

Some highlights on studies of strangeness and charm in heavy ion collisions by ALICE at LHC



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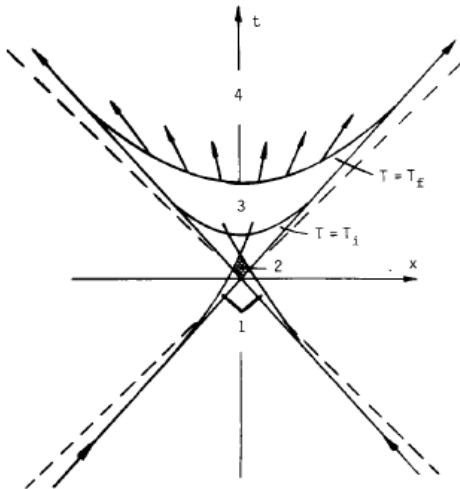
- Introduction.
- Strangeness and charm in collisions of large and small systems
 - ✧ Strangeness in hadronic collisions
 - ✧ Charm in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions
 - ✧ Two-body scattering involving *strange* and *charm* hyperons
- Flow of identified particles in small systems
- ALICE @LHC Schedule

”Relativistic heavy ion physics“ - why ?: a bit of history

Cabibbo, N. & Parisi, G., Exponential hadronic spectrum and quark liberation. Phys. Lett. B 59, 67–69 (1975).

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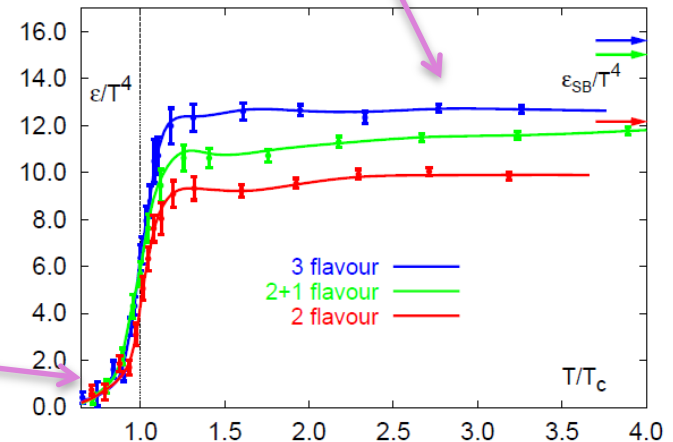
E.V.Shuryak, Quark-gluon plasma and hadronic production of leptons, photons and psions, Phys. Lett. B 78 (1978) 150.



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Lattice QCD results QGP

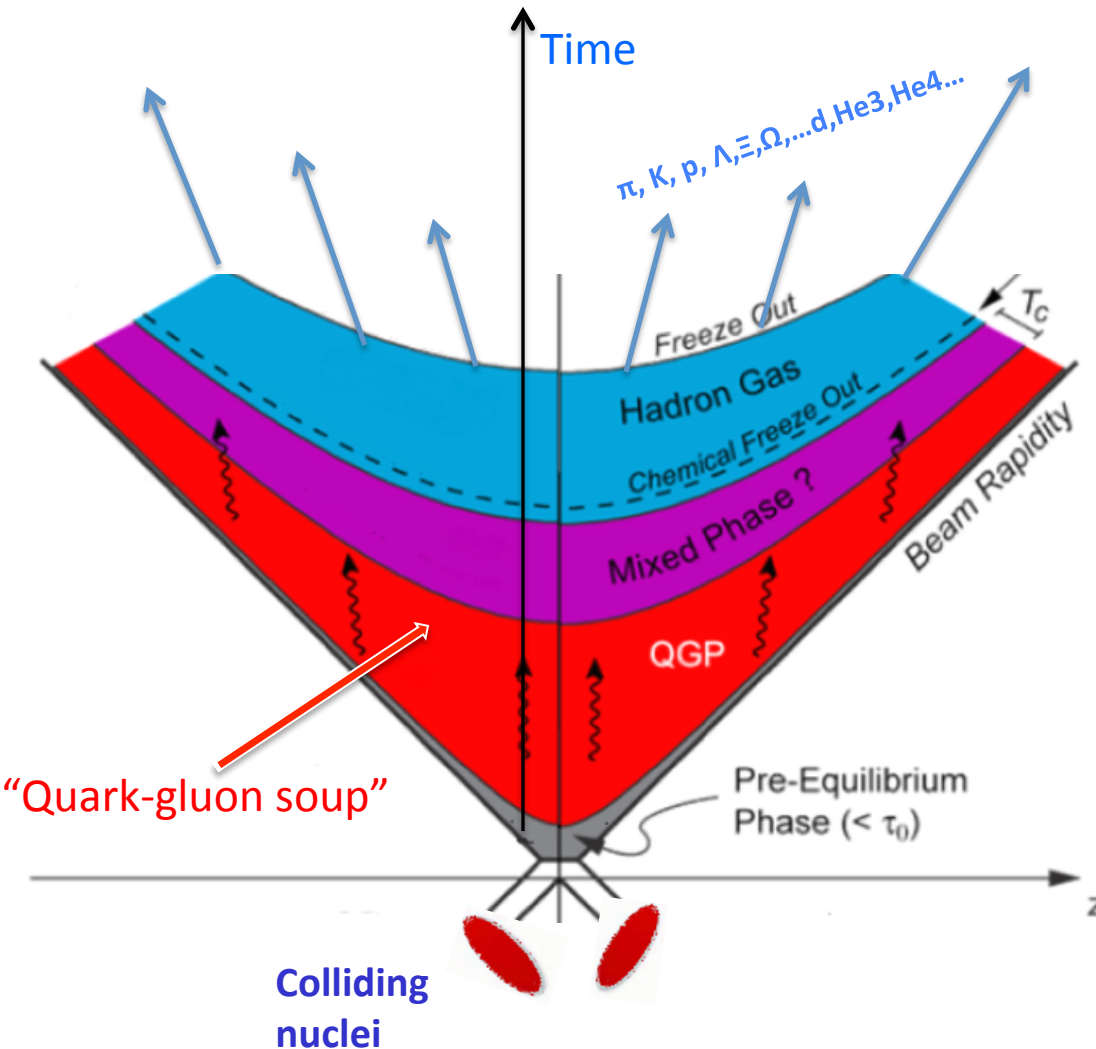
Hadron gas



F. Karsch, Lect. Notes Phys. 583 (2002) 209

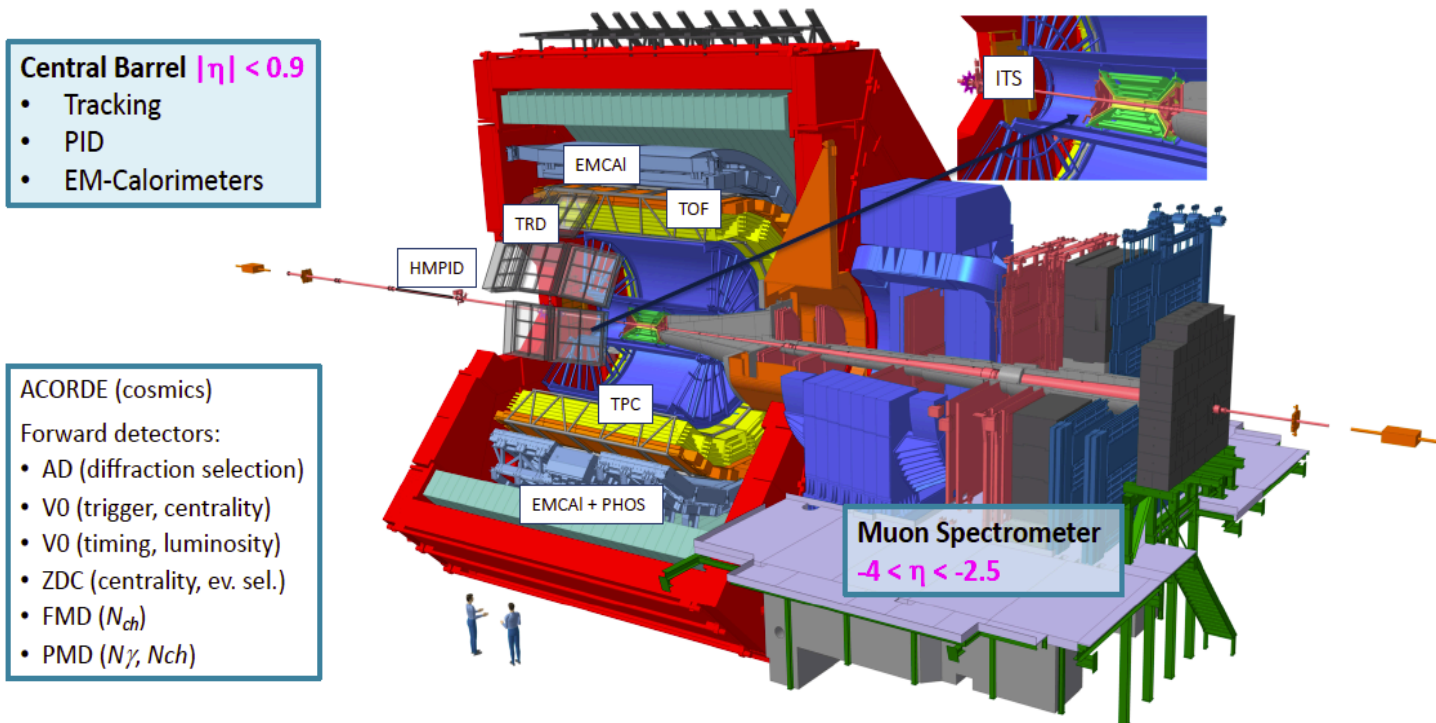
➤ *Early expectations: QGP like an ideal gas of quarks and gluons*

Space-time stages of nucleus-nucleus collision



- Pre-equilibrium phase
 - $\tau_{\text{eq}} < 0.5 \text{ fm}/c$
- QGP medium
 - Almost perfect liquid: $\eta/s \sim 0.1$
 - Temperature: $\sim 300 \text{ MeV}$ from the photon spectrum inverse slope
 - Large volume: $\sim 5000 \text{ fm}^3$
 - Mean life time: $\tau \sim 10 \text{ fm}/c$
 - Energy density (in central Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV): $\sim 20 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$
($\gg \epsilon_{\text{crit}} \approx 1 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$)
- Mixed phase
- Chemical freeze-out:
 - particle composition is fixed at $T_{\text{ch}} \sim 155 \text{ MeV}$
- Thermal freeze-out:
 - particle p_T spectra are fixed at $T_{\text{tfo}} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

ALICE in Run 1 and Run 2



- ALICE is optimized for Heavy-Ion Physics - excellent tracking of low momenta particles
- Efficient registration of the hadrons, electrons, muons, and photons.
produced in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions at the LHC.

