

12th International Conference on Hard and Electromagnetic Probes of High-Energy Nuclear Collisions

ALICE highlights

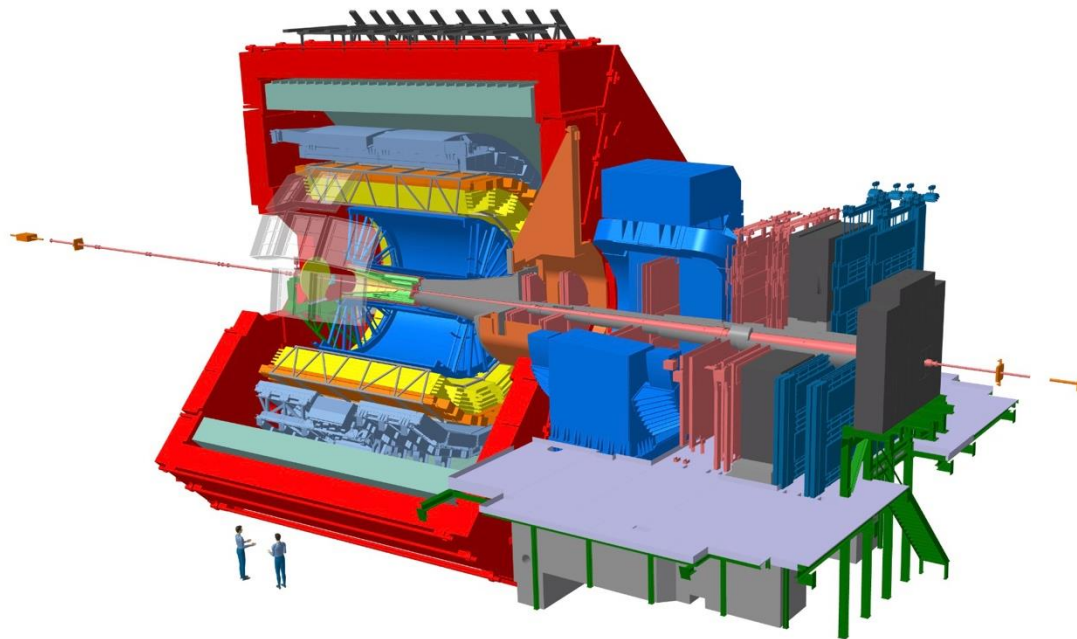
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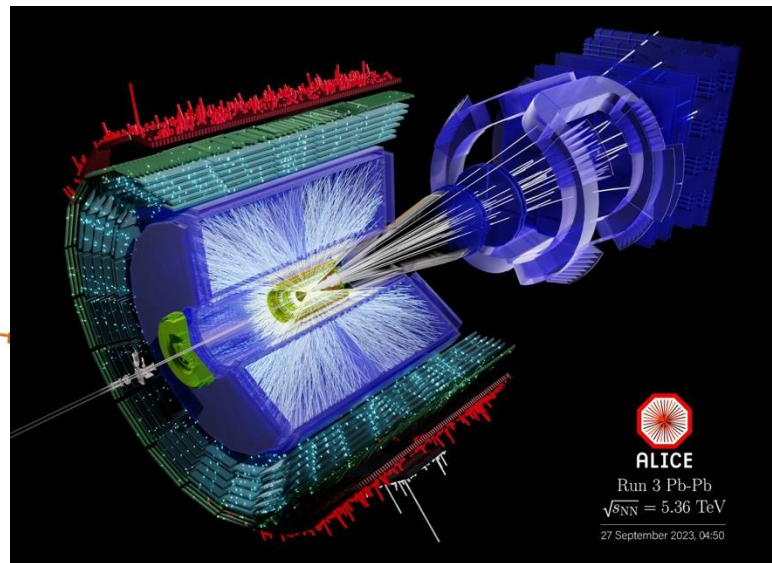
Nagasaki, Japan, 22nd - 27th, Sep. 2024



ALICE in Run 3 (Ongoing)

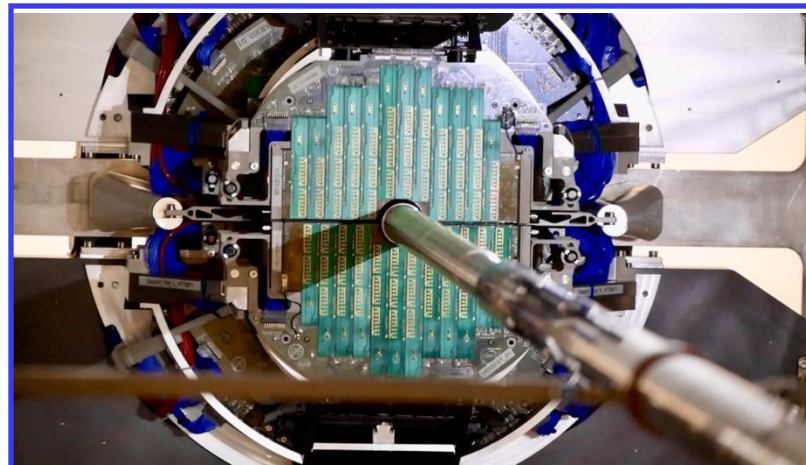


Major upgrades installed in 2019- 2021



LHC LS2	LHC RUN 3	LHC LS3	LHC RUN 4	LHC LS4	LHC RUN 5 and RUN 6
2019-2021	2022-2025	2026-2028	2029-2032	2033-2034	2035-2041

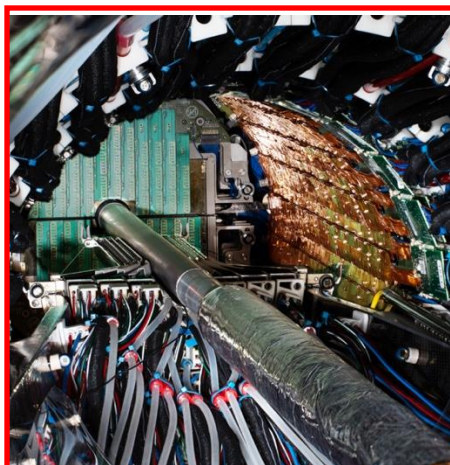
ALICE in Run 3 (MFT and ITS2)



New Muon Forward Tracker

[MFT CDS LINK](#)

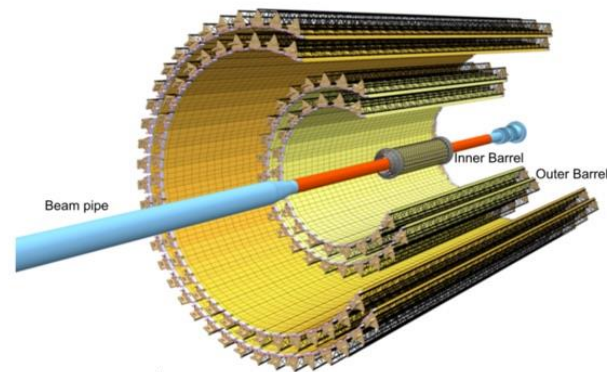
- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor technology
- Spatial resolution: 5 μm
- Pixel size: 27 μm x 29 μm
- Integration time: 5 μs



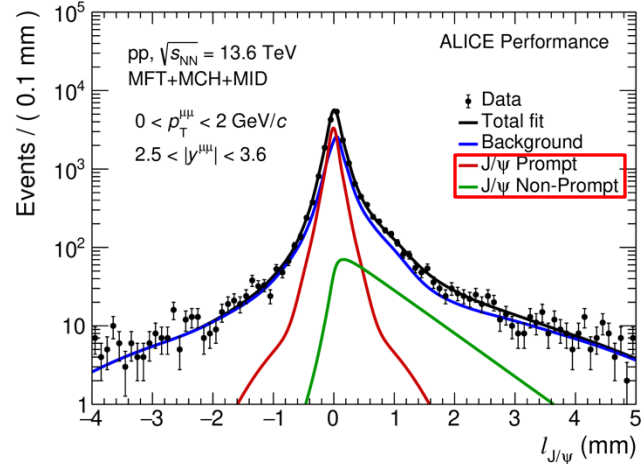
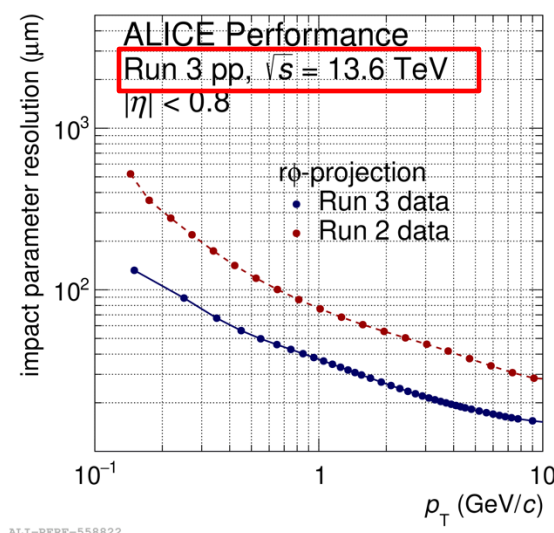
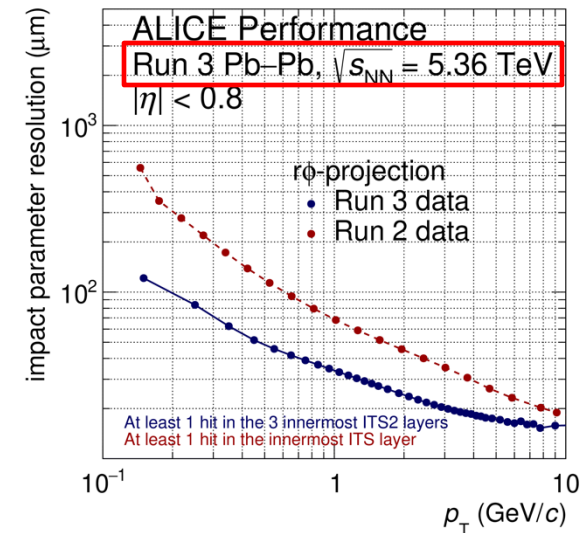
Upgraded Inner Tracking System

[TDR ITS2 LINK](#)

- 3 layers in inner barrel (IB), 4 in outer barrel (OB)
- Get closer to IP: from 39 mm to 23 mm
- Reduced material budget: from 1.14% X_0 to 0.36% X_0 per layer
- Reduced pixel size: from 50 x 425 μm^2 to 29 x 27 μm^2



Performance of the ITS2 and MFT in Run 3



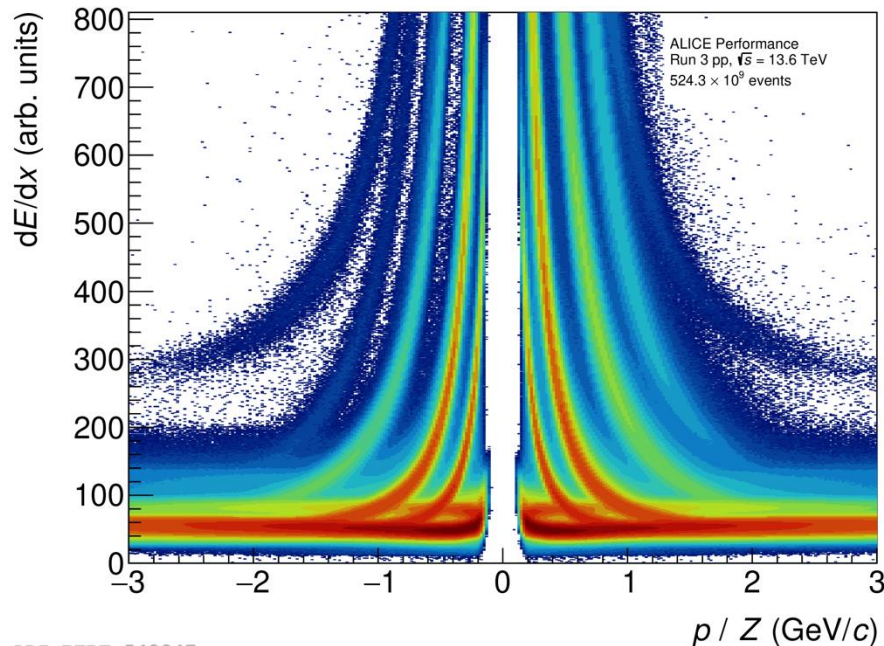
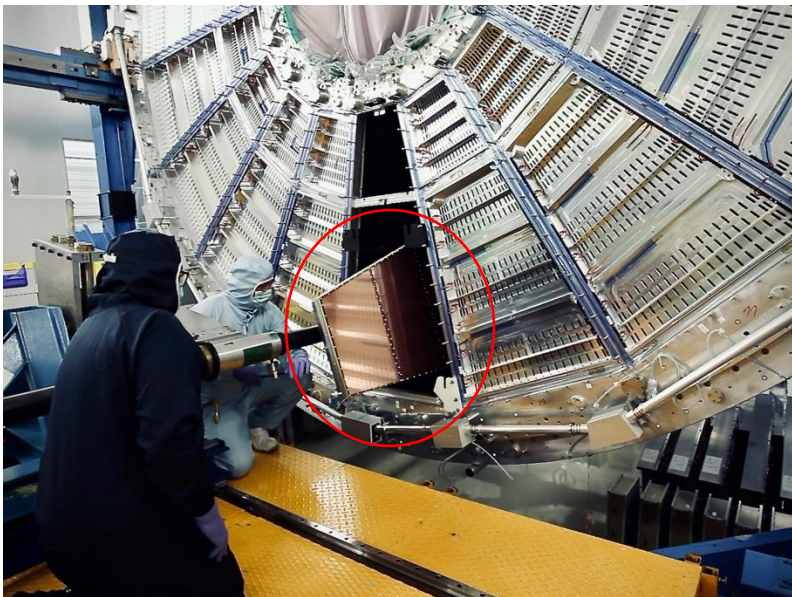
Improved pointing resolution at midrapidity

already now by **factors of 2 and 6** in the transverse plane and beam-line direction, respectively

