ALICE at LHC : Detector and Physics

- Overview
  - The LHC as Ion collider
  - SPS-RHIC-LHC
  - Global properties in the LHC regime
- ALICE and its experimental strategy
  - Suite of detectors
  - Performance
  - Status
- Examples of ALICE' physics potential
  - Jets and jet suppression
  - Heavy Quarks
  - Direct photons

LHC as Ion Collider

- Running conditions:

Collision system	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	$\mathcal{L}_0$ ($cm^{-2}s^{-1}$)	$<\mathcal{L}>/\mathcal{L}_0$ (%)	Run time (s/year)	σ_{geom} (b)
pp	14.0	10^{34} *		10^7	0.07
PbPb	5.5	10^{27}	70-50	10^6 **	7.7

$^*\mathcal{L}_{max}$(ALICE) = 10^{31} $\quad$ $^{**}\mathcal{L}_{int}$(ALICE) ~ 0.7 nb^{-1}/year

- + other collision systems: pA, lighter ions (Sn, Kr, Ar, O) & energies (pp @ 5.5 TeV).

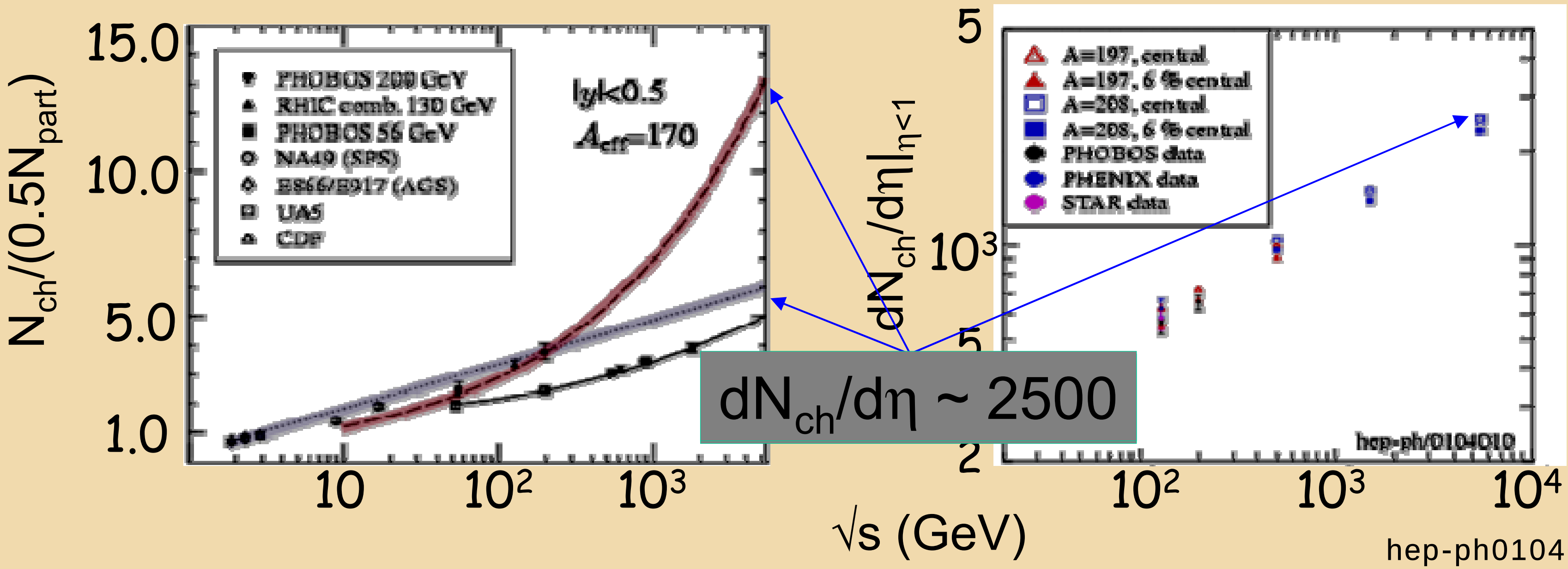
From SPS to RHIC to LHC
‘hotter – bigger – longer lived’

Formation time τ_0 3 times shorter than RHIC
Lifetime of QGP τ_{QGP} factor 3 longer than RHIC
Initial energy density ε_0 3 to 10 higher than RHIC

Central collisions	SPS	RHIC	LHC
$s^{1/2}$(GeV)	17	200	5500
dN_{ch}/dy	500	850	2–8 x10^3
ε (GeV/fm^3)	2.5	4–5	15–40
V_f(fm^3)	10^3	7×10^3	2×10^4
τ_{QGP} (fm/c)	<1	1.5–4.0	4–10
τ_0 (fm/c)	~1	~0.5	<0.2

Novel aspects… Multiplicity

(from K.Kajantie, K.Eskola)



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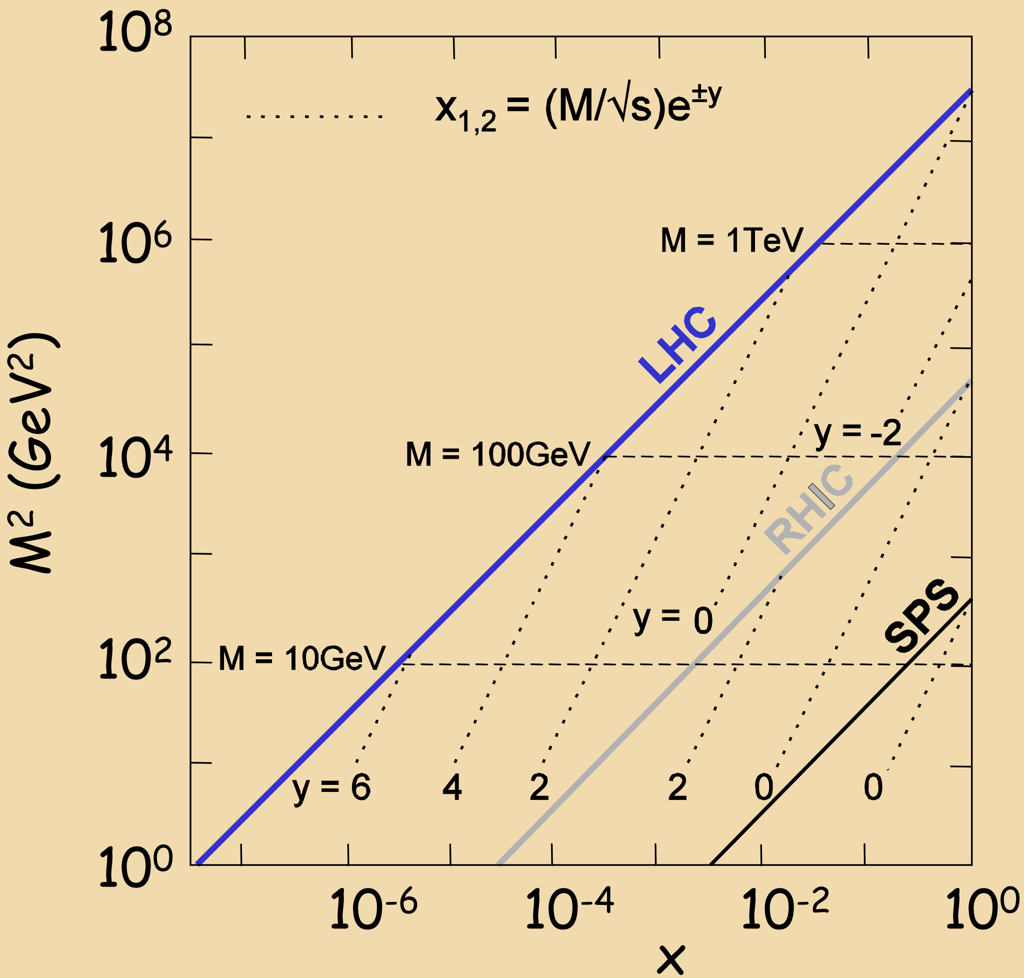
Even with RHIC data extrapolation to LHC uncertain

Expect multiplicity in range dN/dy (charged) ~ 1500 to 6000

ALICE optimized for dN/dy(charged) 4000; operational up to ~ 8000

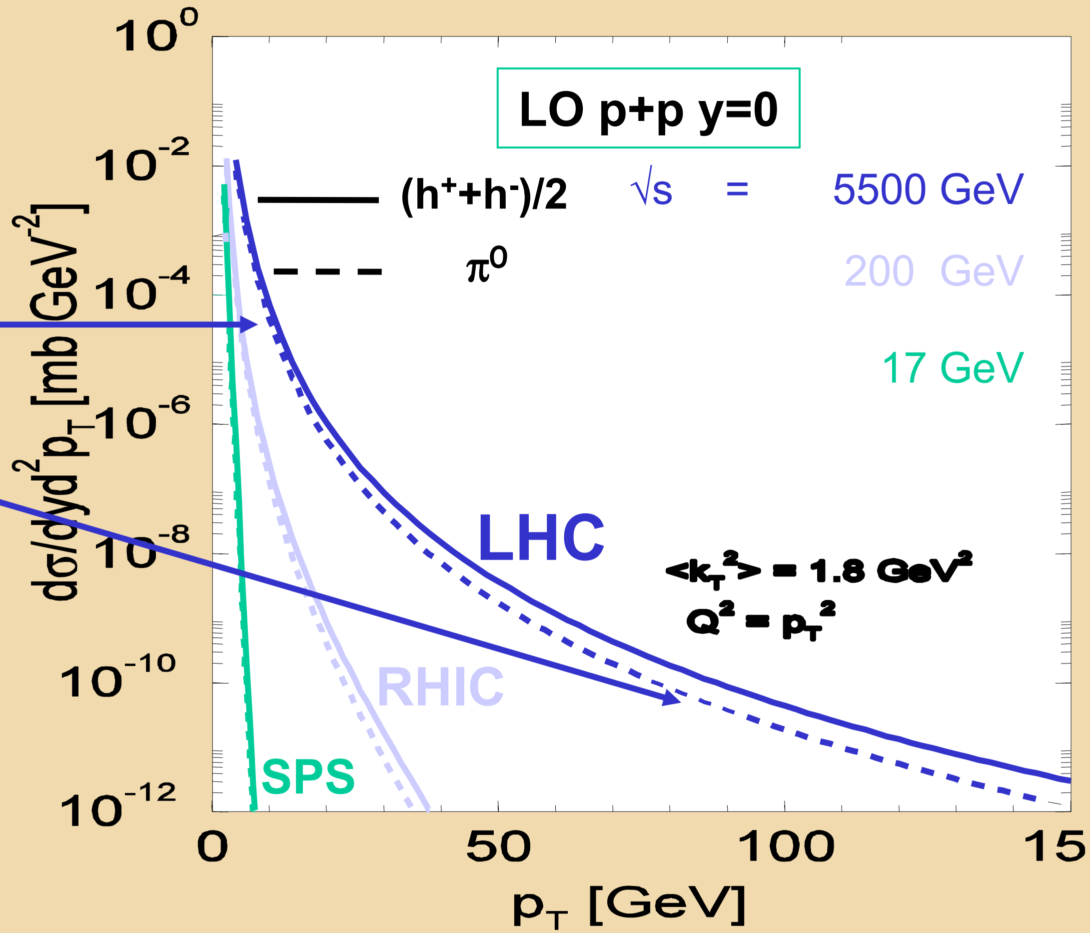
Novel Aspects… soft processes

- Probe initial partonic state in a novel Bjorken-x range (10^{-3} - 10^{-5}):
  - nuclear shadowing,
  - high-density saturated gluon distribution.
- Larger saturation scale ($Q_s = 0.2 A^{1/6} \sqrt{s}^{\delta} = 2.7$ GeV): particle production dominated by the saturation region.



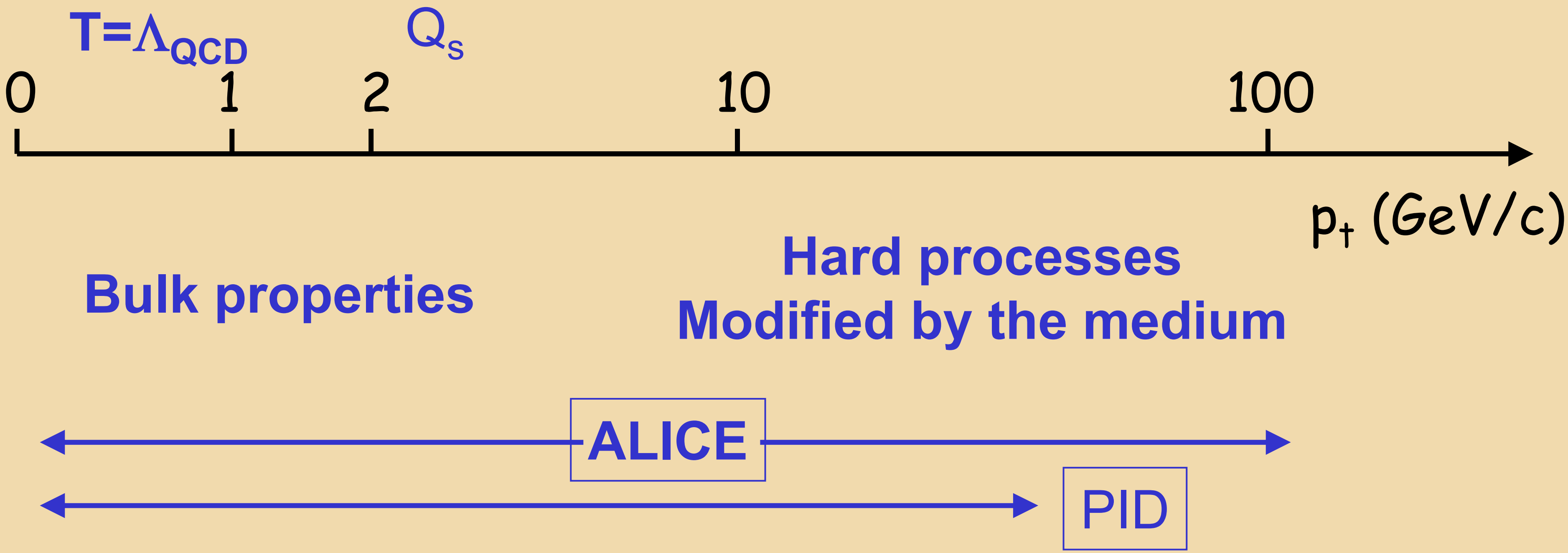
Novel Aspects…Hard processes

- Hard processes contribute significantly to the total AA cross-section (σhard/σtot = 98%)
  - ⇨ Bulk properties dominated by hard processes
  - ⇨ Very hard probes are abundantly produced



- Weakly interacting probes become accessible (γ, Z^0, $W^{\pm}$)

Alice : required p_T reach



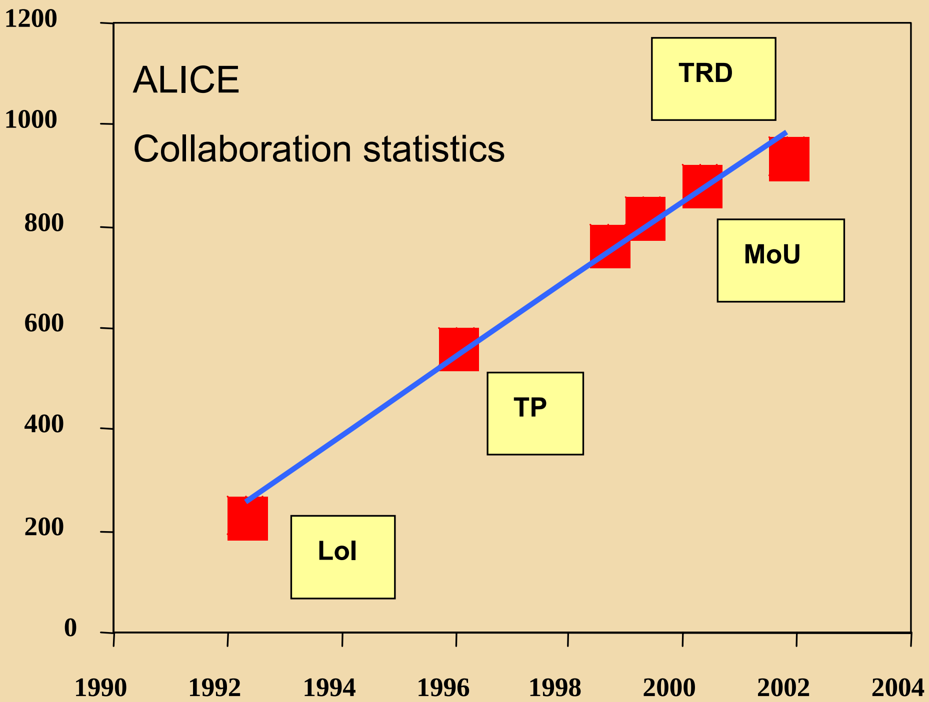
ALICE Physics Reach…

- Global properties
  - Multiplicities, η distributions
- Degrees of Freedom vs Temperature
  - Hadron ratios and spectra
  - Dilepton continuum
  - Direct photons
- Collective effects
  - Elliptic flows
- De-confinement
  - Charmonium, bottonium spectroscopy
- Chiral symmetry restoration
  - Neutral to charge ratio
  - Resonance decays
- Partonic energy loss in QGP
  - Jet quenching, high p_T spectra
  - Open charm and beauty
- Geometry of emission
  - HBT, zero-degree energy flow
- Fluctuations and critical behavior
  - Event-by-event particle composition and spectroscopy