ALICE data in Runs 1,2 in 2009-2018

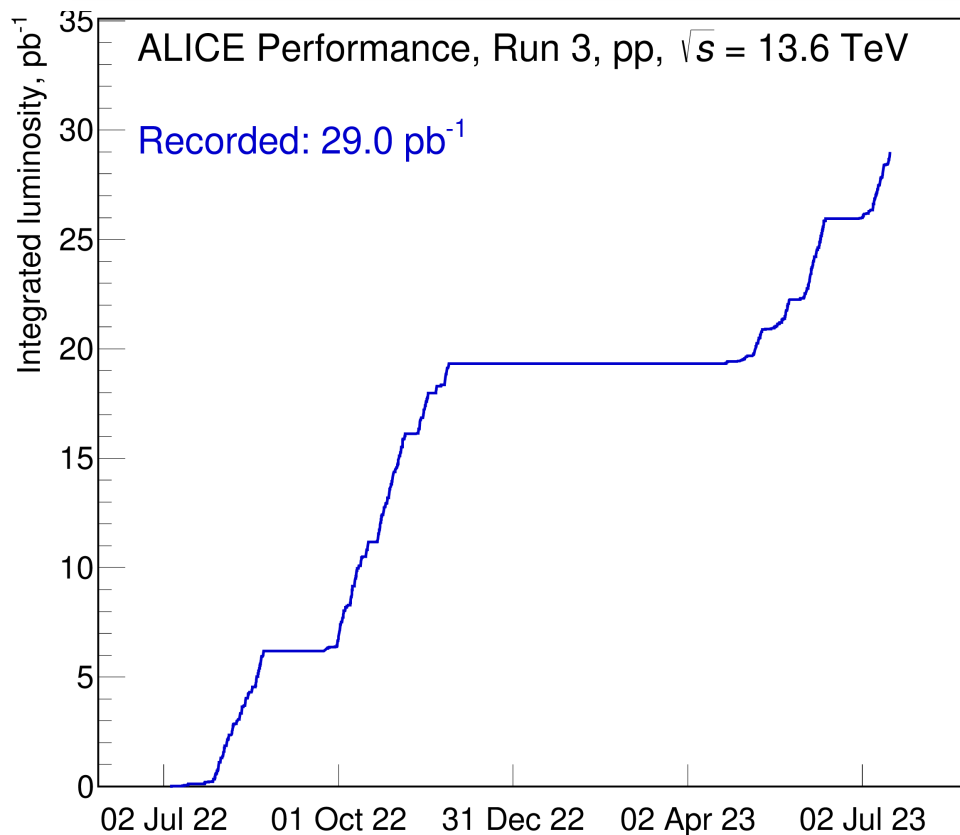
System	Year(s)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	L_{int}
Pb-Pb	2010, 2011	2.76	$\sim 75 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
	2015, 2018	5.02	$\sim 800 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
Xe-Xe	2017	5.44	$\sim 0.3 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
p-Pb	2013	5.02	$\sim 15 \text{nb}^{-1}$
	2016	5.02, 8.16	$\sim 3 \text{nb}^{-1}, \sim 25 \text{nb}^{-1}$
pp	2009-2013	0.9, 2.76, 7, 8	$\sim 200 \text{mb}^{-1}, \sim 100 \text{nb}^{-1}$ $\sim 1.5 \text{pb}^{-1}, \sim 2.5 \text{pb}^{-1}$
	2015, 2017	5.02	$\sim 1.3 \text{pb}^{-1}$
	2015-2018	13	$\sim 36 \text{pb}^{-1}$

Run 1

Run 2

- **ALICE Collaboration: 40 countries, 172 institute2, 2002 members**
Publications: total > 400

ALICE data taking in Run 3 (July 2022 – July 2023)



- Data taking at 500 kHz in pp collisions at 13.6 TeV
- Improvement in luminosity:
 - x 100 Pb-Pb
 - x 1000 pp and p-Pb
- Already recorded in pp collisions (900 GeV and 13.6 TeV): ~30 pb⁻¹
- Small data set in Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV

Recorded integrated luminosity in pp@13.6 TeV, Run 3

✓ Strangeness in hadronic collisions

Motivation



The early predictions:

- J. J. Rafelski in 1980: QGP should be visible in relative yield measurements
- J. J. Rafelski and B. Müller, “Strangeness production in the quark-gluon plasma,” Phys. Rev. Lett. 48 (1982) 1066–1069.

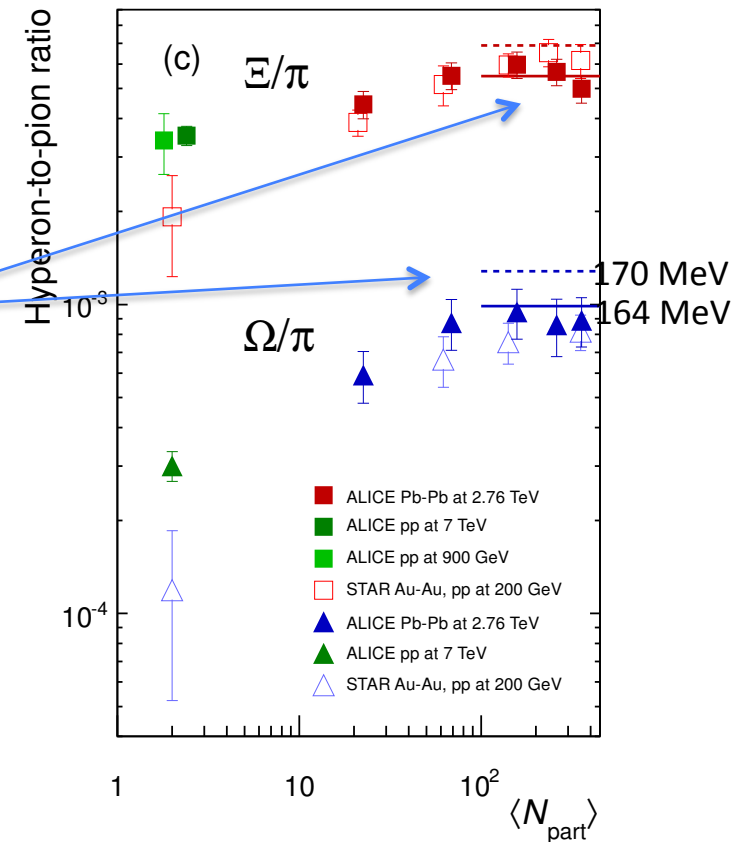
“...enhanced abundances of rare, strange hadrons, , etc.) as indicators for the formation of the plasma state in nuclear collisions.”

Hyperon-to-pion ratios as a function of $\langle N_{part} \rangle$, for A-A and pp collisions at LHC and RHIC energies.

Early predictions and results:

- General smooth increase of h/π ratio with system size (centrality)
- Flattening after $\langle N_{part} \rangle \sim 150$
- Ratios are similar at RHIC and LHC
- Increase in h/π ratios with energy is noticeable for pp collisions
- Lines – **predictions** of thermal statistical models based on a grand canonical approach [1],[2]

Phys. Lett. B 728 (2014) 216-227



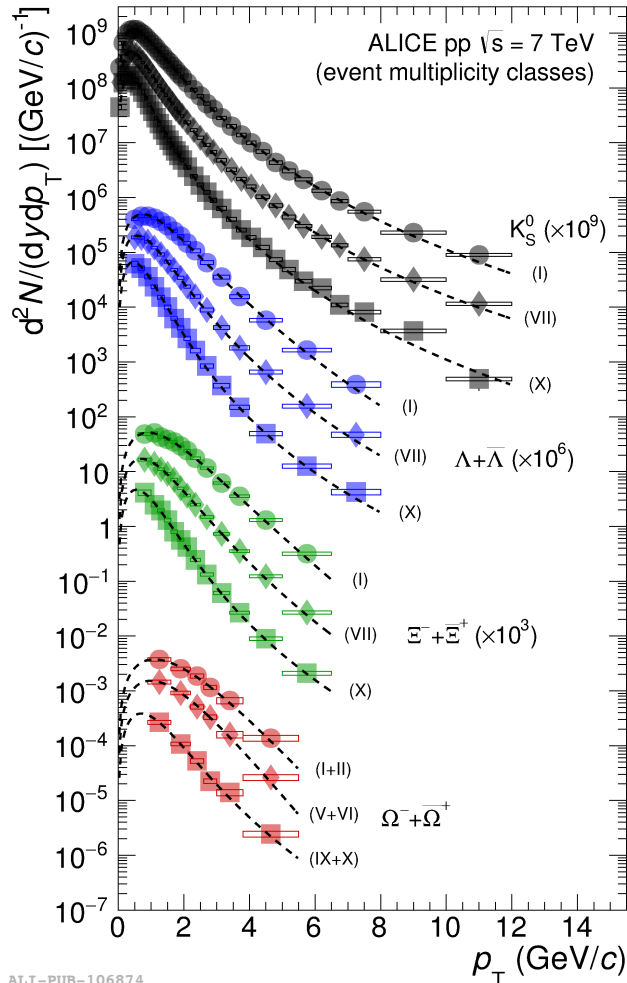
[1] A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel Phys. Lett. B 673 (2009), p. 142

[2] J. Cleymans, I. Kraus, H. Oeschler, K. Redlich, S. Wheaton, Phys. Rev. C, 74 (2006) 03490

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p_T -differential yields of K_S^0, Λ, Ξ and Ω by ALICE in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=7$ TeV

Nature Physics 13,535–539 (2017)



Some observations:

- hardening of p_T spectra with increasing multiplicity
- the hardening of p_T spectra is more pronounced for higher-mass particles
- the appearance of collective behaviour at high multiplicity - ?
- particle emission from a collectively expanding thermal source in pp collisions - ?

U.Heinz, <https://inspirehep.net/record/714564>

Some event multiplicity classes in pp collisions, 7 TeV

Class name	I	...	VII	...	X
$\sigma / \sigma_{inel} > 0$	0 - 0.95%		28 - 38%		68 - 100%
$\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$	21.3 \pm 0.6		6.72 \pm 0.21		2.26 \pm 0.01

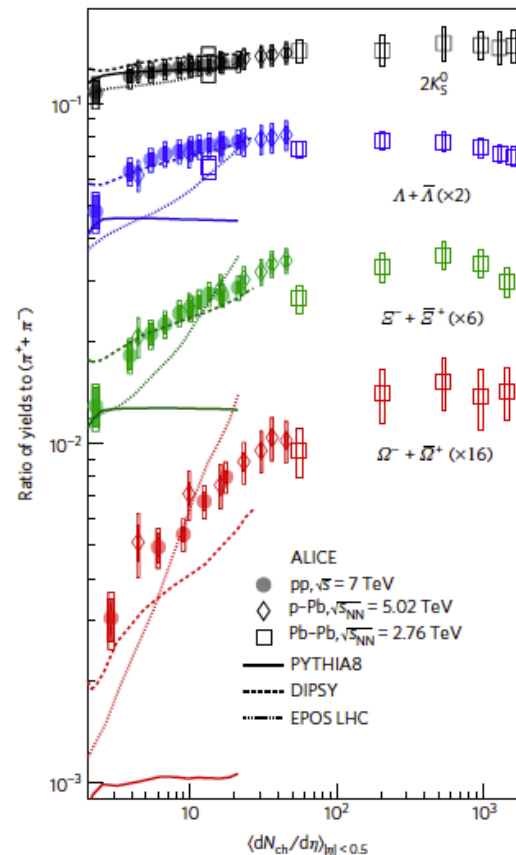
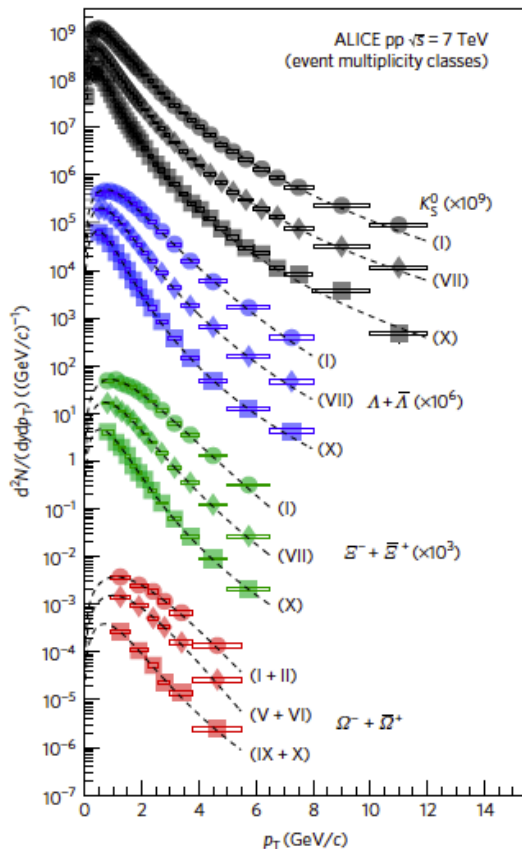
Enhanced production of multi-strange particles in high-multiplicity pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions



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p_T -integrated yield ratios to pions ($\pi^+ + \pi^-$) as a function of $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$ measured in $|y| < 0.5$.

p_T -differential yields



pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions

- Hardening of spectra
- The enhancement is larger for particles with larger strangeness content
- No dependence on the LHC collision energy
- Striking similarities in strangeness production for large and small systems
- Origin of strangeness enhancement?

