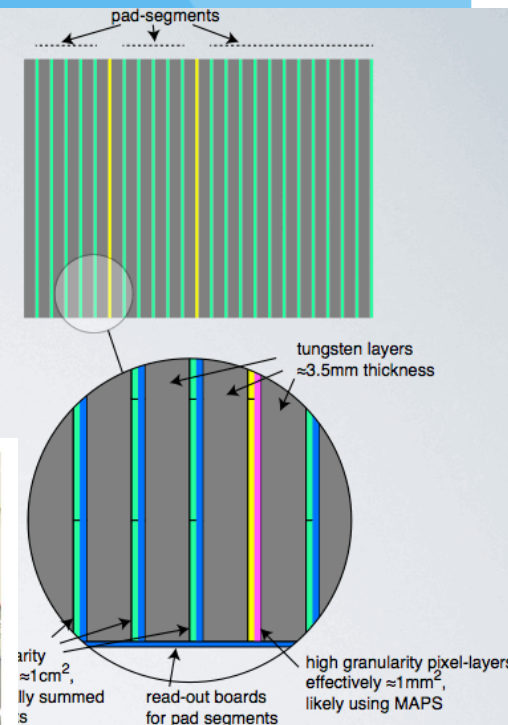
C.A. Salgado, JPG 38 (2011) 124036

- FOCAL(Forward Calorimeter)
 - Gluon saturation at small-x
 - Early stage dynamics of HI collisions
- Unique opportunity for ALICE
 - highest eta(>3) with wide p_T coverage
 - Prompt photon, π^0 , jets, (quarkonia) and correlation with rapidity gap
- W+Si EM Sampling Calorimeter
 - + H-CAL behind under consideration
 - Two possibilities on location
 - 3m ($2.5 < \eta < 4.2$) from IP
 - 8m ($3.3 < \eta < 5.0$) from IP

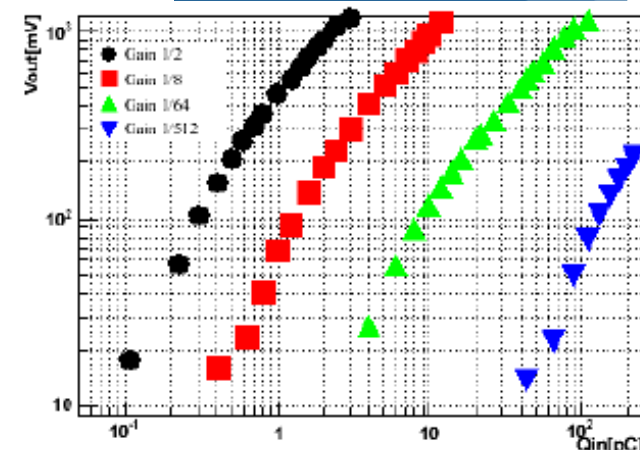
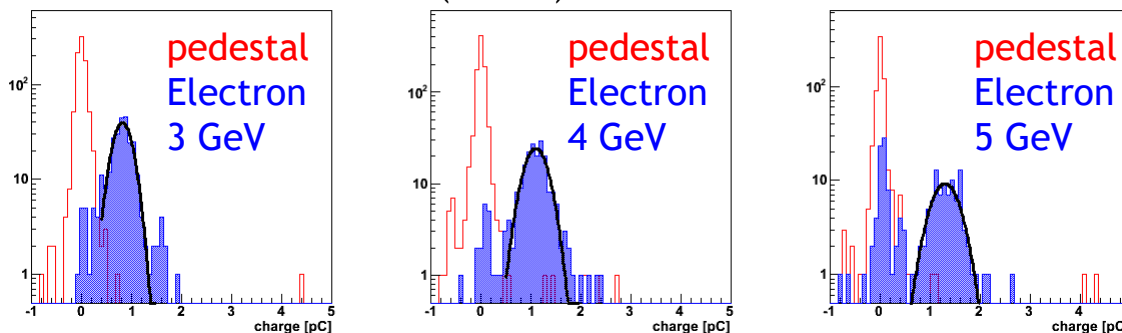


Other upgrades - FOCAL

- FOCAL detector design
 - Two combination of the detector
 - Low granularity Si-Pad layers
 - High granularity Si pixel layers
 - Separation of $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$ and prompt γ
- Prototype R&D
 - Si-Pad and electronics ASIC development (CNS et al.)
 - Si-Pixel (MAPS) development