Secondary vertex reconstruction enabled at forward rapidity

separation of **J/ψ** contributions from beauty-hadron decays

ALICE in Run 3 (TPC)



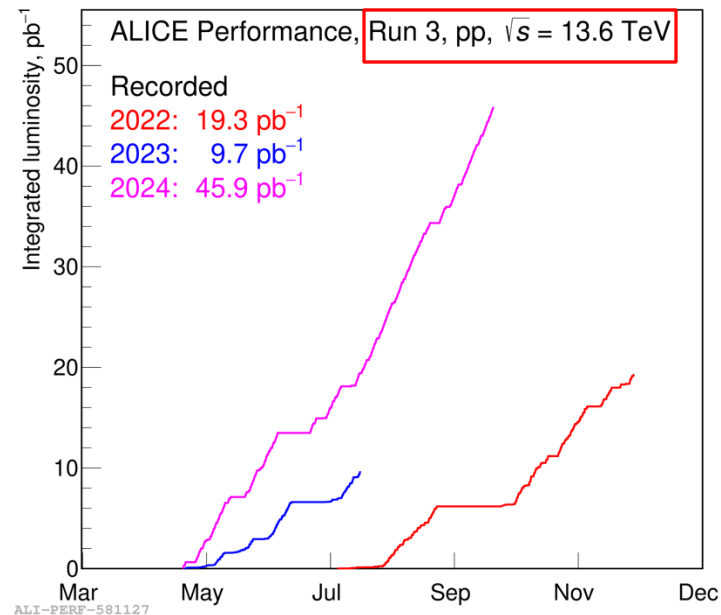
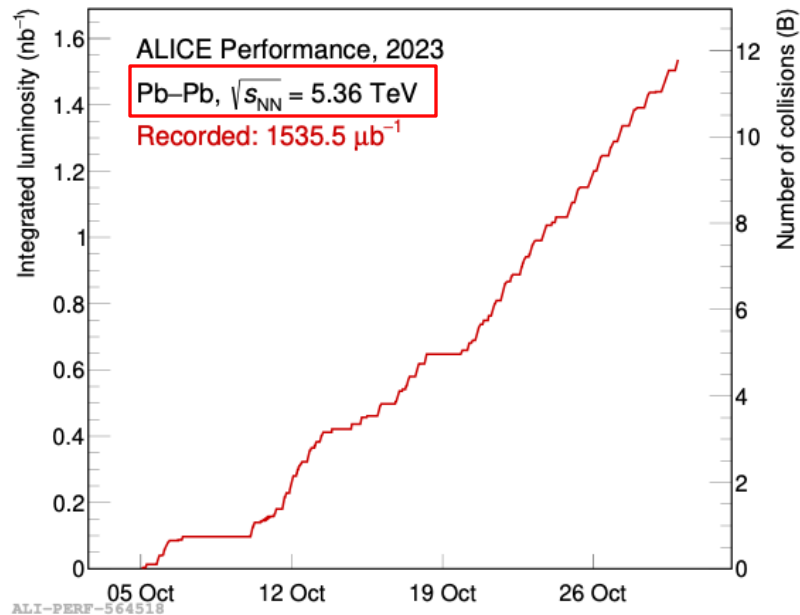
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Upgraded Time Projection Chamber -> **GEM, continuous readout**

[TPC UPGRADE CDS LINK](#)

- pp data taking at 500 kHz
- Pb-Pb data taking at 50 kHz

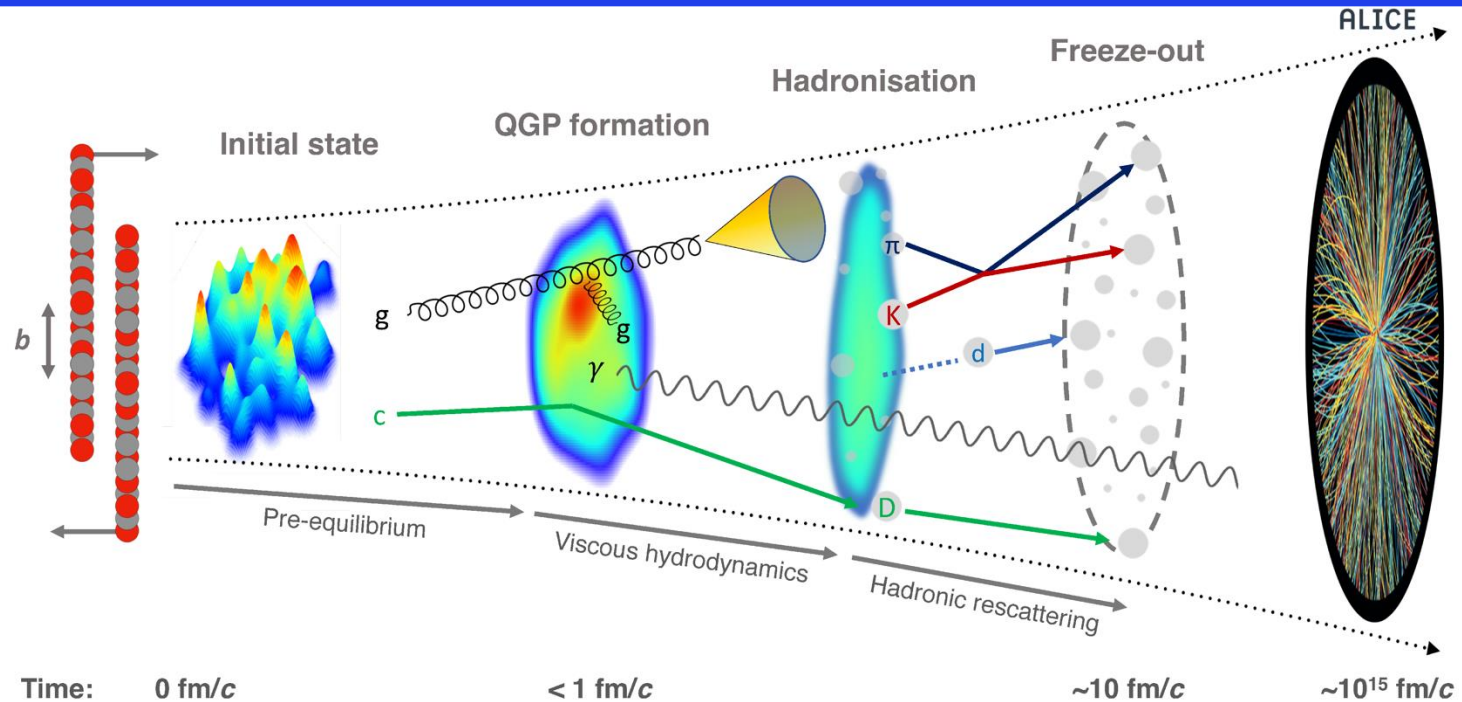
Run 3 data taking



- Pb-Pb data taking at **50 kHz**
- Collected approx. 12 B minimum bias events

- pp data taking at **500 kHz**
- 75 pb^{-1} minimum bias events are currently recorded

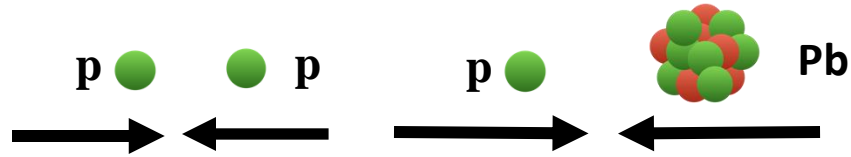
Evolution of the heavy-ion collisions



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Heavy flavor, quarkonium and jets, are excellent **hard probes** to study the **initial state**, **QGP properties** and **hadronisation mechanisms in heavy-ion collisions**

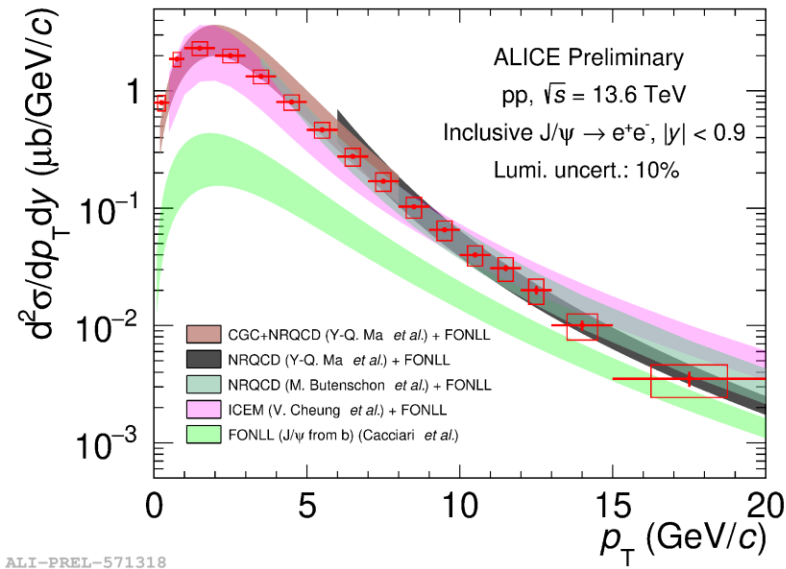
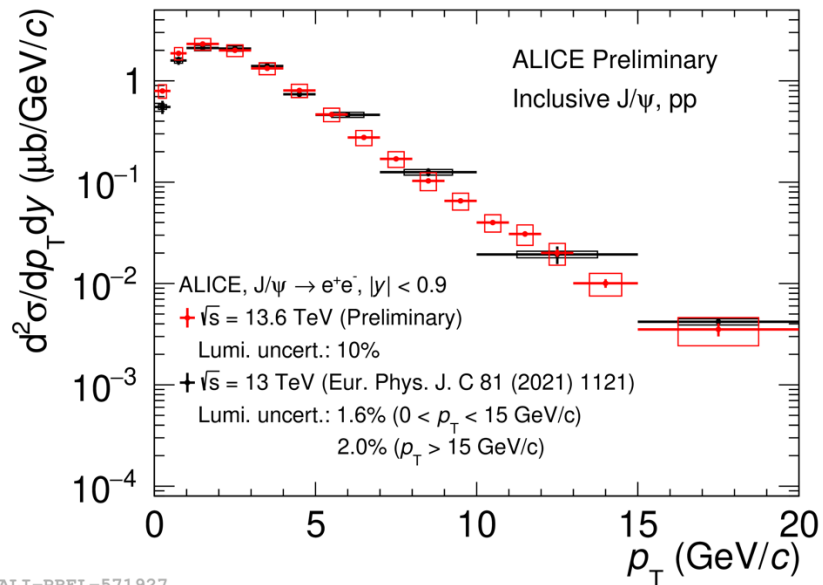
ALICE, Eur. Phys. J. C 84 (2024) 813



