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# **ALICE – Future Plans**

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# Outline

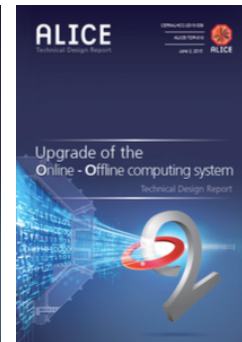
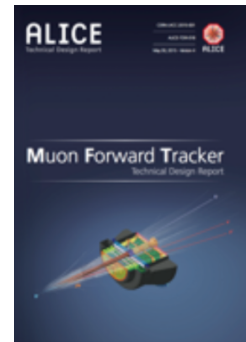
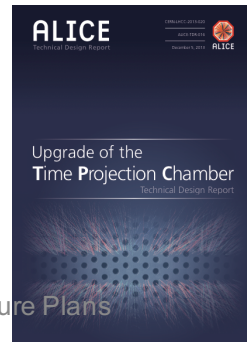
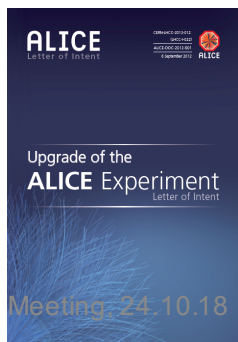
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# ALICE LS2 upgrade: driving physics goals (2012)

- Heavy-quark interactions in QCD medium  
→ Heavy-flavour dynamics and hadronisation at low  $p_T$
- Quarkonium melting and regeneration in QGP  
→ Charmonium down to zero  $p_T$
- QGP radiation and chiral symmetry restoration at  $\mu_B=0$   
→ Thermal di-leptons, photons, vector mesons
- Production of light nuclei in QGP  
→ High-precision measurement of light nuclei and hyper-nuclei

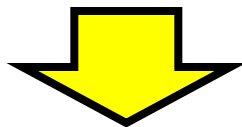
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# Upgrade strategy

- Increase tracking granularity, reduce material thickness
- Speed-up main ALICE PID detectors
- No dedicated triggers possible  
→ increase readout rate, reduce data size, write all Pb-Pb at 50 kHz

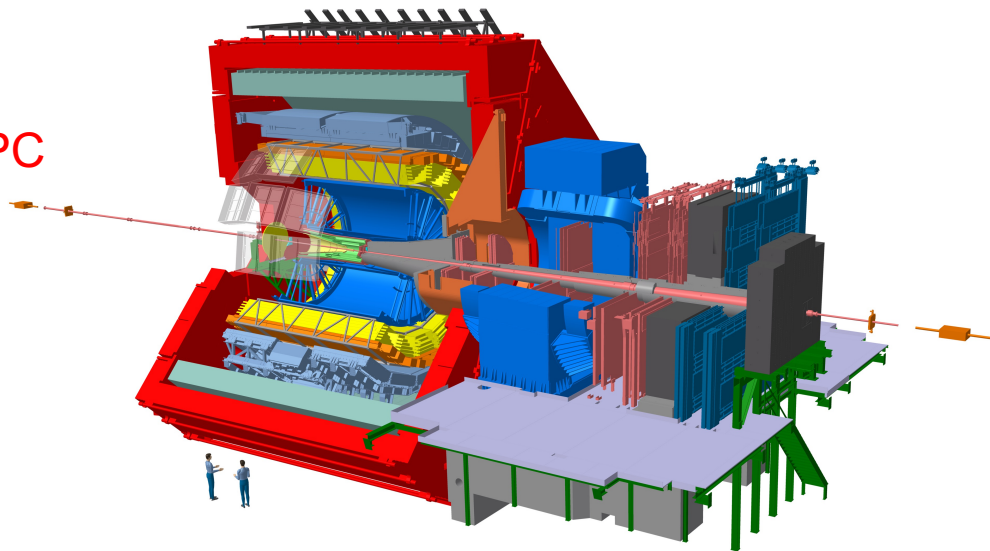
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Run 3-4: increase of MB sample **x100** wrt Run 2  
10/nb ~ 100 billion Pb-Pb events + 3/nb dedicated run at low B field (dielectrons)

# ALICE in 2021

- New Inner Tracking System (ITS)
- New Forward Muon Tracker (MFT)
- New GEM Readout Chambers for TPC
- New Online-Offline system (O<sup>2</sup>)
- New trigger detector (FIT)
- Upgraded readout for TOF, TRD, MUON, ZDC, EMCal, PHOS

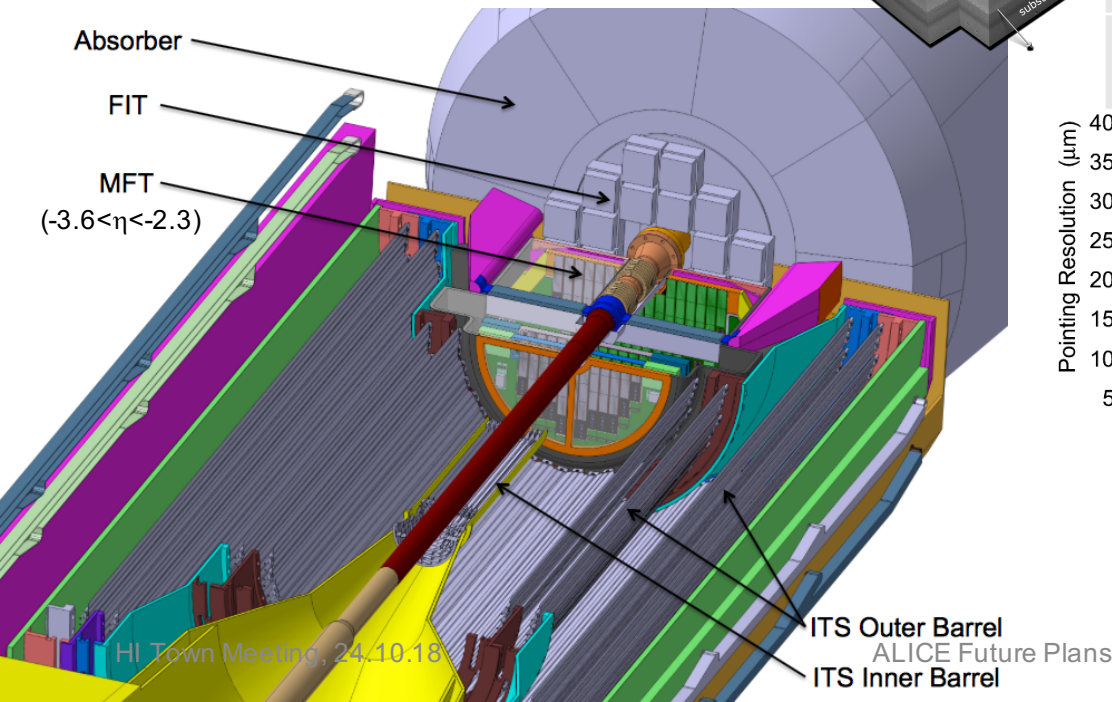
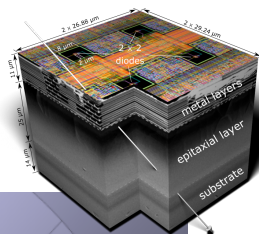




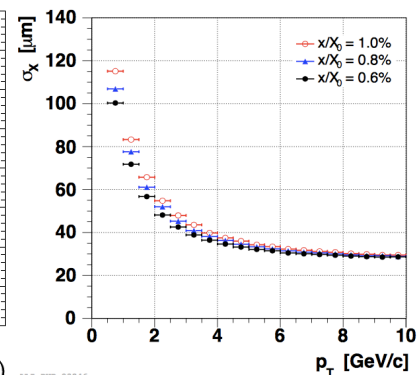
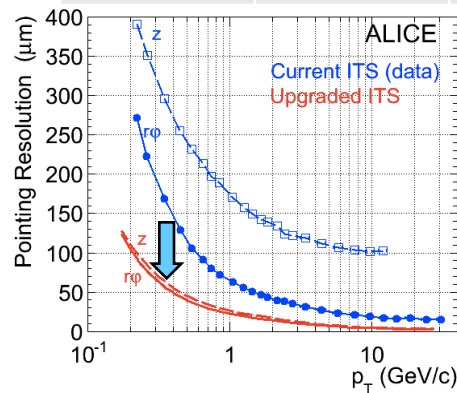
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# New all-pixel trackers: ITS2 and MFT

- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS)
  - Low resistivity, high efficiency, low thickness, low power consumption
  - Also chosen by sPHENIX and MPD@NICA



	Current ITS	New ITS2	MFT
N Layers	6	7	5
Inner radius	3.9 cm	2.3 cm	/
Layer thickness	$\sim 1.1\% X_0$	$0.3\text{--}1.0\% X_0$	$0.8\% X_0$
Spatial resolution	$12 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2$ $35 \times 20 \mu\text{m}^2$ $20 \times 830 \mu\text{m}^2$	$\sim 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$	$\sim 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$

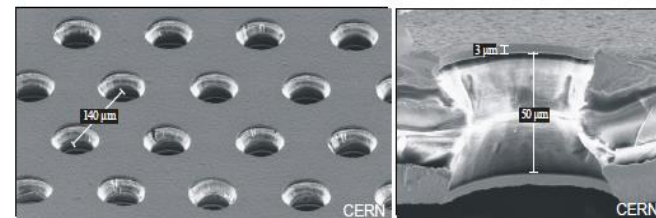
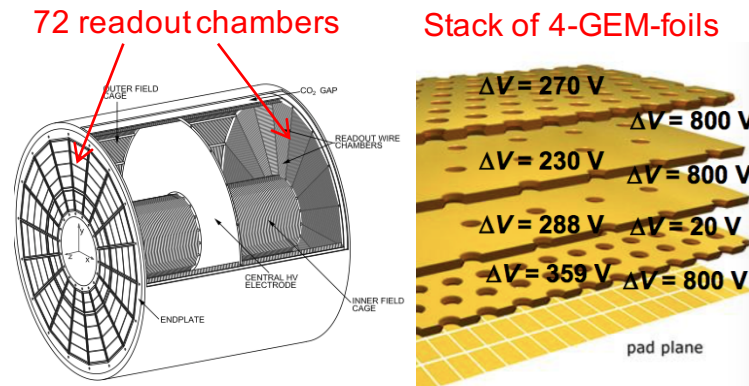
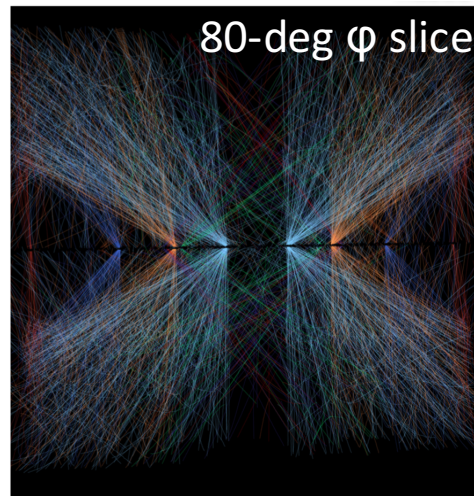
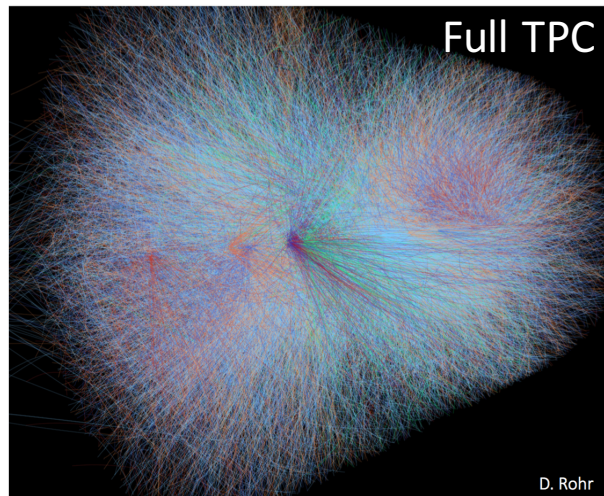


ITS2 tracking precision  
x3 better in  $r\phi$  plane,  
 $< 20 \mu\text{m}$  above 1 GeV/c