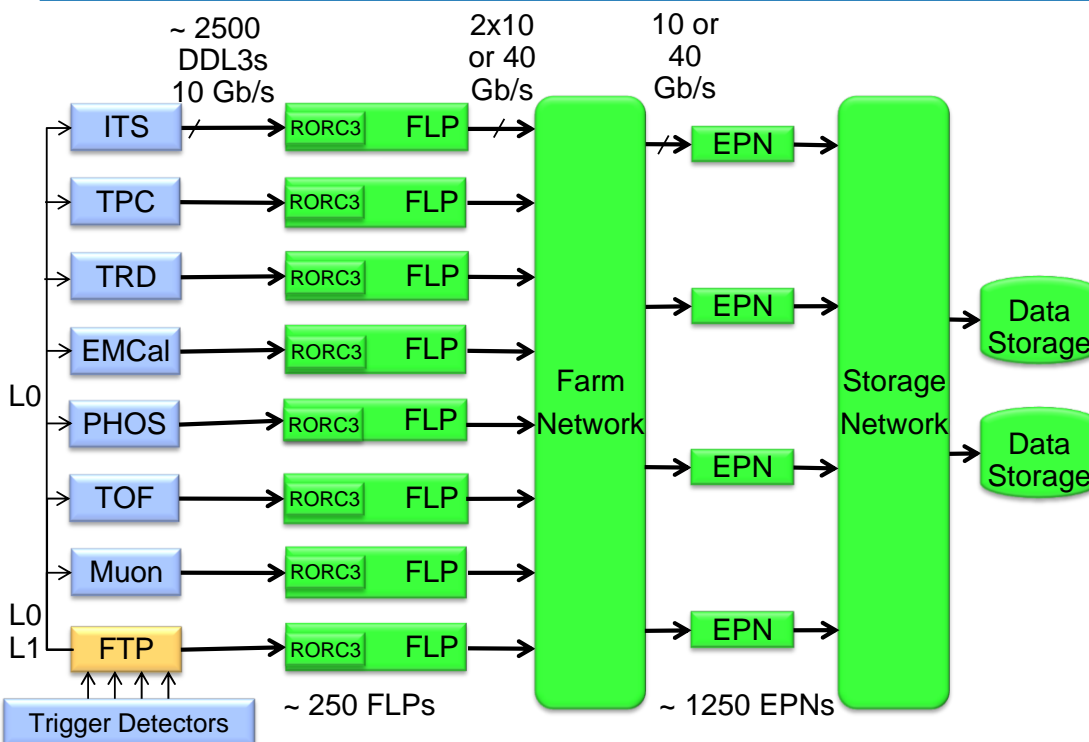


Beamtest of CNS FoCAL (Si-Pad) in 2011



Core Upgrade - DAQ

- DAQ upgrade
 - Requirements: ~1TByte/s detector readout, 20GB/s in storage
 - Strategy:
 - Data reduction by (partial) online reconstruction and compression.
 - Store only reconstructed data (tight coupling between online and offline)



FTP (Fast Trigger Processor)

- CLK/L0/L1, data tagging (ITS/TPC)

DDL/RORC

- DDL3(10GB/s)
- 10-12 DDL3, PCIe GEN3 in RORC3

Network

- 10/100Gbit Ethernet
- QDR/FDR Infiniband (42/50Gbit)

FLP (First Level Processor)

- ZS, data compression/localized reconstruction

EPN (Event building and Processing Node)

- Event building/final data compression (CPU/GPU)