p_T -integrated yield ratios to pions as a function of the $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$

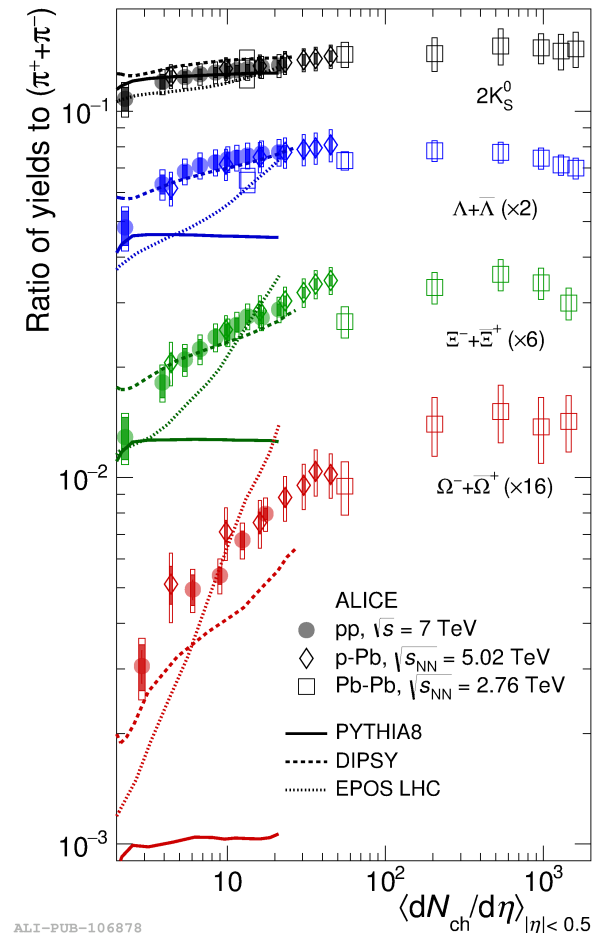
- A significant enhancement of strange to non-strange hadron production with increasing $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$
- Enhancement is proportional to the strangeness content in the hadron
- Smooth behavior of particle ratios with the $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$ regardless of colliding system and energy
- DIPSY rope hadronization model [1,2] is providing the best description
- PYTHIA8 [3] fails completely

[1] C.Bierlich, G.Gustafson, L.Lonnblad, A.Tarasov, <https://inspirehep.net/record/1335149> (2015)

[2] Bierlich, C. & Christiansen, J. R. *Phys. Rev. D* **92**, 094010 (2015).

[3] Sjöstrand, T., Mrenna, S. & Skands, P. *Z. Comput. Phys. Commun.* **178**, 852–867 (2008).

[4] EPOS LHC: T. Pierog et al., *Phys. Rev. C* **92**, 034906 (2015).



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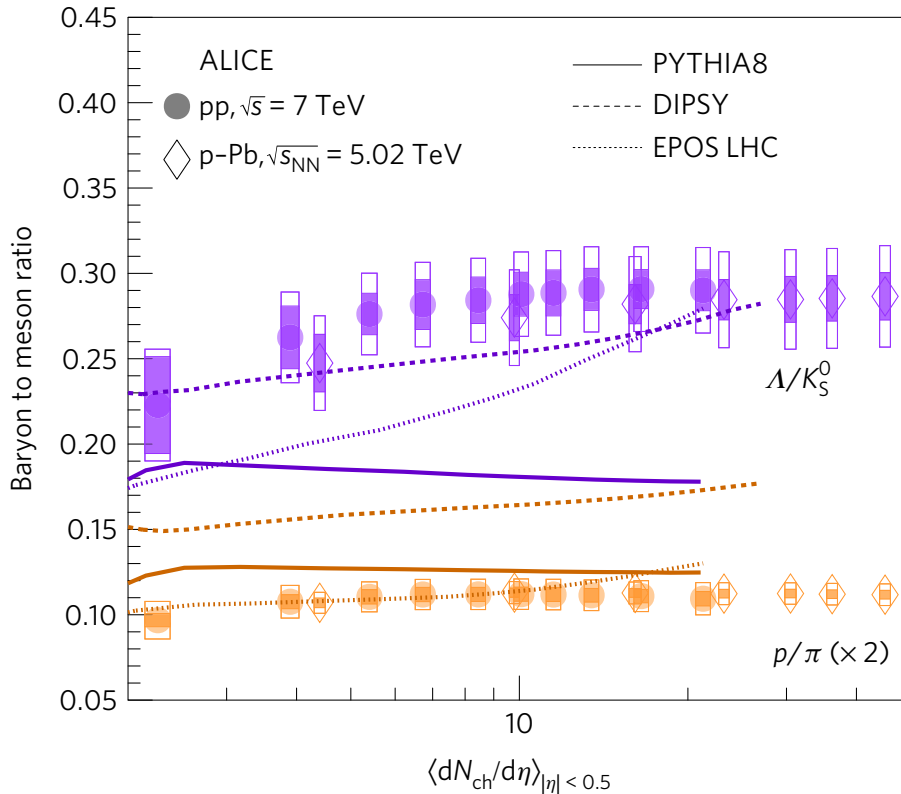
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Mass dependence of particle ratios?

Baryon to meson yields ratio vs. multiplicity



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- Data shows practically no changes with multiplicity for proton/pion yields ratio
- None of the MC models can describe all particle ratios simultaneously.
- For example DIPSY [1] fails in describing p/π ratio in its original formulation, but qualitatively describes Λ/K_S^0
- EPOS[2] that uses Core/Corona model-- is OK for p/π ratio , PYTHIA8 [3] fails completely

[1] C.Bierlich, G.Gustafson, L.Lonnblad, A.Tarasov, <https://inspirehep.net/record/1335149> (2015);

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Some theoretical approaches: *string fusion* in DIPSY[1]

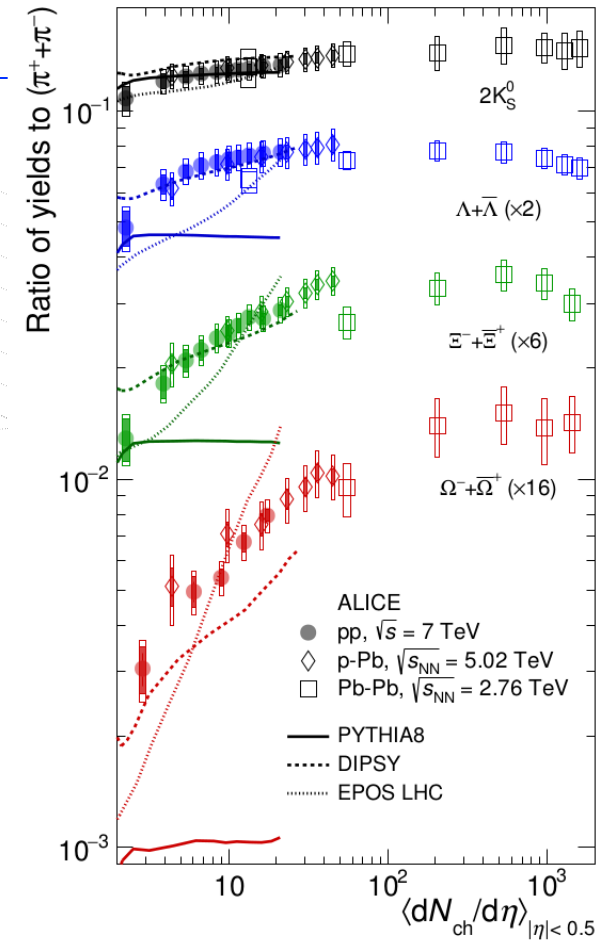
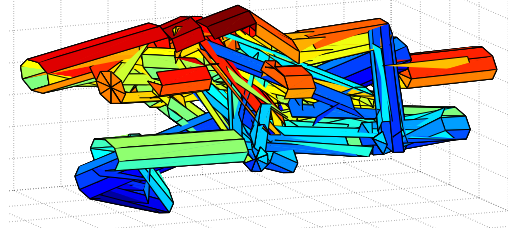
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Data are bringing **new constraints and new questions** to the models

DIPSY:

- Strings close in space can fuse [2] to form “the colour ropes”
- New type of particle emitting sources
 - strings with higher tension
- Increased production of **strange particles and baryons**
- Pre-Equilibrium Phase for QGP formation - ?
- A reminiscent of a thermal system - ?



[1] C.Bierlich, J. R.Christiansen, Effects of Colour Reconnection on Hadron Flavour Observables, arxiv:1507.02091; Christian Bierlich et al., arXiv:1412.6259

[2] String fusion model: M.Braun,C.Pajares, Phys. Lett. B 287, (1992) 154-158

Some theoretical approaches: Multi-Pomeron Exchange Model

with *string fusion*[1]

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Schwinger mechanism of production of particles species of type ν production mass m_ν , momentum p_t and spin - S_ν

Here,

$$g_\nu \exp\left(-\frac{\pi(p_t^2 + m_\nu^2)}{n\beta t}\right)$$

n - number of Pomerons,

t - string tension,

β - model collective parameter

$$g_\nu = 2S_\nu + 1$$

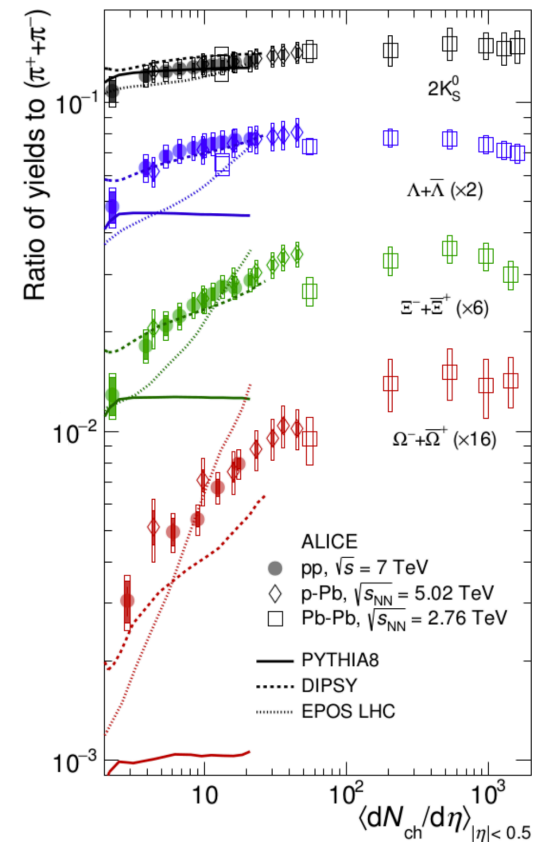
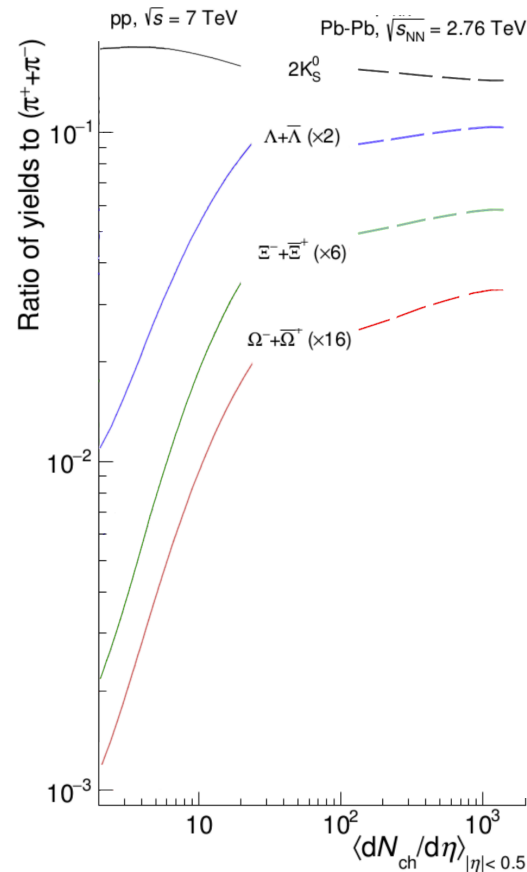
➤ Large set of hadron resonances with cascade decays