MFT:  $< 100 \mu\text{m}$   
above 1 GeV/c

# TPC with GEM readout for Pb-Pb at 50 kHz

- Current MWPC: readout rate limited by ion backflow
- New readout chambers (GEM): continuous readout of Pb-Pb at interaction rate of 50 kHz
  - preserve  $p_T$  and  $dE/dx$  resolution
- 5 interactions on average during TPC drift time ( $90 \mu\text{s}$ )
- Calibration and track-to-event assignment in  $O^2$  system



Electron microscope photograph of a GEM foil

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# O<sup>2</sup> Online-Offline System

- O<sup>2</sup> will integrate the present DAQ, HLT and Offline systems
- A large computing farm will process the data online, calibrate the TPC, reject detector noise, and build events
- Data reduction factor >30 in Pb-Pb, without event rejection
  - 3.4 TB/s → 0.1 TB/s to tape

Raw data to online farm in continuous mode

HI run 3.4 TByte/s



Data reduction by zero (cluster) suppression.  
No event discarded

500 GByte/s



Data reduction after online tracking  
Only reconstructed data to storage

100 GByte/s



Data Storage - 1 year of compressed data



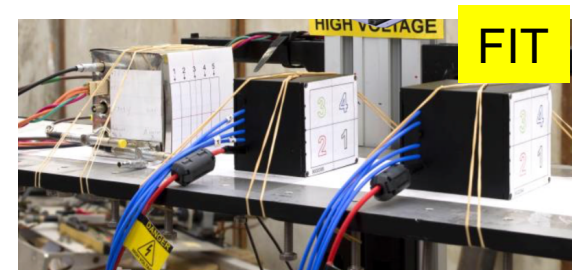
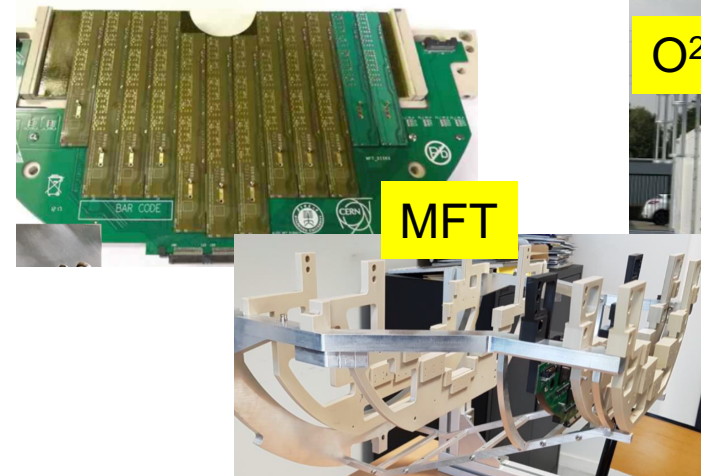
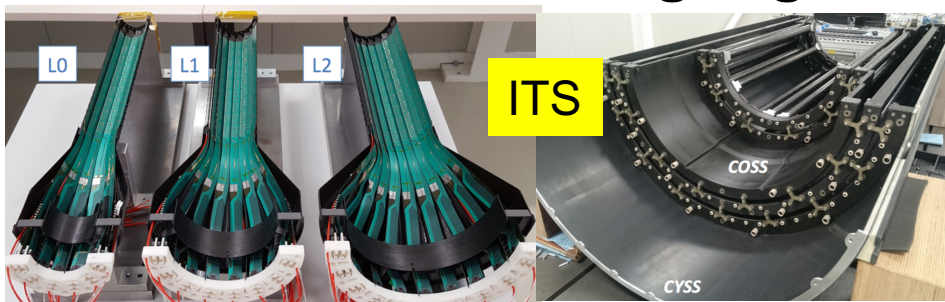
Tier0, Tier 1 and  
Analysis Facilities



Asynchronous event  
reconstruction with  
final calibration

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# All this now coming together, and much more



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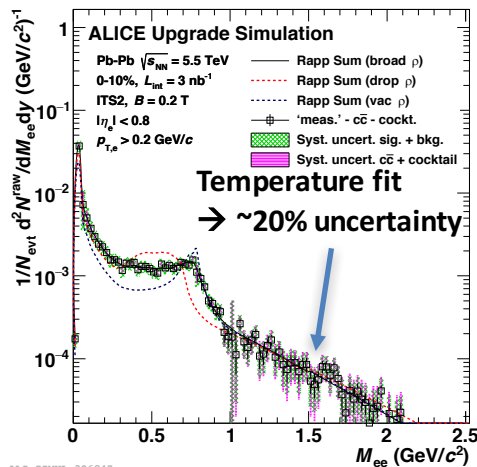
# Physics of high-density QCD at LHC after LS2

- Key priorities of the whole programme
  1. Macroscopic long-wavelength QGP properties with unprecedented precision
  2. Microscopic parton dynamics underlying QGP properties
  3. Parton densities in broad kinematic range and search for saturation
  4. Collectivity across colliding systems, hot medium in small systems?
- ALICE will provide unique insight on all four priorities
  - Only some examples given in the following
  - See also previous talk on WG5 HI

# 1. Macroscopic long-wavelength QGP properties

- **Temperature** → thermal radiation from real and virtual photons

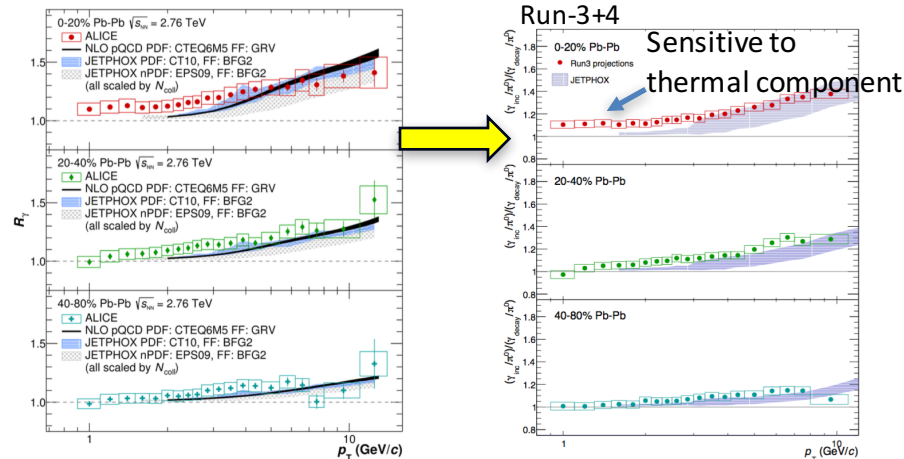
Di-electrons (less material, better tracking, low-B run)



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Real photons (less material, ITS with material calibration)

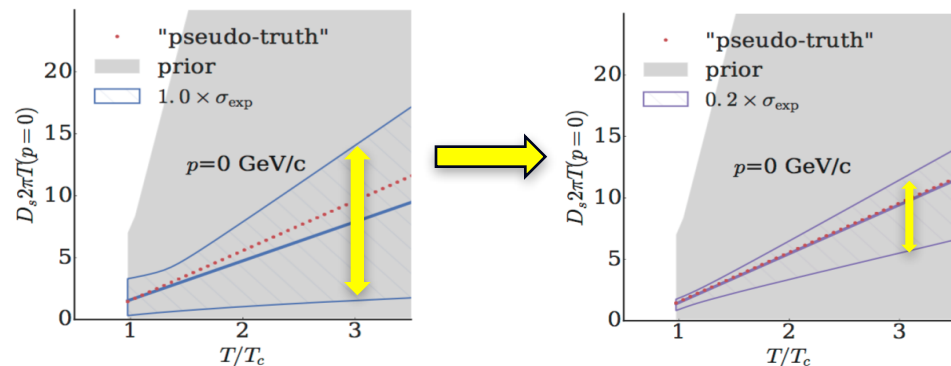


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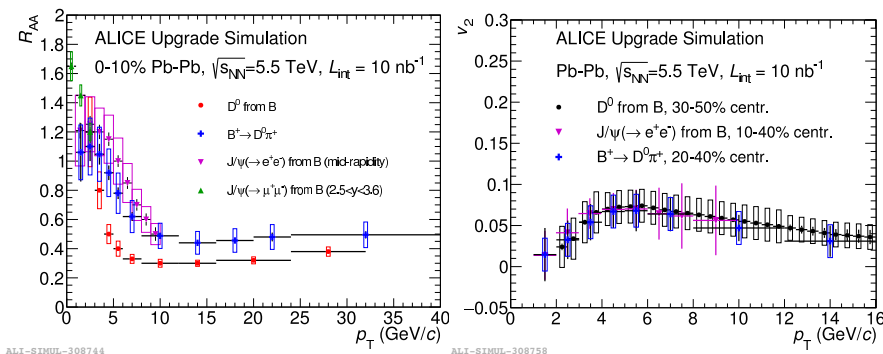
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- **Transport coefficients** → heavy-quark diffusion coefficients

Open heavy-flavour  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  down to  $p_T=0$  → Precise determination of  $2\pi TD_s$  vs.  $T$



Bayesian analysis of D meson pseudo-data, S. Bass et al.

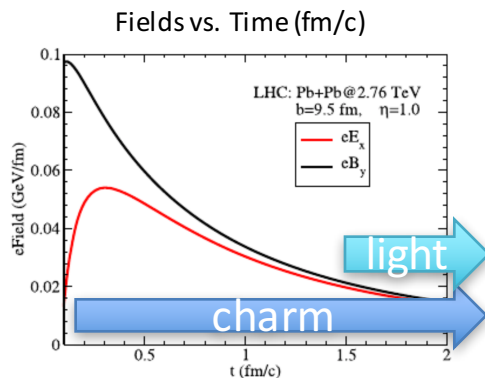
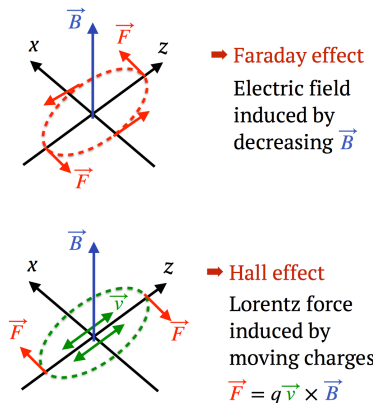


B meson  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$

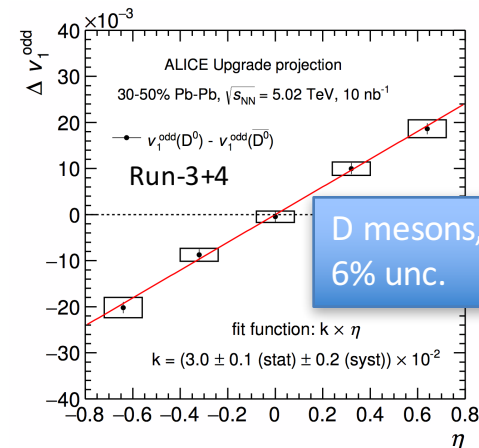
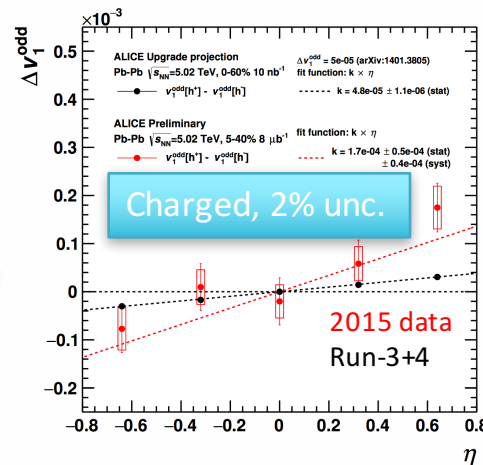
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- **Primordial E-M fields** → charge-dependent  $v_1$  for light and heavy flavour

$\Delta v_1^{\text{odd}}$  for charged particles and D mesons → role of E and M fields and their time evolution