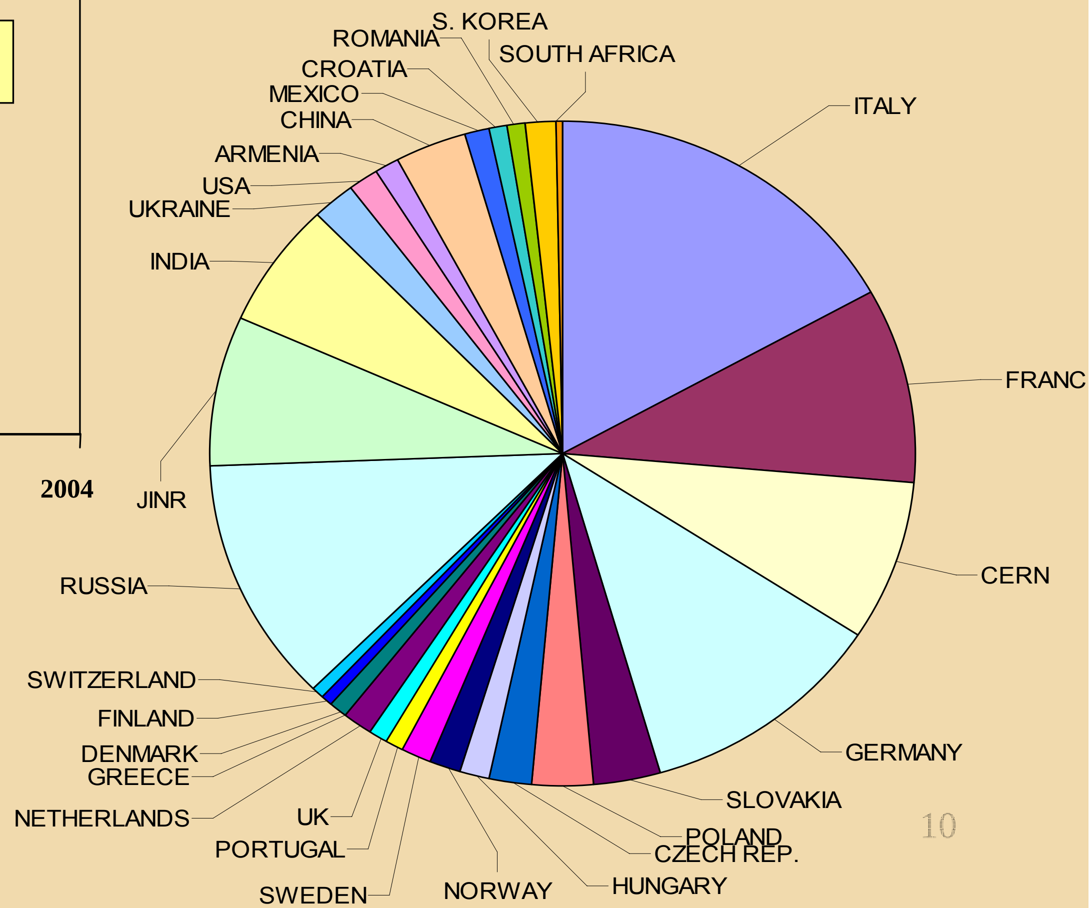
…and experimental consequences for ALICE

- Large Acceptance Coverage
- Large Momentum Coverage (from 100 MeV/c to > 100 GeV/c)
- High Granularity (designed for dN/dy ~ 8000, i.e. 15 000 particles in acceptance)
  - Spectroscopy and Identification of
    - hadrons and leptons
- c-, b- vertex recognition
- Excellent photon detection (in $\Delta\varphi = 45^0$ and $\eta = 0.1$)
- Large acceptance em calorimetry very desirable, for which only the infrastructure exists, but not yet the detector

ALICE collaboration

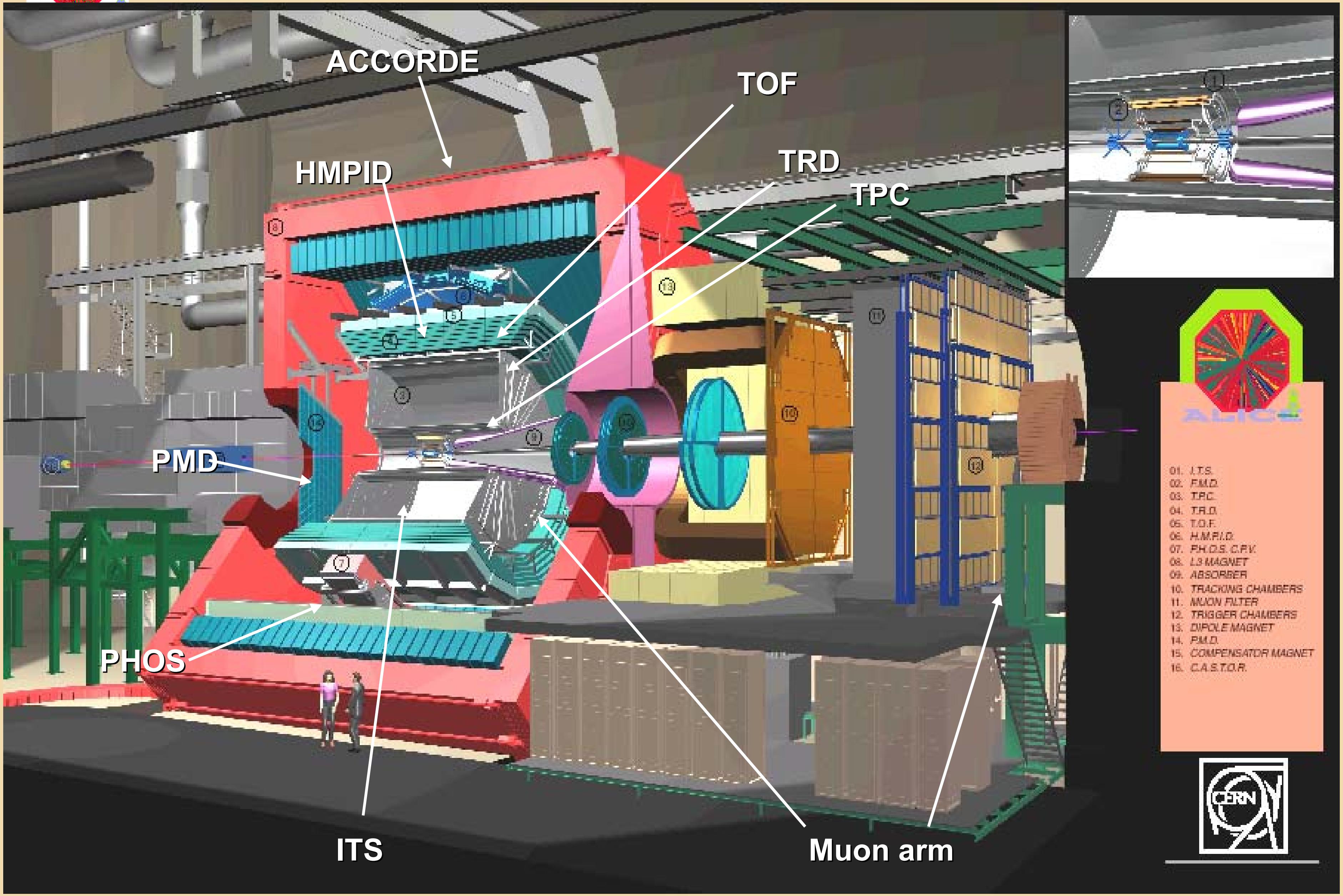


After more than 10 years of life, still healthy and growing!

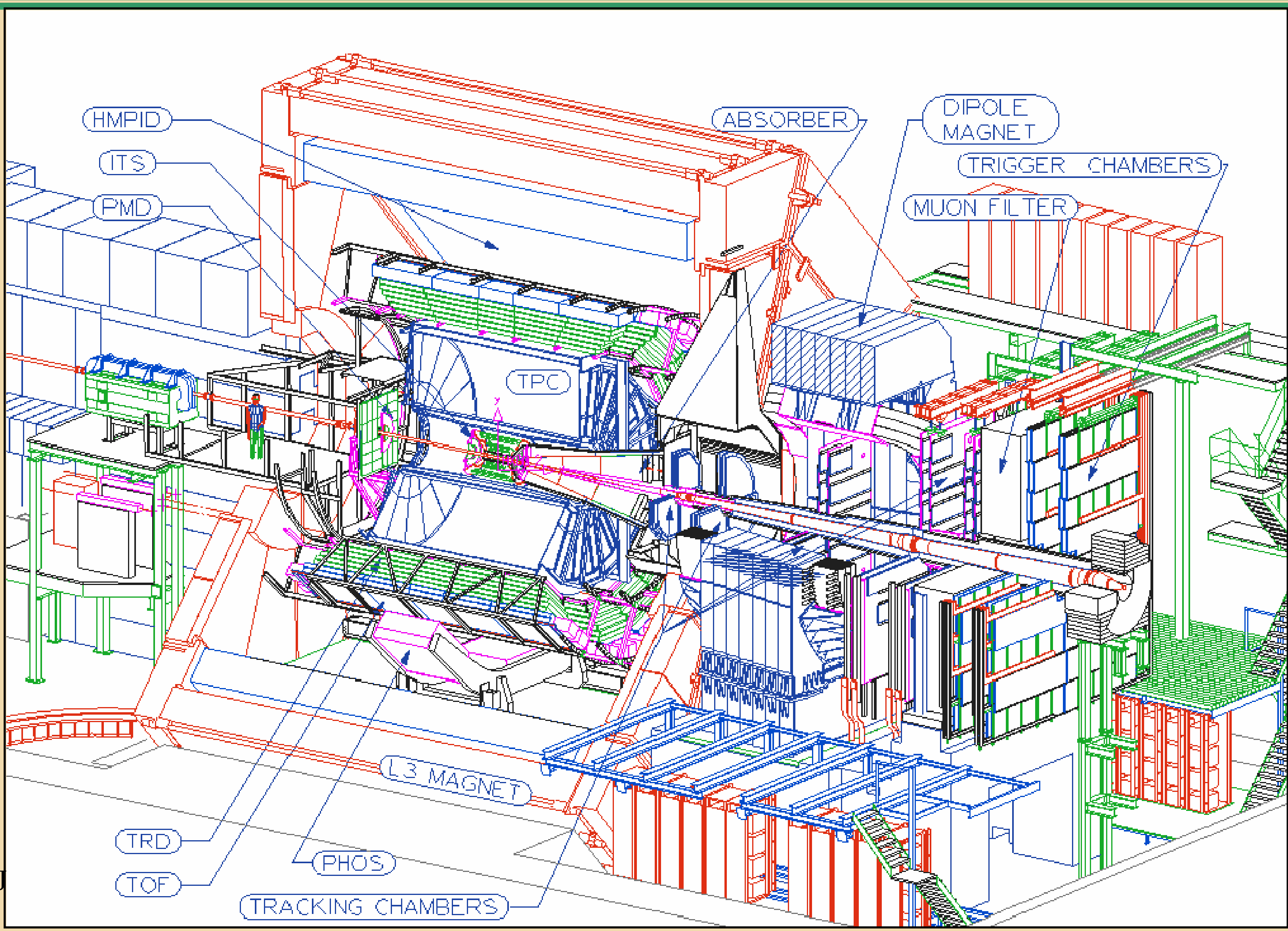


- 937 members
- 77 Institutions
- Discussion with China, Japan, US

ALICE Detector



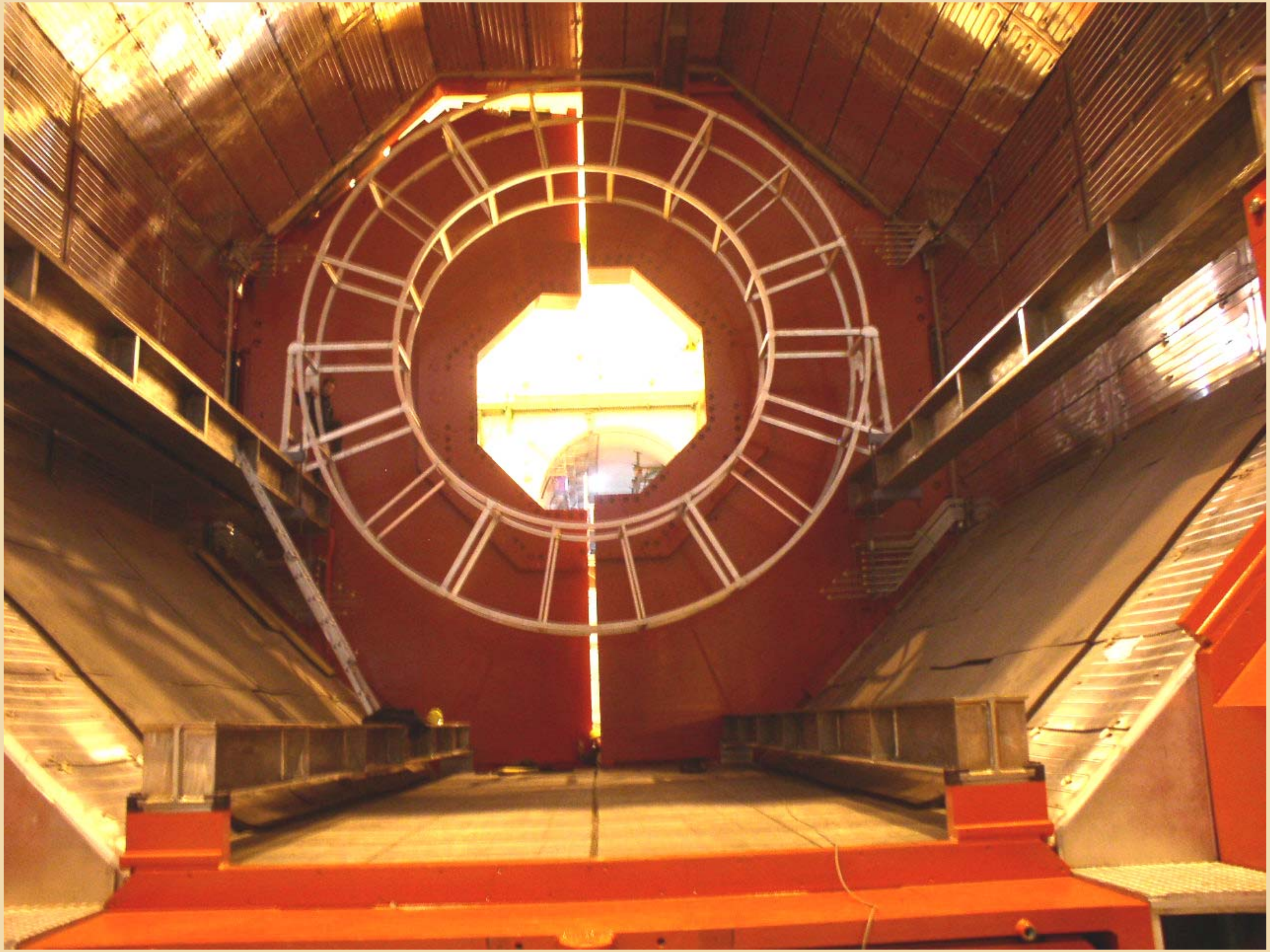
Stable Layout; Services (Cables, Cooling, Gas…)being installed



ALICE Detector Suite: selected highlights

- Inner Silicon Tracker
  - Pixels, Si- Drift, Si- strips
- TPC : the world's largest
  - Very ambitious performance specifications
  - Highly integrated readout electronics
- Transition radiation detector
  - $1.2*10^6$ channels; trigger capability; (need collaborators for completion; discussions with Japan)
- HMPID : large area RICH with CsI photo-cathodes
- FMD: large area Si- multiplicity detector array to complement central tracking
- PHOS : a 20 000 $PbWO_4$ crystal calorimeter (need collaborators for completion; discussions with China and Japan)
- Muon Spectrometer
  - with the world's largest warm dipole
  - Advanced $1.2*10^6$ channel precision tracker
- Infrastructure for large EM Calorimeter installed
  - In discussion with US groups
- And, and … arrays of specialized detectors

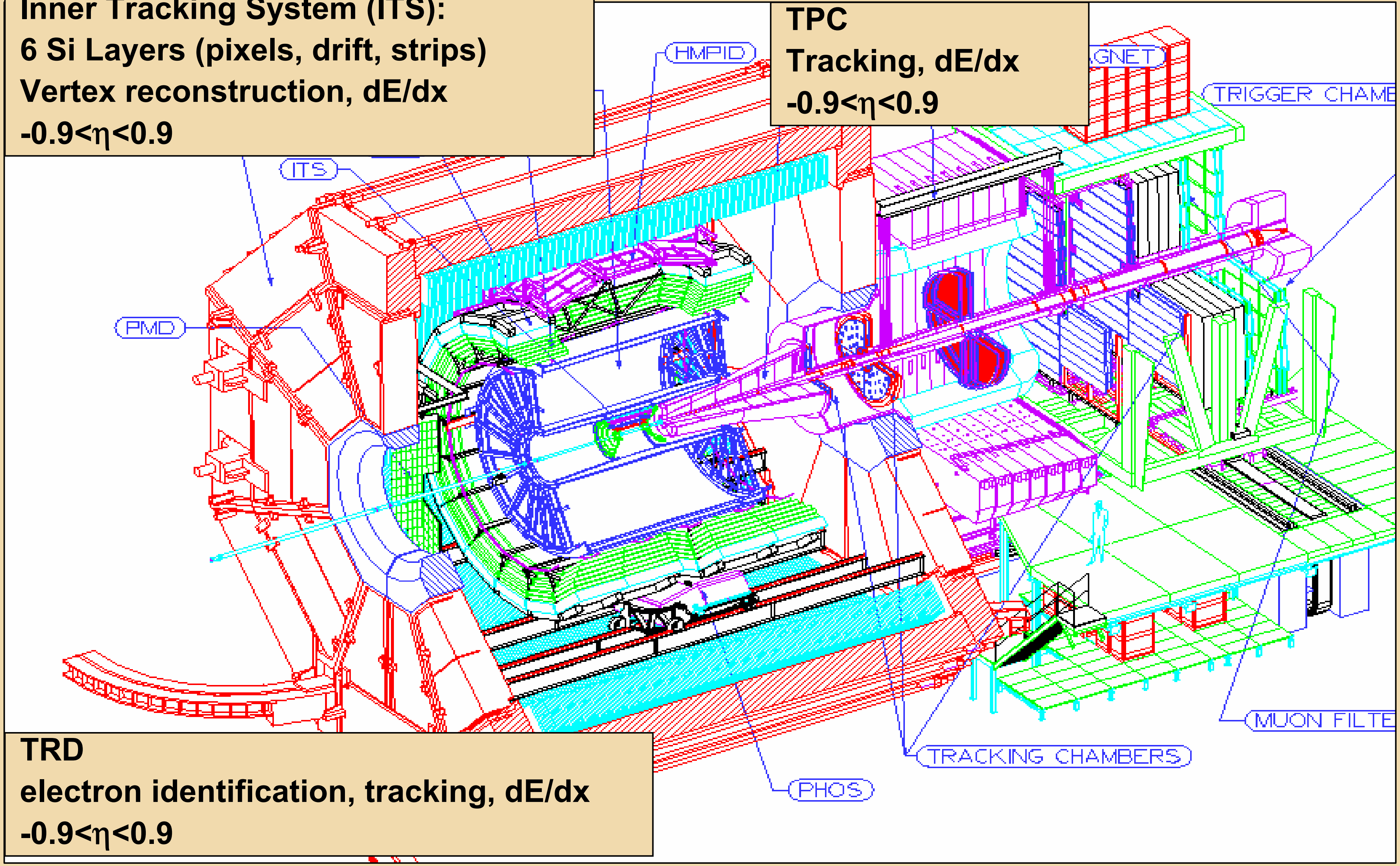
Inside the Solenoid for the central detectors; L3 legacy of LEP



ALICE Layout: Tracking (and event characterization)