Single mask GEM

•Double mask



•Same base material



•Hole patterning in Cu



•Polyimide etch

•Bottom electro etch

•Second Polyimide Etch

- Limited to 40cm x 40cm due to
 - Mask precision and alignment

•Single mask

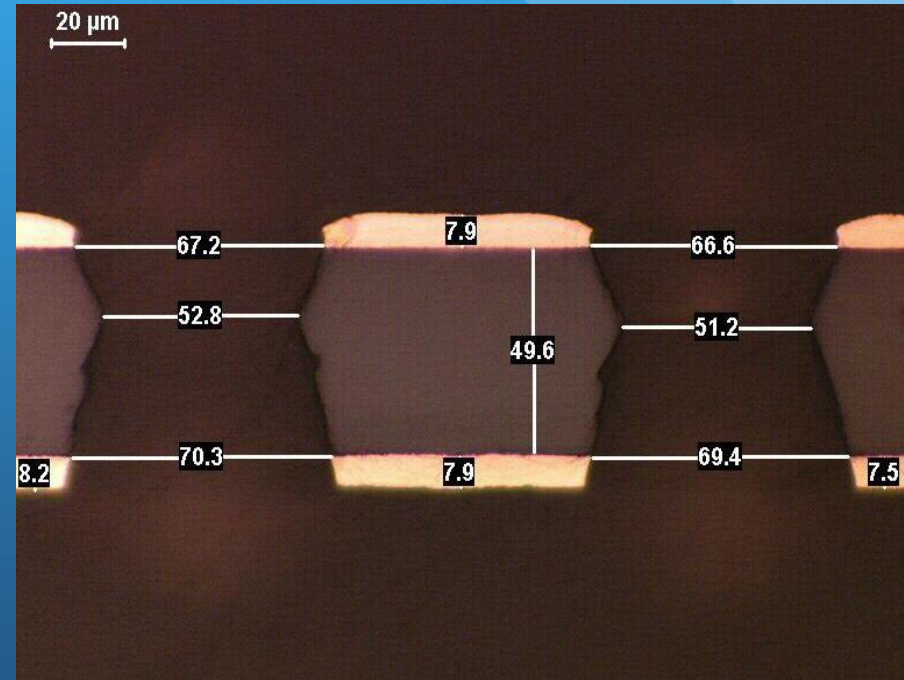


- Limited to 2m x 60cm due to

- Base material
- Equipment

Single mask GEM

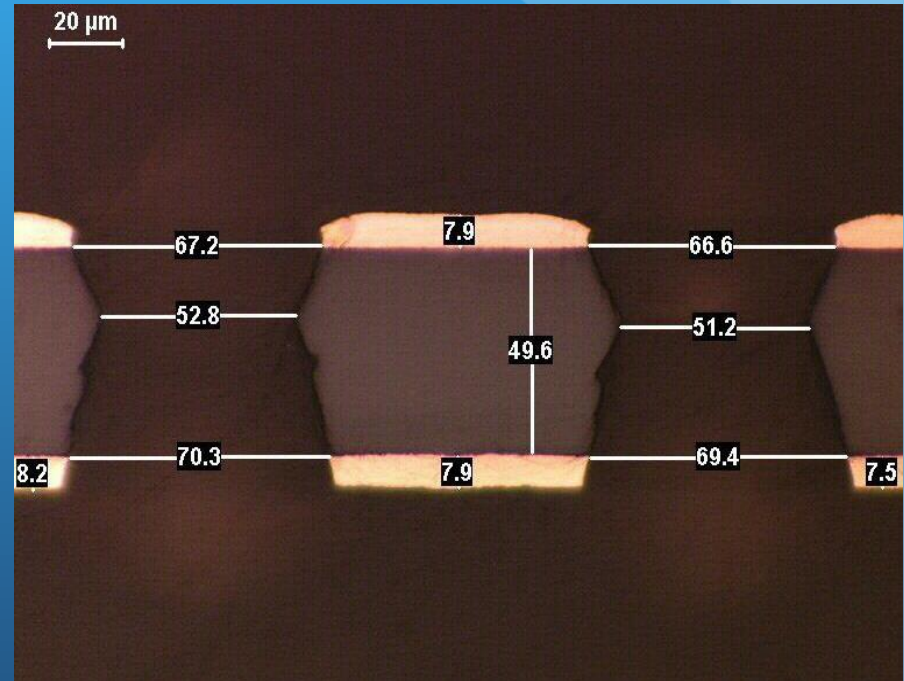
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- Similar patterns , similar behavior, same material.
 - Angles can be adjusted in both structure (Typ. value : 70um copper hole , 50um polyimide hole)
- Steeper angles give lower gain but also reduced charging up (similar as RIM in THGEM)

Single mask GEM

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the material.