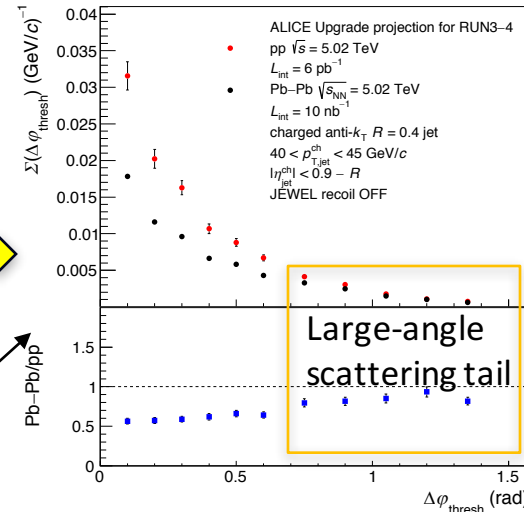
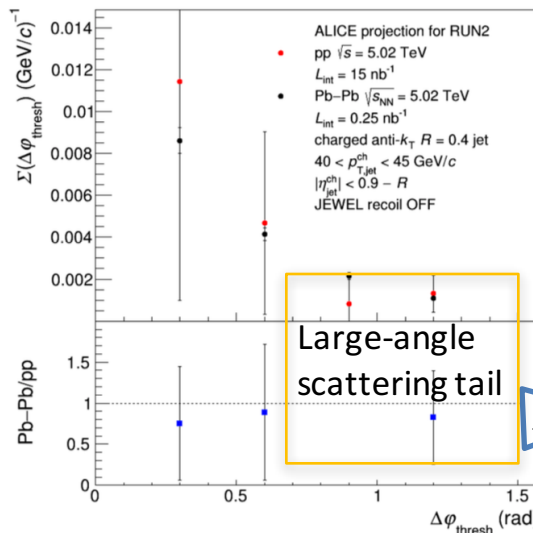
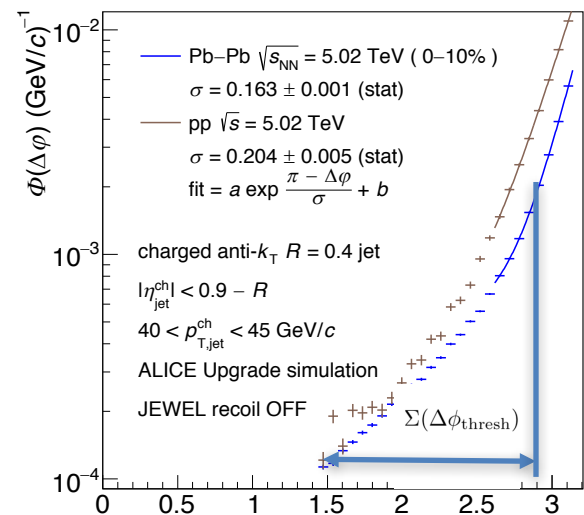
Das et al. PLB768(2017)



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## 2. Microscopic QGP dynamics (“inner workings”)

- QGP substructure, quasi-particles? → large-angle scattering with low- $p_T$  h-jet

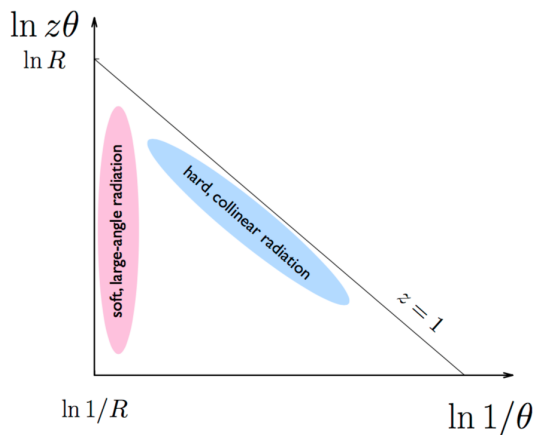


Run-2 ~50% unc.

Run-3+4 ~5% unc.

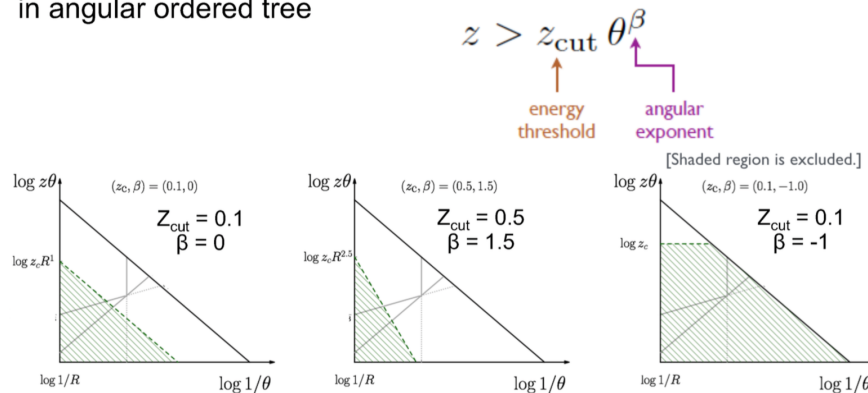
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→ explore Lund diagram with jet substructure selections



H. Andrews et al., arXiv:1808.03689

Grooming selects on momentum fraction and angle of branches in angular ordered tree



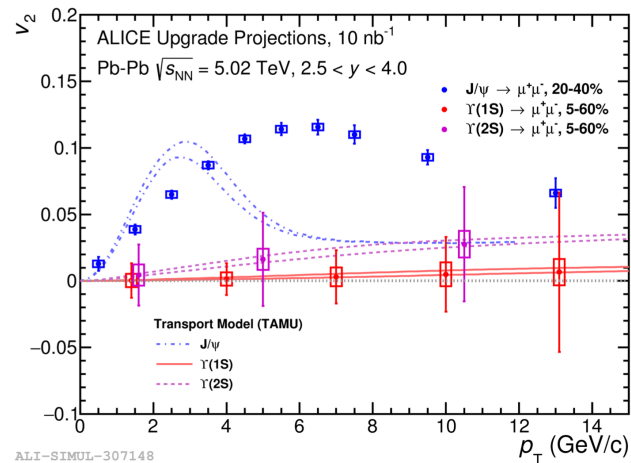
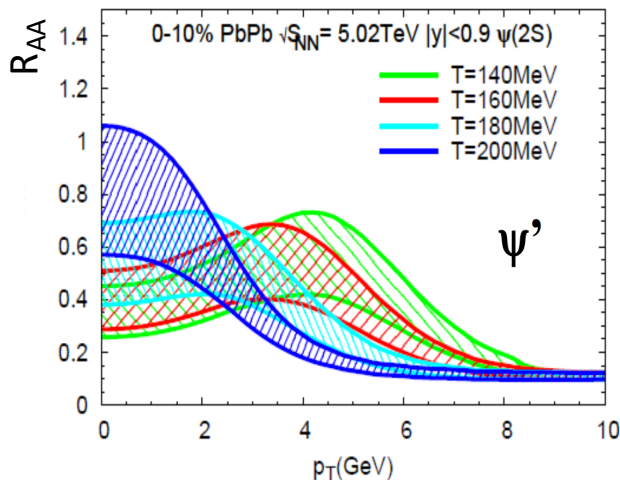
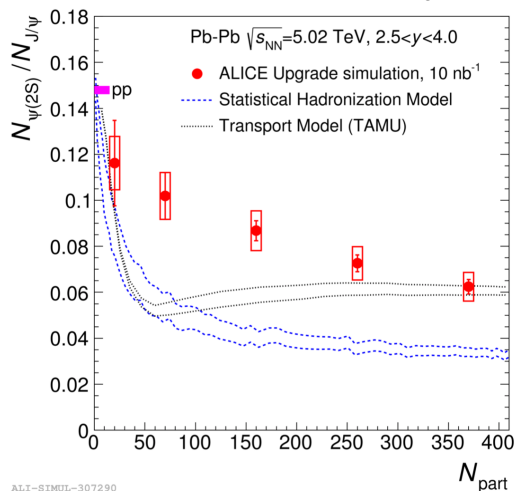
M. Verweij, HP2018

Large samples in Run-3+4 enable high-statistics coverage of substructure phase space

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- **Charm quark in-medium potential and regeneration** → low- $p_T$  charmonia

$\psi(2S)$  /  $J/\psi$  sensitive to detailed dynamics of melting and regeneration, and to temperature  
Precise  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  measurements will address the puzzle current data-model comparisons



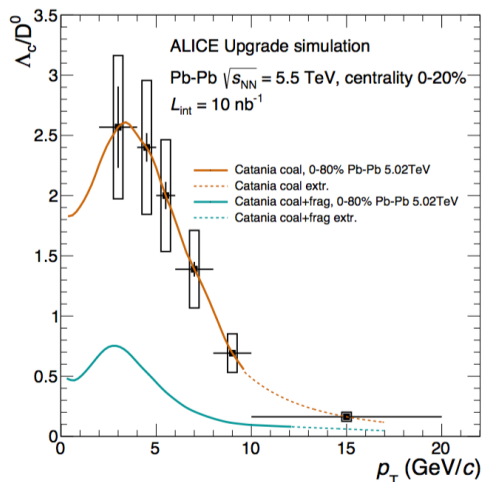
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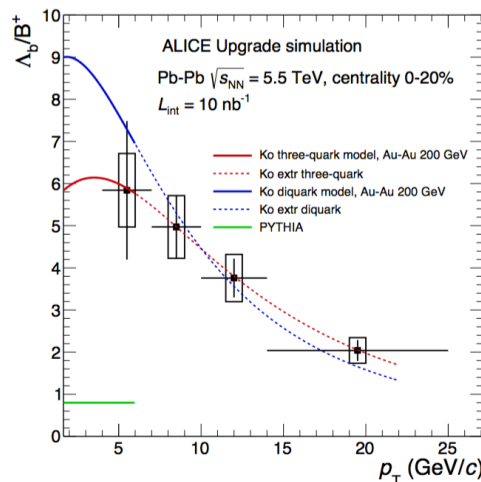
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- **Heavy flavour recombination** → heavy-flavour hadrochemistry and baryons

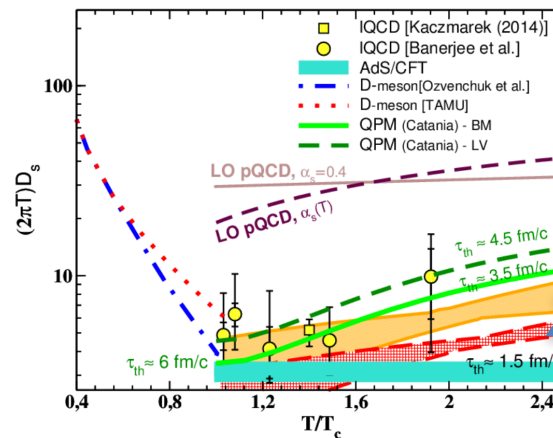
$D_s / D$ ,  $\Lambda_c / D$  and  $\Lambda_b / B$  down to low- $p_T$  → recombination vs radial flow, also crucial for diffusion coefficient



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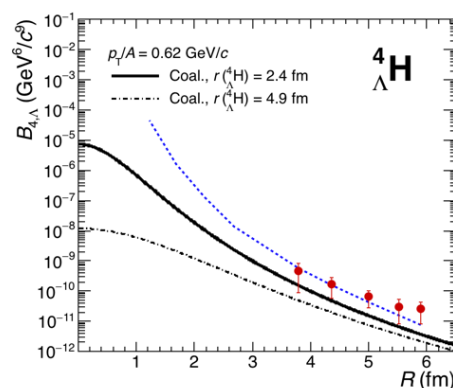
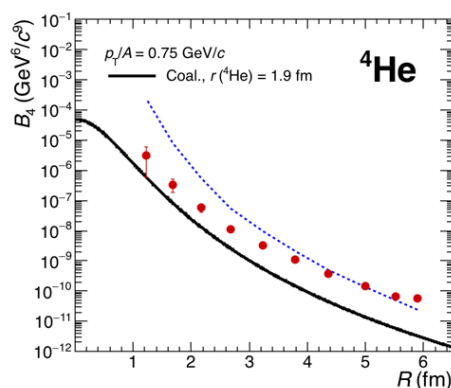
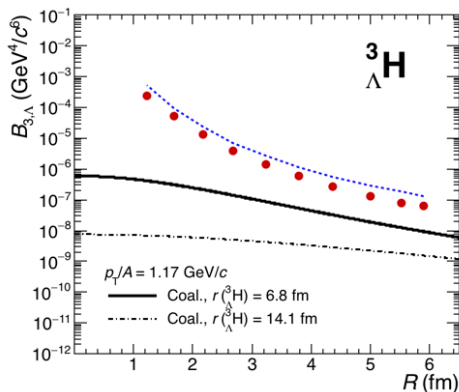
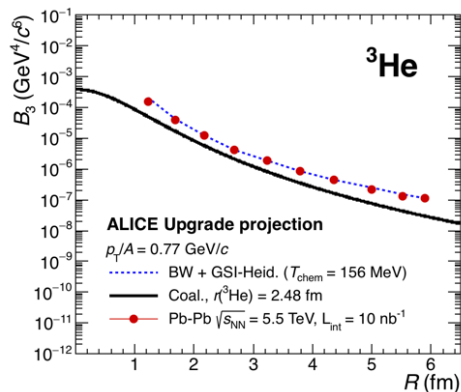
Different recombination scenarios