Highlights from pp and p-Pb collisions

Charmonia in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV

Run 3 Preliminary

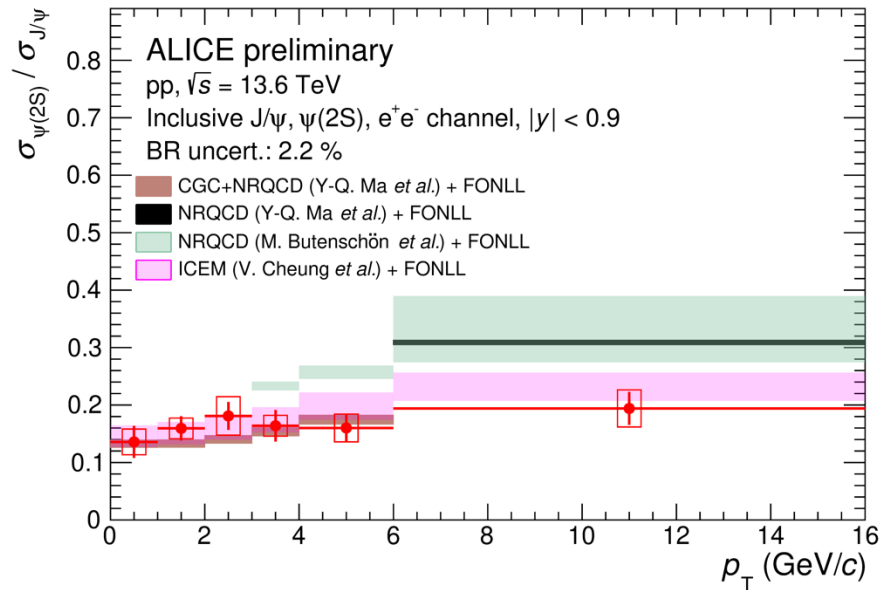
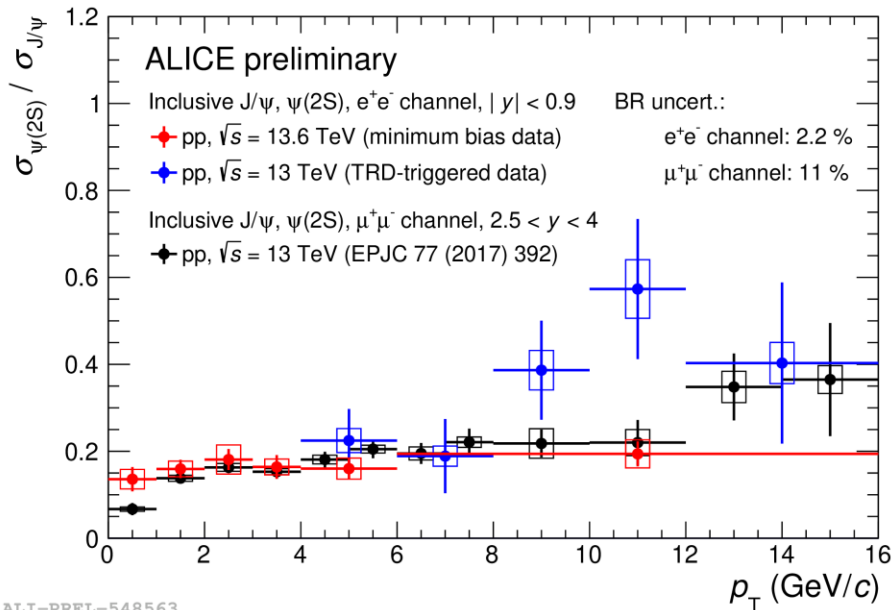


- The new J/ψ cross section is consistent with the Run 2 results
- The data are described by ICEM and NRQCD based models coupled with FONLL to account for the non-prompt J/ψ contribution

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$\psi(2S)$ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV

Run 3 Preliminary

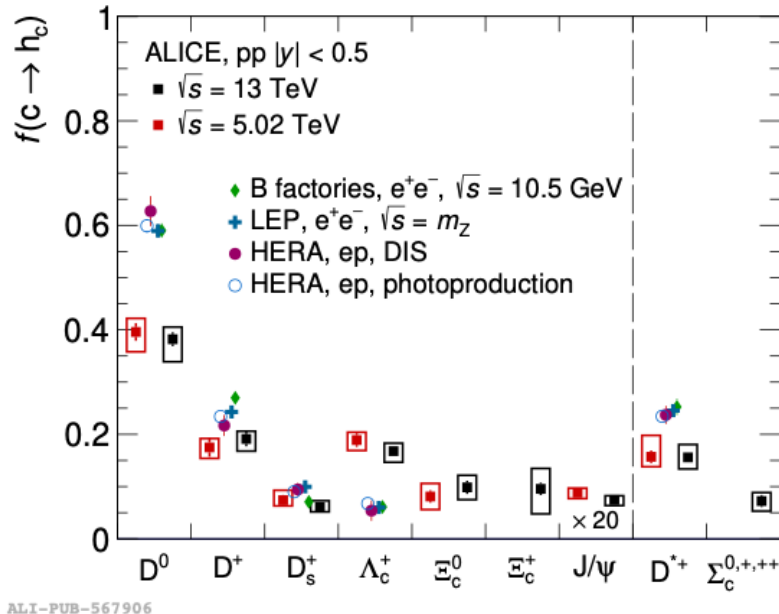
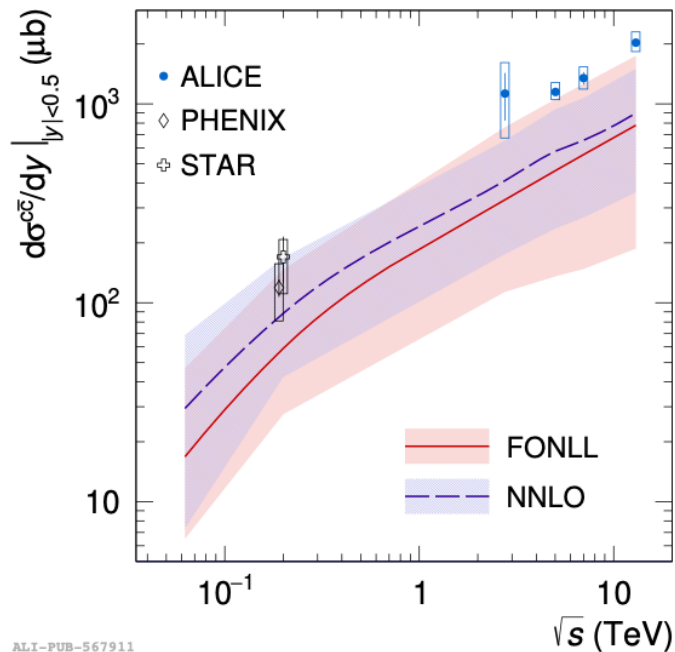


- Run 3 with the significantly increased statistics allow to reconstruct $\psi(2S)$ via dielectron decays
- The CGC + NRQCD and ICEM can describe the data at low p_T

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Charm production and fragmentation fractions

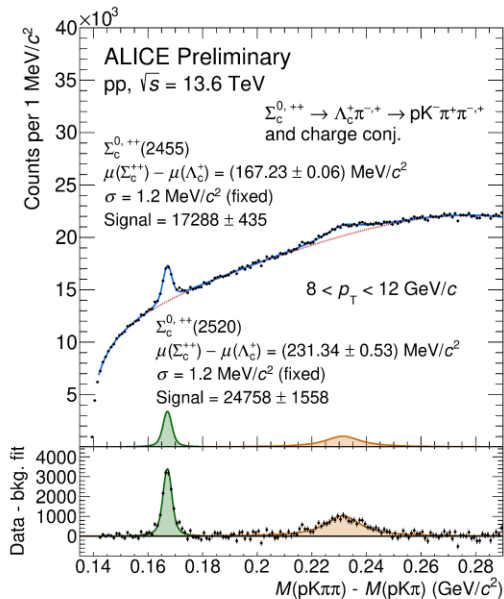
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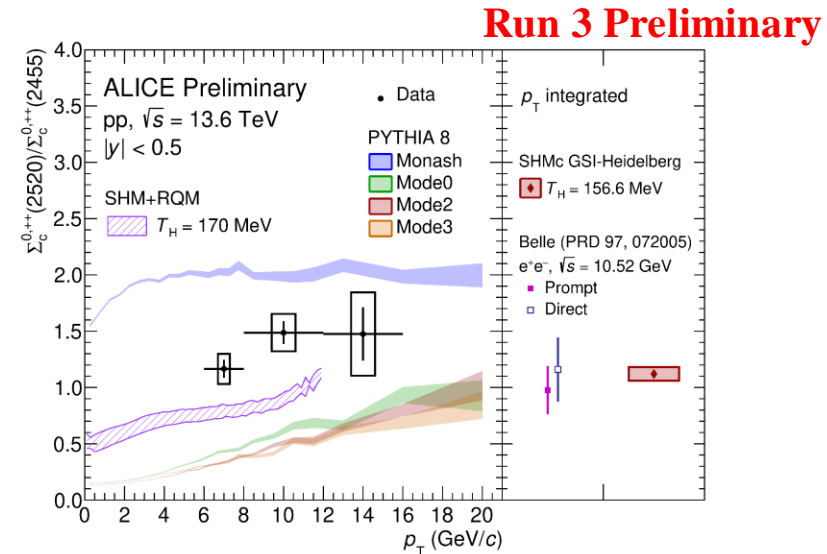
- Total charm production cross section: values on the upper limits of the FONLL prediction at midrapidity
- **Charm fragmentation fractions are different** w.r.t ee and ep collisions
- **Baryon production is not fully understood**

Federica Zanone [23/09 17:50](#)

$\Sigma_c^{0,++}$ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV



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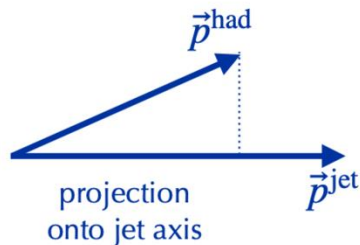
Run 3 Preliminary

- First measurement of the production of $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2520)$ relative to $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2455)$ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV
- No evidence of difference w.r.t. e⁺e⁻ collisions considering current uncertainties
- PYTHIA 8 Monash (default tune) overestimates the ratio, PYTHIA 8 with additional color reconnection topologies underestimates the ratio

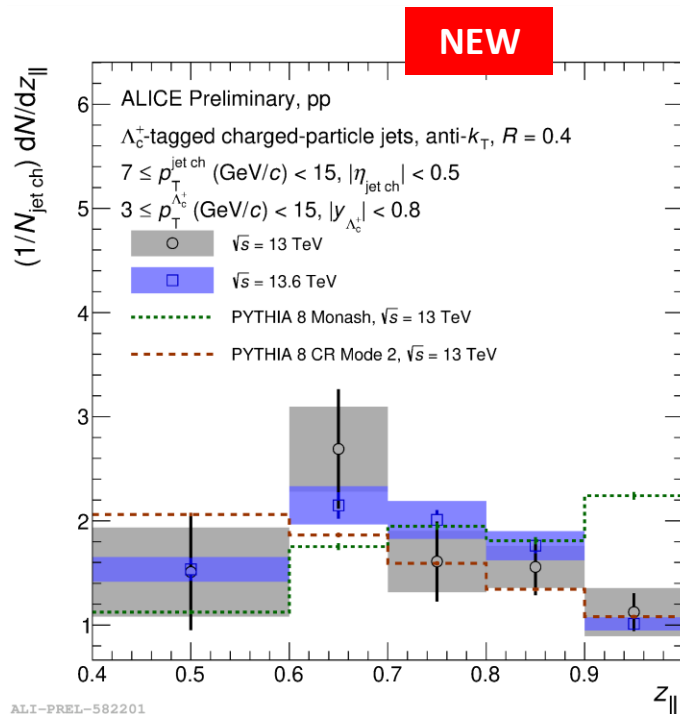
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Probe the charm baryon fragmentation function

Run 3 Preliminary



$$z_{\parallel} = \frac{\vec{p}_{\text{jet}} \cdot \vec{p}_{\text{had}}}{\vec{p}_{\text{jet}} \cdot \vec{p}_{\text{jet}}}$$