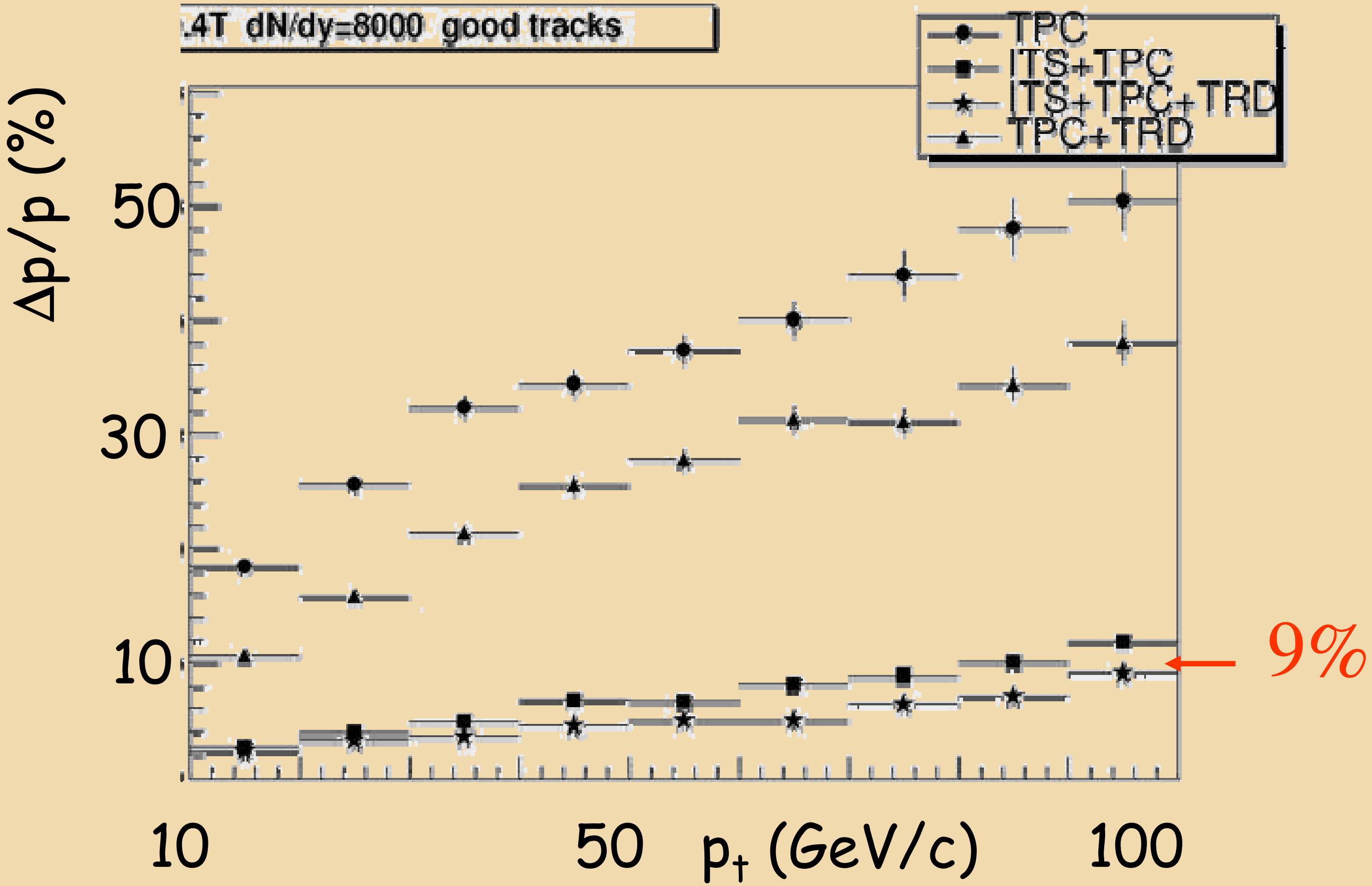
Inner Tracking System (ITS):
6 Si Layers (pixels, drift, strips)
Vertex reconstruction, dE/dx
$-0.9<\eta<0.9$

TPC
Tracking, dE/dx
$-0.9<\eta<0.9$



TRD
electron identification, tracking, dE/dx
$-0.9<\eta<0.9$

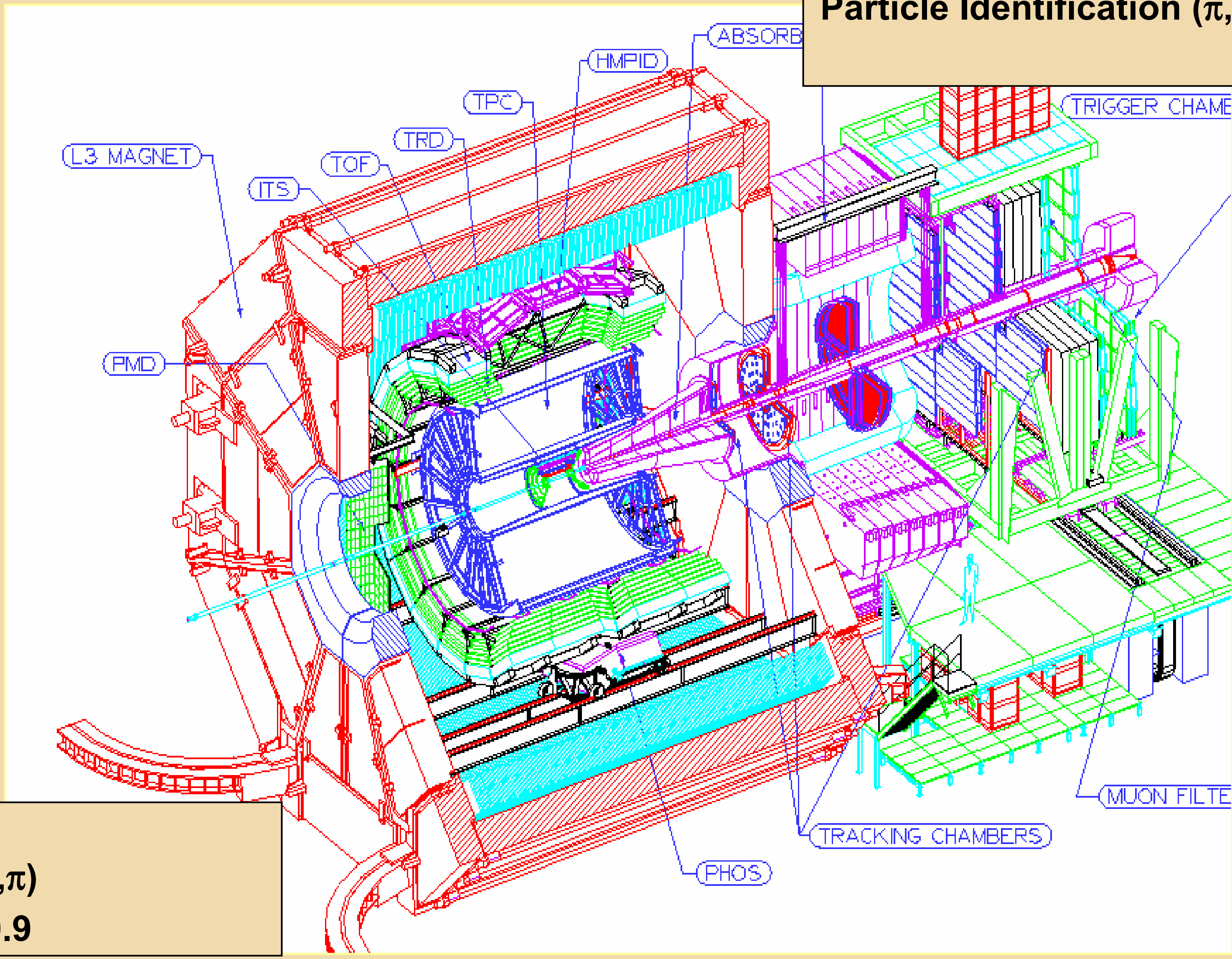
Combined Momentum Resolution



resolution ~ 9% at 100 GeV/c
excellent performance in hard region!

ALICE LAYOUT: PID

HMPID: High Momentum Particle Identification (π, K, p)

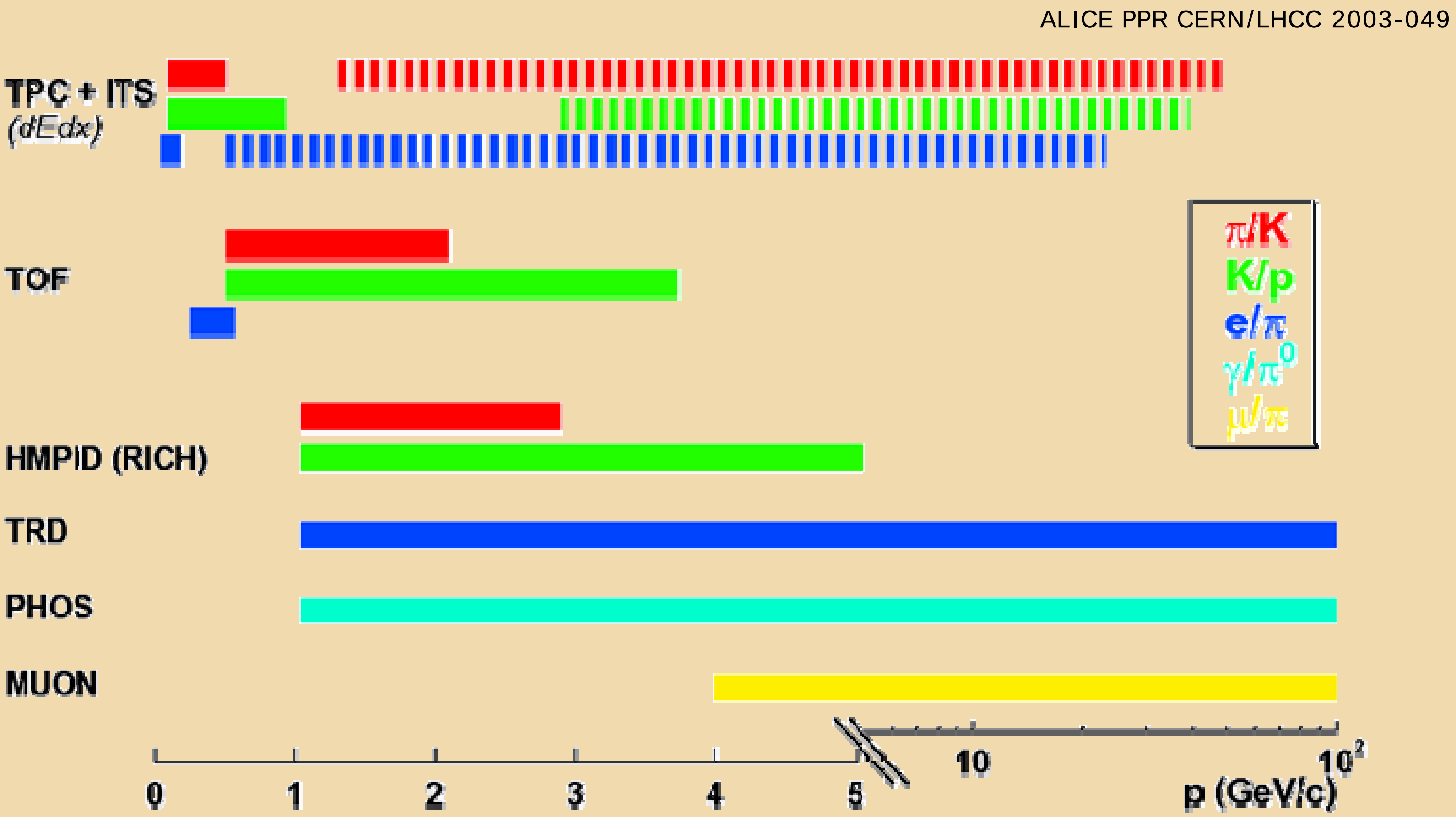


TOF

PID (K,p,π)

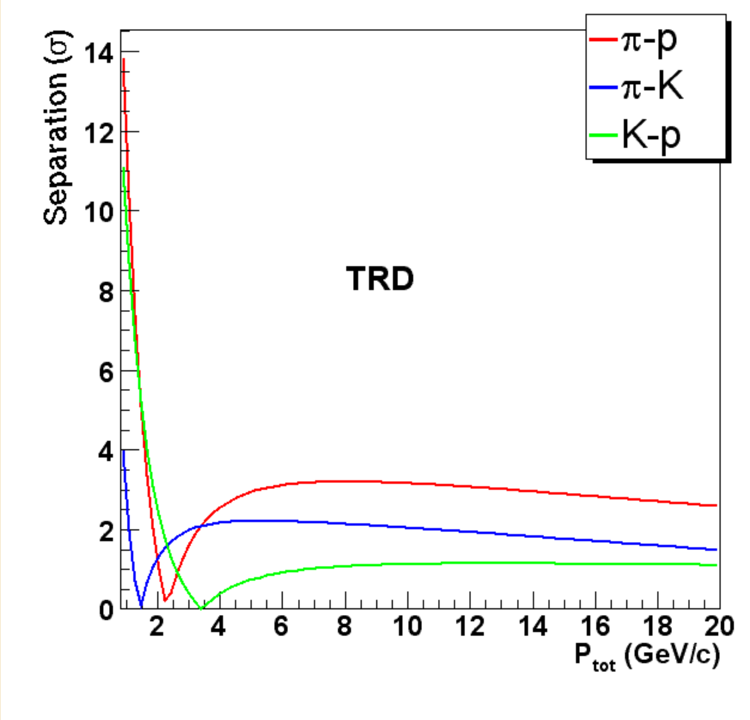
-0.9<η<0.9

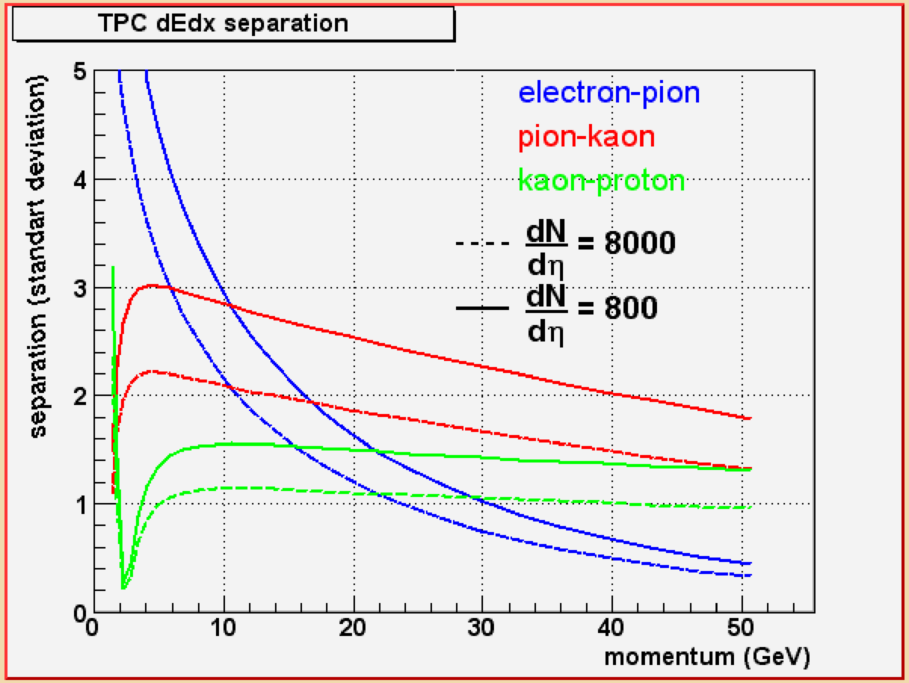
Hadron and Lepton Identification

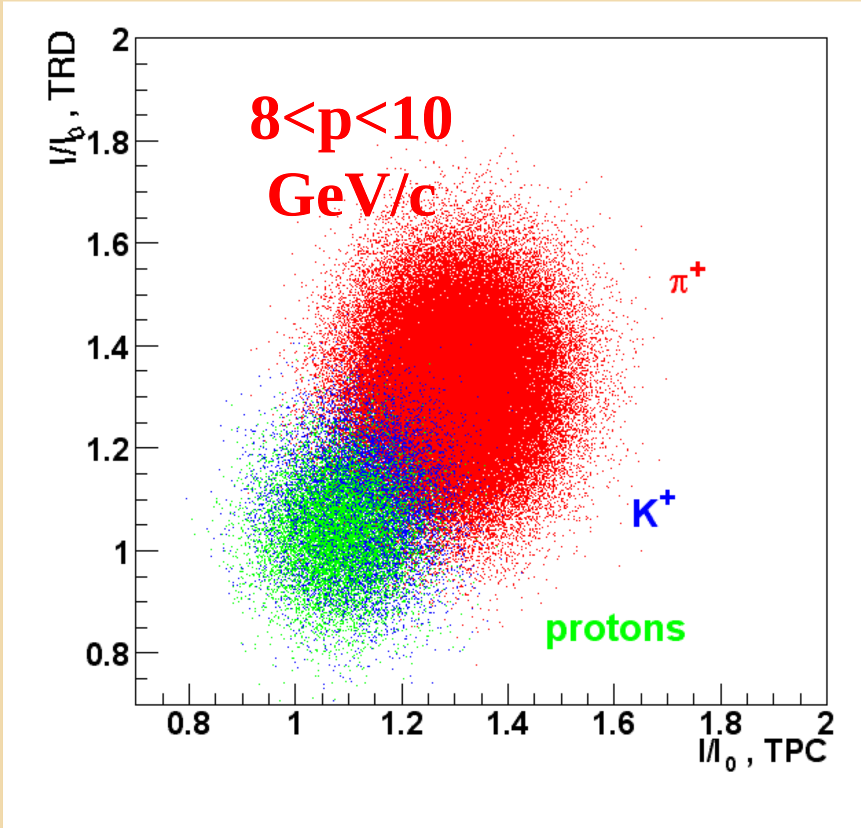


Under study: extension of PID to higher momenta

- Combine TPC and TRD dE/dx capabilities (similar number of samples/track) to get statistical ID in the relativistic rise region