➤ The model [1] qualitatively describes the data from p-p to p-Pb and Pb-Pb

[1] V.Kovalenko et al., *Universe*

2022, 8(4), 246)

<https://doi.org/10.3390/>



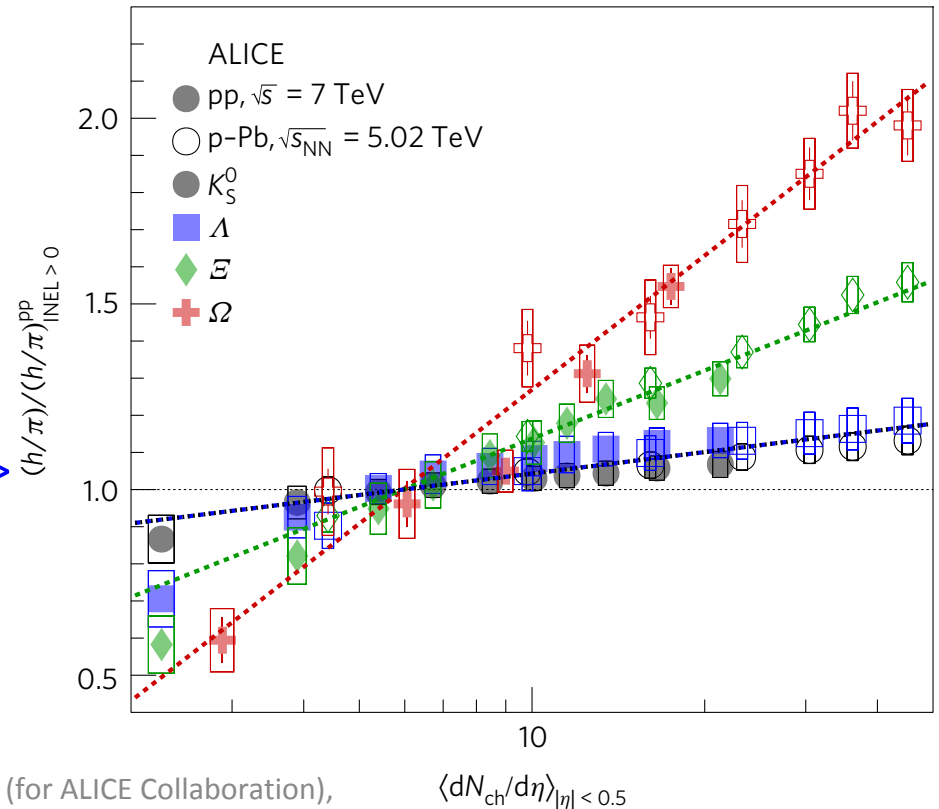
The strange hadron hierarchy in pp and p-Pb collisions

$$\frac{(h/\pi)}{(h/\pi)_{\text{INEL}>0}^{\text{PP}}} = 1 + a S^b \log \left[\frac{\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle}{\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle_{\text{INEL}>0}^{\text{PP}}} \right]$$

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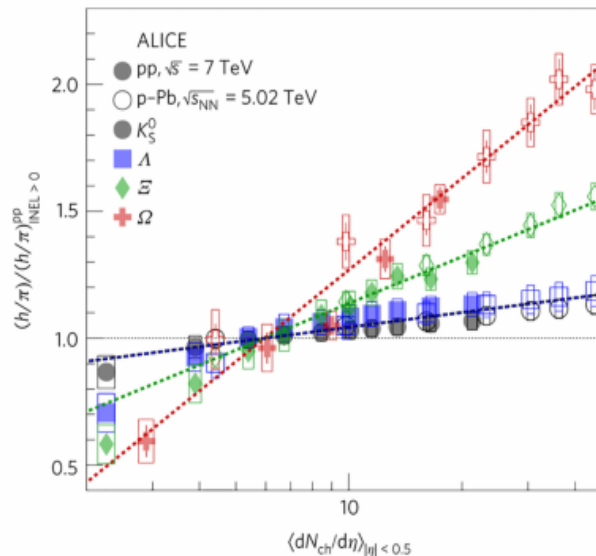
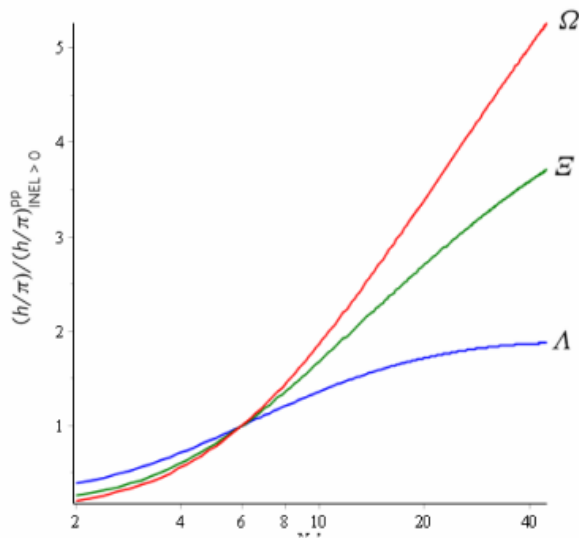
- S is the number of strange or anti-strange valence quarks
- a and b are free parameters:
 $a = 0.083 \pm 0.006$,
 $b = 1.67 \pm 0.09$

- No enhancement with the $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$ is observed for particles without no strangeness
- Enhancement with the $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$ depends on strange quark content



Some theoretical approaches: Multi-Pomeron Exchange Model

with *string fusion*[1]



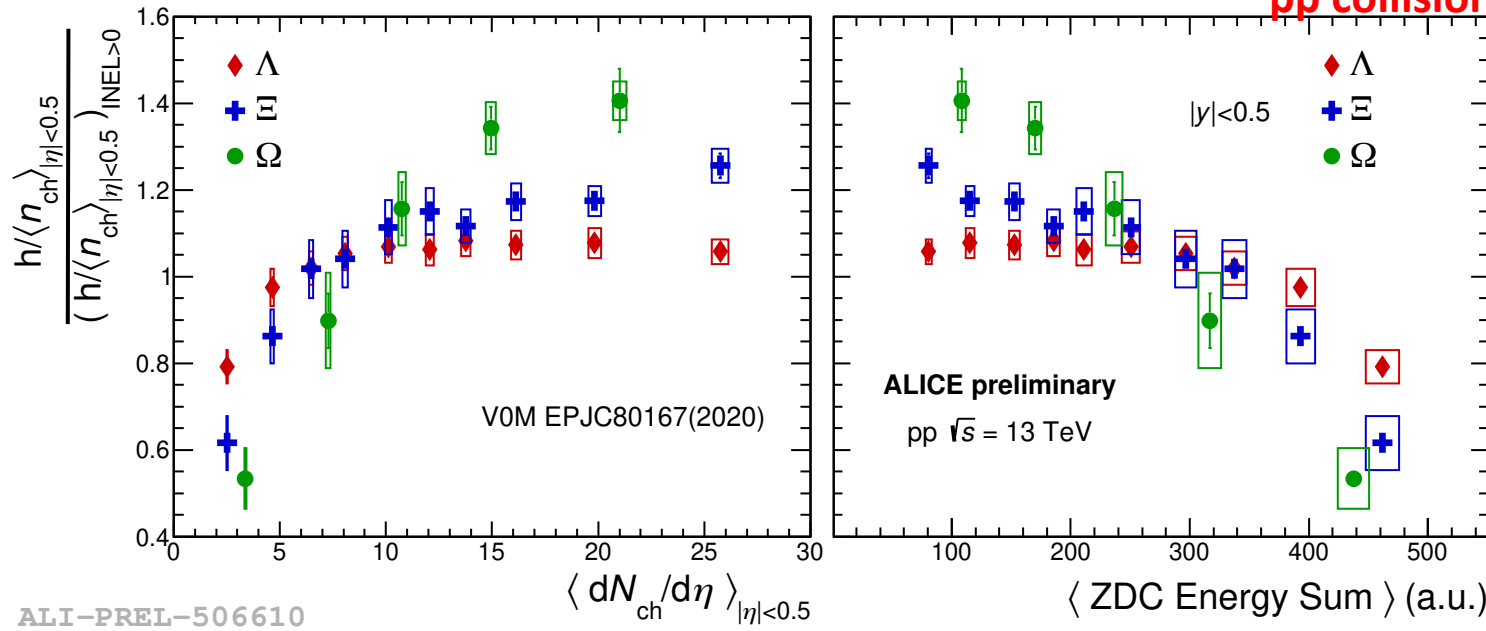
[1] G.Feofilov, V.Kovalenkro, A.Puchkov
arxiv: 1710.08895 [hep-ph](2017)

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- The model qualitatively describes the data on Enhancement
- What are the factors or effects with the main contribution to Enhancement:
 - strangeness-related effects?
 - initial stages effects and energy density?
 - baryon-related effects?
 -?

New!

Strangeness at midrapidity vs multiplicity and effective energy



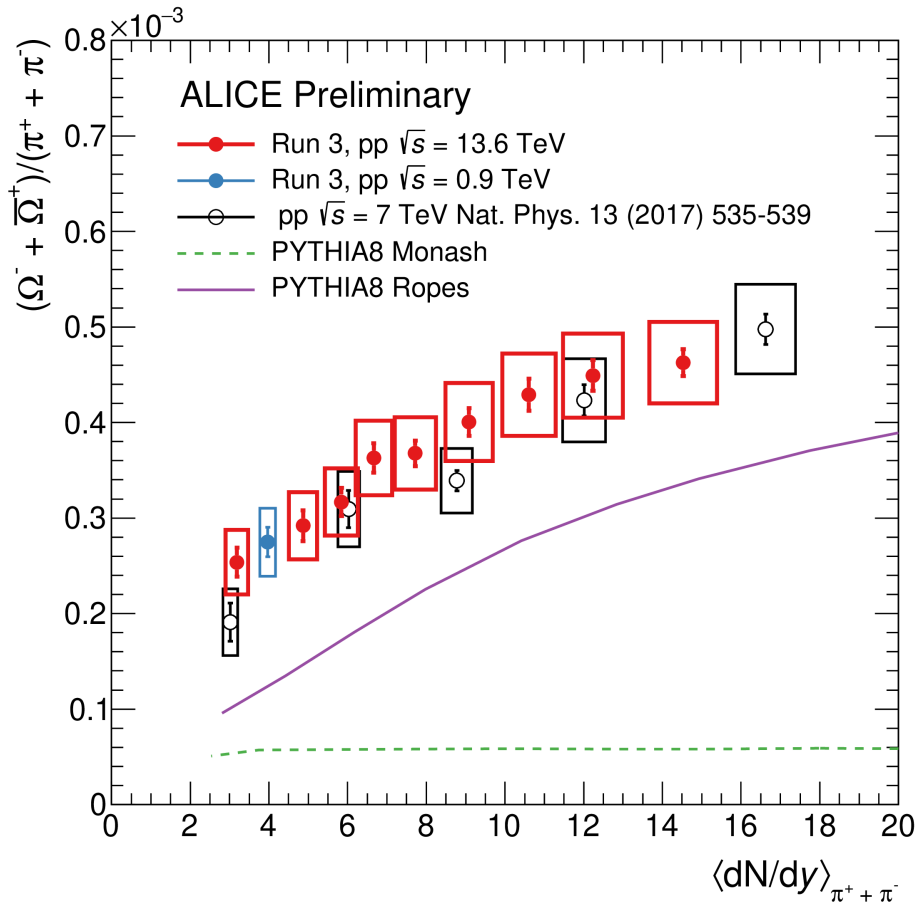
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effective energy

- Λ , Ξ and Ω production vs midrapidity multiplicity -(left) and vs. energy deposited in ALICE's Zero Degree Calorimeters (ZDC) -(right)
- Yields of multistrange baryons are anticorrelated with the forward energy, measured by ZDC
- Correlated with the effective energy available in the event for particle production
- Role of the initial stages and number of partonic collisions (MPI) in strangeness production?