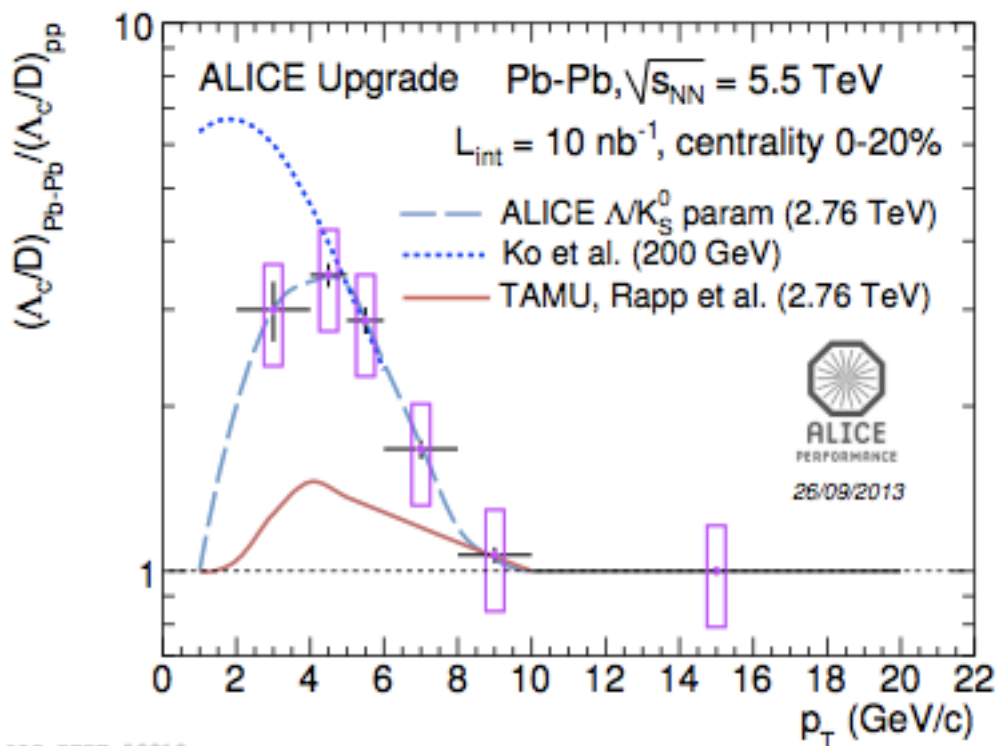
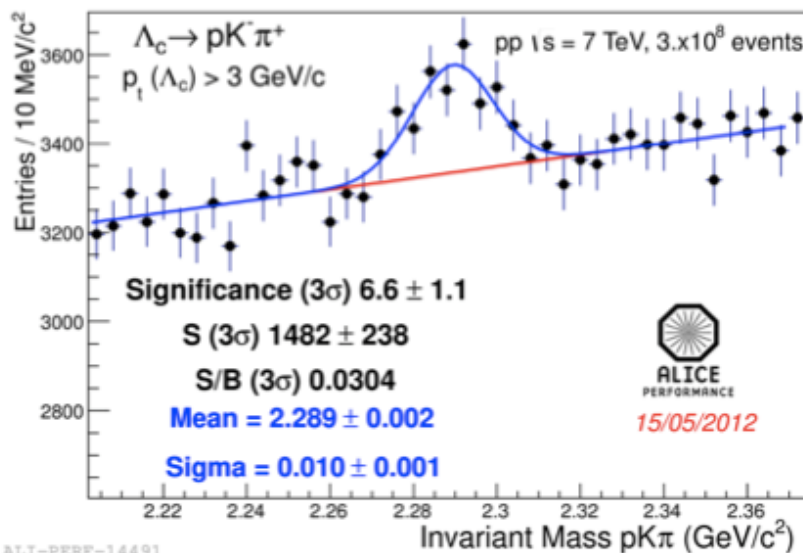
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WILL BE USED FOR CMS FORWARD MUON TRACKER

Heavy Flavor Measurements

- Improvement of secondary vertex resolution by x2
 - Measurement of Λ_c , D_s , Λ_b
 - v_2 and R_{AA} for wide p_T range (down to low p_T)
 - Better feasibility to measure Λ_c