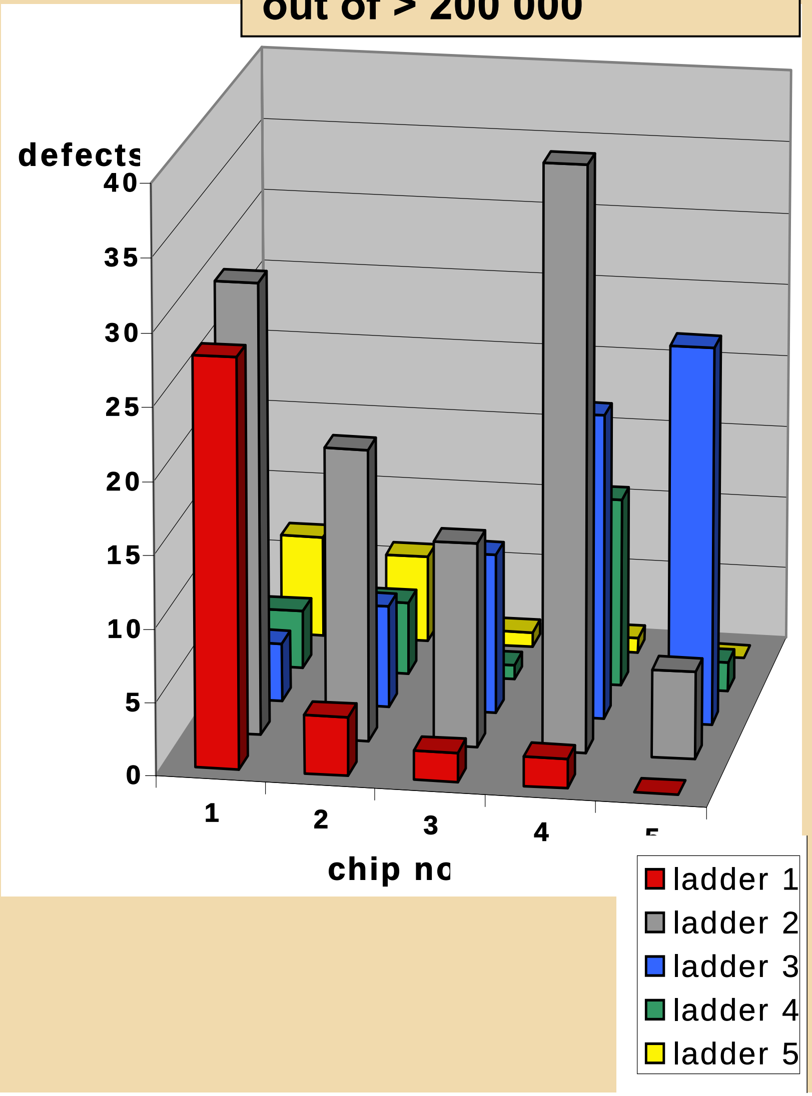


Silicon Pixel Detector SPD

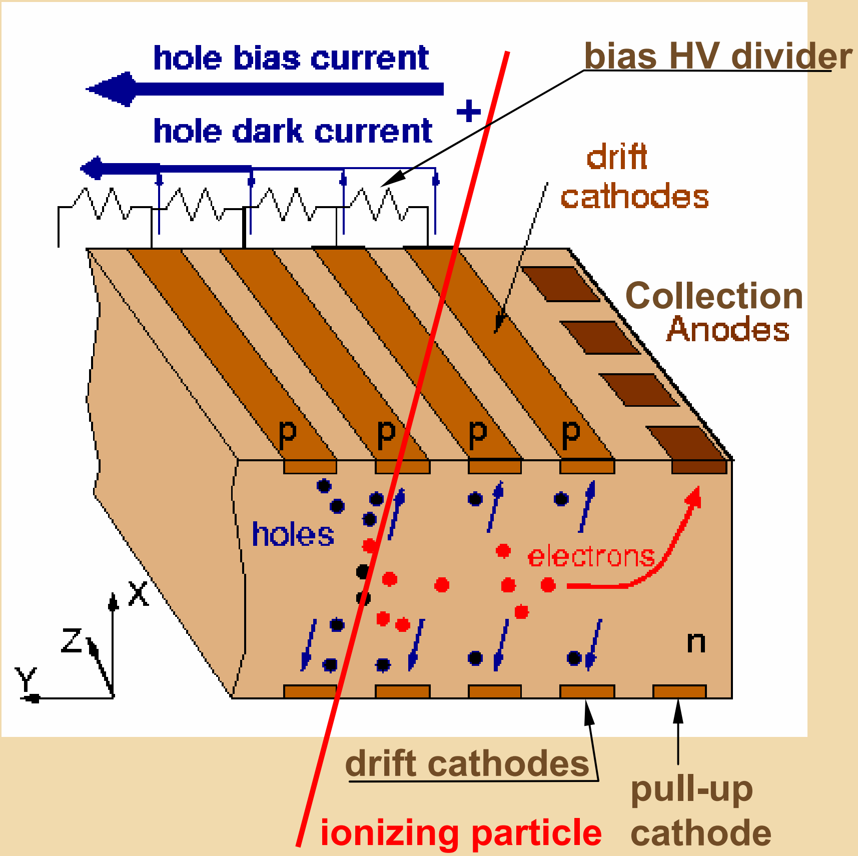
- successful system beam test Oct. '03
  - including full FEE and DAQ
- bump bonding at VTT (Finland)
  - series production started (ε > 99%)
- Three assembly sites operational
- Status
  - viable schedule, but tight & little contingency

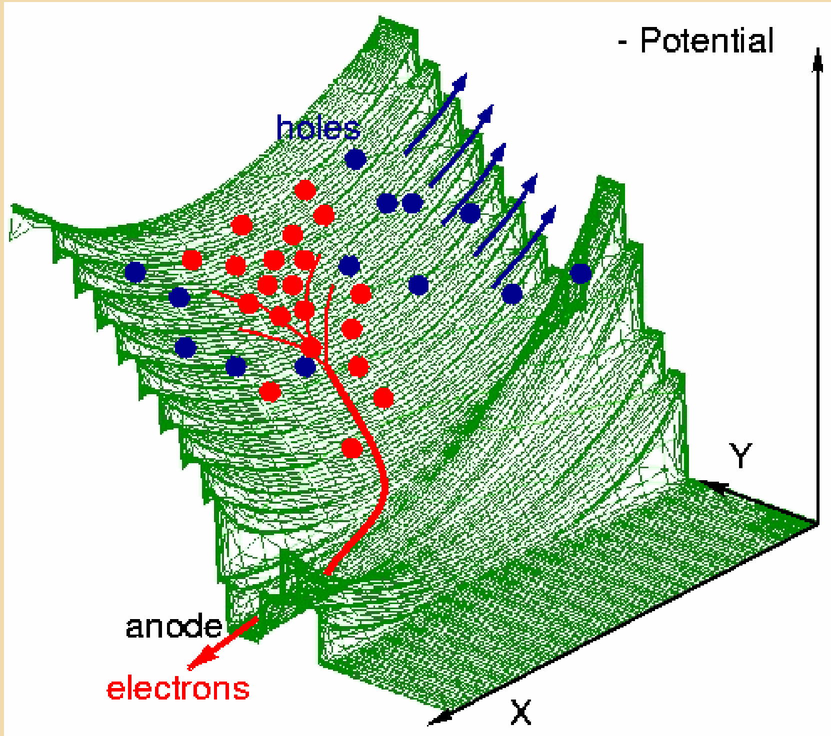
Bump Bonding Yield

~ 300 missing channels out of > 200 000



ALICE Si Drift detector : principle

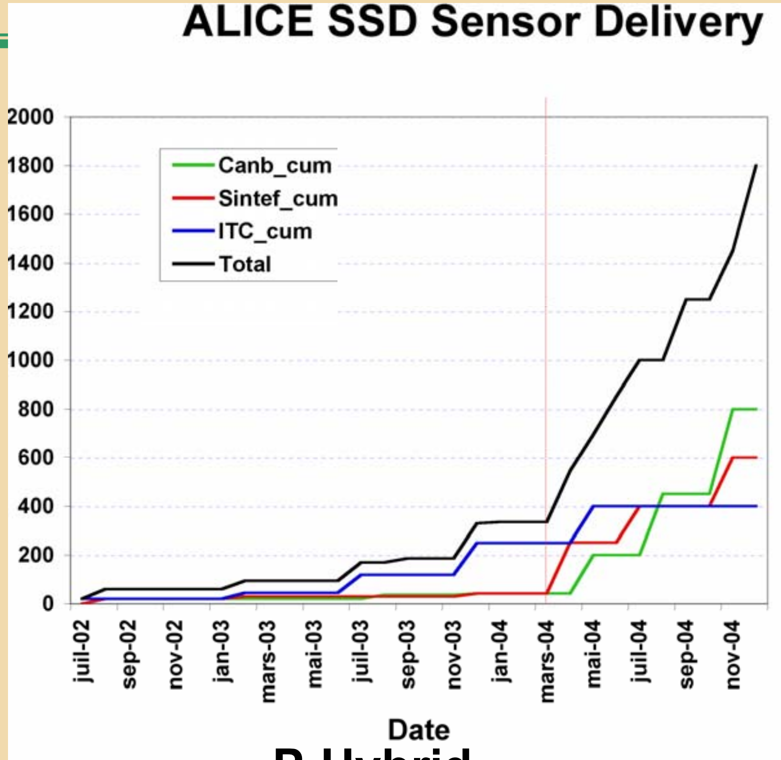


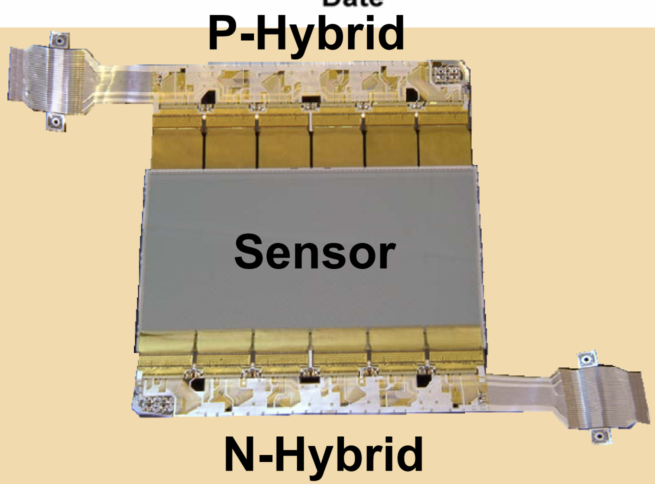


Si-Drift Detectors in production
Front end electronics in production
Assembly at four sites (Italy, US) started

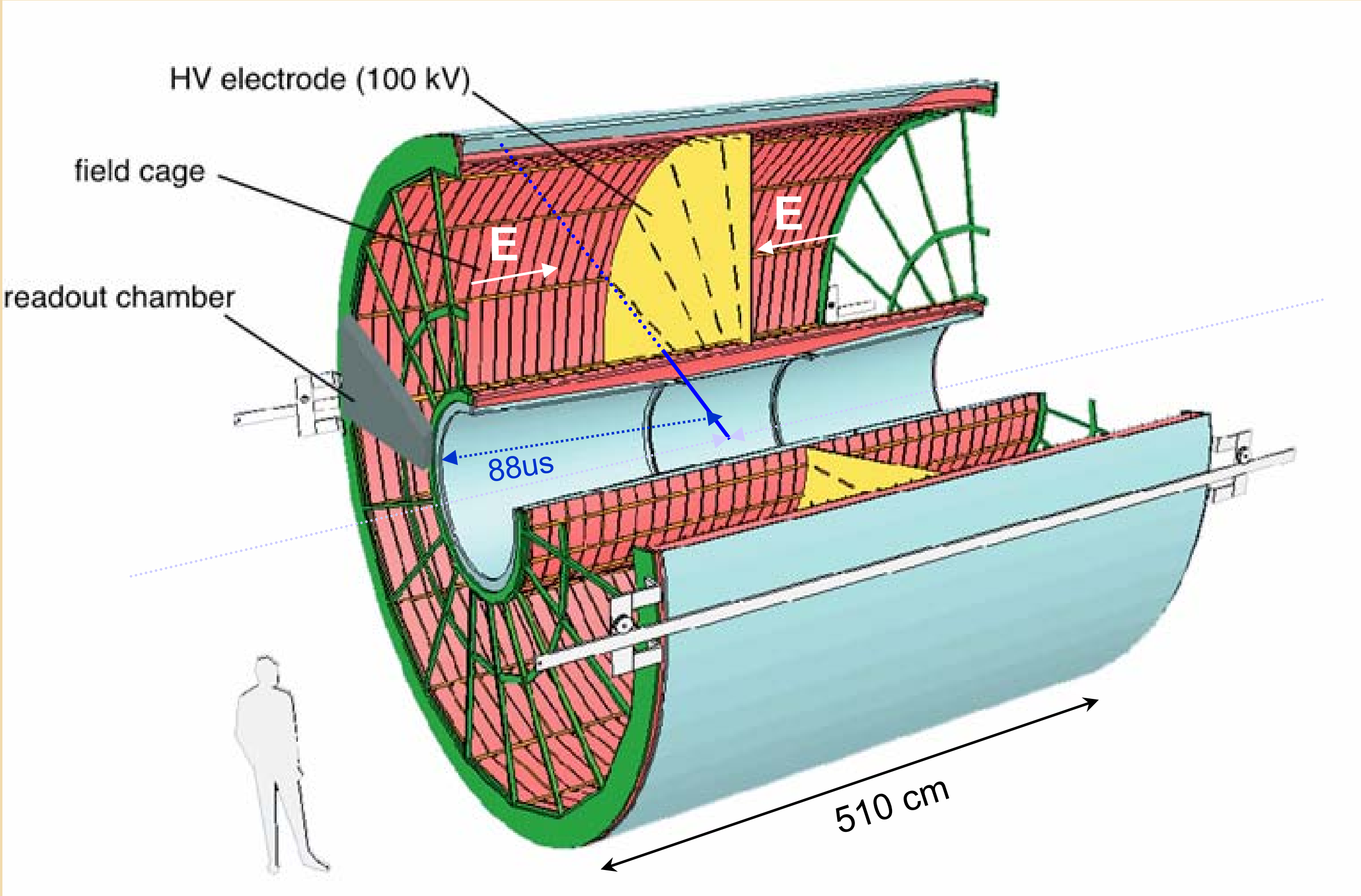
Silicon Strip Detector SSD

- Production:
  - sensors from three vendors under production
  - FEE electronics: all chips in production
  - micro-cables & hybrids (Ukraine):
    - very advanced technology; need to reach production speed
- Assembly
  - shared between 4 (later 5) sites (Finland, France, Italy); pre-production validated
- Status
  - viable, but very tight schedule





TPC layout

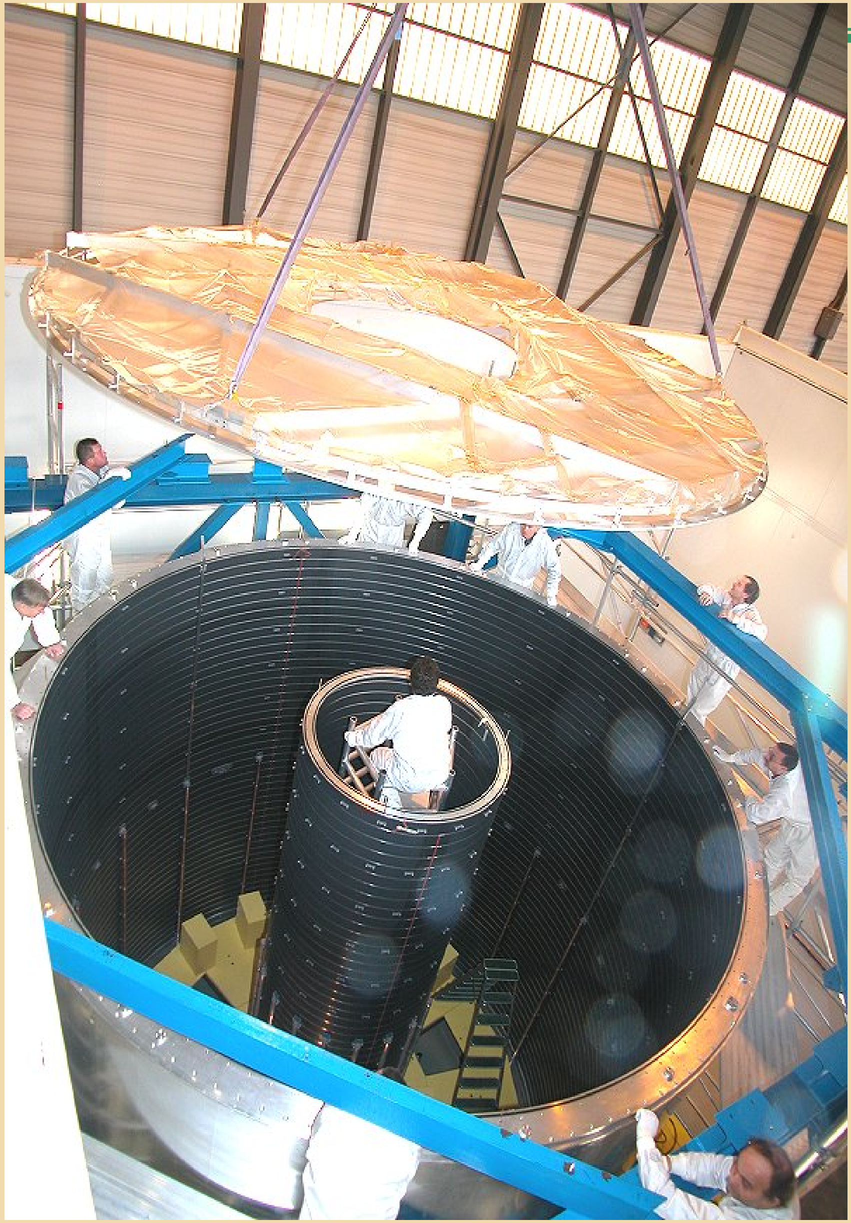


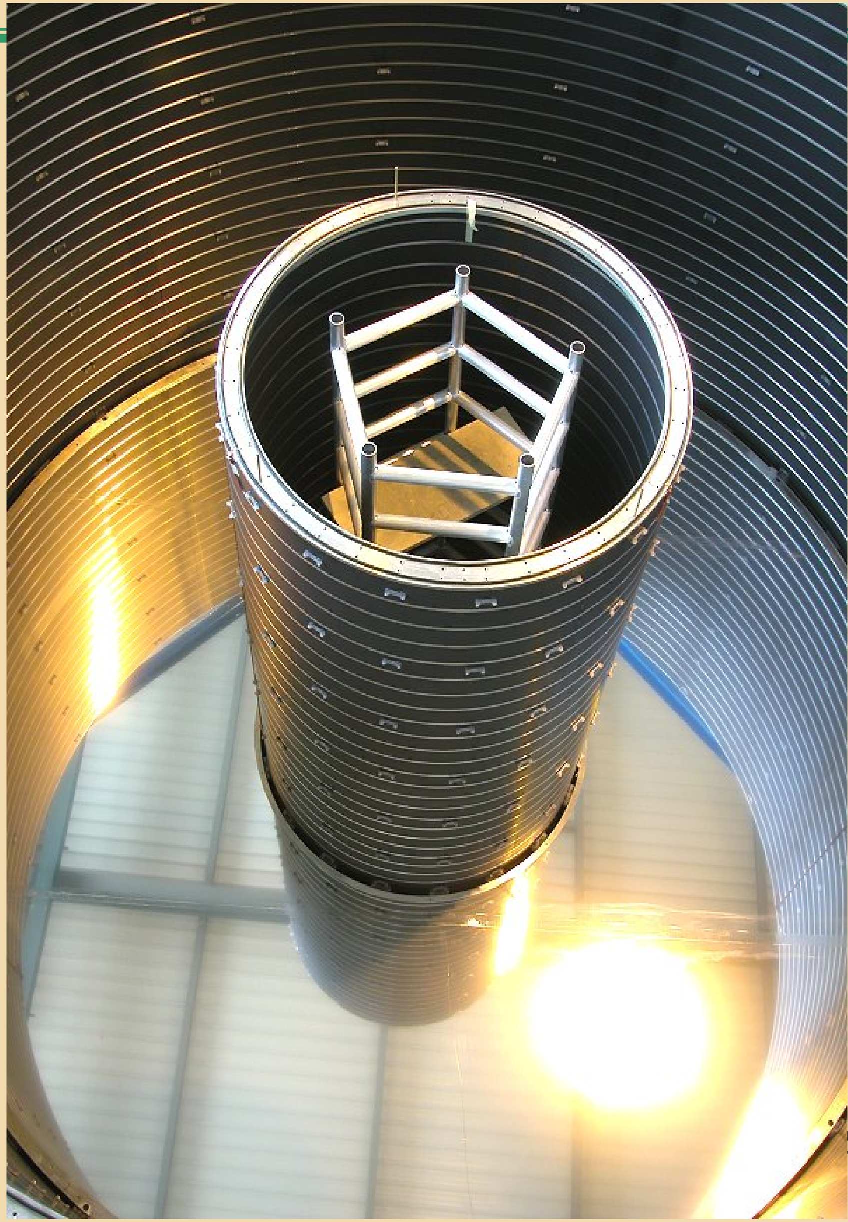
GAS VOLUME
88 m^3

DRIFT GAS
90% Ne - 10%CO_2
Field cage finished
FEE finished
Read out chamber finished
At present pre-integration of field cage into experiment