New! Ω/π ratio vs. multiplicity

in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 7$ and 13 TeV

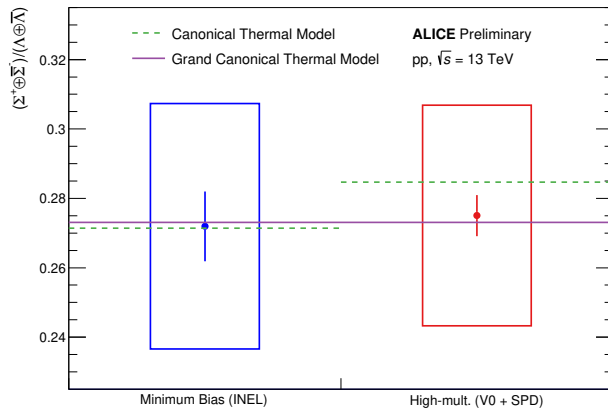


- Dependence on multiplicity for Ω/π ratio
- First Ω yield measurement at 0.9 TeV in pp collisions at the LHC
- Higher statistics for Ω production will be further obtained in Run 3
- PYTHIA Monash fails to describe growth with multiplicity
- PYTHIA with color ropes is in qualitative agreement

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New!

First measurement of (anti) Σ^\pm baryons to Λ ratio in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV



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➤ No dependence on multiplicity for Σ/Λ ratio

➤ A new test for the models

➤ The sigma baryons are closely related to the Lambda baryons

Σ^+ (uus) mass: $1,189.37 \pm 0.07$ GeV/c²

$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p + \pi^0$ (51.57 ± 0.30)%

$\rightarrow n + \pi^+$ (48.31 ± 0.30)%

Σ^- (dds) mass: $1,192.642 \pm 0.024$

$\Sigma^- \rightarrow n + \pi^-$ (99.848 ± 0.005)%

Σ^0 (uds) mass: $1,197.449 \pm 0.030$

$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + \gamma$ (100)%

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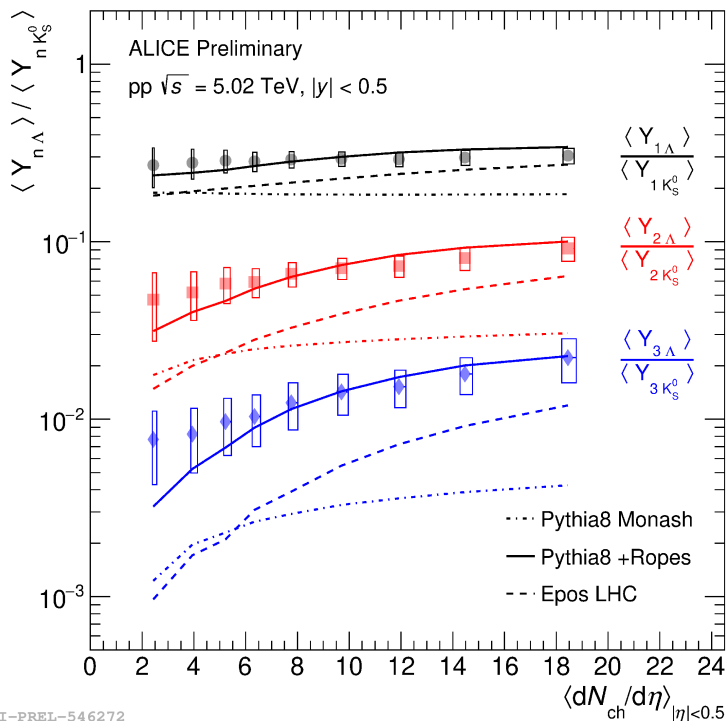
Λ^0 (uds) mass: $1,115.683 \pm 0.006$

$\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p + \pi^-$ (64,1 ± 0,5 %)

$\rightarrow n + \pi^0$ (35,9 ± 0,5 %)

New!

<Number of strange particles>/event First measurement in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV



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- Ratios of mean values of multiple particle production numbers of 2Λ to $2K_s^0$ and of 3Λ to $3K_s^0$ are growing with the mean multiplicity of events
- Baryon-related effect?
- Test with models show good performance of PYTHIA+color ropes

$n\Lambda / nK_s^0$ as a function of the charged particle multiplicity compared with models

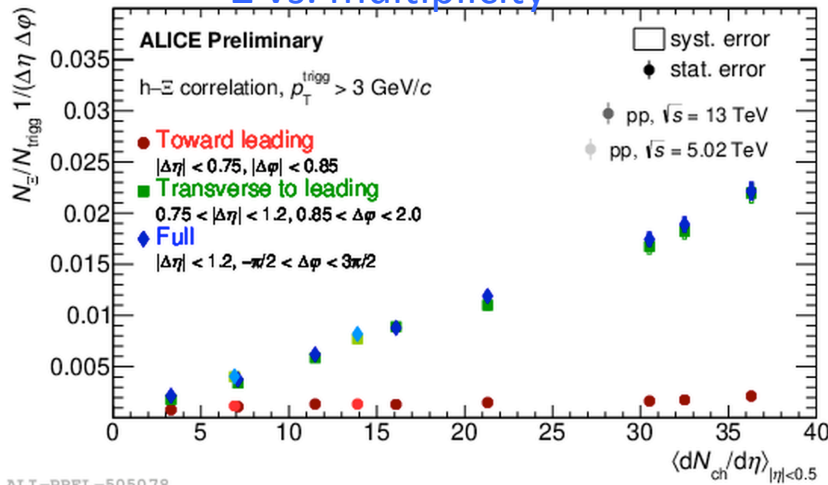
New!

Strangeness production in jets and out of jets



pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV and $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV

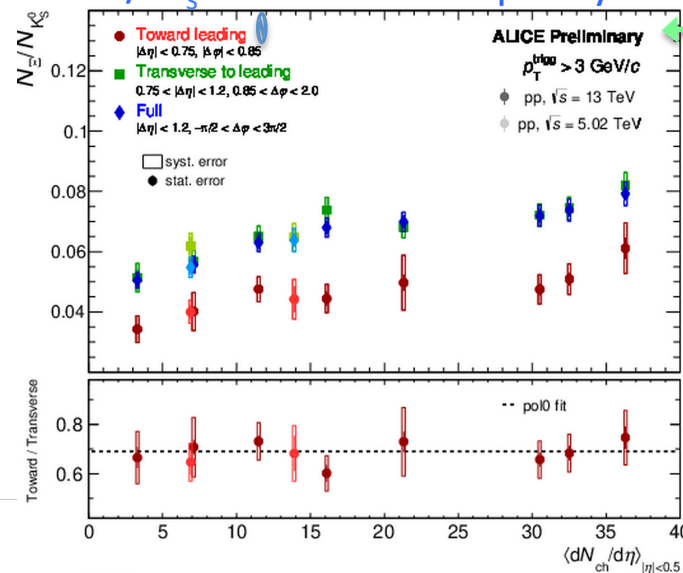
Ξ vs. multiplicity



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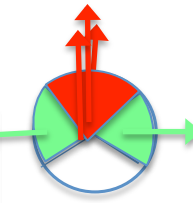
Near-side jet, out-of-jet and full yield of Ξ vs. multiplicity of charged particles produced at midrapidity

Ξ/K^0_s ratios vs. multiplicity



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Near-side jet, out-of-jet and inclusive Ξ/K^0_s yield ratios vs. multiplicity of charged particles

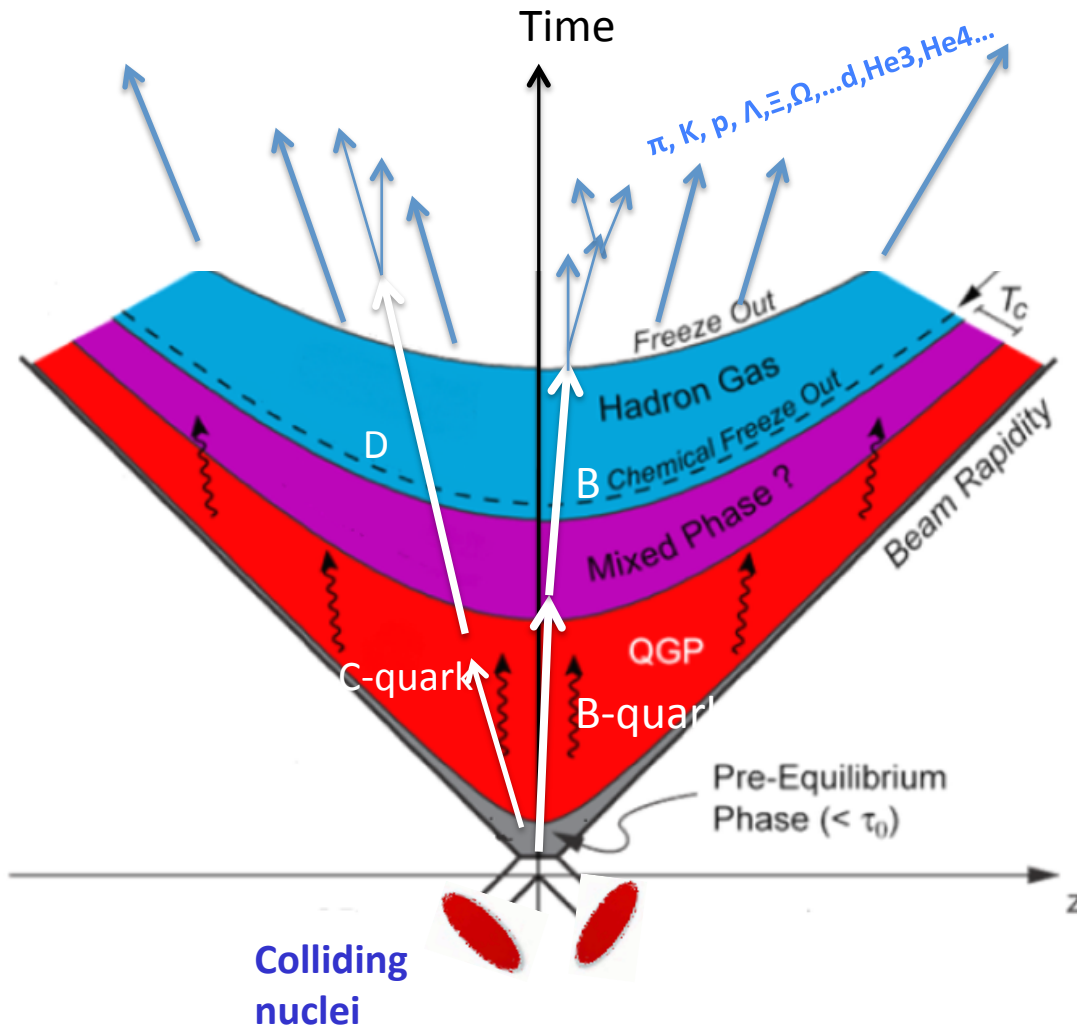


- For Ξ mesons the near-side leading jet yield is practically flat with multiplicity
- Linear growth of Ξ yield with multiplicity in transverse to leading

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✓ Charm in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions

Charm in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions



Why open heavy flavour is interesting?

- ✓ Production is relevant to early collision stages
- ✓ Theoretical calculation of production in perturbative QCD
- ✓ Transport of c-quark through the medium: collisions and radiative e-losses ?
- ✓ Hadronisation mechanism?