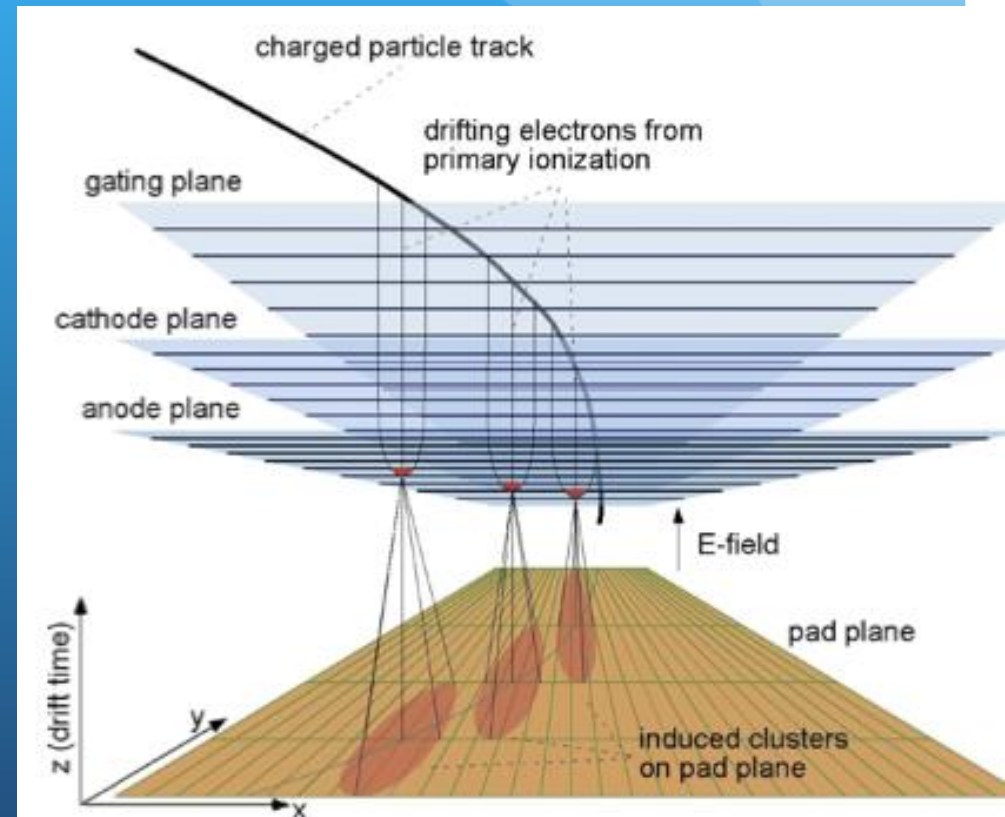


ALICE Status with the upgrades

		Status as of today	Reachable for approved	Reach with the upgrade
Bulk production	light flavours, v_2 , HBT	quantitative	precision	precision
Intermediate p_t	v_2 , correlations, baryon-meson	quantitative	precision	precision
High- p_t – jets	R_{AA} , correlations, jet fragm.	quantitative	precision	precision
	heavy-flavour in jets		hint	quantitative
	PID fragmentation	hint	quantitative	precision
Heavy flavour	D-mesons, R_{AA}	quantitative		precision
	D-meson v_2	hint		precision
	beauty, D_s	hint	quantitative	precision
	charm baryons		hint	quantitative
Charmonia	J/ψ forward, R_{AA}	quantitative	precision	precision
	J/ψ v_2	hint	quantitative	precision
	Ψ' , χ_c			quantitative
	J/ψ central, Y family	hint	quantitative	precision
Dileptons – γ	virtual γ	hint		quantitative
	ρ -meson			quantitative
Heavy nuclei	hyper(anti)nuclei, H-dibaryon	hint	quantitative	precision

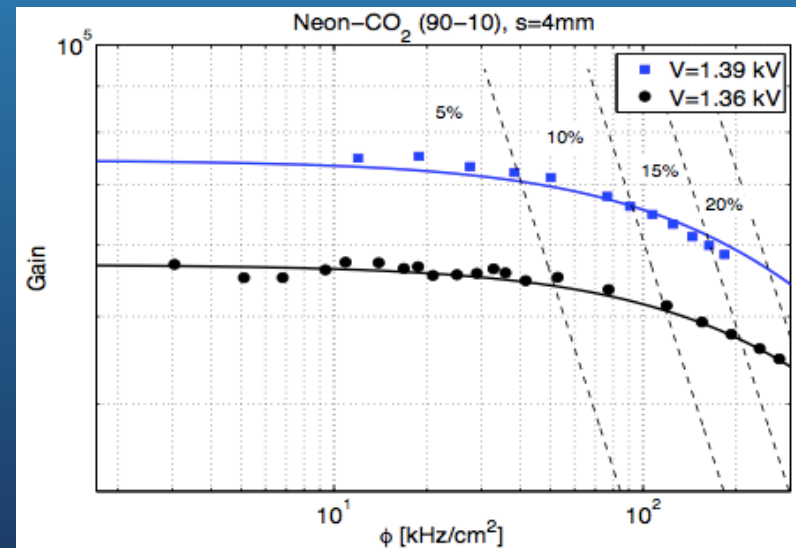
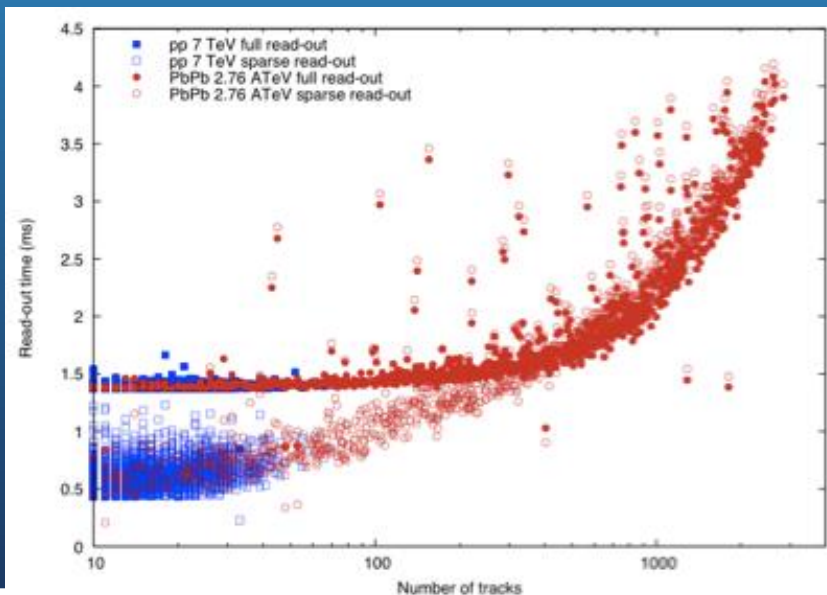
ALCIE TPC - II