Readout plane segmentation
18 trapezoidal sectors
each covering 20 degrees in azimuth

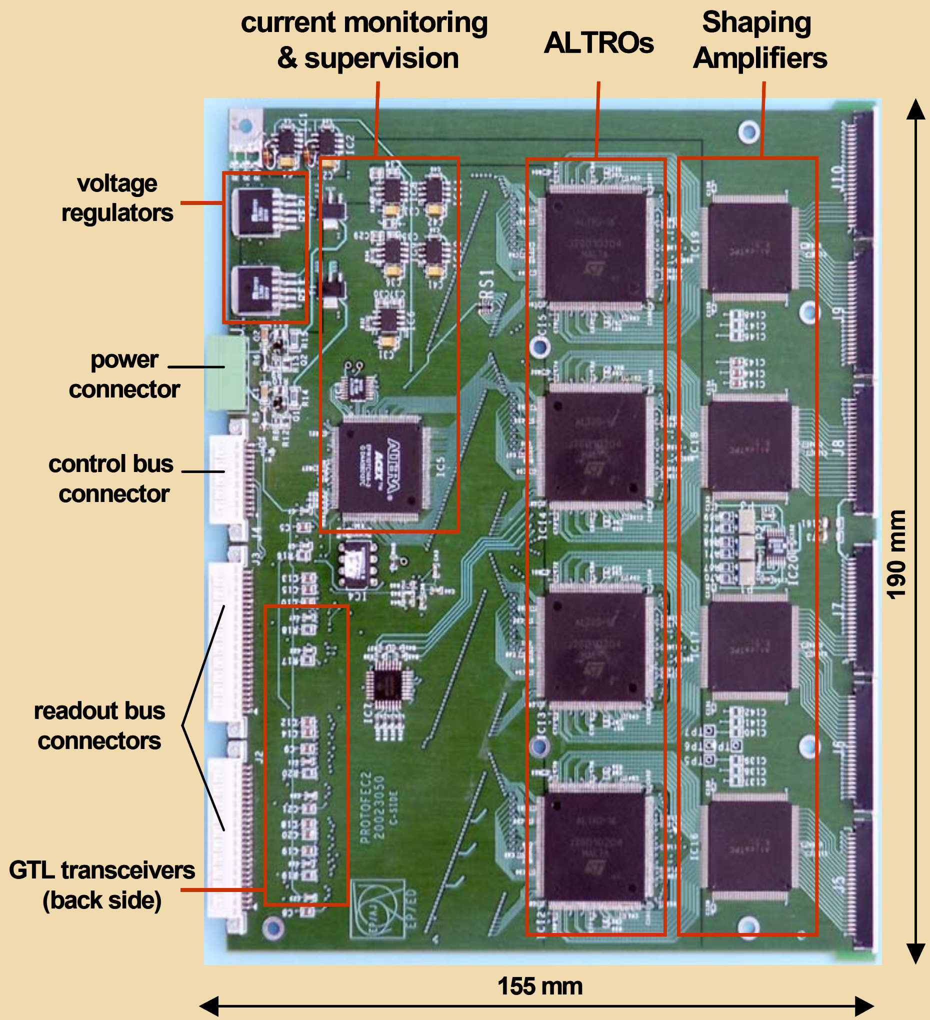
Mounting the TPC Central Electrode With 10^{-4} parallelism to readout chambers



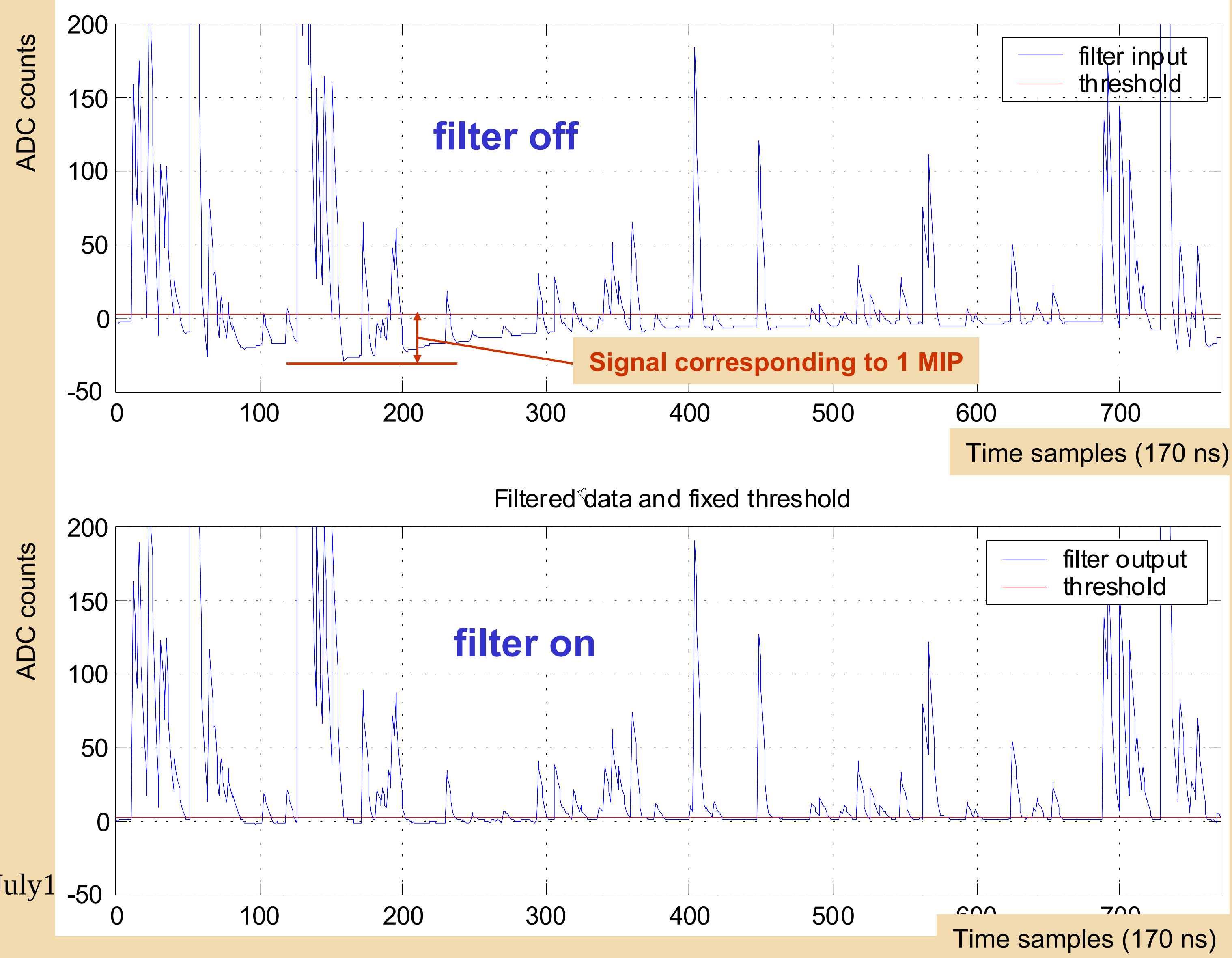


TPC – FEE

- FEE:
  - 48 channels with digital signal processing
- Serves also for other ALICE Detectors:
  - •PHOS, FMD
  - •Also considered for RHIC detector upgrades

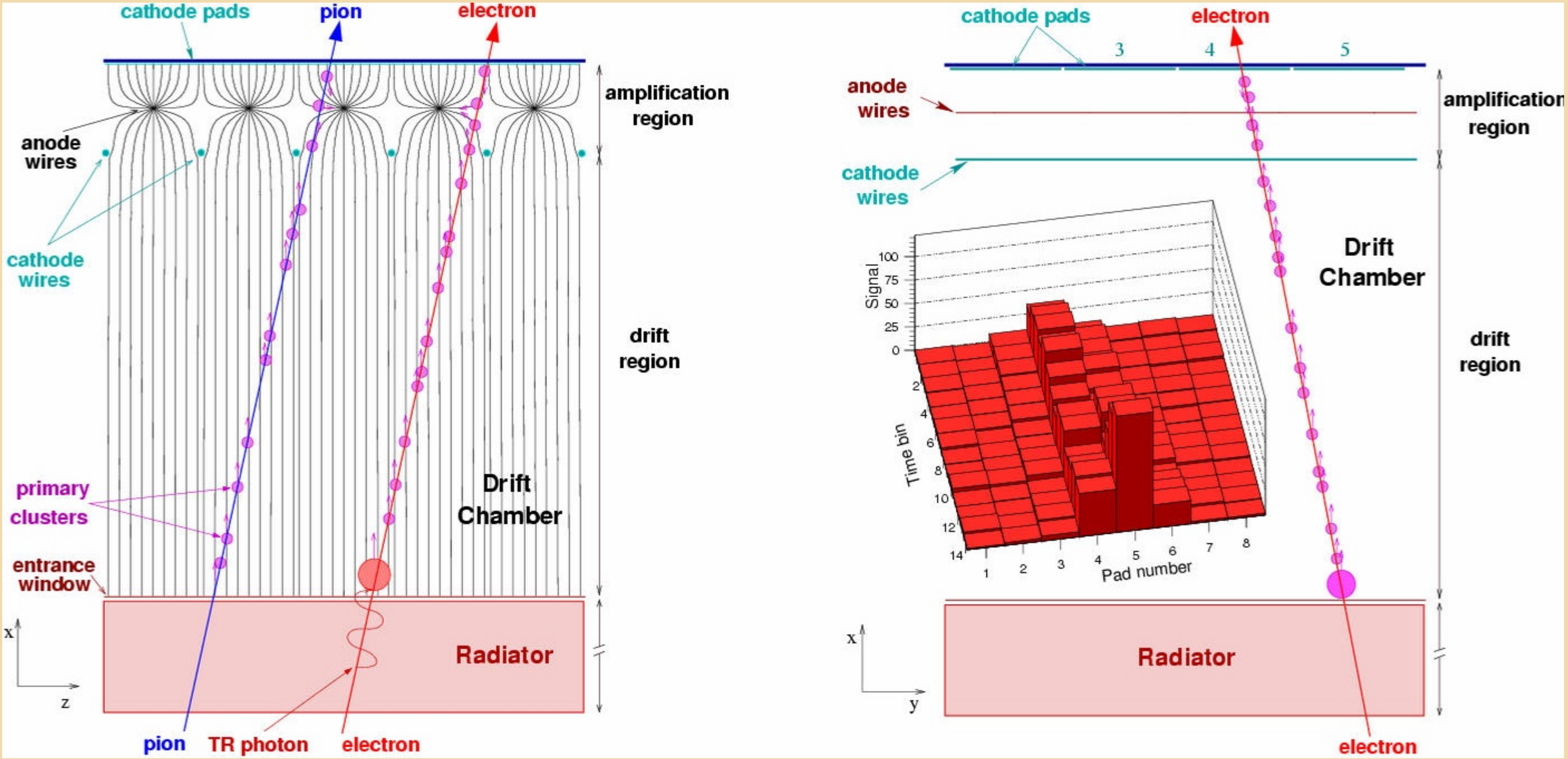


The Ion–Tail Problem: Digital tail Cancellation Performance



ALICE TRD : Ionization, Tracklet, Triggering

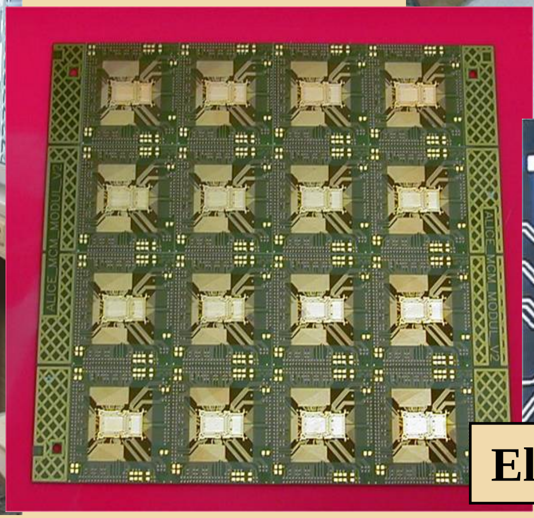
Pad chambers with a total of 1 200 000 channels