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- Formation of large/fragile particles → light and hyper-nuclei  $A=3, 4$

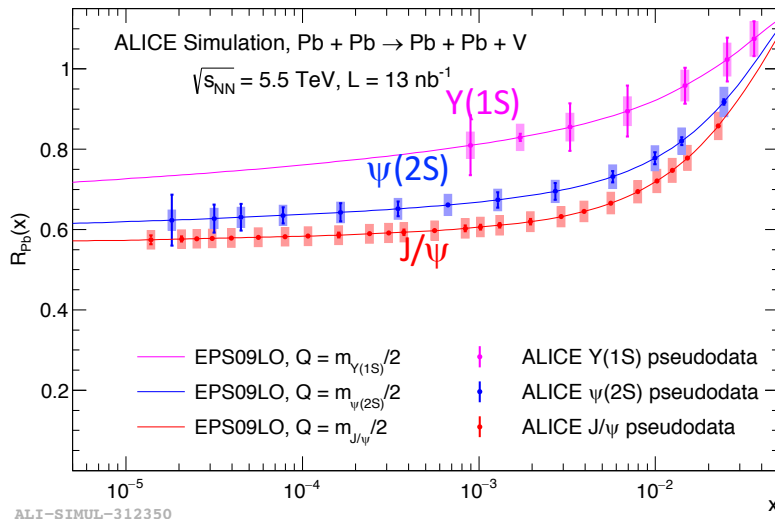
Coalescence parameters vs. centrality (system radius) discriminate among production scenarios



### 3. Initial-stage partonic state, search for saturation

- **Small-x studies** → Quarkonium production in Pb-Pb UPCs

Broad coverage  $10^{-5} < x < 10^{-2}$ , directly sensitive to gluon nPDF/PDF  $R_{\text{Pb}}(x)$



→ FoCal proposal to use cleanest probe, i.e. direct photons  
(will be discussed later in the talk)

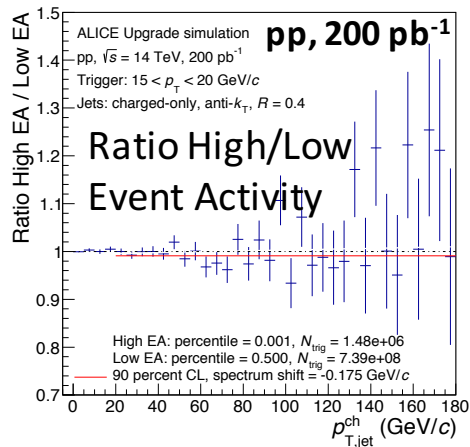
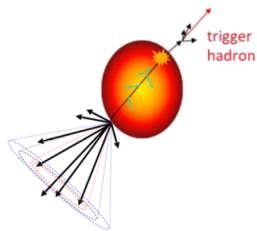
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- **High-precision multiplicity-dep. studies + cover Pb-Pb-like multiplicities also with pp collisions**
- **New extended programmes in small collision systems**
  - **pp 14 TeV: 200 pb<sup>-1</sup> with HM trigger in Run-3 → 15x<N<sub>ch</sub>> ~60% Pb-Pb centrality**
    - + central diffractive events: x14 wrt Run-2 statistics
  - **p-Pb 8.8 TeV: 0.5 pb<sup>-1</sup> in Run-3 → increase x20 wrt Run-2 statistics**
    - A second p-Pb run after LS3, depending on FoCal study schedule
  - **Support option for a short O-O campaign in Run-3 (onset of medium effects)**

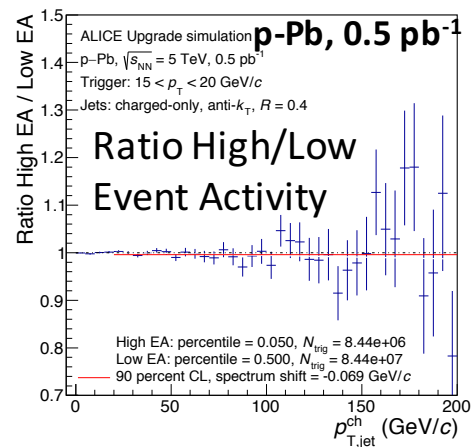
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- Search for energy loss  $\rightarrow$  hadron-jet recoil in pp and p-Pb vs Event Activity (EA)

Robust in small systems, no “centrality” determ. ( $N_{\text{coll}}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Run-3: sensitive to  $\Delta E > 200$  MeV in pp, 70 in p-Pb  
 $\sim 100$ -times smaller than shift measured in Pb-Pb



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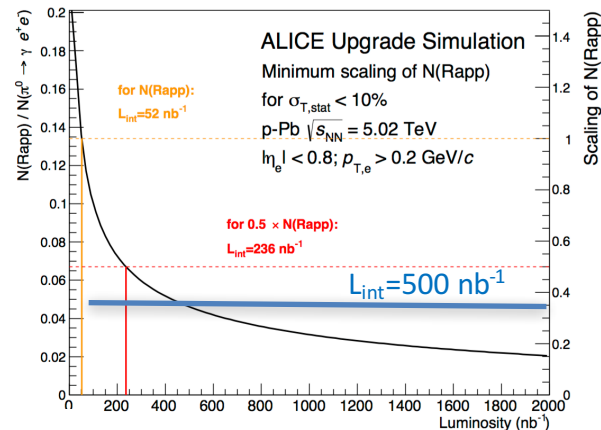
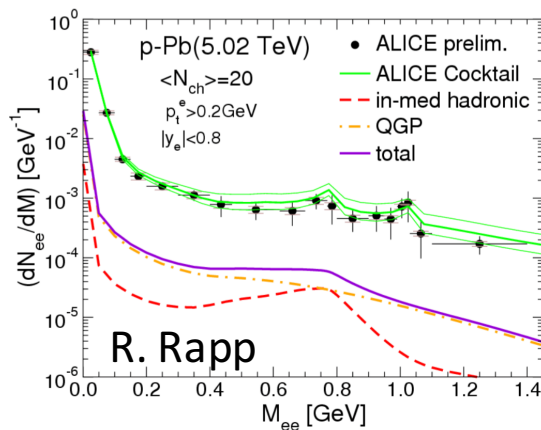


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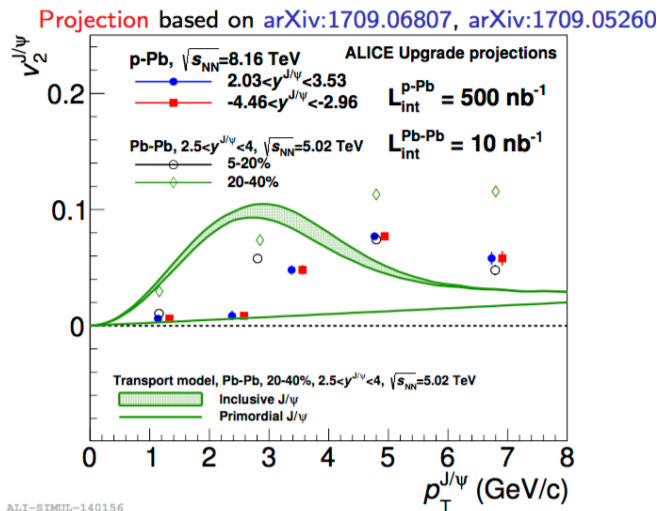
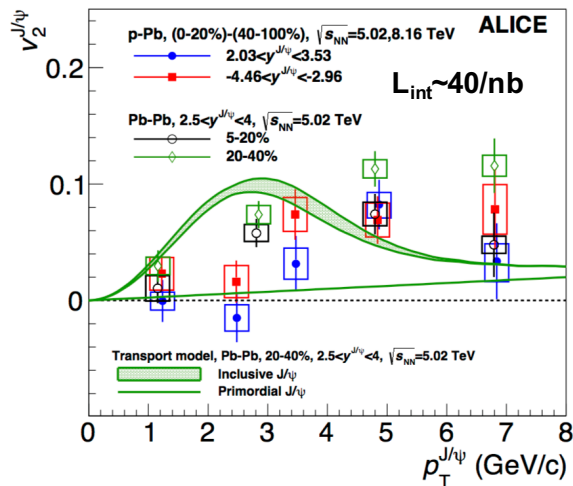
- **Search for energy loss**  $\rightarrow$  hadron-jet recoil in pp and p-Pb
- **Search for thermal radiation**  $\rightarrow$  real and virtual photons

With  $500 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ , 10% stat. unc. on thermal spectrum slope, even with  $\sim 1/3$  of predicted thermal signal (R. Rapp)



## 4. Understanding collectivity across systems, hot medium in small systems?

- **Search for energy loss** → hadron-jet recoil in pp and p-Pb
- **Search for thermal radiation** → real and virtual photons
- **Mass-dependence of collectivity** → Heavy quark and quarkonium flow in p-Pb



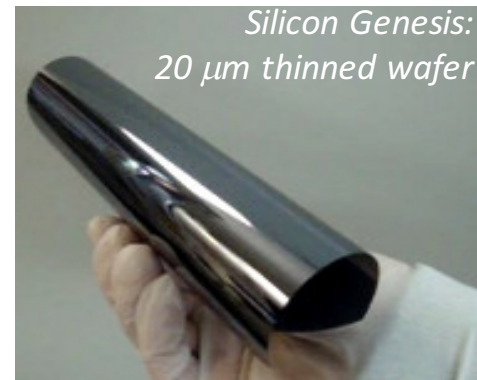
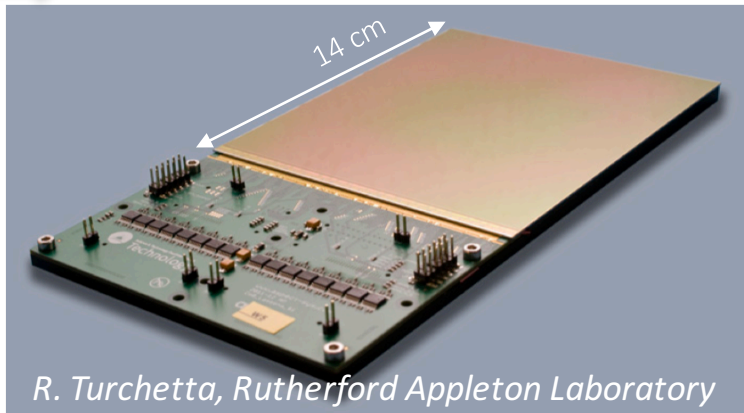
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# A new ultra-light inner barrel in LS3?