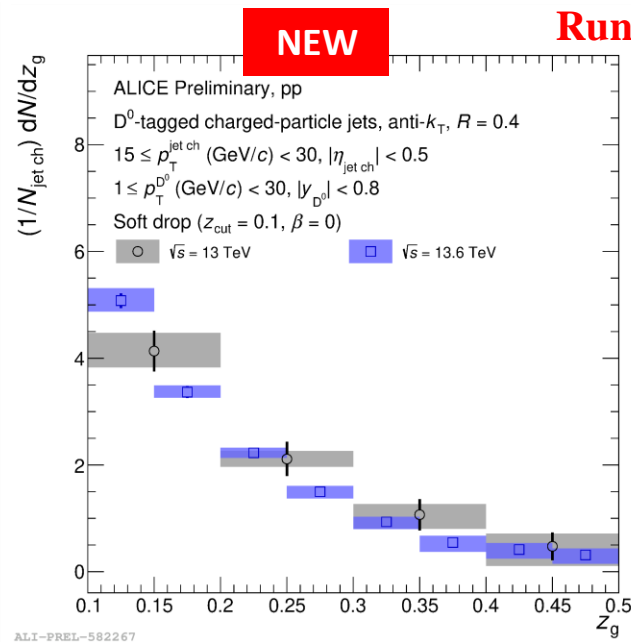
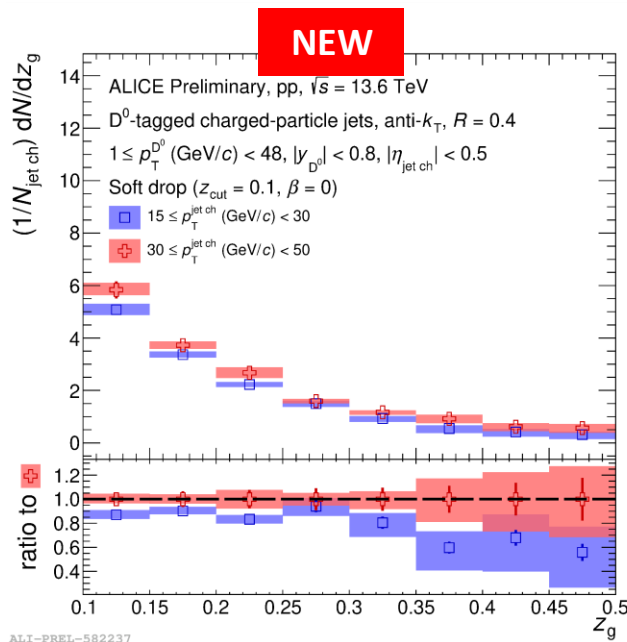


- Λ_c probing the non-universality of charm baryon hadronisation
- The precision of the new results from Run 3 improved significantly

Jochen Klein 25/09 12:10

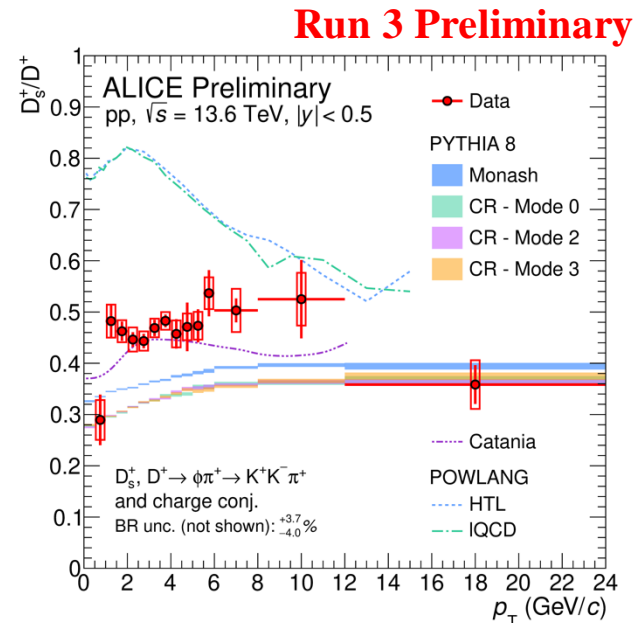
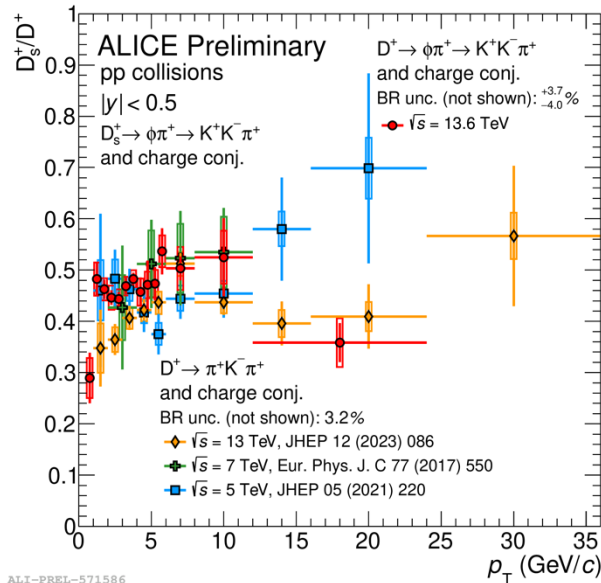
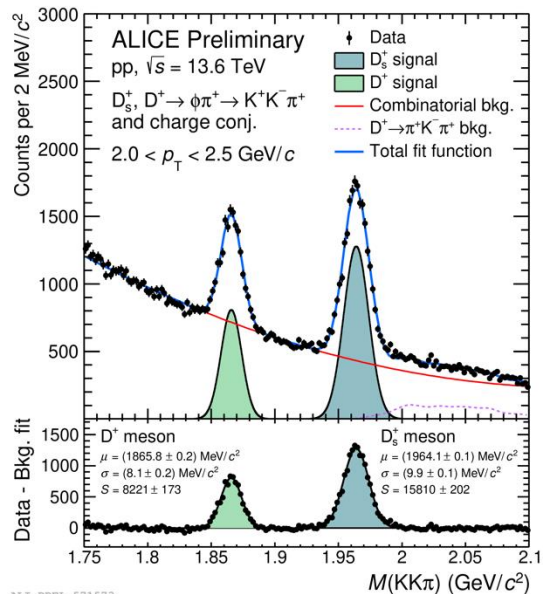
Probing the charm splitting function

$$z_g = \frac{p_{T,g}}{p_{T,c} + p_{T,g}}$$



- The momentum fraction of the first splitting in groomed charm jets converges to the charm splitting function ($c \rightarrow cg$).
- Run 3 allows us to make differential measurements in jet p_T
- In inclusive jets Z_g has no dependence on jet p_T , but in heavy-flavour jets mass effect decreases with increasing p_T ?

Prompt D_s^+ and D^+ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV

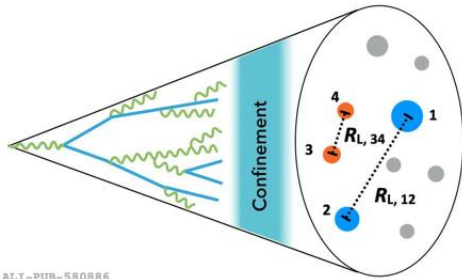


- First measurement of prompt D_s^+ and D^+ ratio in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV, finer granularity, down to $p_T = 0$
- Provide a better **baseline for Pb-Pb measurements**, tools to investigate the **strangeness enhancement in charm sector**
- Catania (coalescence) gives best description, while POWLANG (local color recombination) and PYTHIA (string fragmentation) can not describe the data

Fabio Catalano 24/09 09:20

New publication

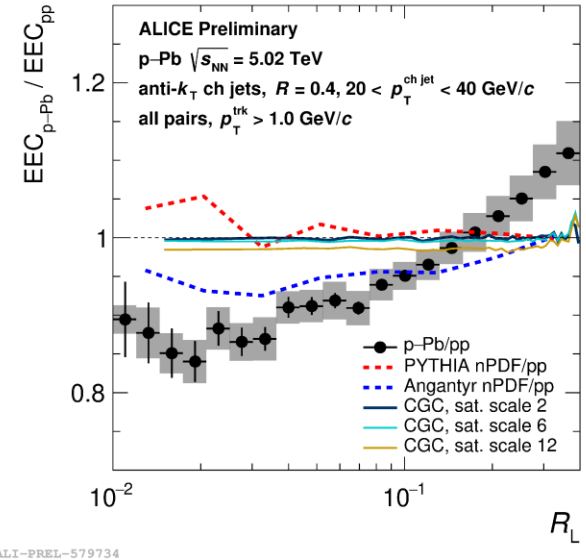
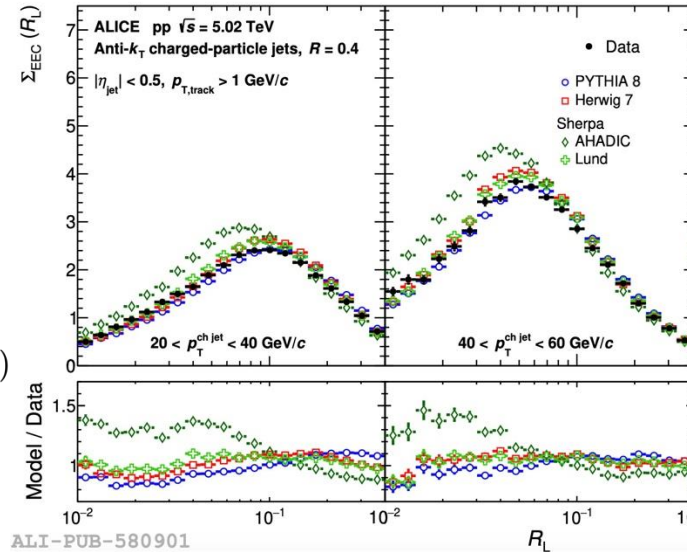
arXiv:2409.12687



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$$\frac{d\sigma_{EEC}}{dR_L} = \sum_{i,j} \int d\sigma(R'_L) \frac{p_{T,i} p_{T,j}}{p'_{T,jet}} \delta(R'_L - R_{L,ij})$$

$$R_L = \sqrt{\Delta\phi_{ij}^2 + \Delta\eta_{ij}^2}$$

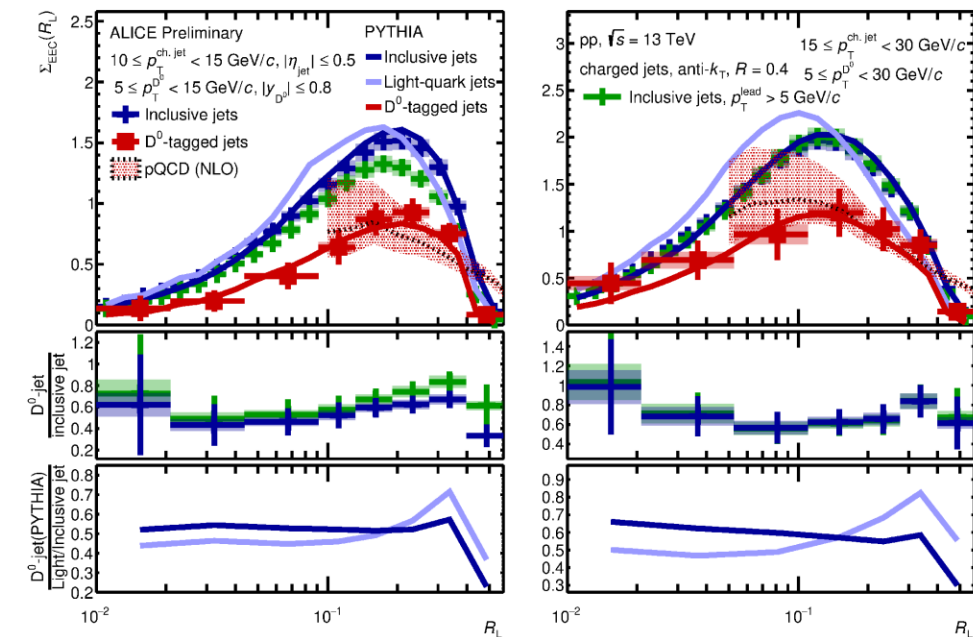


- A novel jet substructure observable describing the energy flow inside jets, can be calculated from first principles in QCD in the perturbative limit
- Separation of the perturbative and non-perturbative regimes
- Modification of the energy-energy correlator (EEC) seen in p-Pb collisions, but not explained by purely initial-state effects

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Mass dependence of the energy-energy correlators

New Preliminary

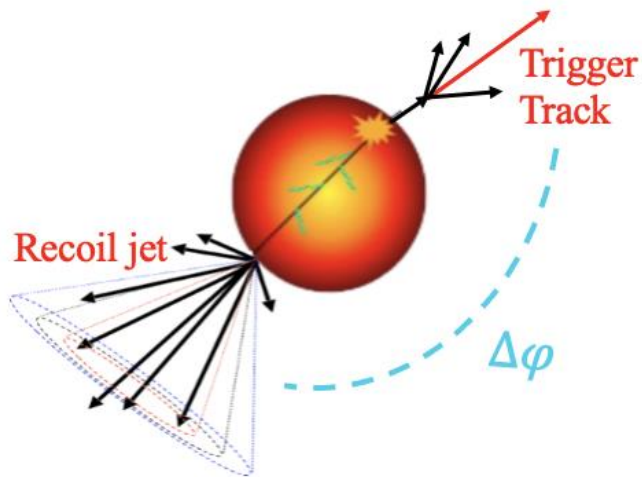


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- First heavy flavor energy-energy correlator measurement
- Flavour effect is seen as a decrease in the EEC amplitude, peak position is not significantly shifted compared to inclusive jets