- Gating wire
 - Prevent ions from drifting back to the drift space
 - Important to avoid field distortion
- Cathod, anode wire planes
- Gas gain $\sim 2 \times 10^4$
- Multiplication of drift electrons at anode
- Induced current on the readout pad



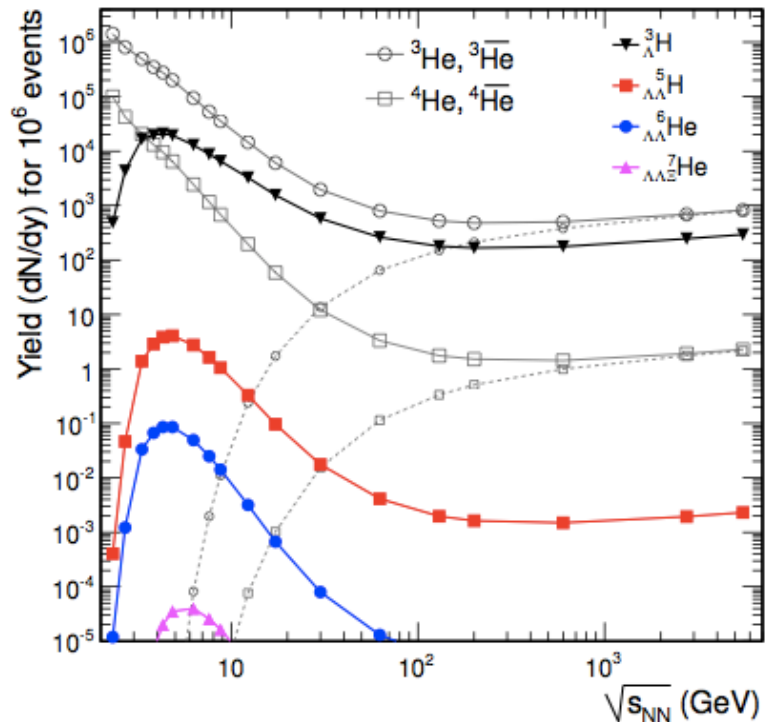
Current Limitations - II

- Current readout capability is worse
 - Maximum is ~ 300 Hz due to TPC readout capability
 - LS1 upgrade (RCU upgrade) \rightarrow 1kHz BW
- Rate tolerance of wire amplification. $O(10\text{kHz}/\text{cm}^2)$