- Driving requirements of ITS upgrade
  - Reduce material budget
  - Move closer to beam-line
- can be pushed further using technologies that are quickly becoming mature
  - Silicon stitching allows fabrication of sensors of  $\sim 10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$
  - Thinning to  $\sim 30 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  allows curved (cyl.) sensors

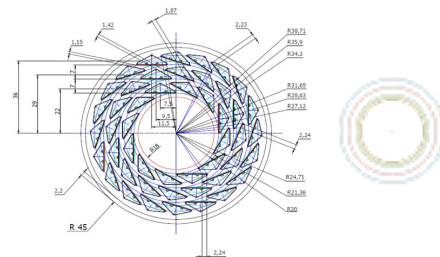
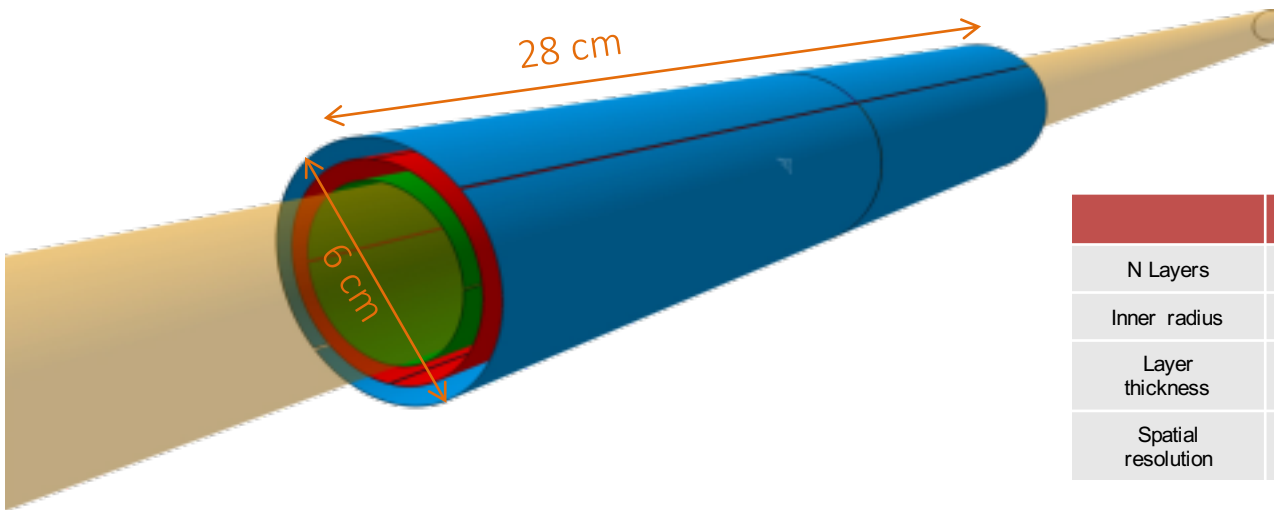
➔ New Public Note with Expression of Interest: **ALICE-PUBLIC-2018-013**





# A new ultra-light inner barrel in LS3: **concept**

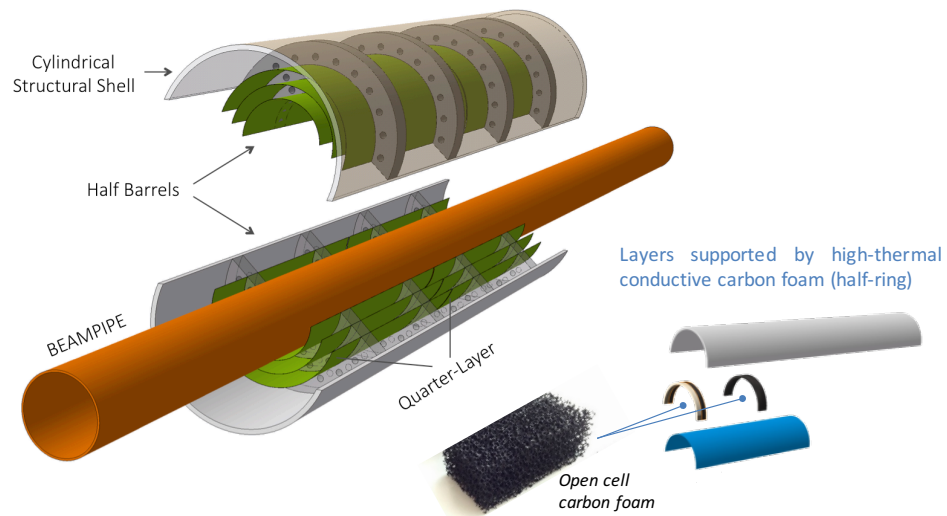
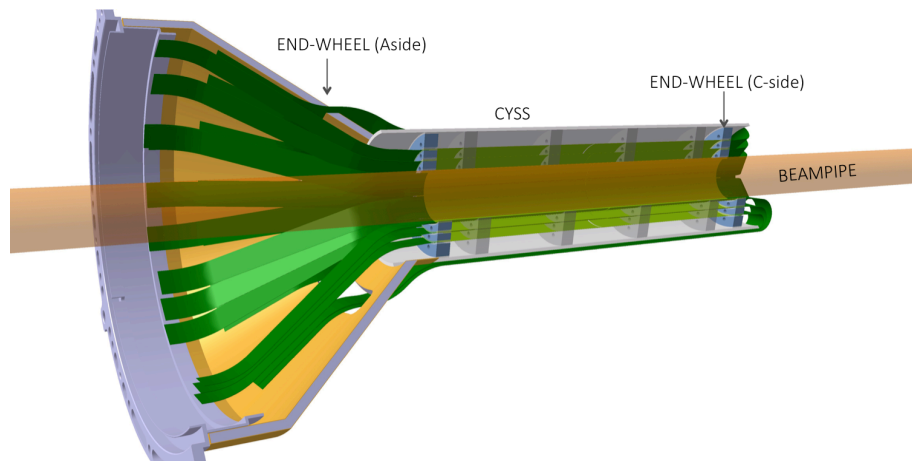
- 3 truly cylindrical layers made of  $\sim 7 \times 14 \text{ cm}^2$  sensors thinned to 20-40  $\mu\text{m}$
- Readout circuitry (power consumption) at periphery, outside acceptance
- No water cooling, minimal support structure in acceptance
- **Total material at  $R < 4 \text{ cm}$ :  $\sim 1.3\% \rightarrow \sim 0.3\%$**



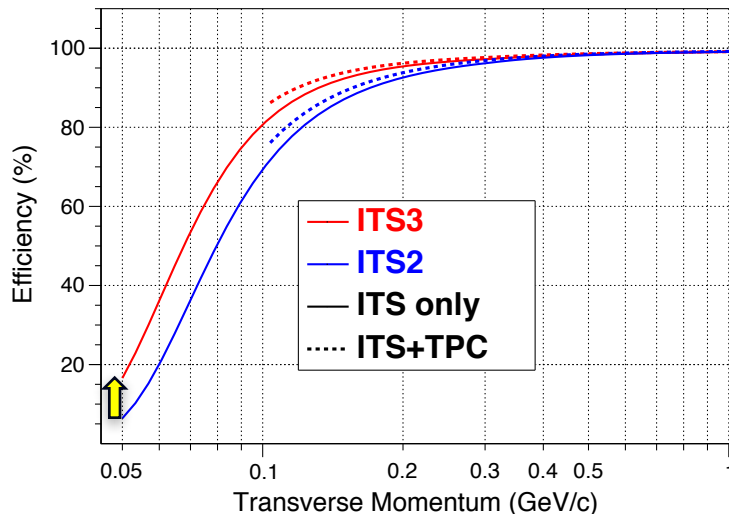
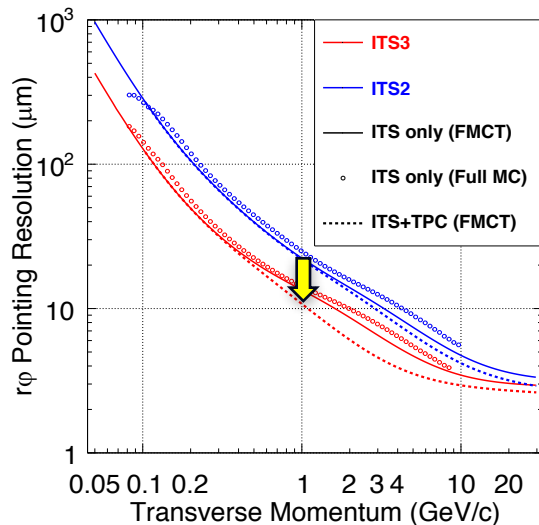
	ITS (inner)	ITS2 (inner)	ITS3 (inner)
N Layers	2	3	<b>3</b>
Inner radius	3.9 cm	2.3 cm	<b>1.8 cm</b>
Layer thickness	1.1% $X_0$	0.3% $X_0$	<b>0.05% <math>X_0</math></b>
Spatial resolution	12x100 $\mu\text{m}^2$	$\sim 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$	<b><math>\sim 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2</math></b>

# A new ultra-light inner barrel in LS3: **design**

- Towards a conceptual design, including support and services
- Full integration with ITS outer barrels, MFT, FIT



# A new ultra-light inner barrel in LS3: tracking



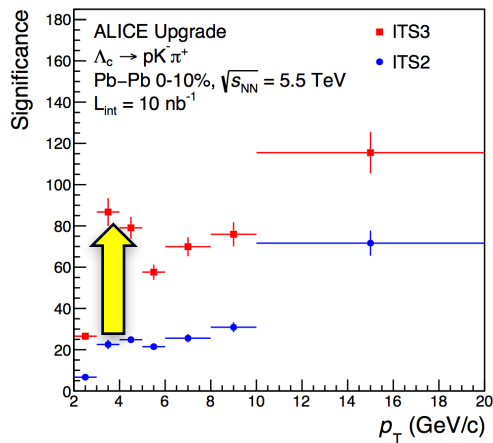
FMCT: semi-analytical, includes QED hits, but no energy loss fluctuations

Full MC: simplified ITS3 geometry, full MC simulation (GEANT3), Cellular Automaton ITS Tracker

- **ITS3** vs. **ITS2**: resolution improved by factor 2 at all  $p_T$ 's; tracking efficiency at low  $p_T$  (50-60 MeV/c) improved by factor 2

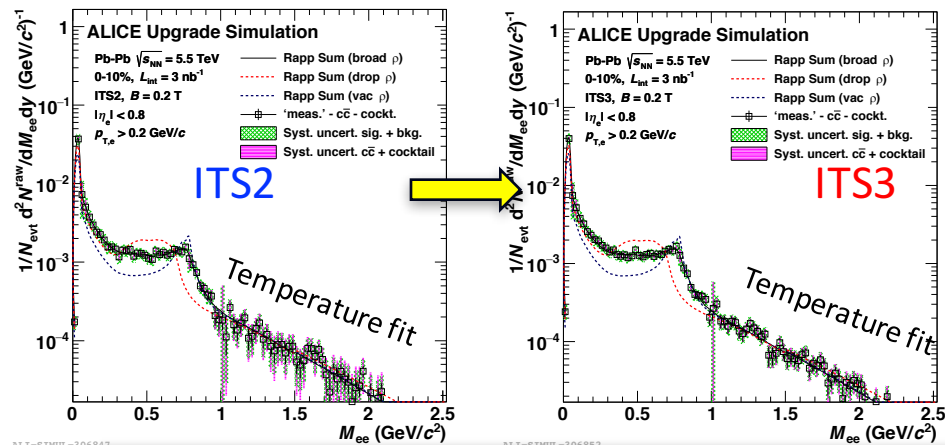
# A new ultra-light inner barrel in LS3: **physics**

- Charm baryons (smallest  $c\tau$ ):
  - ✓ Vertexing precision



	S/B	Signif.
ITS3 / ITS2	10	4

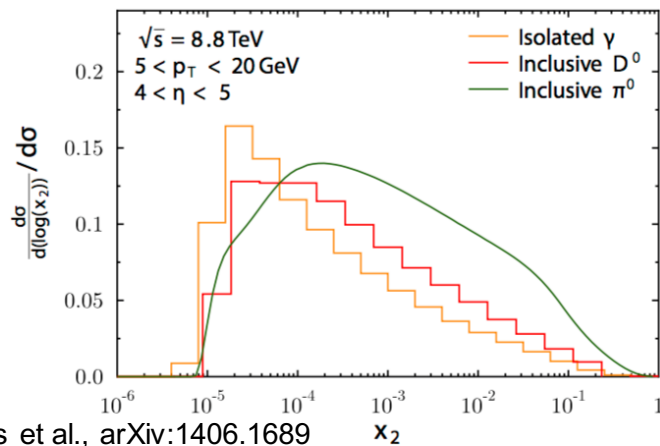
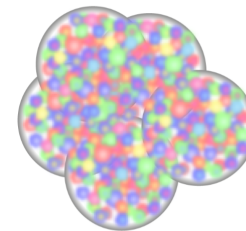
- Low-mass dielectrons:
  - ✓ Vertexing (better charm rejection)
  - ✓ Lower material thickness (less conversions)
  - ✓ Higher low- $p_T$  efficiency (better conversion rejection)



T (QGP)	Stat. error	Syst. (bkg)	Syst. (charm)
ITS3 / ITS2	1/1.3	1/2	1/2

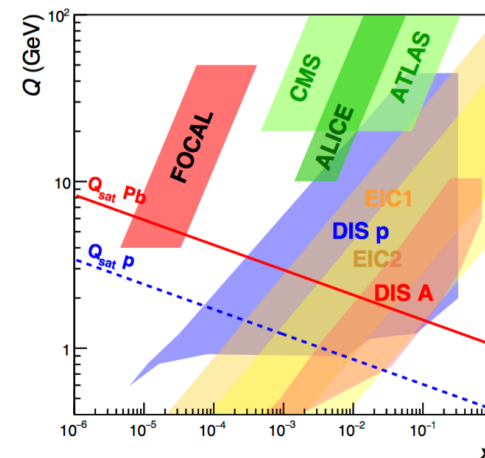
# In preparation: small-x physics with FoCal