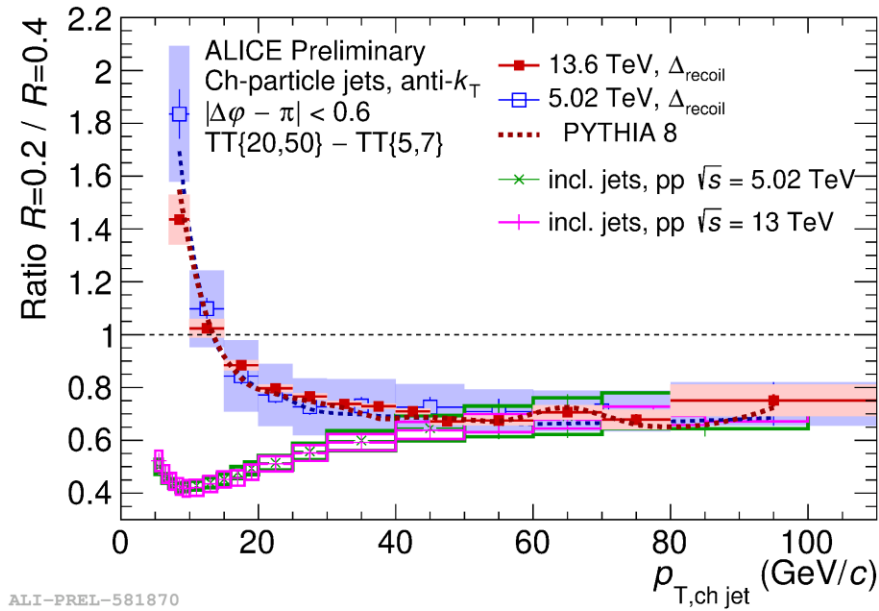
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Jet measurements in Run 3



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Run 3 Preliminary



➤ The jet measurements in Run 3 by ALICE

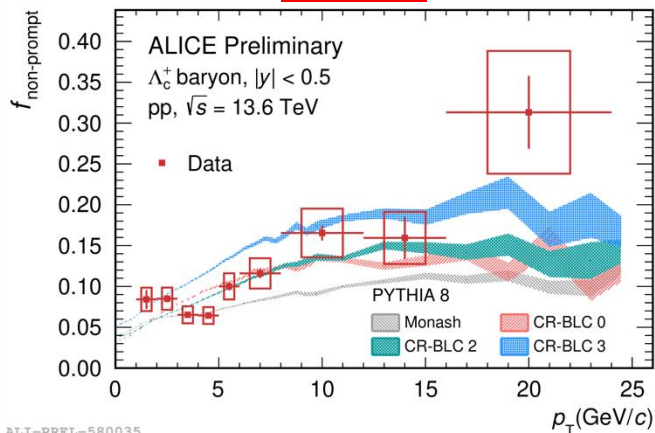
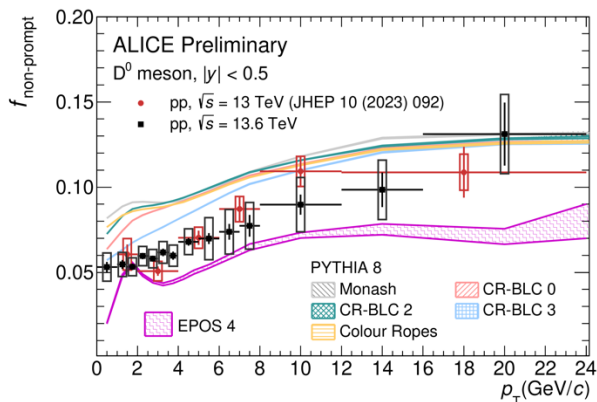
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➤ The **statistical precision of the jet measurements is improved significantly in the Run 3**

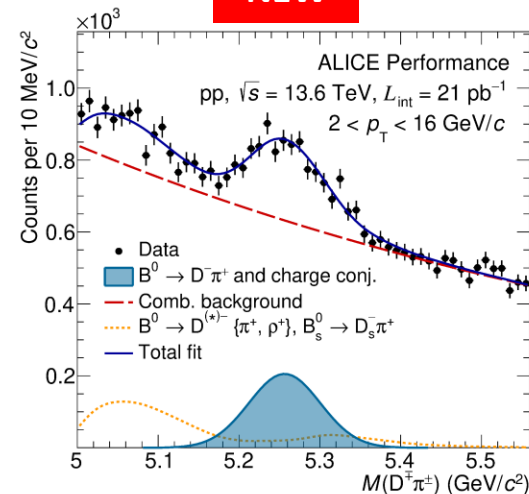
Open beauty production in Run 3

Run 3 Preliminary

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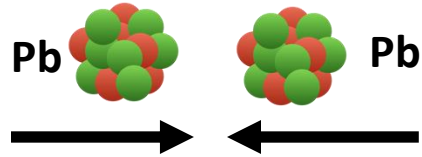


NEW



- Non-prompt D⁰ fraction measured in Run 3: improved precision compared to Run 2 results and extended down to $p_T = 0$
- Non-prompt Λ_c^+ measured p_T down to 1 GeV/c
- **First direct observation of B⁰ meson in ALICE**, measured down to $p_T = 2$ GeV/c
 - Better constraint of the open beauty production

Andrea Tavira Garcia 23/09 14:40

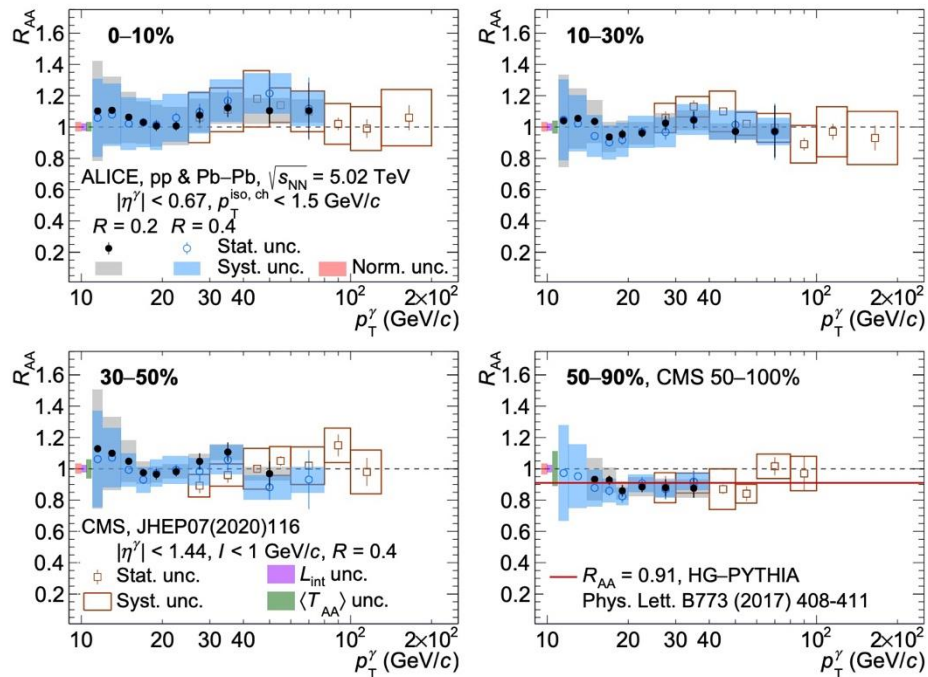


Highlights from Pb–Pb collisions

Isolated photon nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

New publication

arXiv:2409.12641

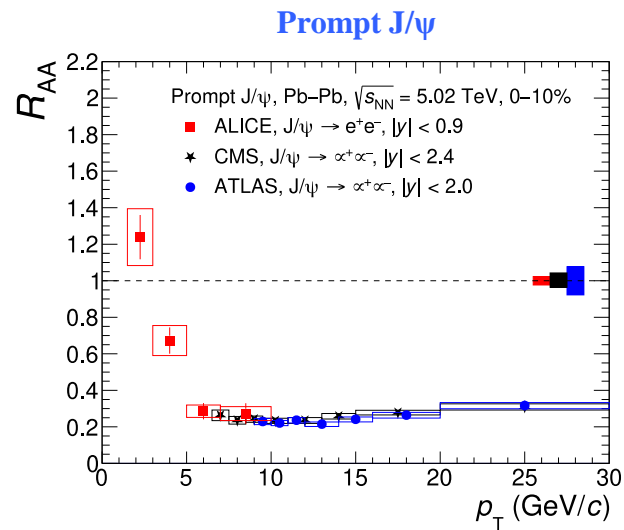
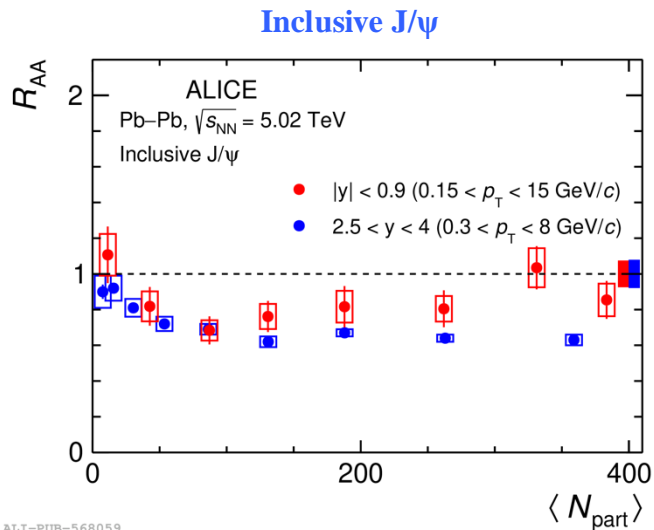


Gustavo Conesa Balbastre [25/09 09:00](#)

- R_{AA} consistent with unity within the uncertainties for both $R = 0.2$ and 0.4 , no radiation from QGP at these p_T
- Peripheral collision in agreement with PYTHIA prediction including bias on centrality estimation

J/ψ (re-)generation Pb–Pb collisions

ALICE, PLB 849 (2024) 138451, JHEP 02 (2024) 066



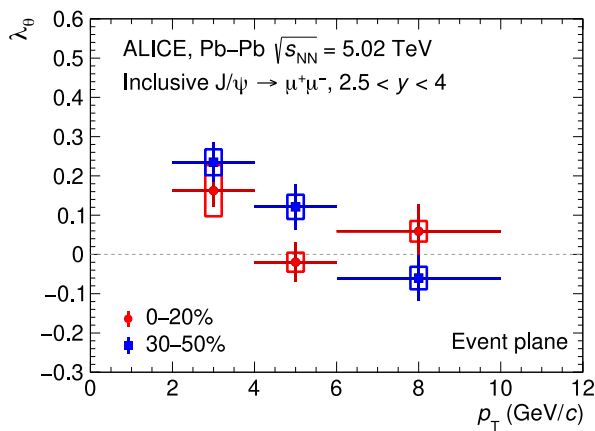
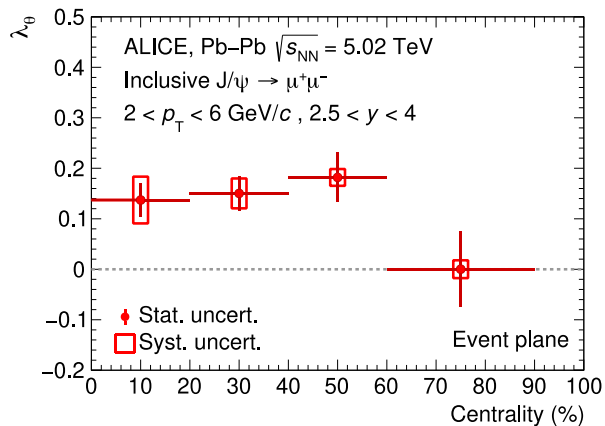
➤ Evidence for J/ψ (re-)generation in central collisions, with a larger contribution at low p_T , and at midrapidity

➤ R_{AA} extended down to $p_T = 1.5$ GeV/c and compatible within uncertainties with ATLAS and CMS measurements in the common p_T range