Charm measurements in ALICE:

$$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$$

$$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$$

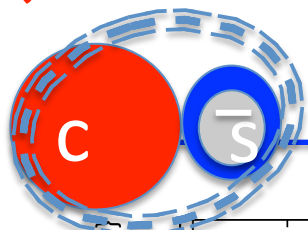
$$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$

$$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow K_s^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- p$$

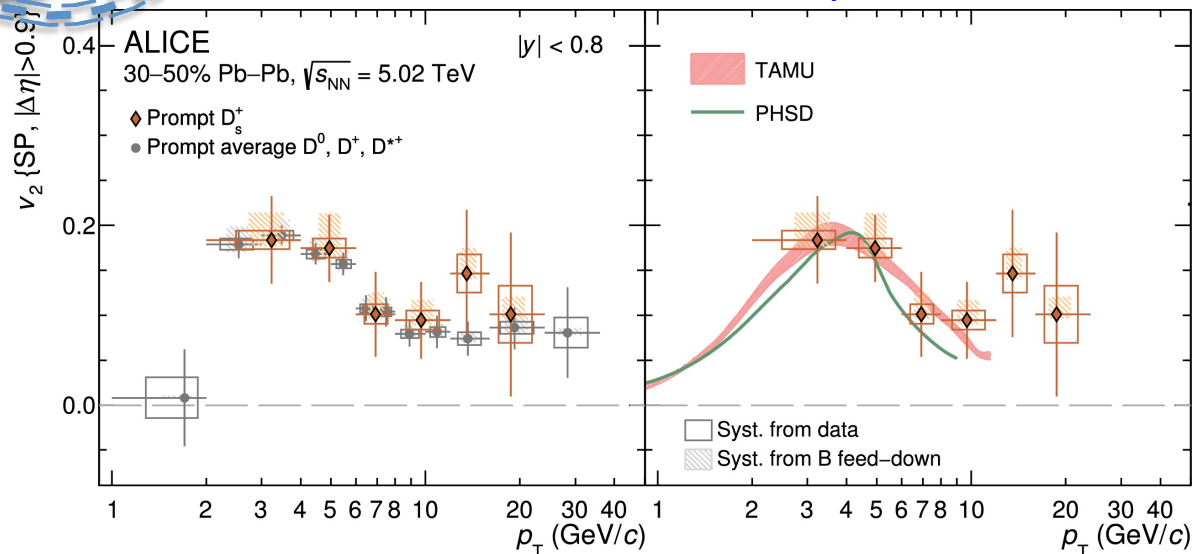
$$c \rightarrow \mu^\pm X \text{ (with muon spectrometer)}$$

New!

Flow of prompt D_s^+ -mesons in Pb-Pb collisions



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Pb-Pb collisions

- For prompt D_s^+ mesons v_2 is compatible with that of non-strange D mesons
- Charm participates in collective expansion/motion: noticeable elliptic flow is in line with TAMU and PHSD models with charm-quark coalescence
- Future data samples will be collected in Run 3 extended to lower p_T with the upgraded ALICE detector

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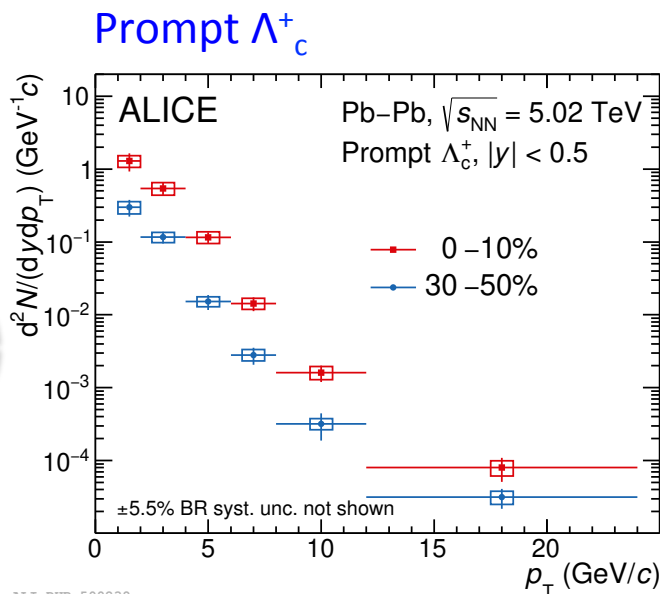
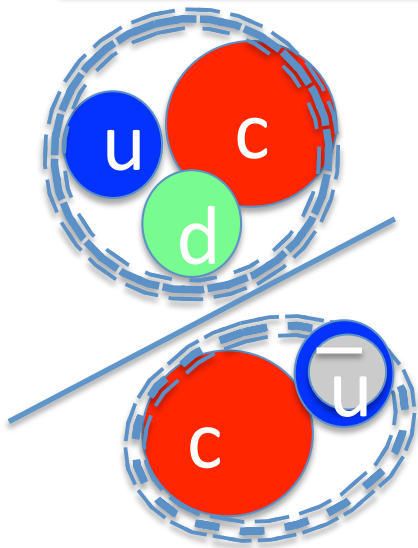
Constraining hadronization mechanisms with Λ_c^+ / D^0 production ratios[1]



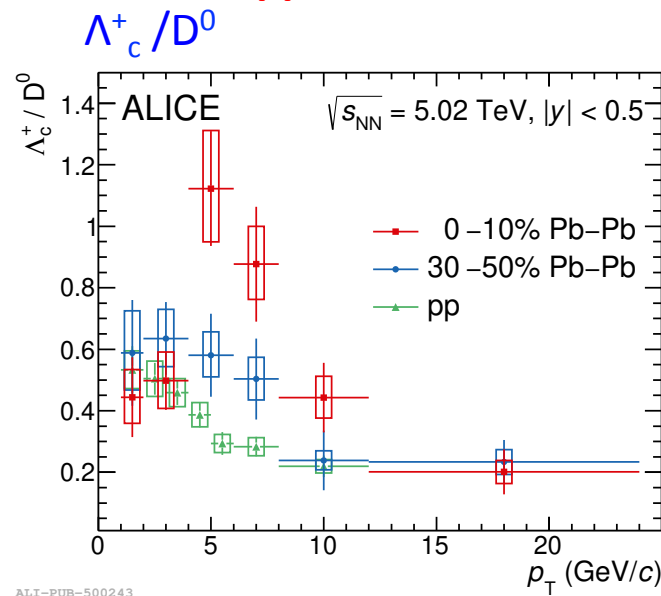
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pp and Pb–Pb collisions



The p_T -differential production yields of prompt Λ_c^+ in central (0–10%) and mid-central (30–50%) Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV.



The Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio in central and mid-central Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV compared with the results obtained from pp collisions [2]

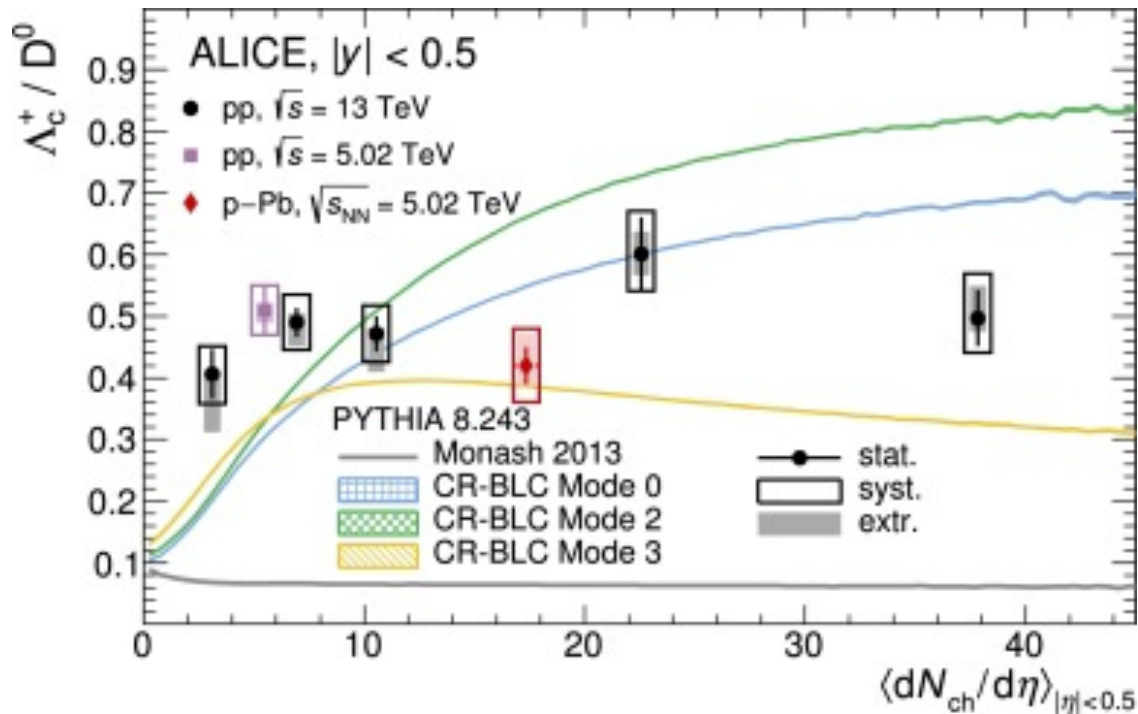
➤ Λ_c^+ / D^0 - ratio is sensitive to hadronisation mechanism

[1] ALICE Collaboration, Phys.Lett.B 839 (2023) 137796

[2] ALICE Collaboration, Phys. Rev. C 104 (2021) 054905

New!

Charm baryon-to-meson ratios in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV[1]



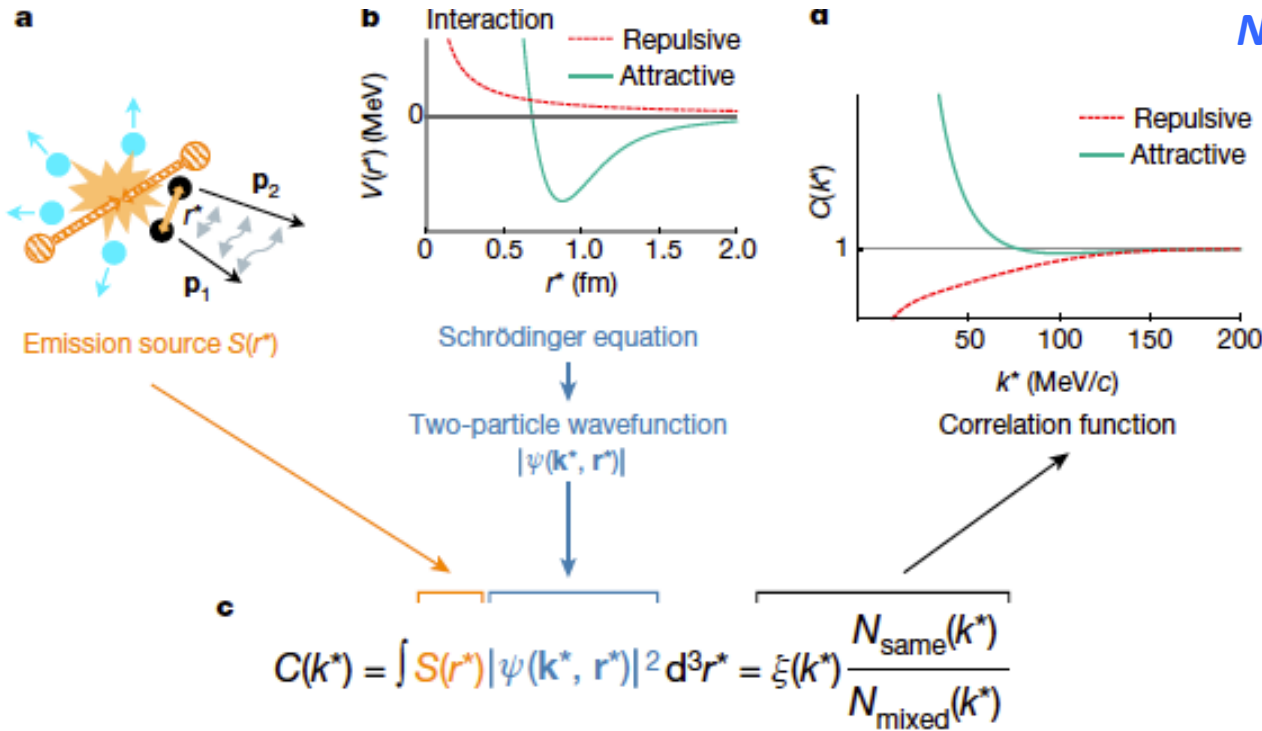
➤ No dependence
on multiplicity for Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio

[1] ALICE Collaboration, Phys.Lett.B 829 (2022) 137065

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✓ Two-body scattering involving *strange* and *charm* hyperons