- R&D for a high-granularity Forward Calorimeter at  $3 < \eta < 5$ 
  - Possible installation during or after LS3
- Main goal: direct photons in p-Pb ( $x \sim 10^{-5}$ )
  - Lower  $x$  than for open charm at same  $\eta$
  - No final-state effects



Helenius et al., arXiv:1406.1689

EM probes - kinematic coverage



Note: LHCb DY possible similar coverage as FoCal



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# In preparation: small-x physics with FoCal

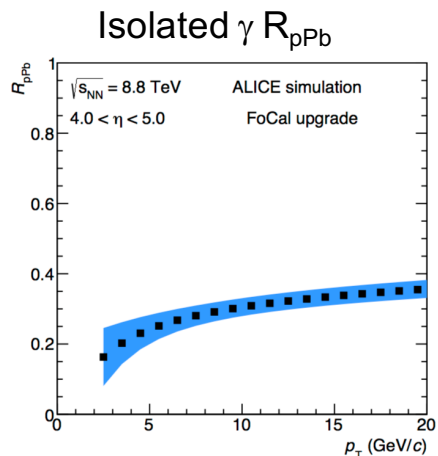
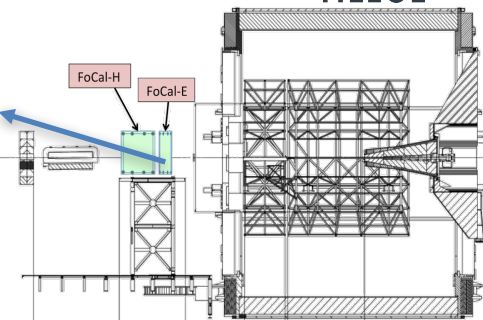
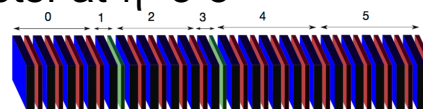
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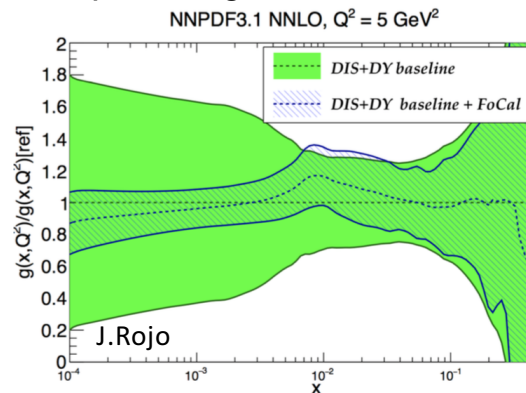
- FoCal-E: hybrid design (2 types of sensors)

- **Si-pads** ( $\approx 1 \text{ cm}^2$ ): energy measurement

- **CMOS pixels** ( $\approx 30 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$ ): two-shower separation



## Impact on gluon nuclear PDF

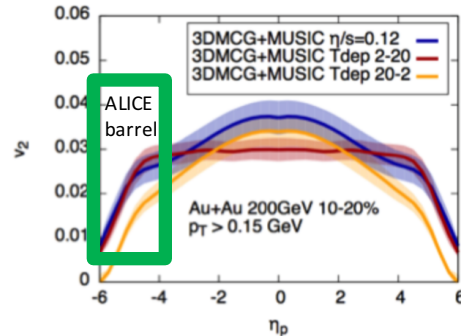
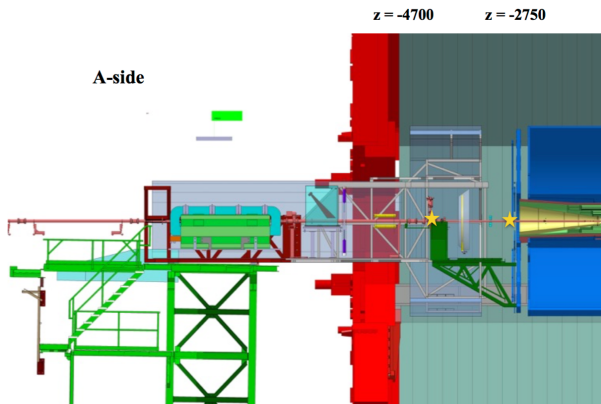


# Under discussion: Fixed target in ALICE?

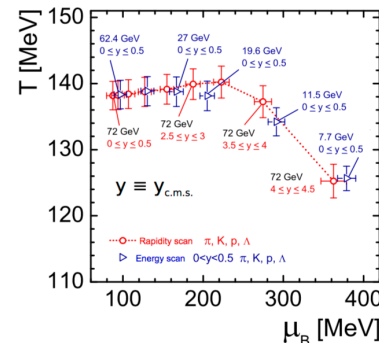
- Programme proposed within AFTER@LHC initiative
  - talk later today and arXiv:1807.00603
  - already started in LHCb with SMOG
- How in ALICE?
  - Extract beam halo with bent crystal (UA9)
  - Collide on solid target(s) inside beam pipe
- Integration / interferences to be studied

- Two main directions, for **studies at mid-y with muons and at backward-y with ID-hadrons**

1. AA at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=72$  GeV: flow at bkwd-y sensitive to  $\eta/s(T)$ ; **QGP with large  $\mu_B$  at bkwd-y?**
2. pA+AA: open charm and quarkonia at mid-y sensitive to **PDFs and nPDFs at  $x > 0.1$**



G.Denicol et al. PRL106 (2016)



V. Begun, D. Kikola, V. Vovchenko, D. Wielanek, PRC 98 (2018)

# Outline

- ALICE LS2 upgrade: strategy and status
- Physics in Run-3 and Run-4
- LS3: a new inner tracker and other ideas
- A possible concept for physics in Run-5



## Next major step forward: thin, precise, and fast

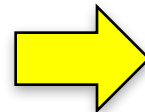
Extend ITS3 concept of ultra light and granular tracker to a very fast detector that can gain up to 2 orders of magnitude in statistics by exploiting higher luminosity with lighter ions

- Conceptual guidelines:
  - Very high rate capability (e.g. Ar-Ar projection  $\sim 10$  MHz)
  - Low material to push down the  $p_T$  coverage and the vertexing precision
  - Hadron and electron identification
  - Extended rapidity acceptance (ideally  $|\eta| < 4$ )

# Run-5: main physics goals

- **Thermal radiation (dileptons and photons)**

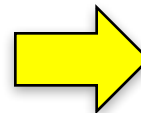
- Dilepton multi-differential analysis vs.  $M_{ee}$  and  $p_{T,ee}$
- Higher flow harmonics
- Photon femtoscopy
- Electrical conductivity, sensitive to the strength of the coupling among constituents



Characterize T, size and shape of thermal source vs. time

- **Heavy flavour, quarkonia**

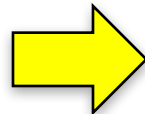
- Multi-heavy-flavour:  $\Omega_{cc}$ ,  $\Omega_{ccc}$ ,  $B_c$ , XYZ states
- $\chi_{c1,2}$
- Ultimate precision on B mesons at low  $p_T$



Detailed study of HQ recombination  
b-quark diffusion coefficient

- **Softest pions**

- Spectrum down to ~50 MeV
- $\pi^+/\pi^0$  ratio



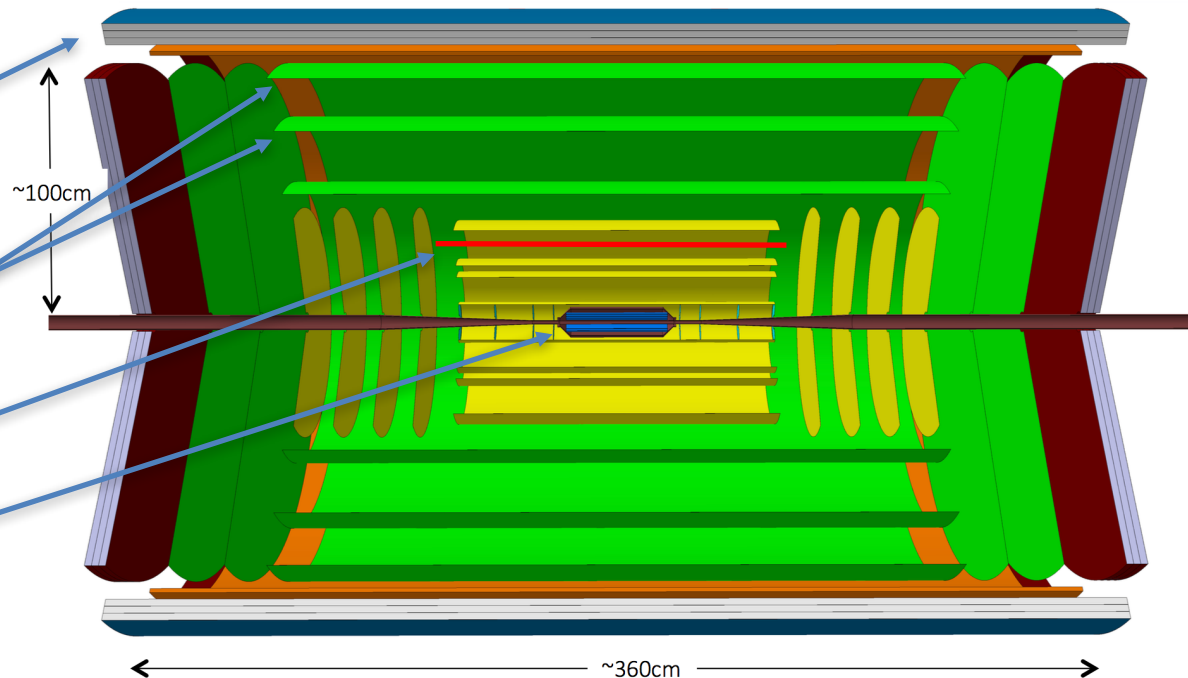
Coherent production? Bose-Einstein condensate? Disoriented chiral condensate?

- **Other topics under study**

- A = 5, 6 light nuclei and hyper-nuclei
- Fluctuations of conserved charges
- Femtoscopy

# Run-5: A possible detector concept

- All-pixel tracking and PID detector
- Pre-shower layers with W+pixels for ID high- $p$  electrons
- Timing layers  $\sigma \sim 25$  ps for t.o.f. ID of hadrons and low- $p$  electrons
- Insertable converter layer for photon detection
- Innermost layers inside the beam pipe



# Conclusions

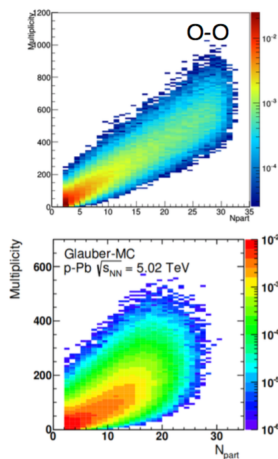
- LS2 upgrade well under way, major enterprise for the next 3 years
- Run-3/4 programme: several unique contributions to key priorities of the field, in particular QGP characterization at various length scales and understanding of physics underlying system-size dependence
- Lively discussion and preparation of next steps
  - New programmes? (small-x?, fixed target?)
  - Ultimate performance and precision → ultra-thin, high-speed

# EXTRA SLIDES

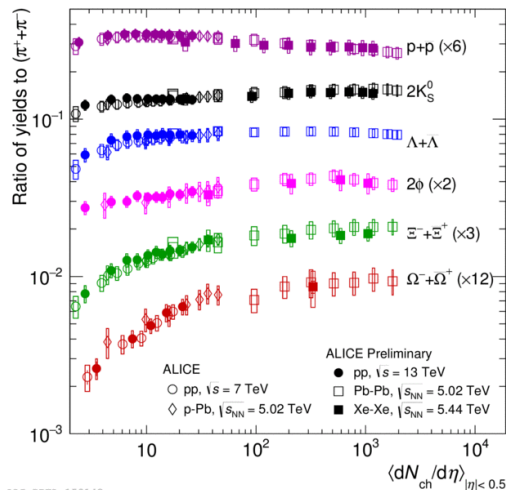
# Short O-O run: onset of medium effects?