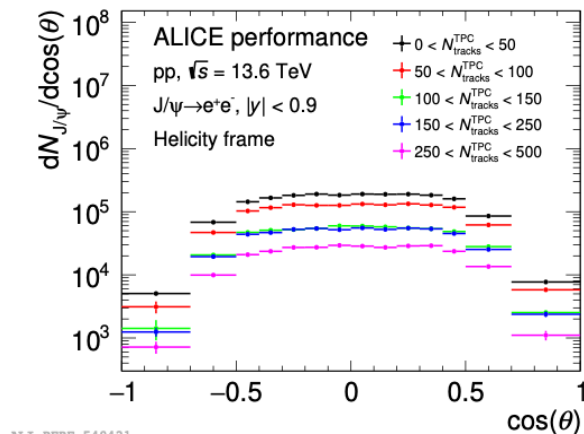
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Charmonium Polarization

ALICE, PRL 131 (2023) 4, 042303

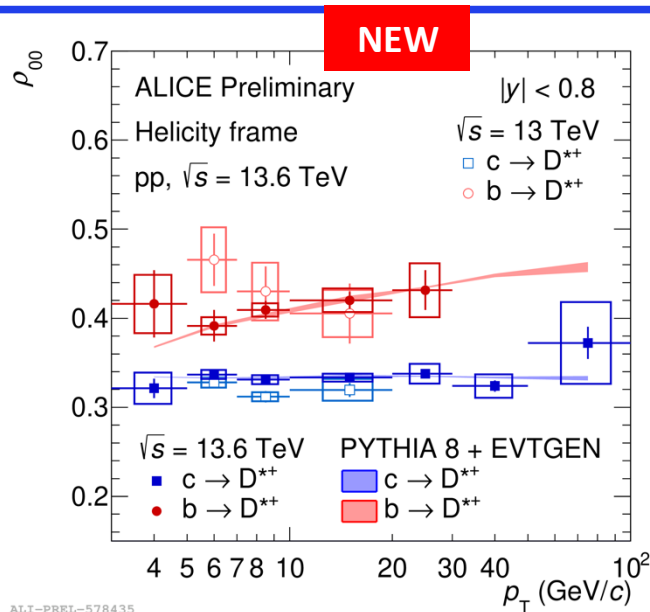
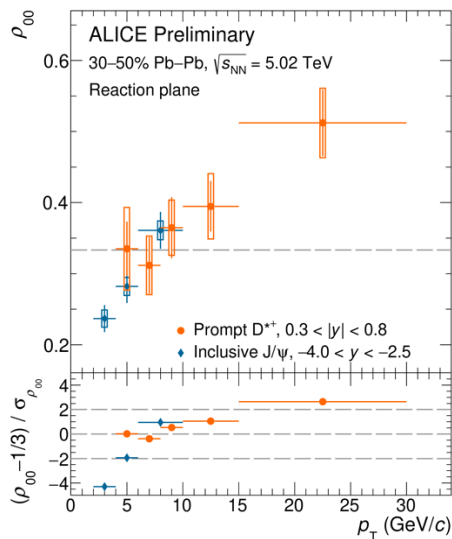


New performance



- First measurement of quarkonium polarization **w.r.t the event plane**
- Significant polarization ($\sim 3.9\sigma$) observed in semicentral collisions
- Polarization measurements are ongoing at midrapidity with Run 3 data

D*⁺ spin alignment in pp and Pb-Pb collision



Run 3 Preliminary

➤ In Pb-Pb collisions:

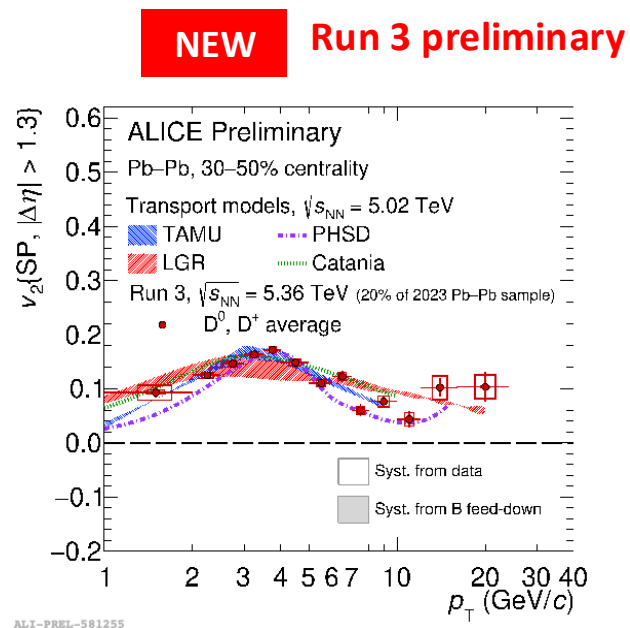
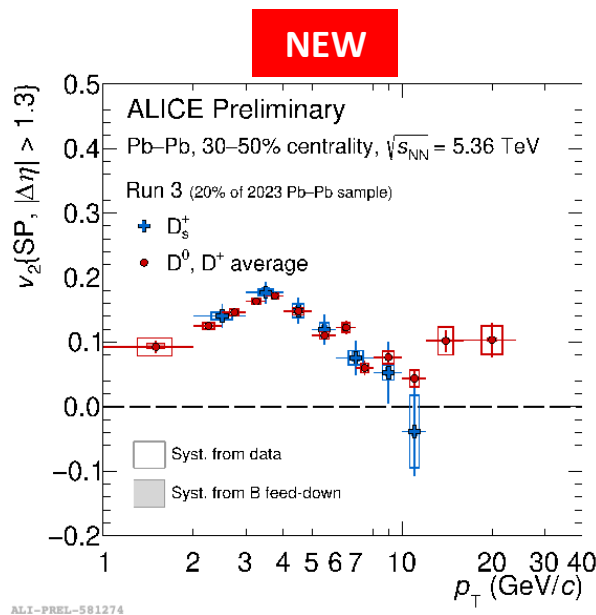
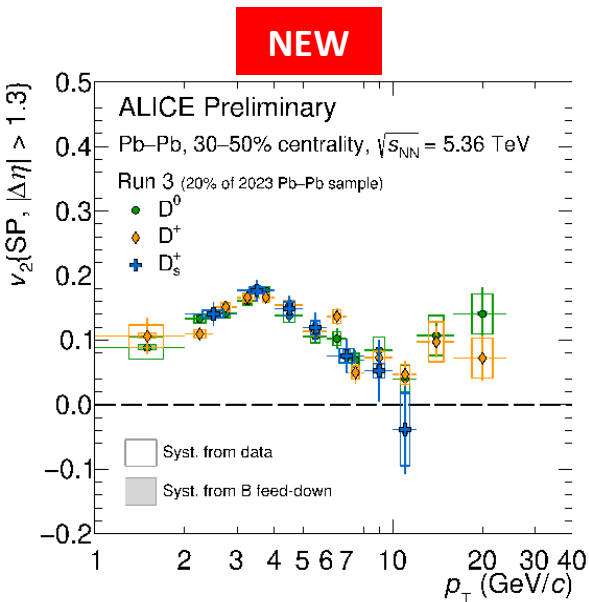
- Spin density matrix $\rho_{00} > 1/3$ for D*⁺ at high $p_T \Rightarrow$ quark fragmentation scenario

➤ In pp collisions:

- $\rho_{00} = 1/3$ for prompt D*⁺, ρ_{00} larger than $1/3$ for non-prompt D*⁺, due to the helicity conservation in weak decays
- New measurement in pp collisions provides an important baseline for Pb-Pb collisions

Mingze Li 24/09 11:50

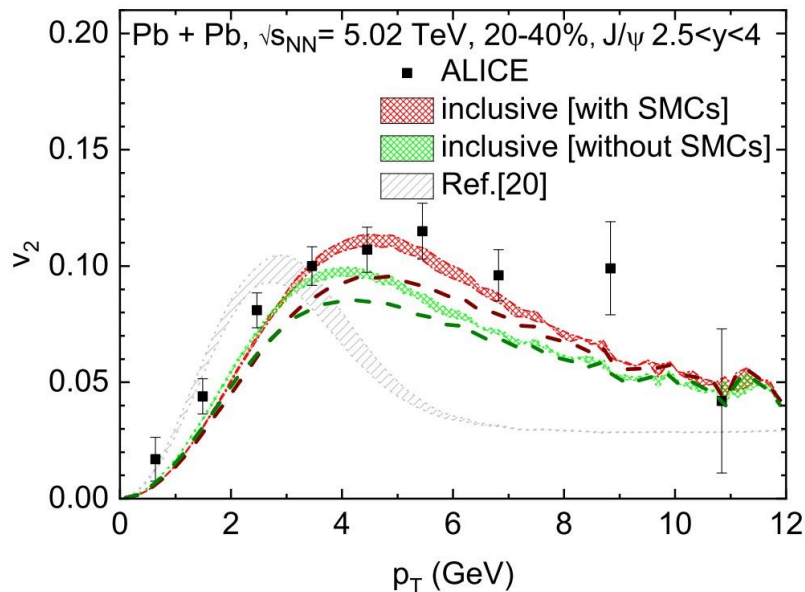
Strange and non-strange D-mesons elliptic flow



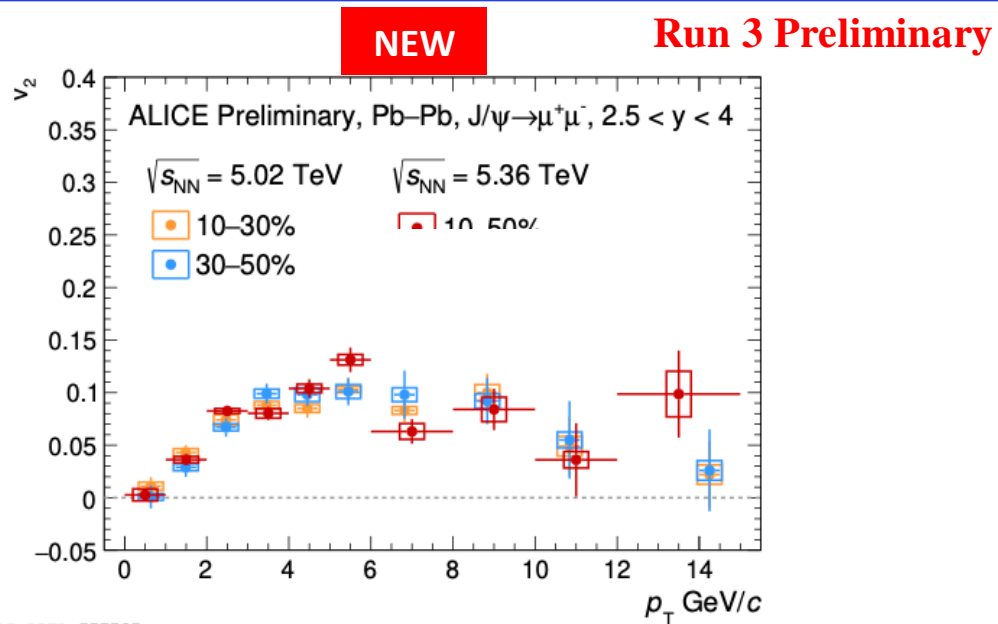
- Prompt D-meson v_2 measured using Run 3 Pb-Pb data sample
 - No significant difference between strange and non-strange D mesons
 - Strange D-meson elliptic flow reproduced by the transport models
- About x4 larger statistics more than Run 2 one, x5 more statistics will come soon

Biao Zhang 23/09 16:50

Charmonium elliptic flow in Run 3



M. He, et al., PRL.128, 162301 (2022)



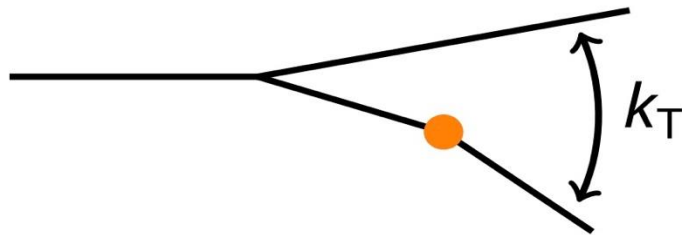
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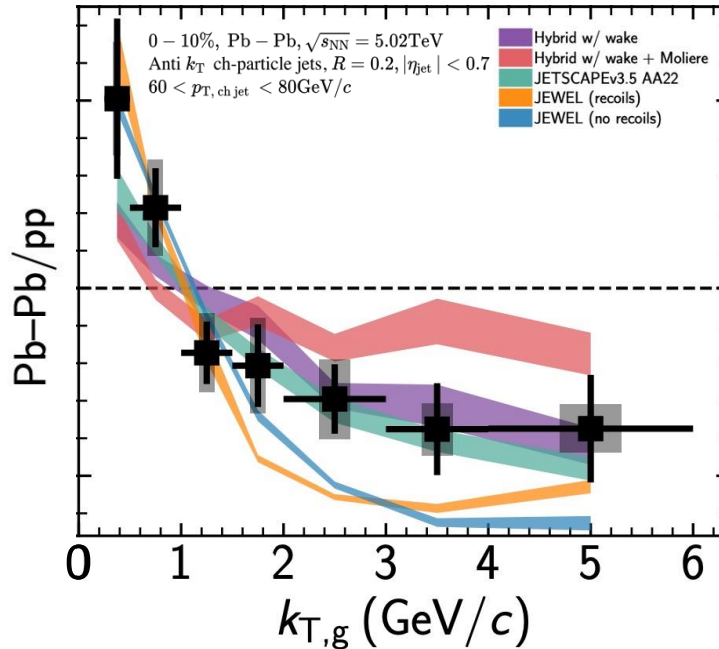
- The new result is consistent with Run 2, with statistical precision improved at low p_T at forward rapidity
- A significant J/ψ v_2 is observed at forward rapidity, consistent with the charm quark thermalization