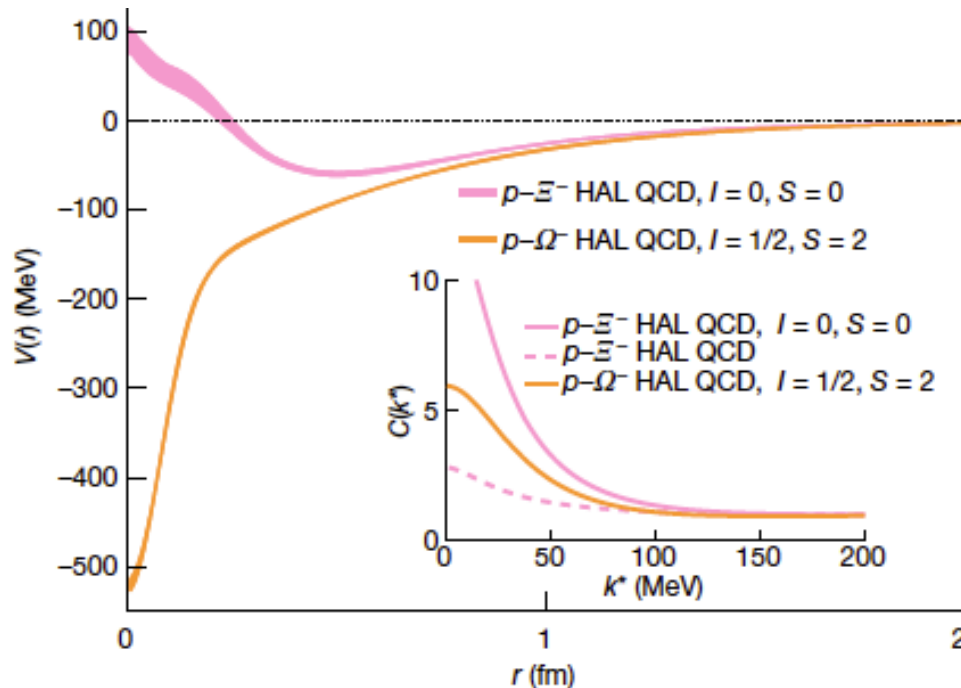
Two-body scattering and study of strong interaction involving *strange* hyperons



- Absence of interaction $C(k^*) = 1$
- Attractive potential $C(k^*) > 1$
- Repulsive potential $C(k^*) < 1$
- Bound-state formation $C(k^*) \ll 1$

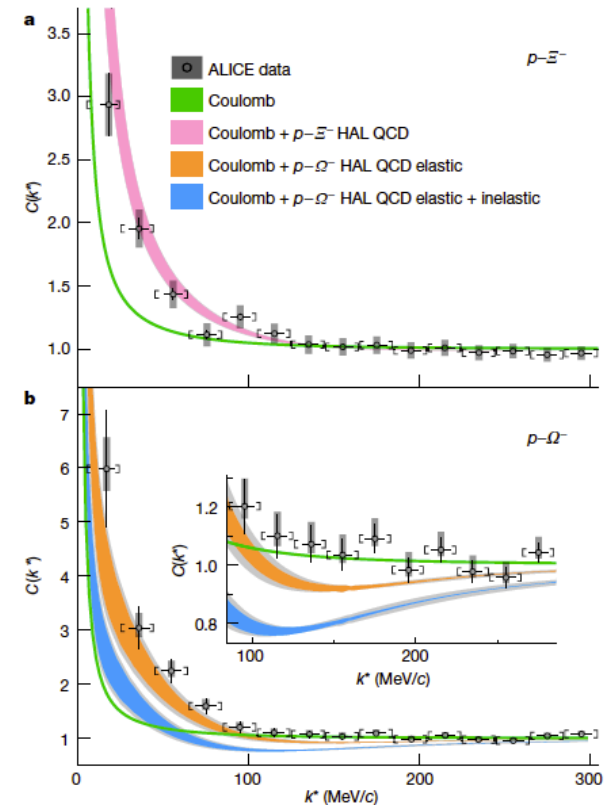
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Nature 588, 232–238 (2020)



Potentials for the $p-\Xi^-$ and $p-\Omega^-$ interactions predicted by the HAL QCD collaboration.

[Phys.Lett. B 792, 284–289 (2019);
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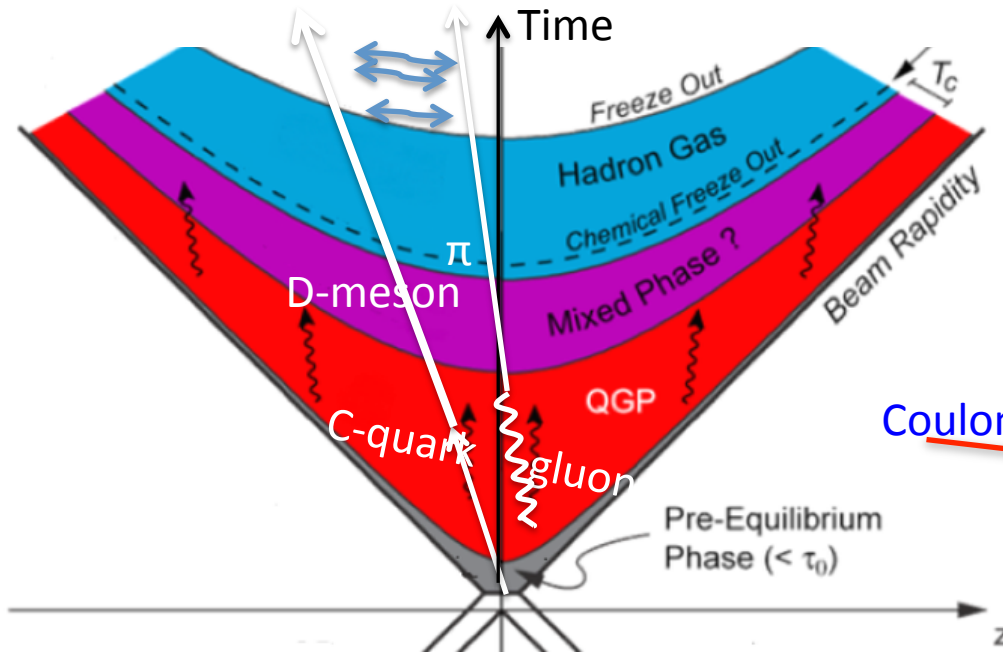
➤ Important input for the equation of state of neutron stars

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Two-body scattering involving *charm* hadrons

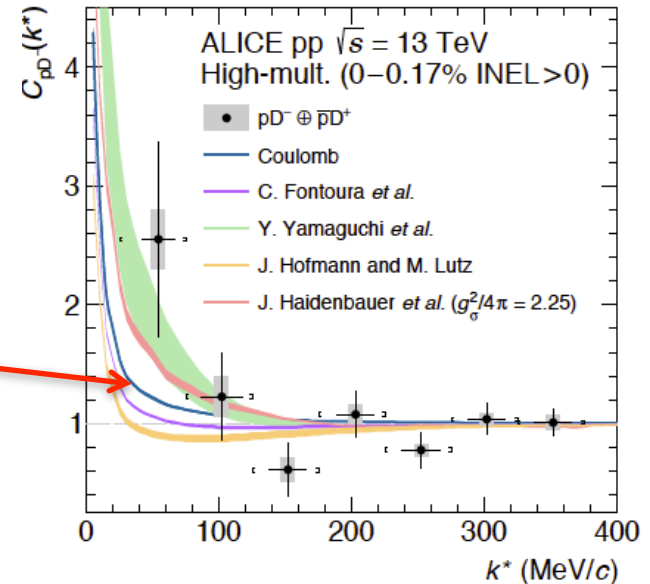


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pp collisions

arxiv:2201.05352



Coulomb

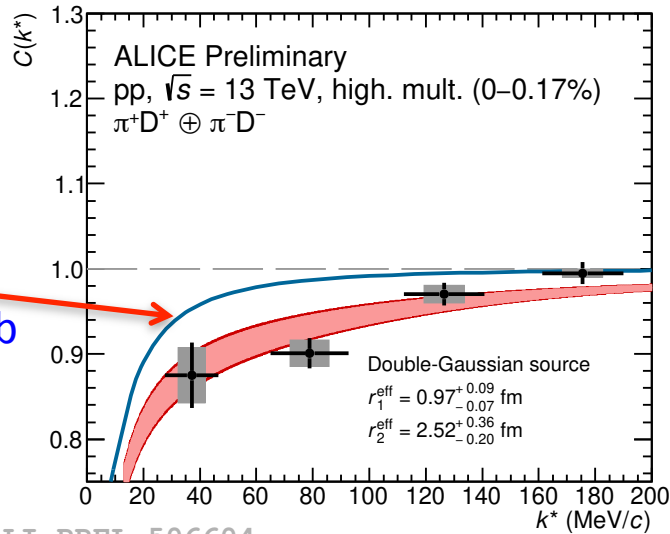
- The data are compatible with the Coulomb-only interaction hypothesis within $(1.1-1.5) \sigma$.
- The scattering parameters of charm hadrons with non-charm hadrons are important for models based on charm-quark transport in the expanding QGP
- Precision studies during the LHC Runs 3 and 4 are planned with 10 times increased statistics

New!

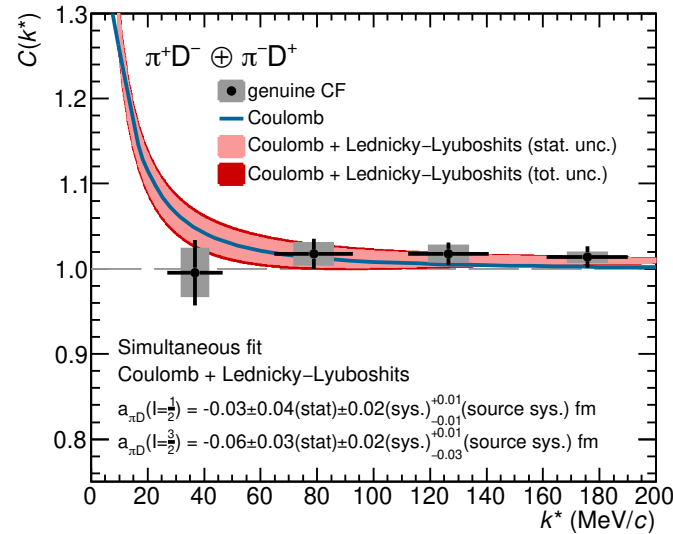
Two-body scattering involving *charm* hadrons



$\pi^+D^+ \oplus \pi^-D^-$



$\pi^+D^- \oplus \pi^-D^+$



pp collisions

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D- π femtoscopy in high multiplicity pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV

- The first studies of residual strong interaction between charm and light hadrons performed with Run 2 data
- Some deviation from the Coulomb baseline, indication on a shallow repulsive potential (left)
- **Significant improvement is foreseen with Run 3 data**

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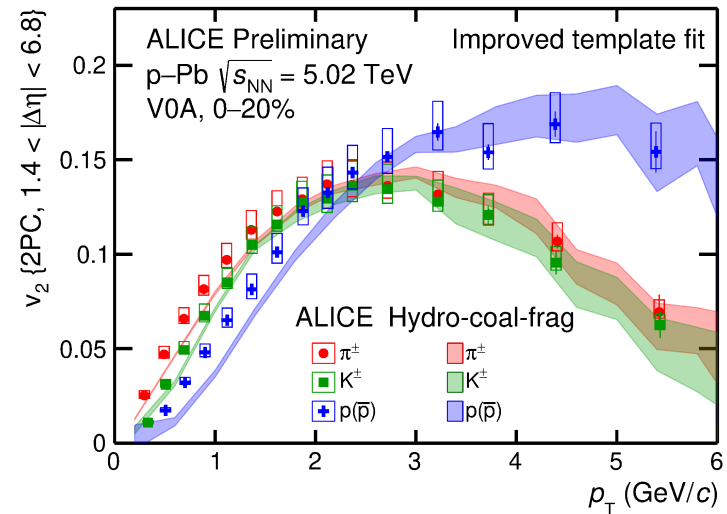
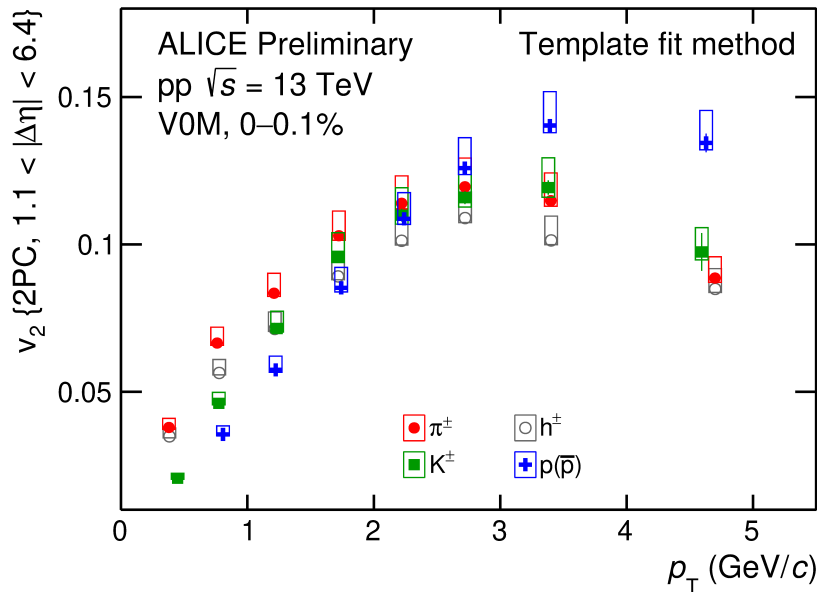
✓ Flow of identified particles
in pp and p-Pb collisions

New!