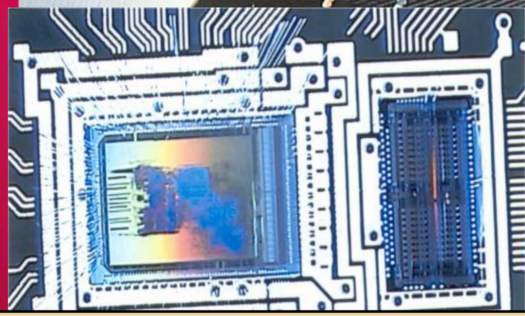


TRD ; Chamber production in Heidelberg,GSI, Dubna, Bucharest

Chamber production in Heidelberg

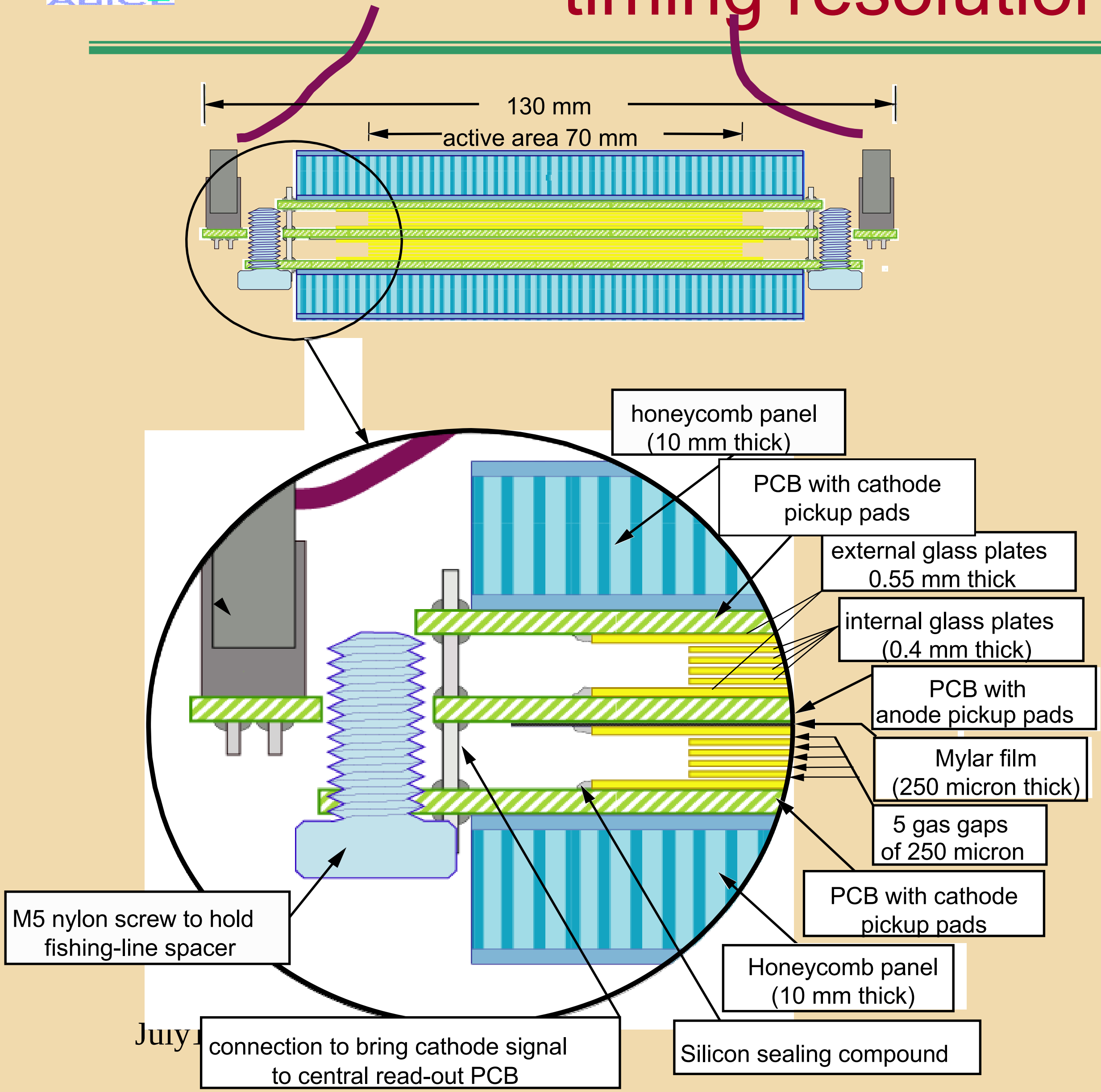
Chamber production lab in JINR





Electronics and MCM bonding at FZ Karlsruhe

Concept of Multigap RPC for improved timing resolution

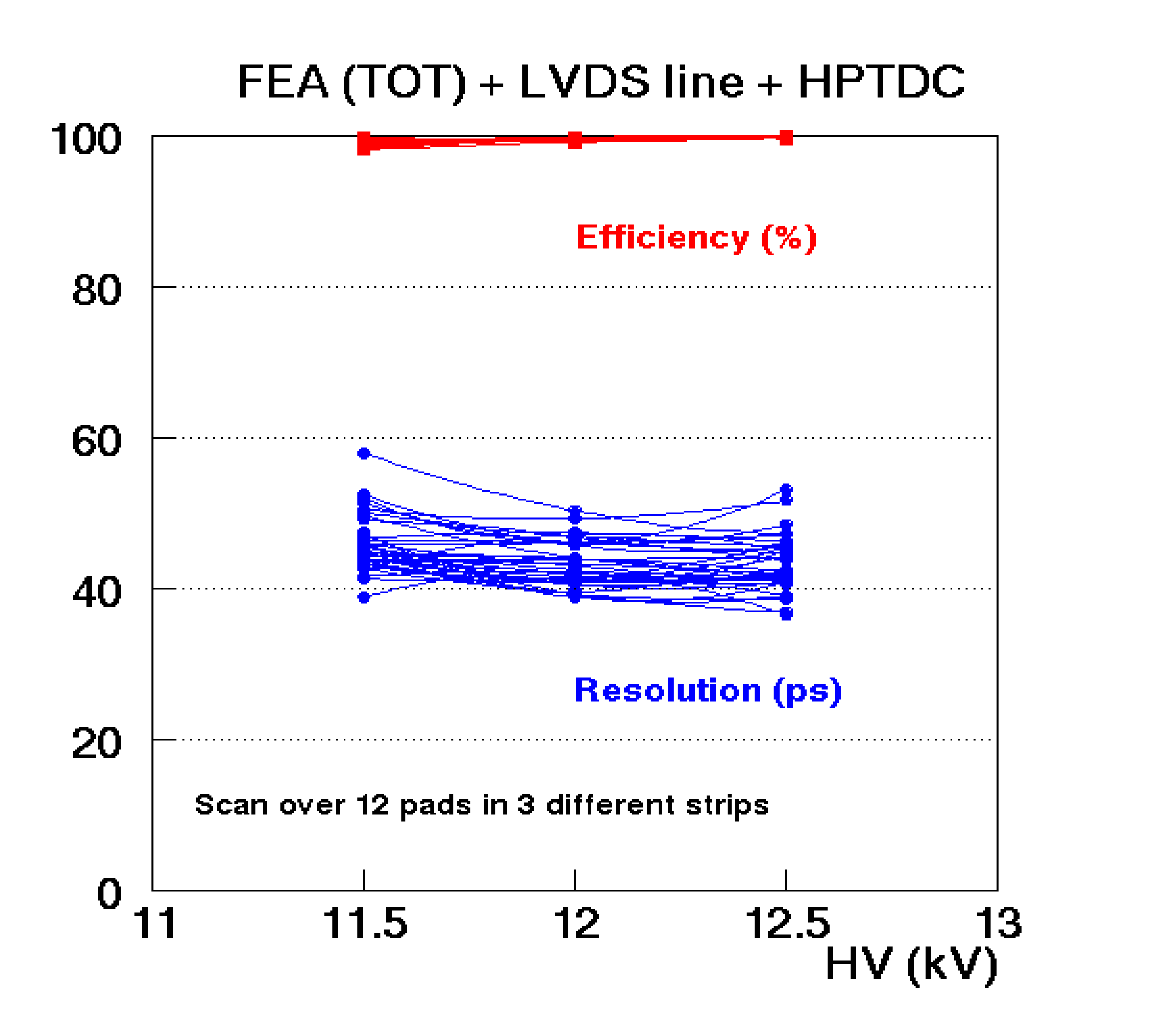


High performance
achieving 50 ps
Timing resolution

Revolutionizing
TOF identification

TOF : testbeam tests with final electronics

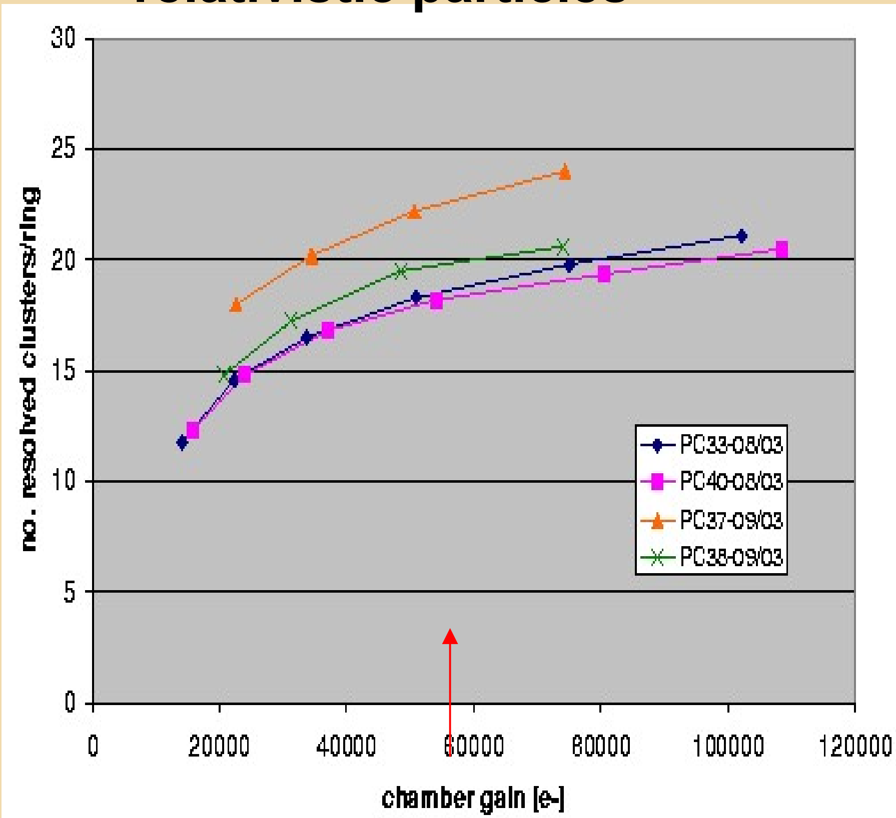
- 36 ch of FEA + HPTDC
- True TOT signal from ASIC
- INL correction and data packing done online with DSP on TRM master card



HMPID (High Momentum Particle Identification) Results from Test Beam

Sensitivity of 4 cathodes
Required : > 12 clusters
Measured :> 18 clusters for relativistic particles

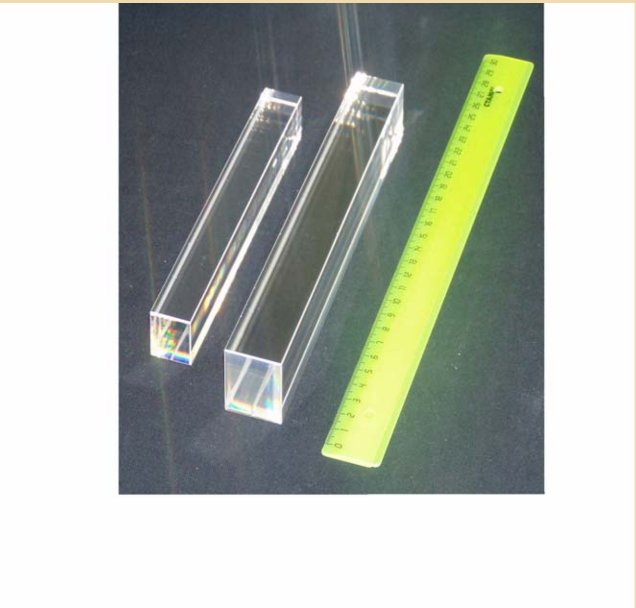
4 of 7 modules finished
Production ahead of schedule
Performance better than specified
Installation : Dec 2005



Nominal gain

PHOS : Photon and Electron Crystal calorimeter

- Complete system will have ~ 20 000 $PbWO_4$ crystals
  - Energy resolution ~ 3% / √ E
  - Dynamic range from ~ 100 MeV to ~ 100 GeV
  - Timing resolution of ~ 1.5 ns / √ E
  - Trigger capability at first level
  - More than 5000 crystals accepted
- Readout electronics
  - Reuse of major parts of TPC electronics
- First module (of 5) : end 2005
- For completion :
  - Need additional collaborators

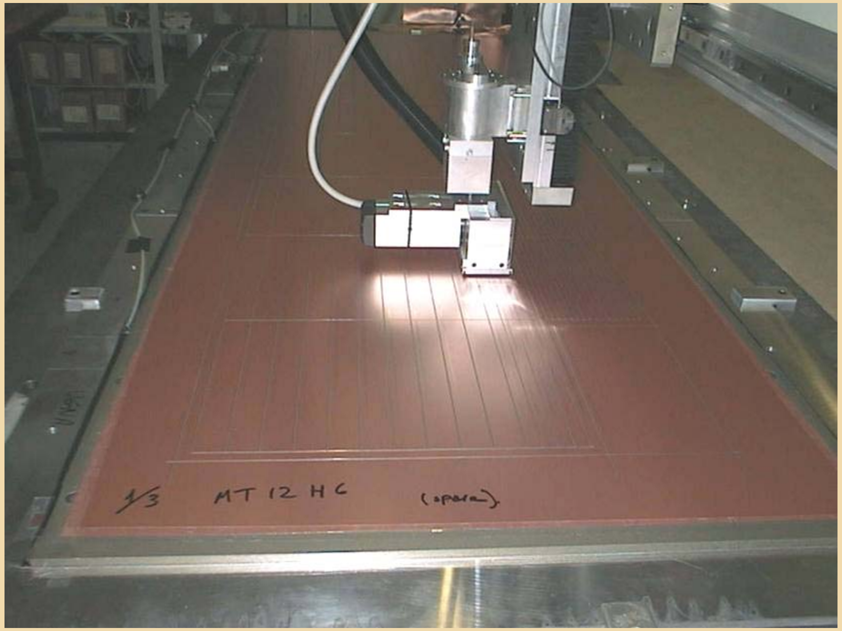


PHOS crystals from Apatity

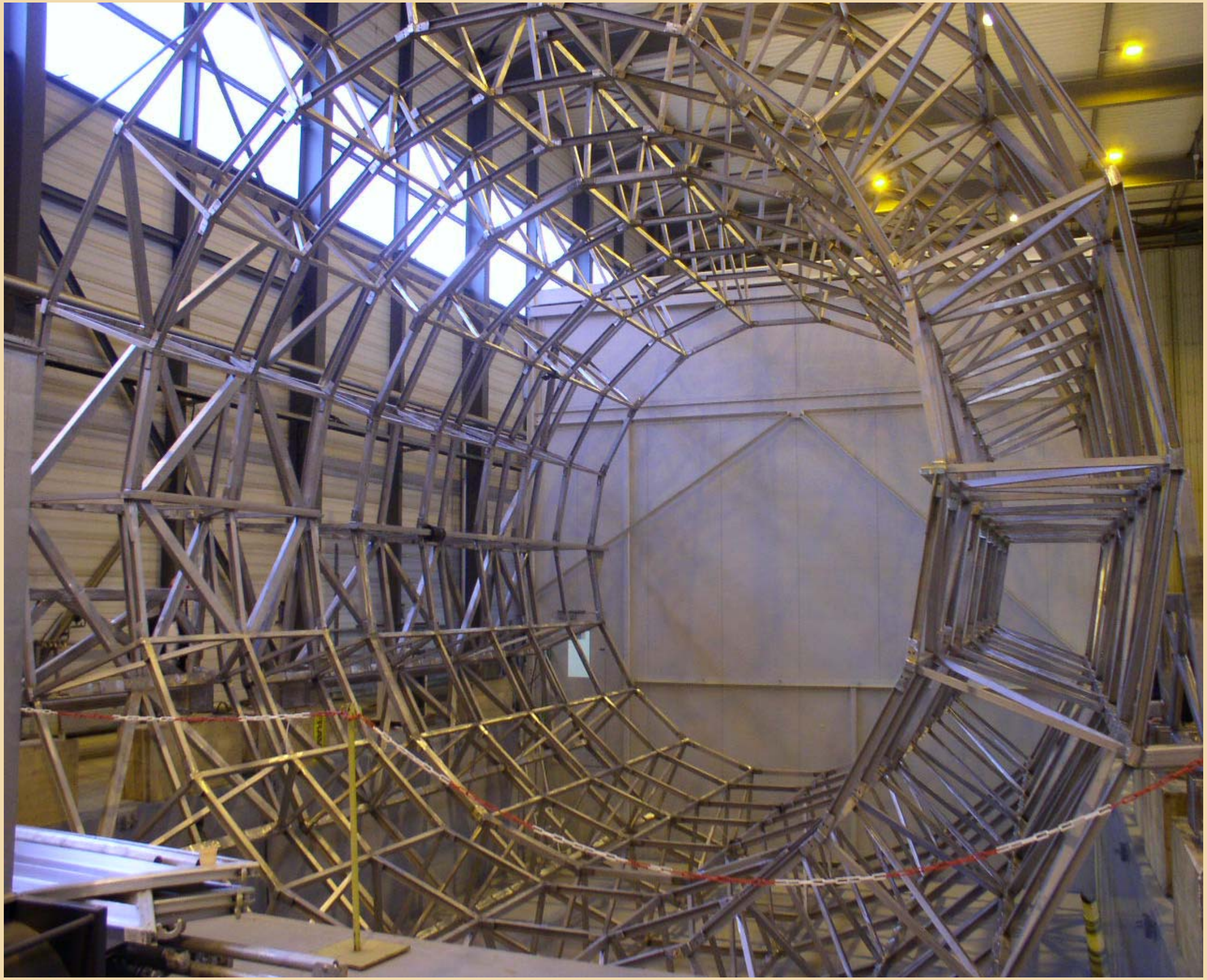
Muon Magnet :Yoke Assembly completed

Muon Tracking System

- Advanced ‘Pad-chamber’ system with
  - 1.2* 106 readout channels
  - Sagitta resolution of < 50 μm for
  - Mass resolution of ~ 80 MeV at Upsilon
- Production of chambers started in
  - France, India, Italy, Russia



Preparing Space Frame for TPC/ITS/TRD/TOF Pre-Integration



Pre-Integration of ITS/TPC/TRD/TOF ongoing at present moment

Offline

- 3rd Physics Data challenge (10% capacity): Jan – June 2004
  - **Goals:** Continuous testing of the ALICE computing model:
    - Reconstruction (AliROOT), production (AliEn) and analysis (AliROOT+AliEn+PROOF)
    - Produce and analyze the 10% equivalent of the yearly ALICE raw data output.
      Detailed study of hard physics for the PPR
  - **Status:**
    - Currently in the first 1/3 of the program (event production)
    - Successfully using combined AliEn and LCG resources (50/50)

Physics benchmarks : a few (difficult) examples

- Jets and Jets Quenching
- Heavy quarks
- Direct photons

Jets and Jet quenching (I)

- Jets : reflect interactions of partons in partonic matter
- Effects
  - Reduction of single inclusive high p_t particles
    - Parton specific (stronger for gluons than quarks)
    - Flavour specific (stronger for light quarks)
    - Measure identified hadrons (p, K, p, Λ, etc.) + heavy partons (charm, beauty) at high p_T
  - Change of fragmentation function for hard jets (p_t >> 10 GeV/c)
    - Transverse and longitudinal fragmentation function of jets
    - Jet broadening → reduction of jet energy, dijets, g-jet pairs

Jets and Jet Quenching (II)

- Experimental Consequences
  - Measurement of Jet Energy is important
    - In present configuration Alice measures only charged particles (and electromagnetic energy in PHOS)
    - Large EM Calorimeter would provide significant performance bonus
  - Measurement of Jet Structure very important
    - Requires good momentum analysis from ~ 1Gev/c to ~100 Gev/c
    - Alice excells in this domain
  - pp and pA measurements essential as reference for physics in cold nuclear matter

Energy domains for jet reconstruction

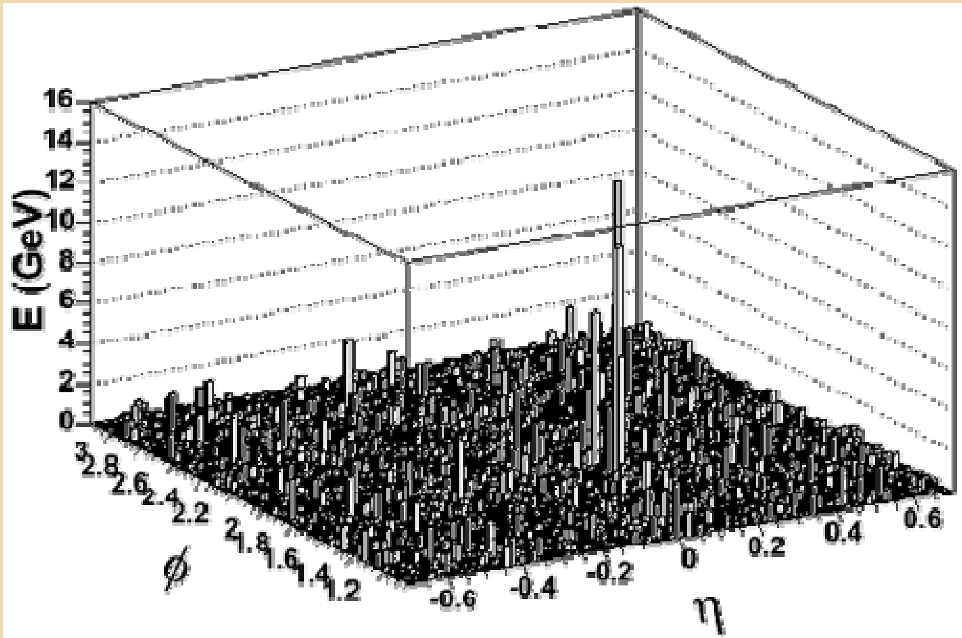
2 GeV **20 GeV** **100 GeV** **200 GeV**

Mini-Jets 100/event **1/event** **100k/month**

Event structure and properties at p > 2GeV/c
Correlation studies
Limit is given by underlying event

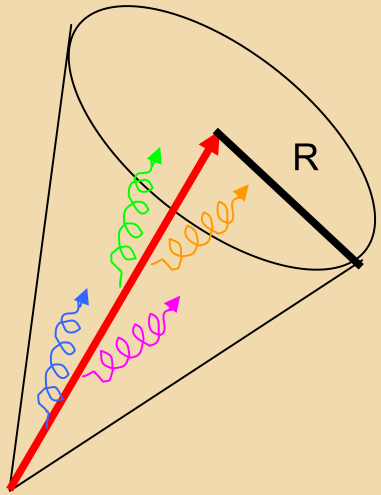
Reconstructed Jets
Event-by-event well distinguishable objects

Example :
100GeV jet +
Underlying event

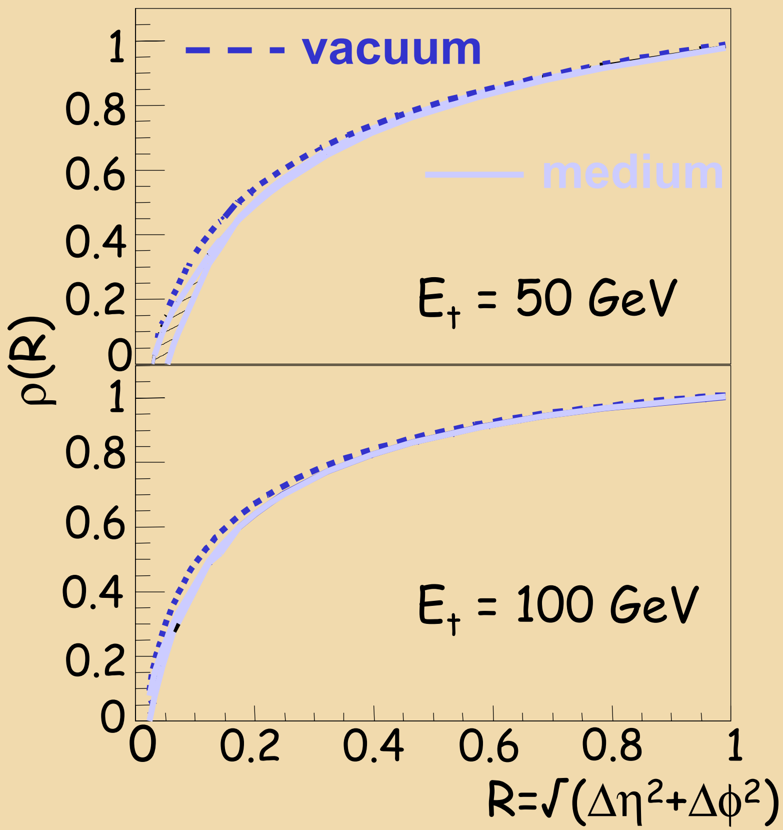


Jet quenching

- Excellent jet reconstruction… but challenging to measure global medium modification …