Searching for the quasi-particle in QGP



$$k_T = p_{T, \text{subleading}} \sin \Delta R$$

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta y^2 + \Delta \varphi^2}$$



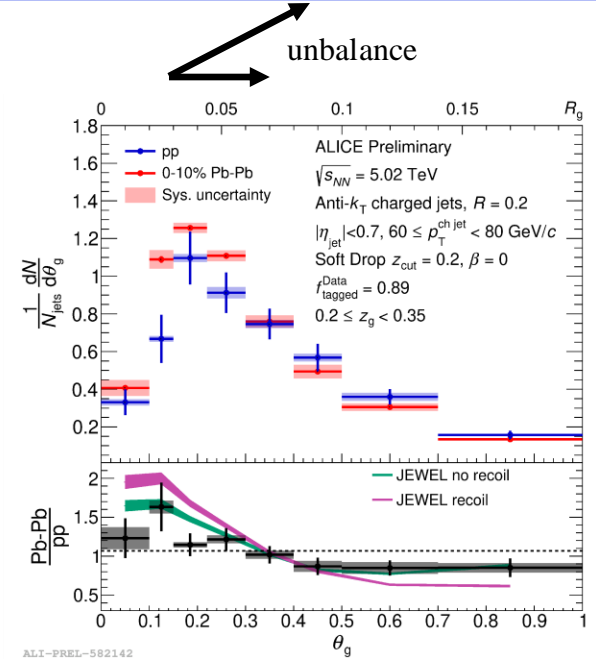
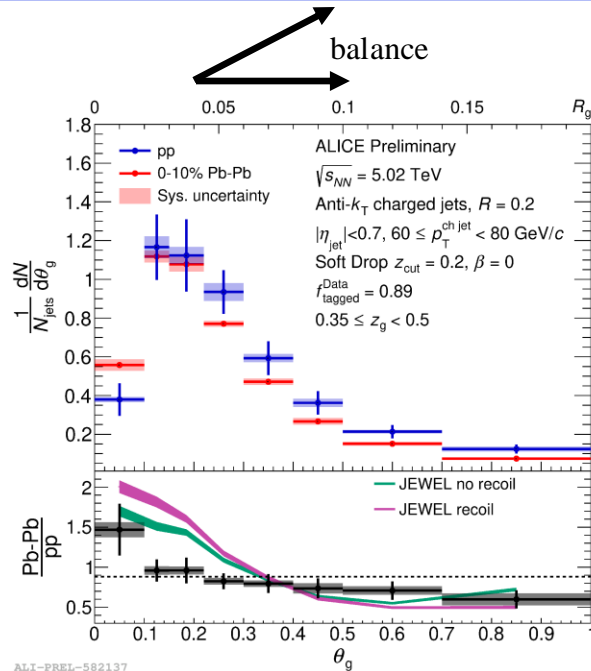
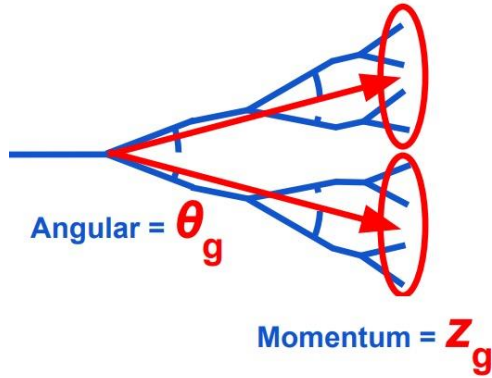
New publication

arXiv:2409.12837

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- First measurement of the hardest relative transverse jet splitting
- **Need well-controlled models baseline** from theory to investigate Moliere effects to search quasi-particle in QGP
- Provide new constrain on the microscopic structure and dynamics of the quark–gluon plasma

Quenching with correlated jet substructure



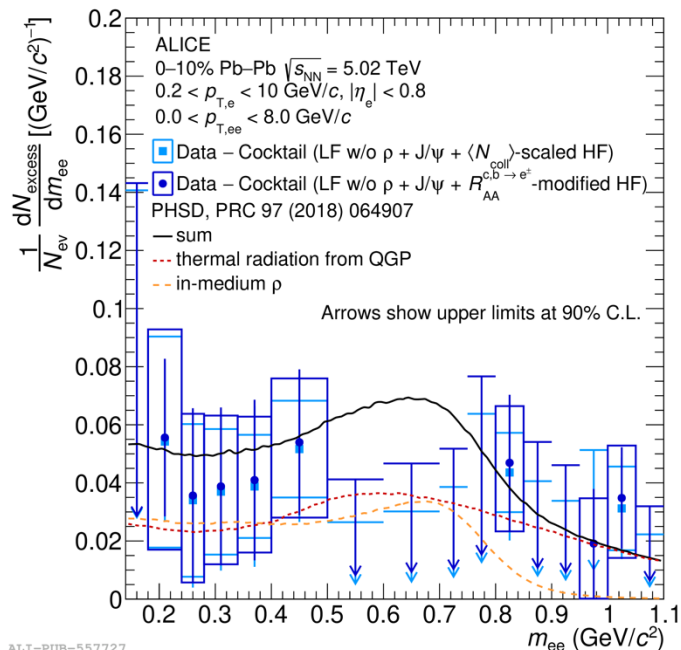
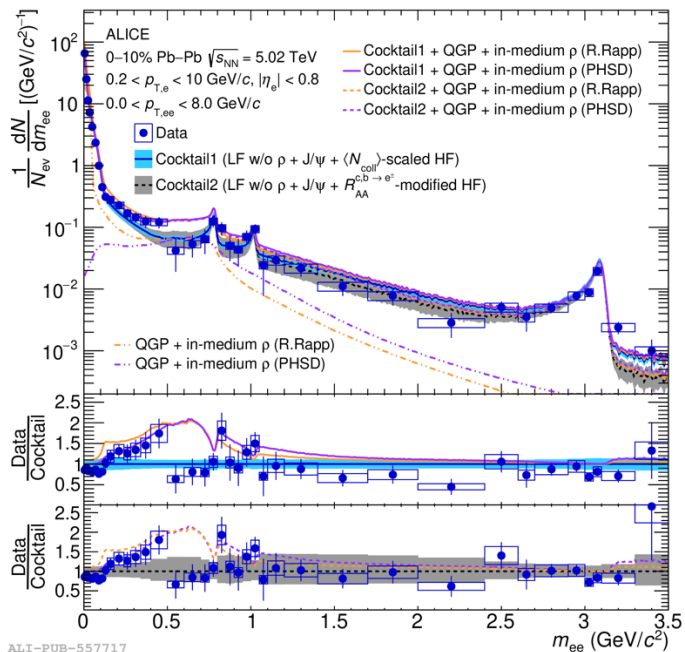
- Multidimensional measurement to disentangle jet survival bias from medium modifications
- Allow disentangling modifications to the **substructure of jets from energy loss effects** arising from migration of the jet momentum

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Dielectron production in Pb–Pb collisions

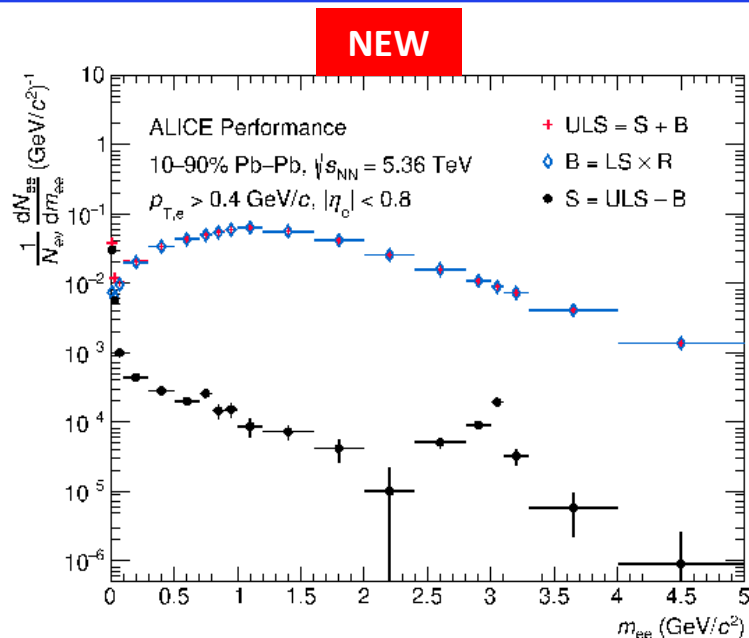
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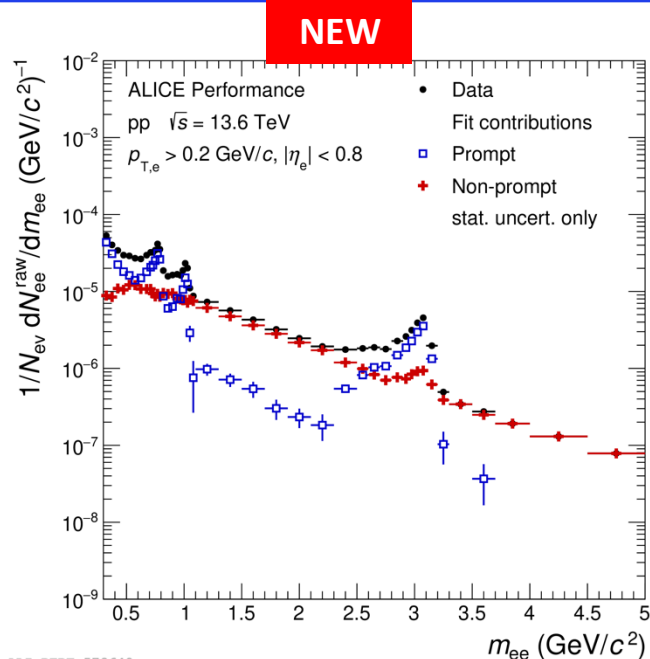


- Dielectron yield is consistent with hadronic cocktail within uncertainty, the excess in the low-mass region is 1.3σ
- More statistics and better control of HF background are needed to quantify the excess: full statistics from Run 3

Di-electron performance in Run 3



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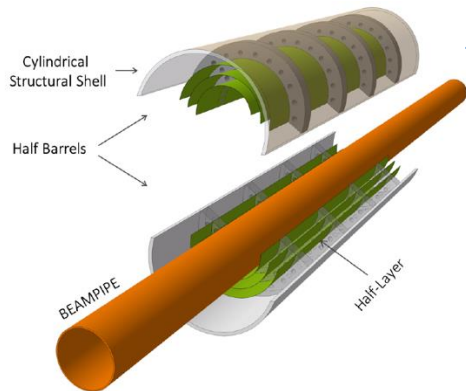
- More statistics and better-pointing resolution thanks to MFT and ITS upgraded in Run 3
- Improved DCA enable the separation of prompt (e.g. thermal) and non-prompt (HF background)

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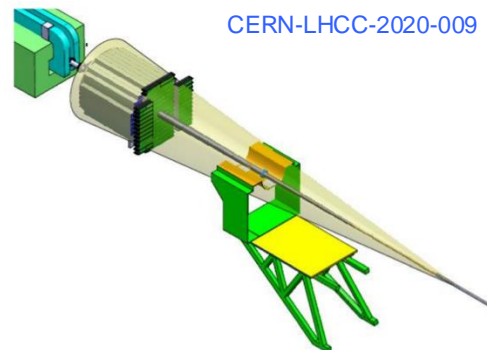
Upgrading the ALICE detector (RUN 4)