- Xe-Xe results raised interest in a possible O-O run in Run-3
  - Search for energy loss in small system with AA geometry but same  $N_{ch}$ ,  $N_{part}$ ,  $N_{coll}$  as p-Pb
    - 20%  $R_{AA}$  suppression in central O-O ( $N_{coll} \sim 35$ ) expected on the basis of Xe-Xe
  - Moreover: strangeness/pion, initial vs final state effects in flow
- ALICE supports proposal of a 1-2 days run (few 100/ $\mu b$ ) to address these questions

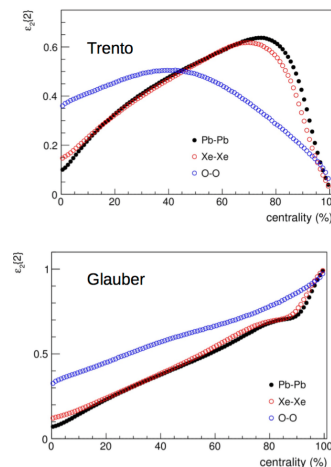
## Mult. vs. $N_{part}$



## Particle prod. vs. mult.



## Initial conditions (ecc.)



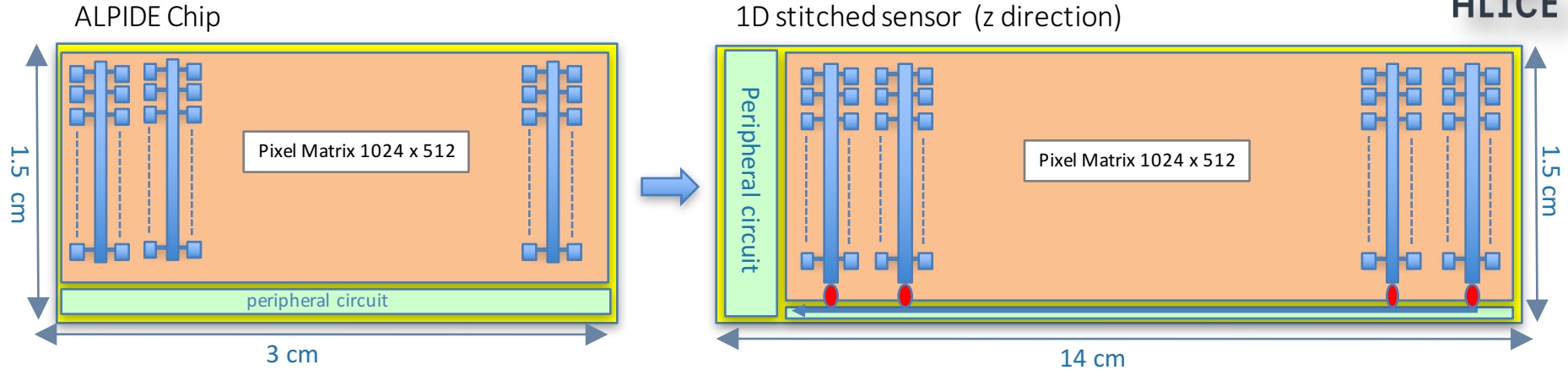
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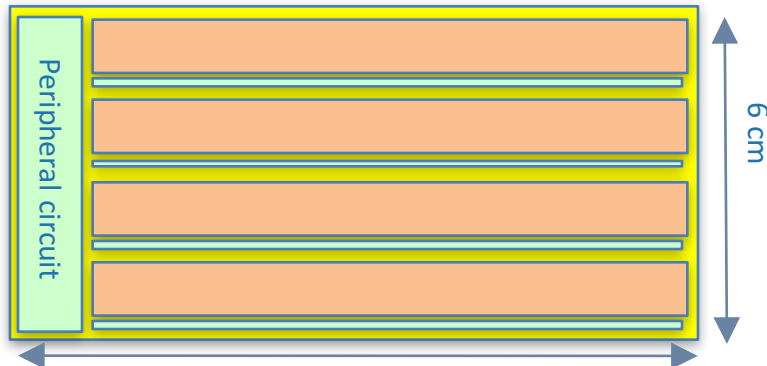
# Stitching allows the fabrication of wafer scale sensors



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2D stitched sensor – wafer-scale



By instantiating multiple times the same circuits in the second dimension ( $\phi$ ) one can realize the sensors for the different layers. For example

- L0 = 14 cm x 6.0 cm
- L1 = 14 cm x 7.5 cm
- L2 = 14 cm x 9.0 cm

## Expected maximum particle density in the layers of the ITS Inner Barrel

Layer	Particle density ( $\text{cm}^{-2}$ )			
	LS2 Upgrade		LS3 Upgrade	
	Hadronic <sup>a</sup>	QED electrons <sup>b</sup>	Hadronic <sup>a</sup>	QED electrons <sup>b</sup>
0	43	7	73	12
1	25	3	43	8
2	17	2	29	6

<sup>a</sup> maximum particle density in central Pb-Pb collisions (including secondaries produced in material) for  $B = 0.2T$

<sup>b</sup> for an integration time of  $10\mu\text{s}$ , an  $L_{\text{int}} = 50 \text{ kHz}$  and  $B = 0.2T$

Particle density at L0 increases by  $\approx 70\%$

Sensor occupancy (fraction of pixel with a particle hit)  $\approx 10^{-3} \Rightarrow$  no issues for the tracking

Particle flux (for 50 kHz Pb-Pb)  $< 4 \text{ MHz} / \text{cm}^2 \Rightarrow$  well within the detector readout capabilities

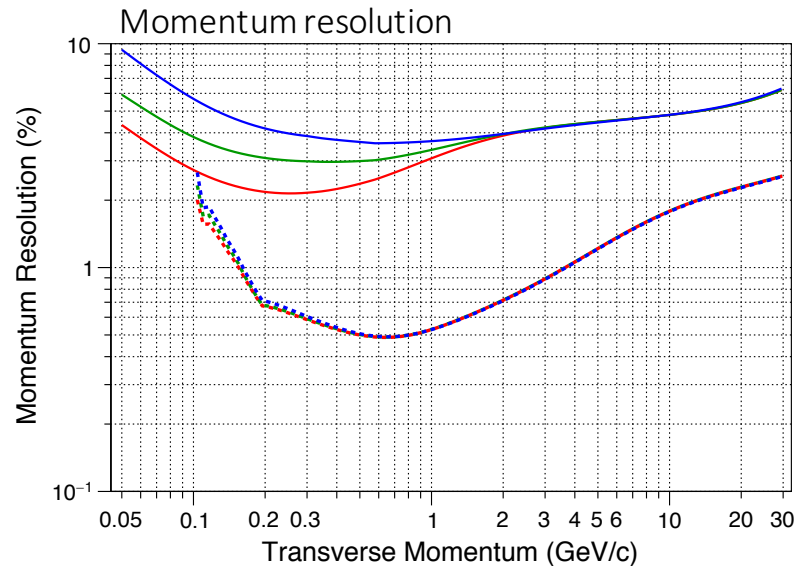
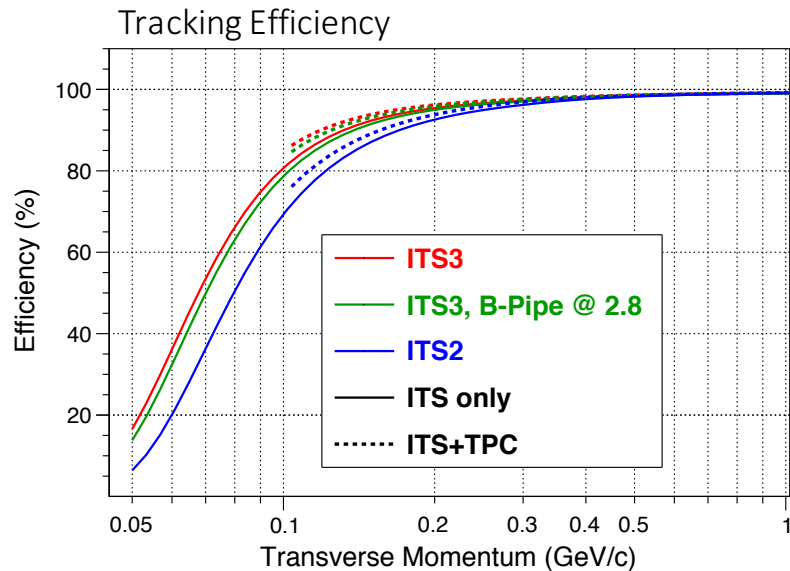
Radiation load increases by  $\approx 70\%$

$\Rightarrow$  still well below the safety values



## Tracking efficiency and momentum resolution

Pb-Pb, B=0.5T

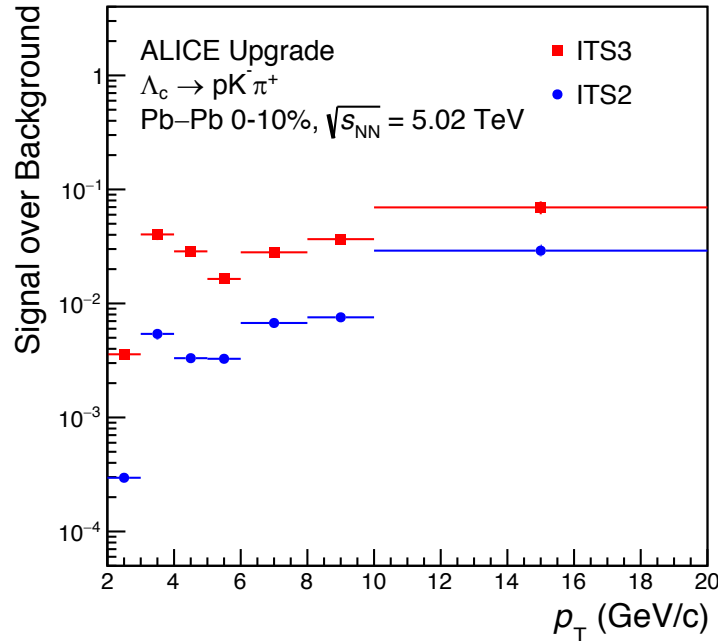
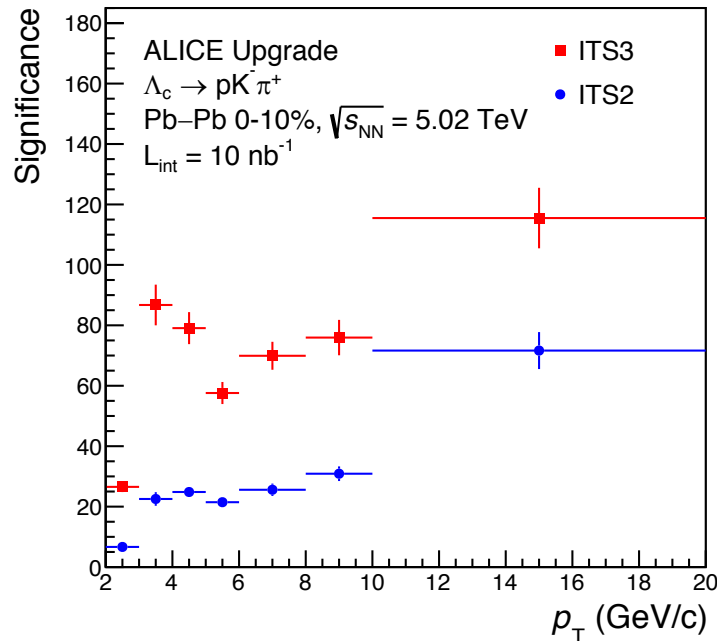


Efficiency increases factor 1.2 – 2, for  $p_T < 100$  MeV

Standalone  $p_T$  resolution improvement  $\approx 2$

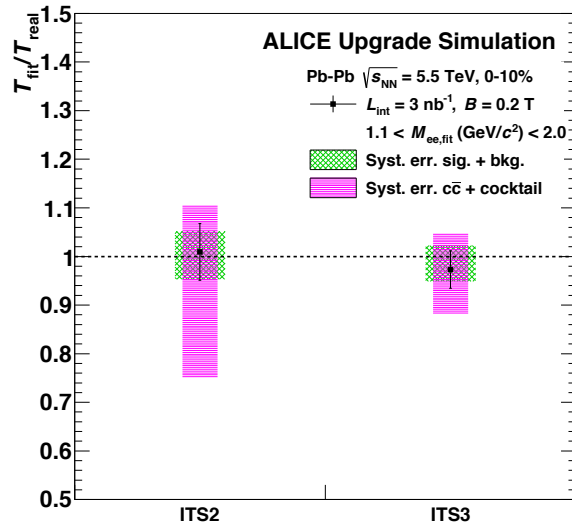
⇒ ITS standalone efficiency likely overestimated, due to lack of fluctuations