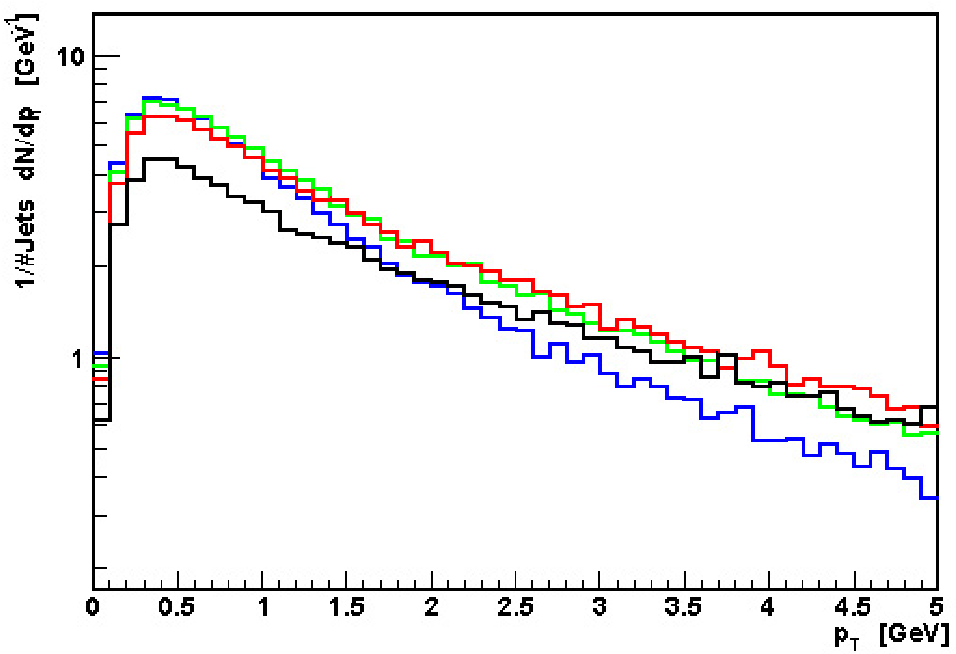
Medium induced redistribution of jet energy occurs inside cone



C.A. Salgado, U.A. Wiedemann hep-ph/0310079

- E_t=100 GeV (reduced average jet energy fraction inside R):
  - Radiated energy ~20%
  - R=0.3 : DE/E=3%

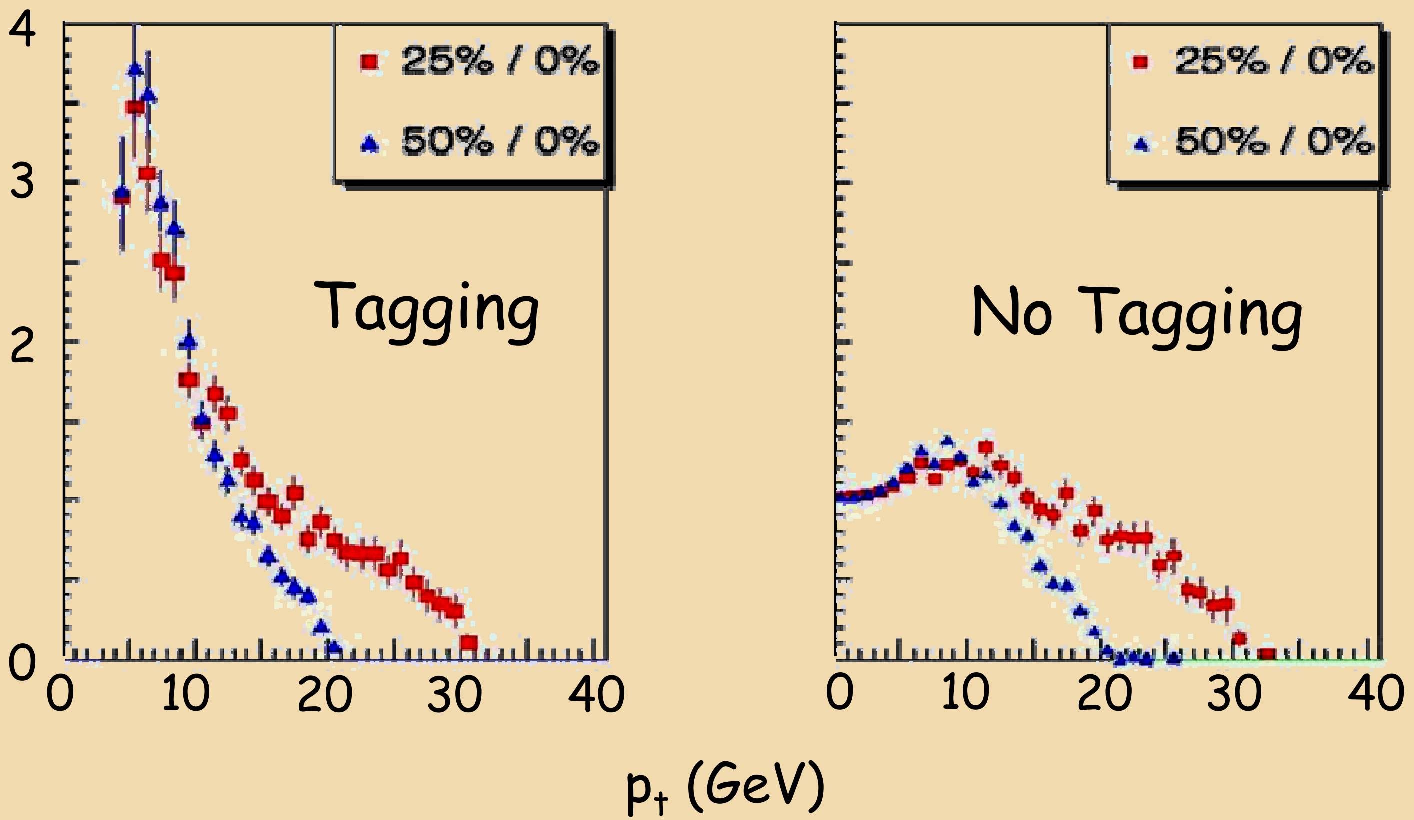
Relevance of low-p_T Tracking for quenching studies



Simple quenching model:
The energy loss of a 100 GeV jets is simulated by reducing the energy of the jet by 20% and replacing the missing energy by:
1 x 20 GeV gluon
2 x 10 GeV gluons
4 x 5 GeV gluons
Jets have been simulated with Pythia.

Exclusive Jets : tagged with Photon

- PbPb Collisions : photon tag of 40 GeV



Heavy Quarks and Quarkonia

- **Heavy quarks** with momenta < 20–30 GeV/c $\rightarrow$ $v << c$

- **Gluon radiation is suppressed at angles < m_Q/E_Q**

  → **"dead-cone" effect**

  - Due to destructive interference (inside cone gluon with v=c would violate causality)
  - Contributes to the harder fragmentation of heavy quarks and implies lower energy loss for heavy quarks relative to light quarks

→ **D mesons quenching reduced**

→ **Ratio D/hadrons (or D/π^0) enhanced and sensitive to medium properties**

Yu.L.Dokshitzer and D.E.Kharzeev, Phys. Lett. **B519** (2001) 199 [arXiv:hep-ph/0106202].

D quenching ($D^0 \rightarrow K^-p+$)

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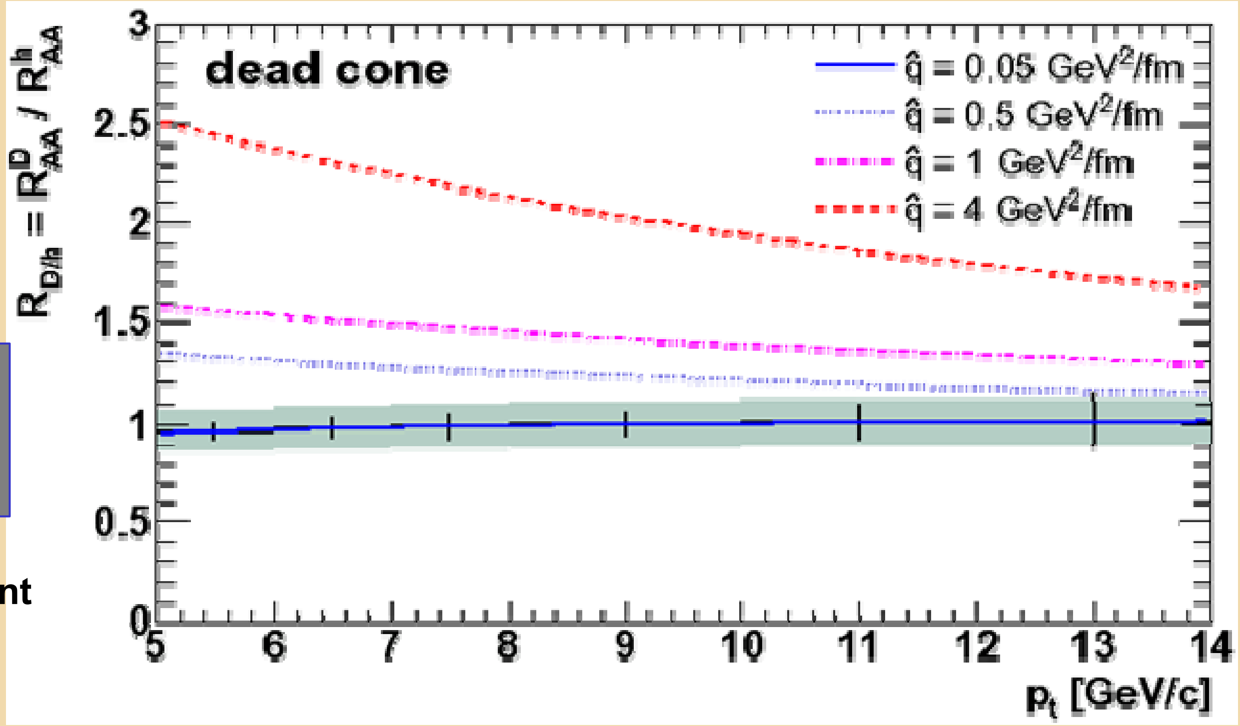


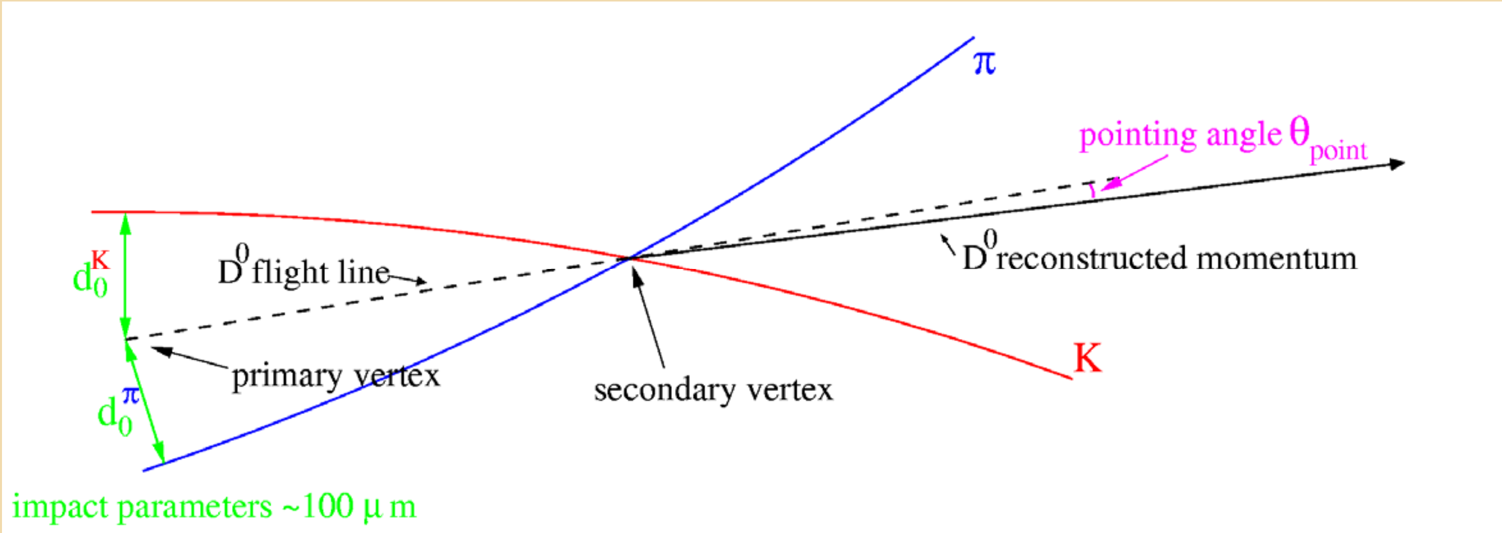
$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{N_{coll}} \times \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_t}{dN_{pp}/dp_t}$$

q …medium transport coefficient depends on gluon density, momenta

- Ratio D/hadrons (or D/π^0) enhanced and sensitive to medium properties

Detection strategy for $D^0 \rightarrow K^- p+$

- **Weak decay with mean proper length ct = 124 μm**
- **Impact Parameter (distance of closest approach**
- **of a track to the primary vertex) of the decay products d_0 ~ 100 μm**



- **STRATEGY: invariant mass analysis of fully-reconstructed topologies originating from (displaced) secondary vertices**
  - **Measurement of Impact Parameters**
  - **Measurement of Momenta**
  - **Particle identification to tag the two decay products**

Hadronic charm

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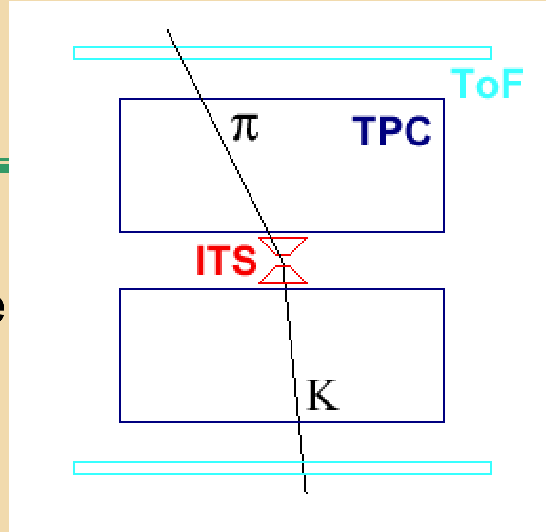
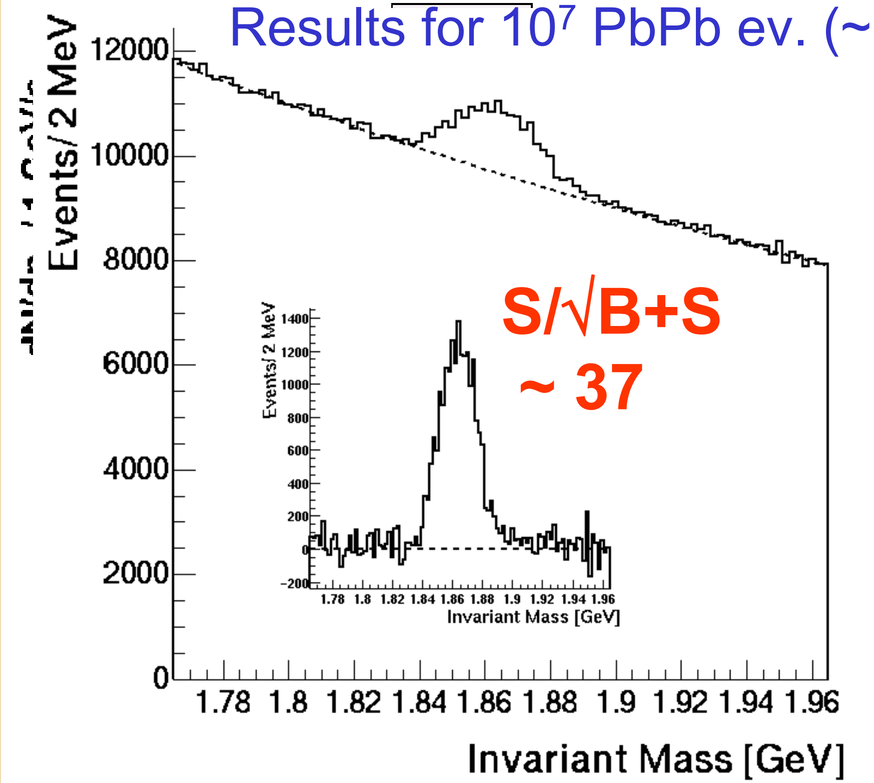
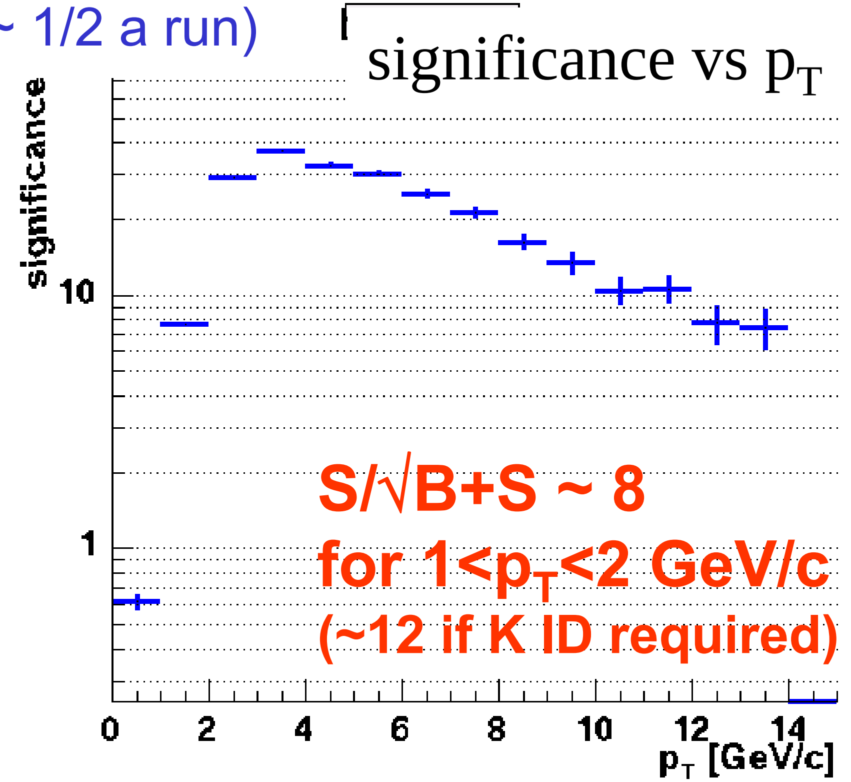
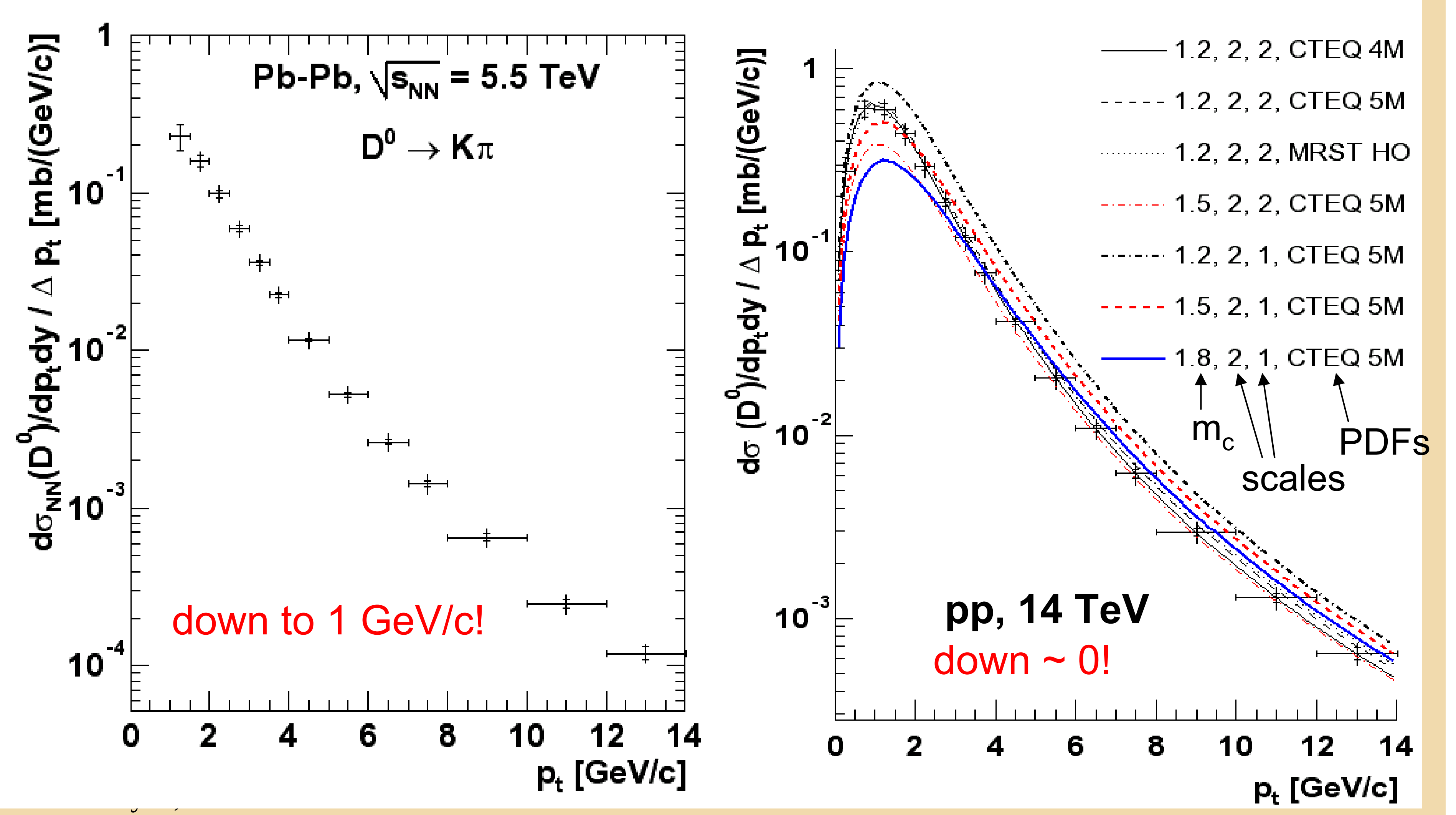