Exotics

- 10^{10} central events. Feasible for these measurements



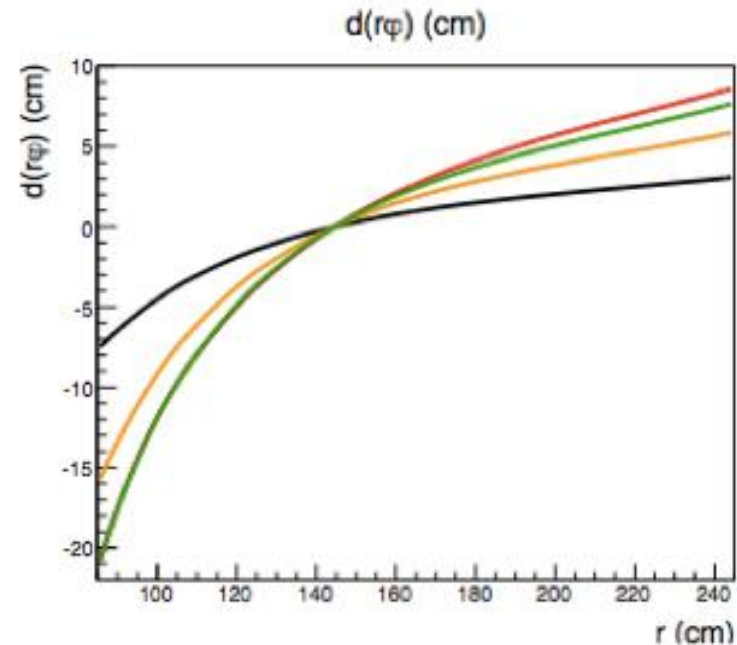
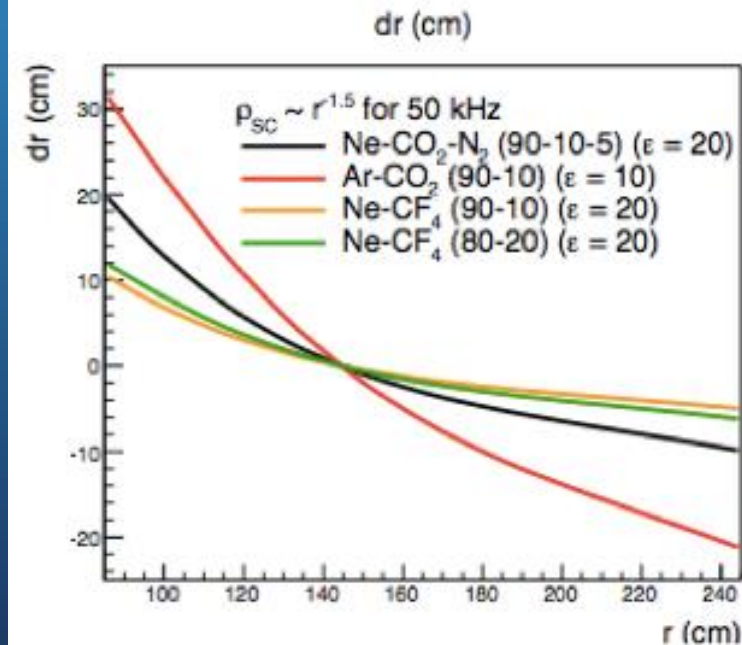
Particle	Yield
Anti-alpha ${}^4\bar{\text{He}}$	3.0×10^4
Anti-hypertriton ${}^3_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}$ ($\bar{\Lambda}\bar{p}\bar{n}$)	3.0×10^5
${}^4_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}$ ($\bar{\Lambda}\bar{p}\bar{n}\bar{n}$)	8.0×10^2
${}^5_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}$ ($\bar{\Lambda}\bar{p}\bar{n}\bar{n}\bar{n}$)	3.0
${}^4_{\bar{\Lambda}\bar{\Lambda}}\bar{\text{H}}$ ($\bar{\Lambda}\bar{\Lambda}\bar{p}\bar{n}$)	3.4×10^1
${}^5_{\bar{\Lambda}\bar{\Lambda}}\bar{\text{H}}$ ($\bar{\Lambda}\bar{\Lambda}\bar{p}\bar{n}\bar{n}$)	0.2
H-Dibaryon ($\Lambda\Lambda$)	5.0×10^6
$\Xi\bar{\Xi}$	1.5×10^5
Λn	8.0×10^7

Future ALICE Program

- ALICE heavy-ion program approved for 1~10nb⁻¹:
- Possible scenario
 - 2013-14 Long Shutdown 1 (LS1)
 - completion of TRD and installation of Di-jet CAL
 - 2015 Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.1$ TeV
 - 2016-17 Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5$ TeV
 - 2018 Long Shutdown 2 (LS2)
 - 2019 Pb-Pb 2.85nb⁻¹
 - 2020 Pb-Pb 2.85nb⁻¹ (low magnetic field)
 - 2021 p-p reference run
 - 2022-2023 Long Shutdown 3 (LS3)
 - 2024-2026: Pb-Pb/p-Pb run with ALICE upgrade
(3.5 month/year for HI, 1 month with low B)