$\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$  in central Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5$  TeV ( $L_{int} = 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )



ITS 3 improvement: factor 4 (significance) and factor 10 (S/B)

## Temperature Extraction



ALI-SIMUL-306864

$T$  extracted from an exponential fit to the invariant mass excess spectrum in  $1.2 < M_{ee} < 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

## Comparison ITS2 (LS2) and ITS2 (LS3 Upgrade)

ITS3 upgrade reduces

- *Statistical* uncertainty by a **factor 1.3**
- The systematic uncertainty from the subtraction of the *combinatorial background* by a **factor 1.5**
- The systematic uncertainty from the subtraction of the *light-hadron and charm decay backgrounds* by a **factor of 2**

T (QGP)	Stat. error	Syst. (BG)	Syst. (Charm)
ITS3 / ITS2	Factor 1.3	Factor 1.5	Factor 2

## Design guidelines

- Increase rate capabilities (factor 20 to 50 wrt to RUN4):  $\langle L_{NN} \rangle \sim \text{up to } 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Improve vertexing
  - Ultra-thin wafer-scale sensors with truly cylindrical shape, inside beampipe
  - spatial resolution  $\sim 1\text{-}3\mu\text{m}$
  - material thickness  $< 0.05\% X_0/\text{layer}$
- Improve tracking precision and efficiency
  - About 10 layers with a radial coverage of 1m
  - Spatial resolution of about  $5\mu\text{m}$  up to 1m
  - whole tracker could be less than  $6\% X_0$  in thickness (at mid-rapidity)
- Extended rapidity coverage (ideally up to 8 rapidity units)

Focus on relatively low  $p_T$  phenomena,  $0.01 < p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}/c$

Magnetic fields of  $< 0.5\text{T}$  would be sufficient but  $1\text{T}$  (or higher) is to be considered

# A new experiment based on a “all-silicon” detector



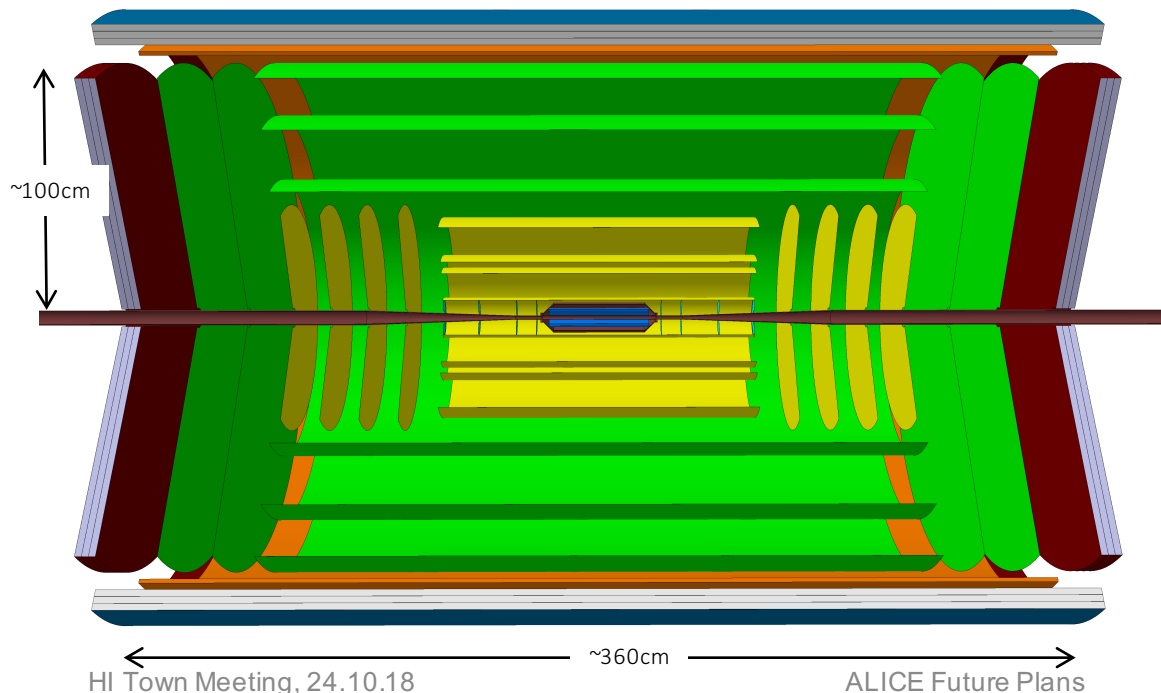
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Tracker: ~10 tracking barrel layers (blue, yellow and green) based on CMOS sensors

Hadron ID: TOF with outer silicon layers (orange)

Electron ID: pre-shower (outermost blue layer)

Extended rapidity coverage: **up to 8 rapidity units**  
**+ FoCal?**



## Preliminary studies

### Magnetic Field

- $B = 0.5$  or  $1$  T

### Spatial resolution

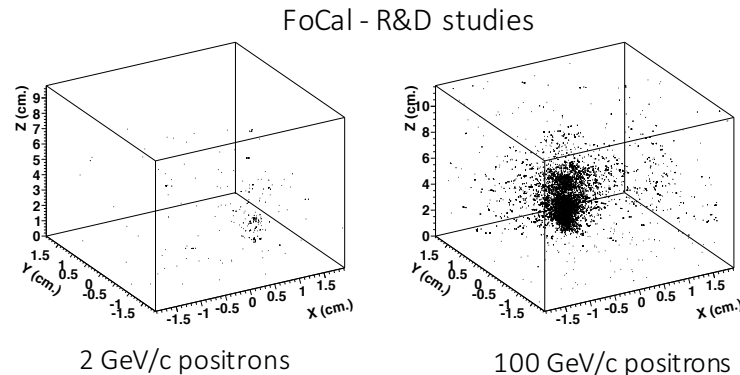
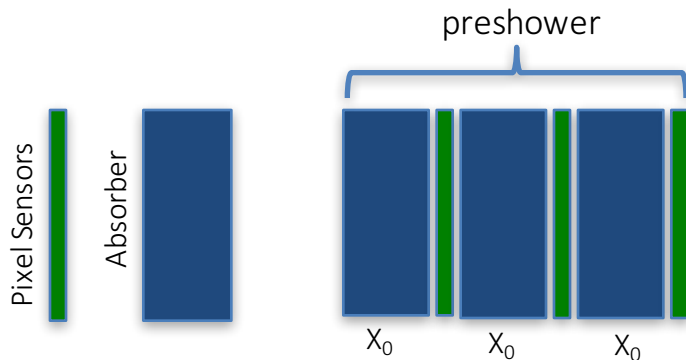
- Innermost 3 layers:  $\sigma \sim 1\mu\text{m}$
- Outer layers:  $\sigma \sim 5\mu\text{m}$

### Time Measurement

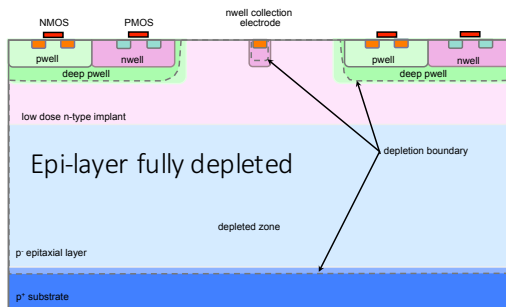
Outermost layer integrates high precision time measurement  
( $\sigma_t < 30\text{ps}$ )

## Electron and hadron PID using $dE/dx$ , TOF and pre-shower

- $dE/dx$  in silicon (middle layers): PID at very low  $p_T$  (20 – 200 MeV)
- Time of Flight:  $\sigma_{TOF} \approx 20\text{-}30\text{ps}$ , track length  $\sim 1\text{m}$   $\Rightarrow$  good  $e/\pi$  separation < 500 MeV
- Pre-shower (2-3  $X_0$ ) based on high-granularity (CMOS pixels) digital calorimetry
  - great potential to identify electrons down to few hundred MeV by detailed imaging (particle counting, geometry) of the initial shower



## Time resolution of a fully depleted CMOS pixel sensors a la “ALPIDE”



Modified process CERN/Tower

R&D for the ALICE upgrade: developed in collaboration with Tower a process modification that allows full depletion of the high resistivity silicon layer

- Reduces charge collection time (<1ns)
- Enhances radiation hardness ( $\sim 10^{15} \text{ n / cm}^2$ )

First order approximation  $\sigma_t = c \frac{t_r}{SNR}$

$t_r$ : amplifier rise time  
 $c = 0.4 - 0.6$

In ultra-thin O(10 $\mu\text{m}$ ) fully depleted CMOS sensors (e.g. INVESTIGATOR or ALPIDE with CERN/TJ modified process) with 10V reverse bias

- Charge (e) collection time  $T \approx 170\text{ps}$
- Standard deviation of signal centroid time  $\Delta_T \approx 15\text{ps}$
- noise  $\approx$  few electrons
- Signal on seed pixel  $\approx 1000$  electrons

- $\sigma_{TDC} \approx 15\text{ps}$
- jitter  $\approx 10\text{ps}$
- $T_0 \approx 10\text{ps}$

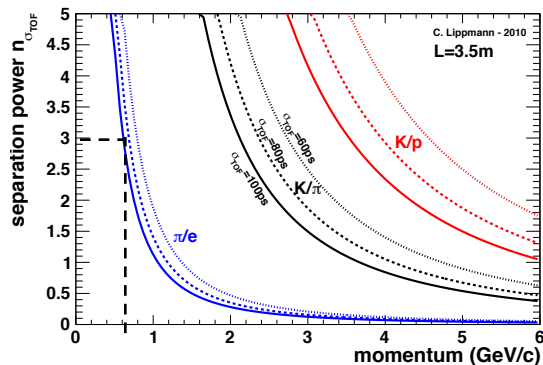
Single layer

$$\sigma_t < 27\text{ps}$$

Time resolution might be further limited by **signal shape fluctuations** inside sensor



## Time Of Flight



TOF PID – track length 3.5m

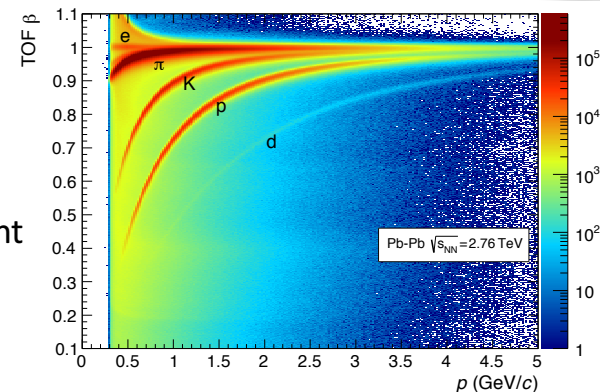
3 system time resolutions

60ps, 80ps , 100ps

Ideal track length and p measurement

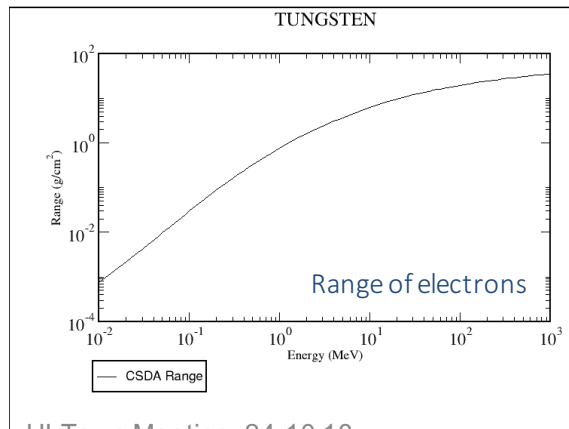
Good  $e/\pi$  separation < 600 MeV/c

## ALICE TOF (current)



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## Range of electrons in W



## Absorption of electrons in W

- $X_0 = 0.35$  cm
- $\rho = 19.3$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Range of e in W > 4.5 $X_0$  for E> 500MeV

Energy (MeV)	10	50	100	200	500	1000
Range (cm)	0.33	0.79	1.02	1.26	1.58	1.81
Range ( $X_0$ )	0.92	2.27	2.90	3.60	4.52	5.18

Range of electrons in copper