ITS3: TDR approved



[ITS3 CDS LINK](#)

FoCal: TDR approved



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- Replacing the ITS2 inner layers by "silicon-only"
- Inner-most radius 19 mm, x 2 improvement in pointing resolution
- **Improve the measurements of heavy flavor and dielectrons at midrapidity**

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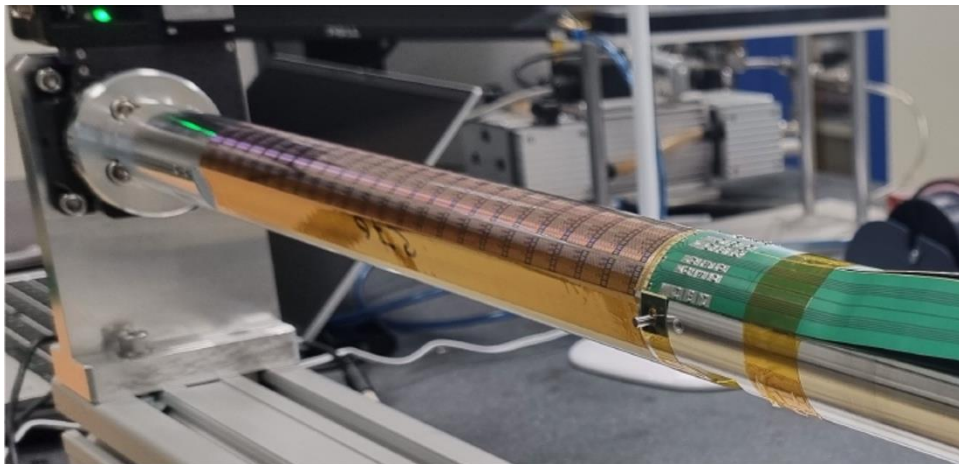
- FoCal-E calorimeter: High-granularity Si-W
- FoCal-H: Cu-scintillator
- Direct photons, π^0 , jets at forward rapidity
- **Unexplored regions of small-x and low Q^2 gluons**

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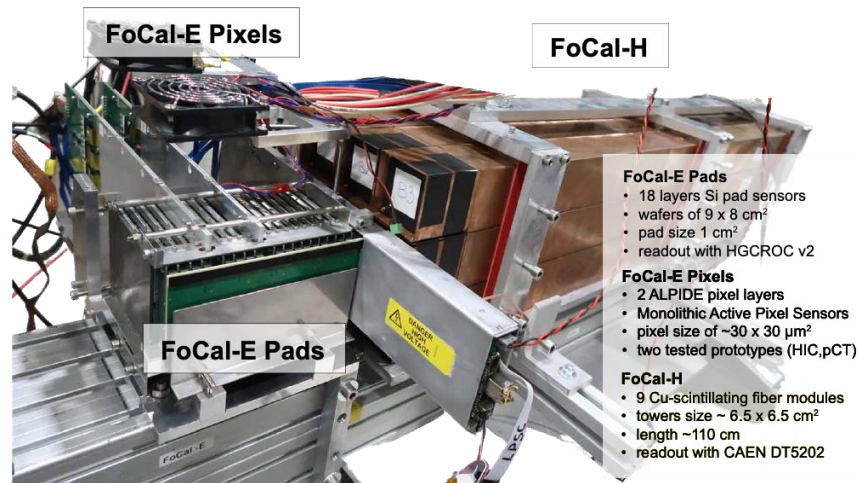
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Upgrading the ALICE detector (RUN 4)

ITS3: Prototype



FoCal: Prototype



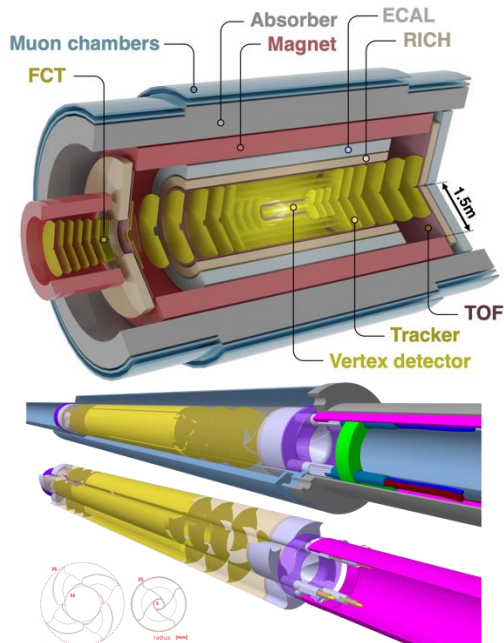
Prototypes constructed to test assembly methods and verify performance

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Upgrading the detector (**ALICE 3**)



See more details: [arXiv:2211.02491](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.02491)

Detector concept:

- Compact **all-silicon tracker** with high-resolution vertex detector
- **Particle Identification** over large acceptance, identification of muons, electrons, hadrons, photons
- Fast read-out and online processing

Physics programs:

- High-precision **beauty** measurements
- **Multi-charm baryons, exotic hadrons, ultra-soft photons**
- **Time-dependence and flow of thermal radiation**
- $D-\bar{D}$ and $D-D^*$ $\Delta\phi$ correlations

Cas Van Veen [24/09 15:35](#)

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The ALICE contribution (parallel session)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jet fragmentation and substructure correlations in pp and Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV with ALICE, Bas Hofman 23/09 14:40 • Energy-energy correlators of inclusive jets from small to large collision systems with the ALICE experiment, Anjali Nambrath 24/09 09:00 • Probing jet hydrochemistry and charged-particle jet radial profile modifications in pp and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE, Sierra Lisa Weyhmiller 24/09 11:10 • Extracting the anomalous dimensions of energy-correlators in charged jets in pp collisions at 13 TeV with ALICE, Ananya Rai 24/09 12:10 • Measurements of jet quenching using hadron-jet observables at ALICE Daniel Matthew Jones 24/09 14:40 • New measurements of inclusive jet suppression and jet v_2 in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE Aimeric Landou 24/09 15:00 • Measuring isolated prompt photon production in small and large collision systems with ALICE Gustavo Conesa Balbastre 25/09 09:00 	JETs (7)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurements of production of charm-hadron pairs in pp collisions with ALICE Pengzhong Lu 23/09 14:20 • Studies of beauty-quark production, hadronisation and cold nuclear matter effects in pp and p-Pb collisions with ALICE Andrea Tavira Garcia 23/09 14:40 • Characterisation of heavy-quark propagation and thermalisation in QGP with ALICE Biao Zhang 23/09 16:50 • Investigating of charm-quark hadronisation into baryons and its collision-system dependence with ALICE Federica Zanone 23/09 17:50 • The role of strangeness in heavy quark hadronisation from small to large collision systems with ALICE Fabio Catalano 24/09 09:20 • Investigation of charm hadronisation and early magnetic field in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions via D^{*+}-meson spin alignment with ALICE Mingze Li 24/09 11:50 • Electroweak vector-boson production in hadronic collisions with ALICE Shingo Sakai 25/09 09:20 • Differential measurements of in-jet fragmentation of charmed mesons and baryons in pp collisions with ALICE Jochen Klein 25/09 12:10 	Heavy Flavor (8)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charm and beauty production at forward rapidity with ALICE Michele Pennisi 23/09 15:20 • Quarkonia production in proton-proton and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE Yiping Wang 24/09 09:00 • Prompt/Non-prompt J/ψ production in proton-proton and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE Yuan Zhang 24/09 10:00 • Quarkonium polarization in hadronic collisions with ALICE Zhenjun Xiong 24/09 11:30 • J/ψ photoproduction and polarization in peripheral Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE Ionut Cristian Arsene 24/09 12:10 	Quarkonia (5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring jet quenching effects via di-hadron correlations in 13 TeV proton-proton collisions with ALICE Maxim Virta 23/09 15:00 • Studying the interaction between charm and light-flavor mesons with ALICE Emma Chizzali 25/09 11:50 • Exploring light flavor hadronization in hard and soft events with event shape classifiers in small collision systems at the LHC with ALICE Feng Fan 23/09 15:20 • Probing light nuclei production mechanism by measuring nuclei production in and out of jets with ALICE at the LHC Chiara Pinto 25/09 10:50 • Direct photon production and correlations at low pT in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE Dmitri Peresunko 24/09 10:50 • Direct photon measurement in small systems and thermal radiation from QGP with ALICE Jerome Jung 24/09 12:10 • Probing the nucleus and nucleons with vector mesons in ultra-peripheral collisions in ALICE Minjung Kim 25/09 09:40 • A new class of ultra-peripheral collisions in ALICE: inelastic photonuclear interactions and open charm photoproduction Sigurd Nese 25/09 10:00 • ALICE 3 physics programme and detector R&D Cas Van Veen 24/09 15:35 • Design and expected performance of the ALICE ITS3 tracker upgrade Bong-Hwi Lim 24/09 15:55 • ALICE Forward Calorimeter upgrade (FoCal): physics program and expected performance Jacek Tomasz Otwinowski 24/09 16:15 	Soft Probes Detector Upgrades (11)

The ALICE contribution (poster session)

- Probing the shower properties of charm quarks using energy-energy correlators with ALICE [Preeti Dhankher](#)
- Testing the flavour dependence of QCD parton showers using heavy-flavour jet substructure with ALICE [Vit Kucera](#)
- Energy-energy correlators in p-Pb collisions at 5 TeV with the ALICE experiment [Anjali Ila Nambrath](#)
- Monte Carlo studies of energy-energy correlators for D0-tagged jets in in pp collisions [Beatrice Eva Liang-Gilman](#)
- Measurement of the transverse momentum($\langle T \rangle$) distributions of charged-particle jet fragments in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV with ALICE [Jaehyeok Ryu](#)
- b-jet measurement using heavy flavour tagging with secondary vertex method in pp collisions at 13.6 TeV with ALICE [Hanseok Park](#)
- Energy-energy correlators of jets in pp and PbPb collisions with the ALICE experiment [Wenqing Fan](#)
- Charged beauty-tagged jet measurement with impact parameter method in proton-proton collisions in Run3 [Hyungjun Lee](#)
- First Measurements of Charged-Particle Jet Production in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV with ALICE [Joonsuk Bae](#)
- Jet spectra evolution as a function of center of mass energy in pp collisions with ALICE [Archita Rani Dash](#)
- Study of background effects for jet analyses with Run 3 data in ALICE [Wenhui Feng](#)
- Probing medium response by measuring proton to pion ratio and charged particles radial profile with jet in PbPb and pp collisions at 5.02 TeV with ALICE [Taketo Yokoo](#)

**JETs
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- b-jet tagging in pp collision using graph neural network for the ALICE experiment [Changhwan Choi](#)
- First D0-tagged jet axes difference measurement in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV with ALICE [Emma Rose Yeats](#)
- First study for azimuthal correlations of electron-muon pairs from heavy flavor decays in proton-proton collisions with ALICE [Shunsuke Kurita](#)
- Measurement of multiplicity dependent X_{i0} via semileptonic decay in collisions of pp at 13 TeV with ALICE [Chong Kim](#)
- Production of electrons from open beauty-hadron decays in pp collisions at 13 TeV with ALICE [Jonghan Park](#)

**Heavy Flavor
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- Quarkonia collectivity in proton-proton and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE [Chi Zhang](#)
- Dimuon measurement in low and intermediate mass region in $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV pp collisions at ALICE [Motomi Oya](#)
- Charmonium production at midrapidity using TRD-triggered data measured in ALICE [Jin Joo Seo](#)
- Measurements of inclusive J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ production at midrapidity in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV with ALICE [Yuan Zhang](#)

**Quarkonia
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- Correlation of strangeness production with charged hadrons in proton-proton collisions [Kai Cui](#)
- Event-by-event mean transverse momentum fluctuations in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV using ALICE detector [Bushra Ali](#)
- Production of omega mesons in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV with ALICE [Merle Luisa Walde](#)
- Performance of the dielectron analysis in Pb-Pb collisions in Run 3 with ALICE [Emma Charlotte Ege](#)
- Dielectron production and topological separation of dielectron sources with ALICE in Run 3 [Florian Eisenhut](#)
- Beam test results for the new prototype ITS3 sensor design [Minyoung Chris Hwang](#)

**Soft Probes
Detector
Upgrades
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Summary

- **ALICE is successfully taking data after the significant detector upgrades in Run 3**
 - Many results from the new data are shown
- **Detector upgrades are progressing smoothly for the future Run 4 and ALICE 3**
- **ALICE presents 31 talks and 27 posters at Hard Probes 2024**

Enjoy the conference!