Results for 10^7 PbPb ev. (~ 1/2 a run)





D^0 Cross section measurement



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c/b Quarkonia

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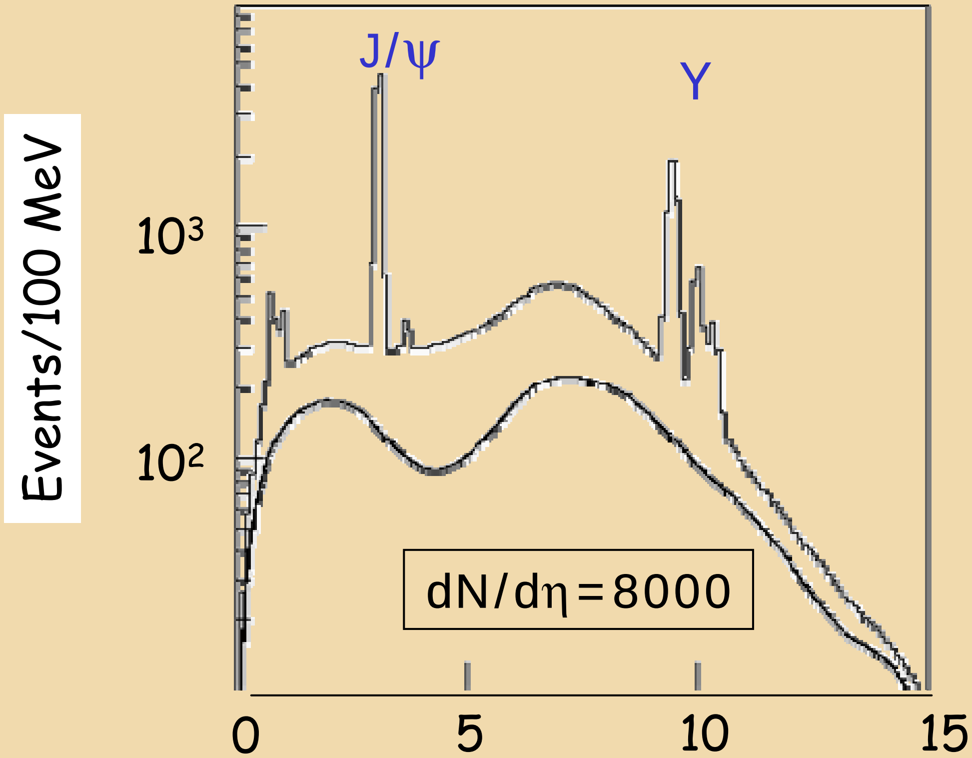

Photon identification with PHOS

- PHOS identification:
  - CPV detector: Charged particle rejection.
  - TOF : Rejection of massive low p_T particles.
  - PHOS : Hadron rejection via shower topology.
- Shower topology methods:
  - Principal component analysis (PCA).
    three levels of γ ' purity ' defined:
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  - Required for improved background rejection

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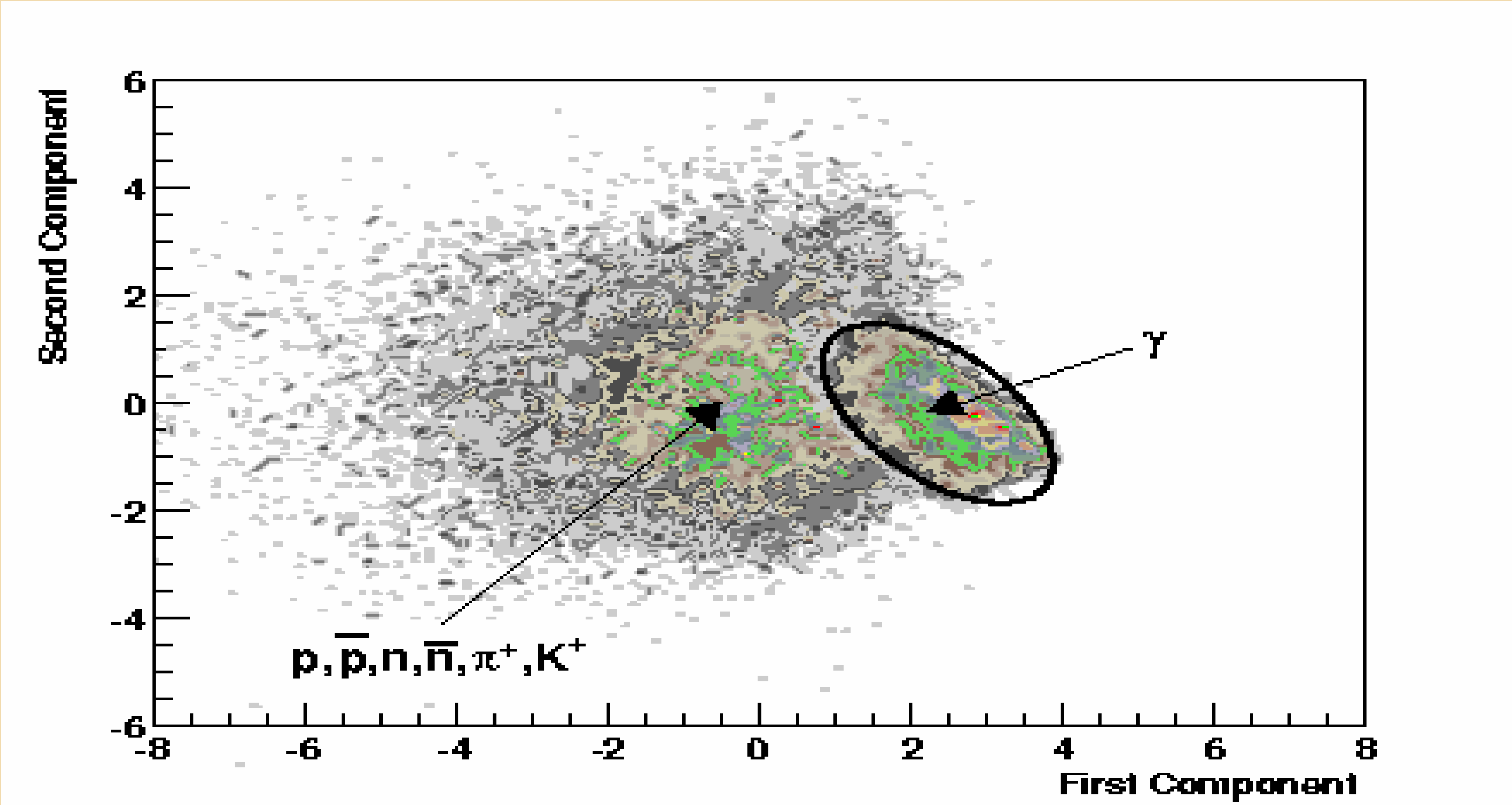
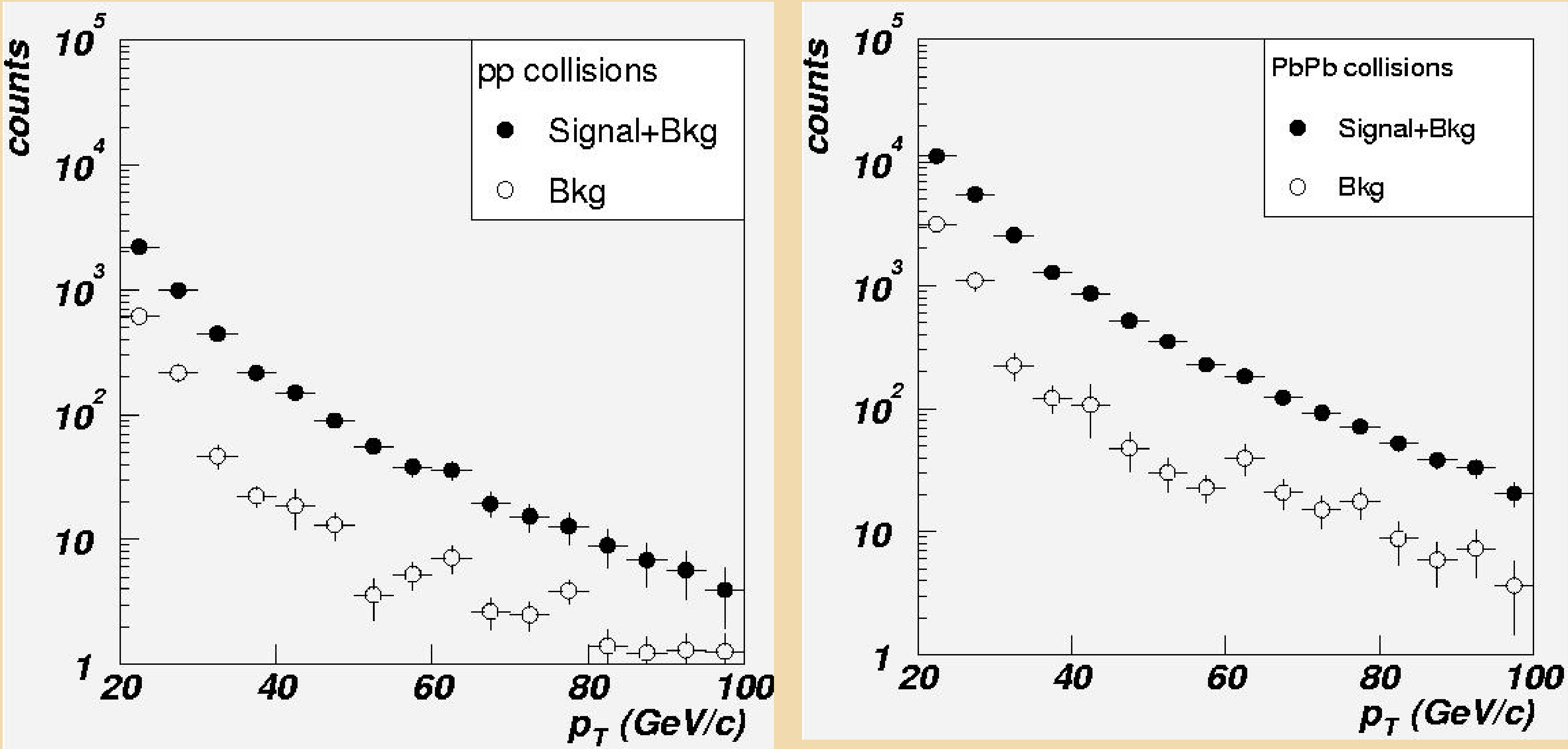


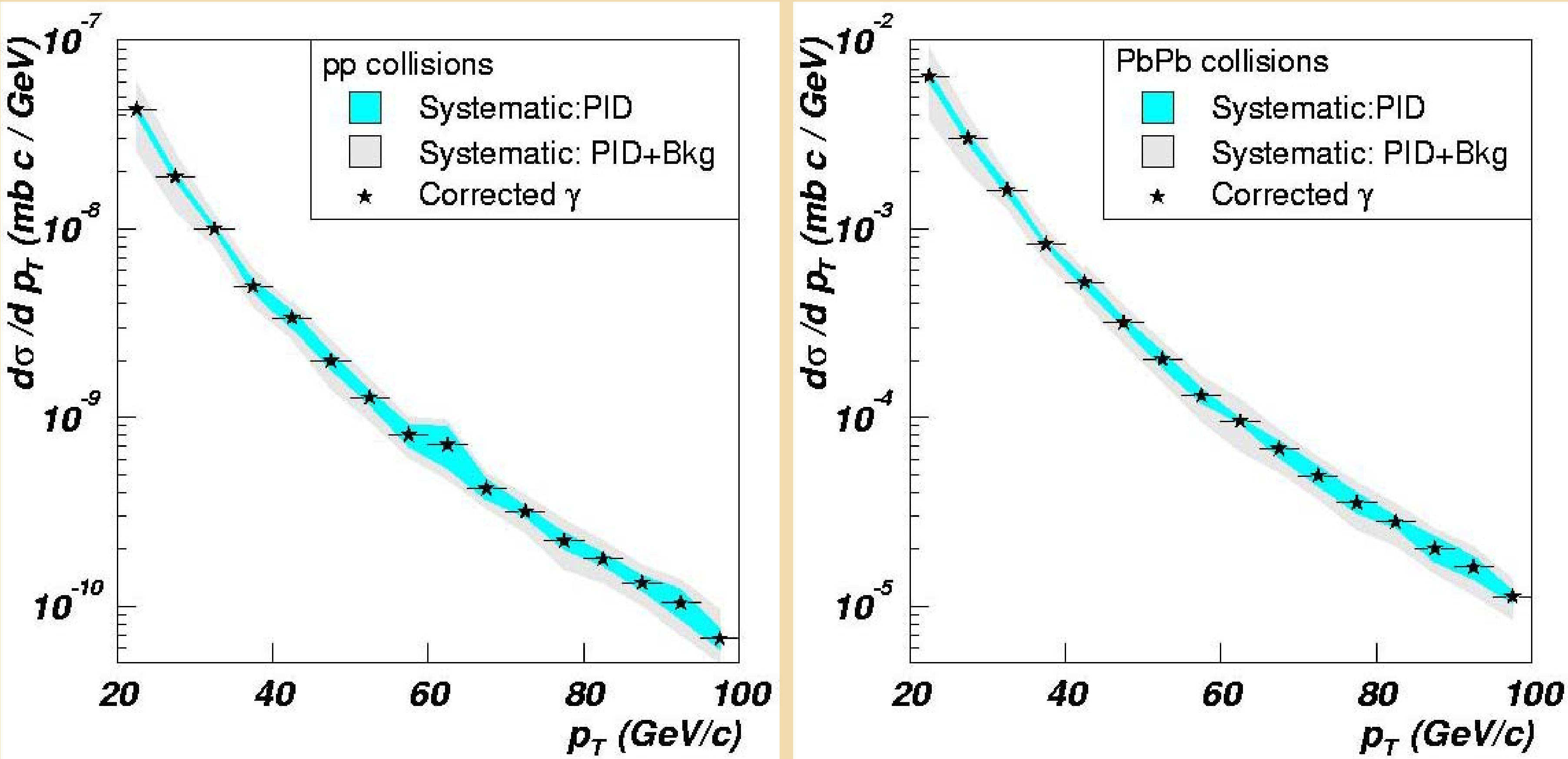
Seven parameters used; optimization in 7-dim.space;
Further rejection provided by timing capability of PHOS

Prompt Photon Spectrum (One Year of Running)



Conclusion : high p_T (>20 Gev/c) well within reach of Alice

Cross section for Prompt Photon Production



Looking forward to first operation

- to a timely completion of LHC and experiments construction in April 2007;
  - Accelerators and experiments are in the production phase.
- For an exciting decade of HI physics in a new regime physics
  - Detailed physics program is taking shape (Physics Performance Reports, Yellow Report,..)
- The 2004 – 2007 challenge:
  - Keep the detector construction on its rather tight time scale
  - Continue preparation and bring to ready-state the physics analysis programs
  - demonstrate world-wide distributed Monte-Carlo production and data analysis.