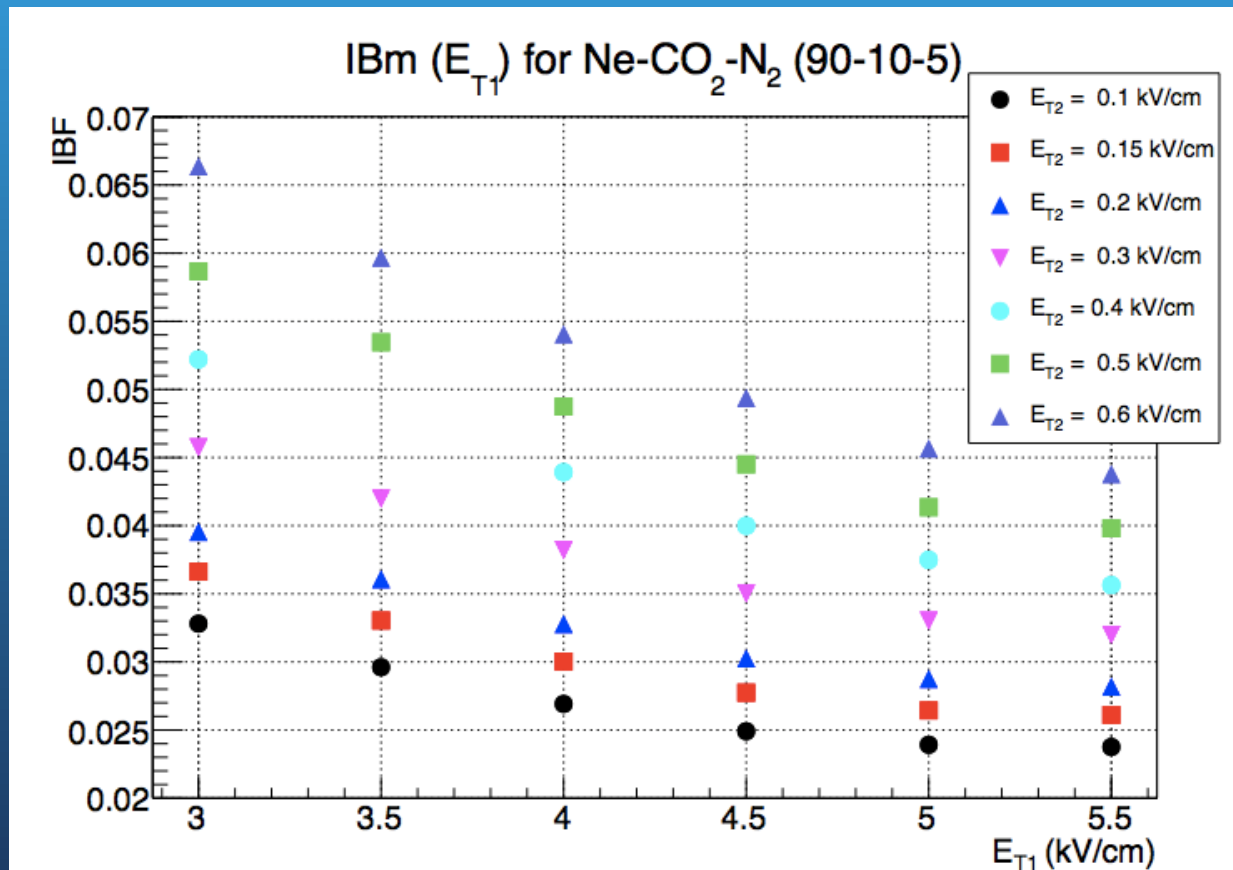
Space-charge distortion

- Maximum radial and azimuthal distortions for various gas mixtures at IBF=1% and gain=2000
- Ne-CO₂-N₂ is baseline gas mixture.
 - Online corrections to 0.01% (0.02cm) are required
 - Space-charge map, fluctuation map (from Pb-Pb raw data)



IBF studies

- 3 standard GEM setup
 - Measurement at gain = 2000
 - Better IBF with high E_{T1} and low E_{T2} but IBF=2%! Not enough!



IBF studies

- Another option = “2 GEM + Micromegas”
 - MMG has good IBF capability.
 - With 1000LPI mesh, IBF $\sim E_1/E_2 \sim 1\%$.
 - Further IBF suppression with 2 GEMs x 10, IBF $\sim 0.1\%$ can be possible.
 - On-going measurements!