Flow of identified particles in pp and p-Pb collisions: close similarity to Pb+Pb



pp and p-Pb collisions



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ALI-PREL-503282

v_2 in High Multiplicity pp collisions with h, pi, K, p

- Collective effects in small systems
- Baryon-meson splitting - both in High Multiplicity pp and in p-Pb collisions
- Partonic flow + coalescence + fragmentation?

Hydro-coal-frag model
from Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 072301 (2020)

Baldin Conf -2023, G.Feofilov (for ALICE
Collaboration)

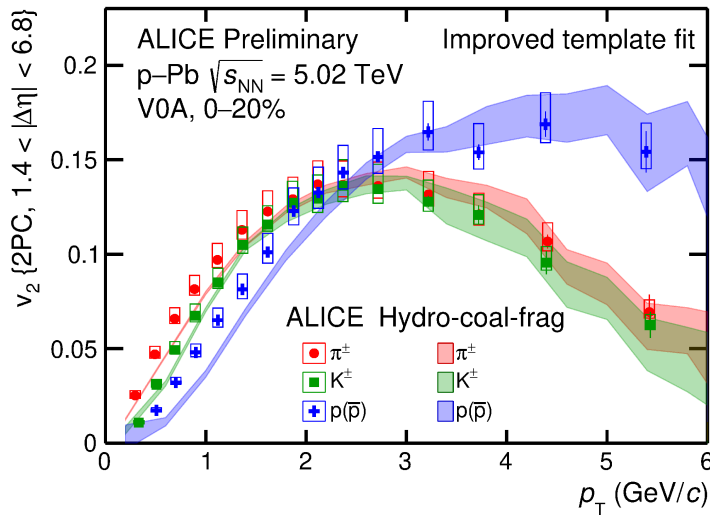
New!

Flow of identified particles in pp and p-Pb collisions: models

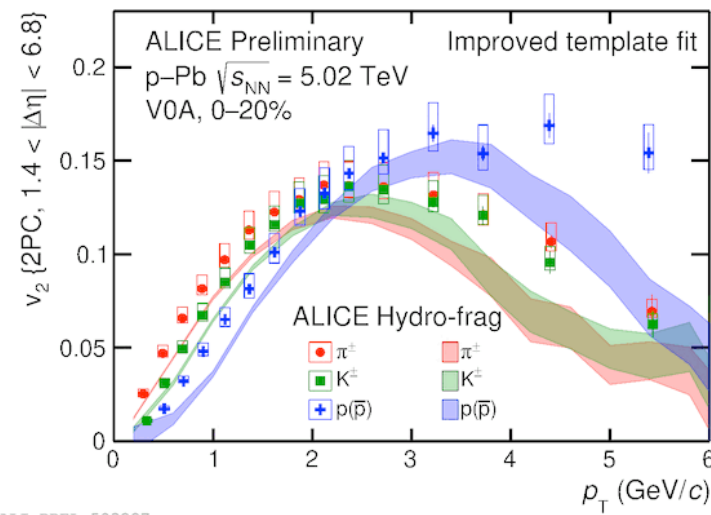


➤ Partonic flow + coalescence + fragmentation -- works OK here

➤ No quark coalescence – fails for $p_T > 2,5$ GeV/c



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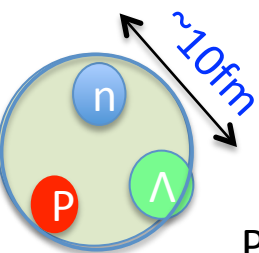
W.Zhao et al., “Probing the Partonic Degrees of Freedom in High-Multiplicity p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV” [Hydro-coal-frag model from Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 072301 \(2020\)](#)

➤ Results indicate for the existence of the partonic degrees of freedom and the possible formation of the QGP in high-multiplicity p-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV.

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✓ QGP and formation of light (anti) (hyper) nuclei

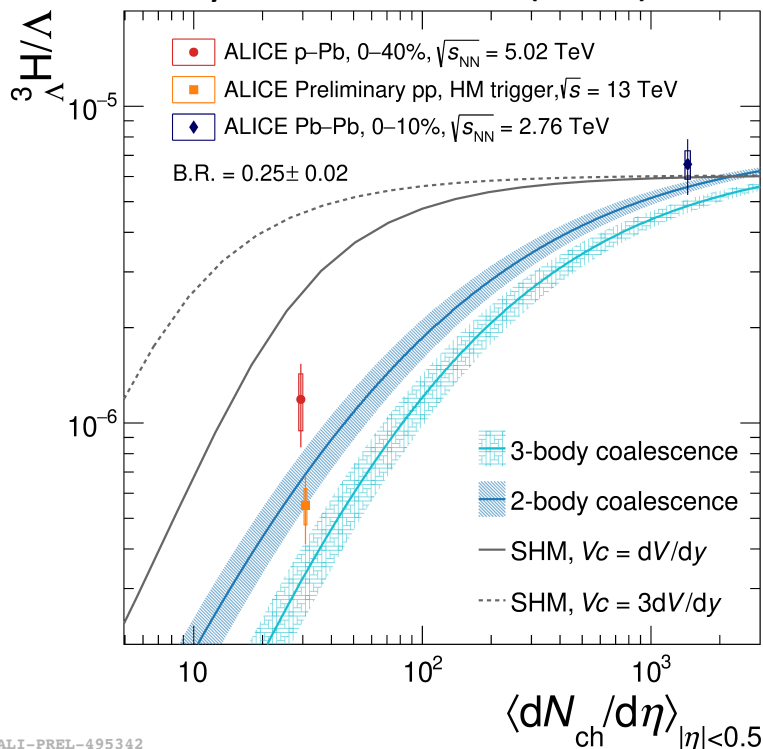
Formation of light (anti) (hyper) nuclei in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions:



hypertriton

pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions

Phys.Rev.Lett. 128 (2022) 252003



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- The 1st measurement in p-Pb collisions at the LHC of **hypertriton**, reconstructed via the decay channel ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \pi^{-}$
 - The lightest hypernucleus (p,n, Λ) (mass $\approx 2.991 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)
 - The binding energy : $B_{\Lambda} \approx 130 \text{ keV}$
- **Fragile but surviving at chemical freeze-out temperature $T_{ch} = 156 \text{ MeV}$?**
- Important to discriminate between nucleosynthesis mechanisms in dense and hot environments
- Results are currently in favour of coalescence
- Improved statistics – is expected in the LHC Run 3 with the upgraded ALICE

See the latest news from **Run 3 on (anti) (hyper) nuclei** in pp collisions presented at QM-2023:

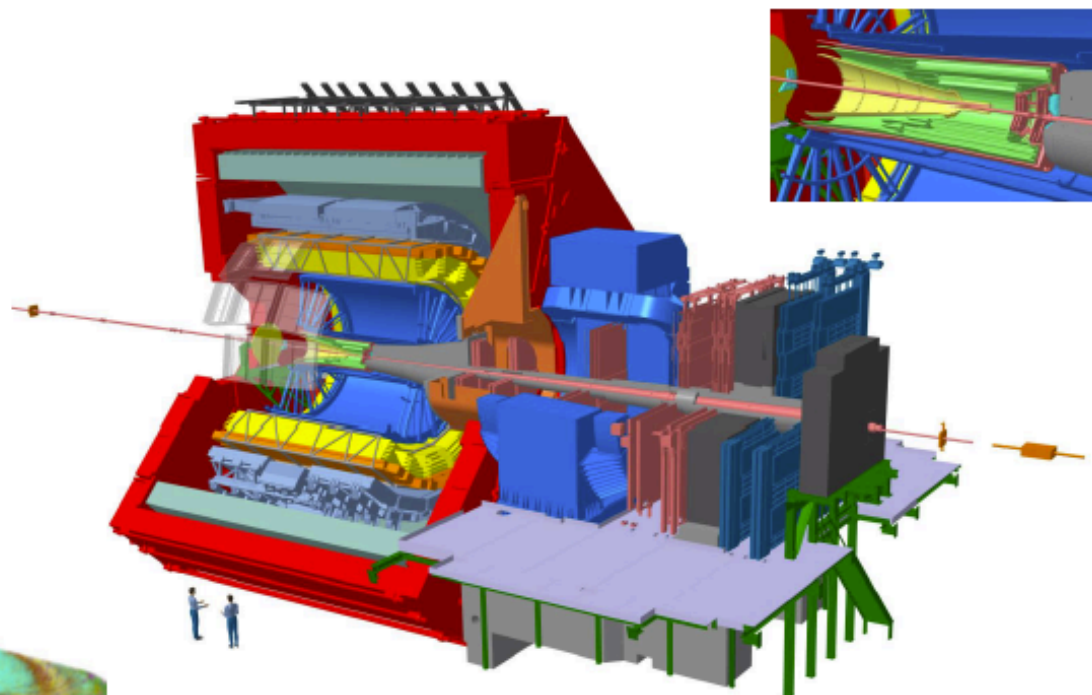
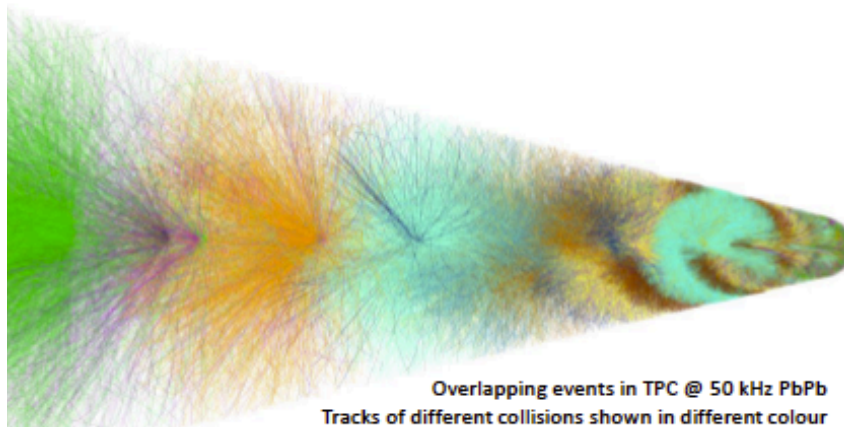
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1139644/contributions/5541458/>

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✓ ALICE LS2 Upgrade (ITS,TPC,MFT and FIT)

ALICE in Run 3

- All-pixel Inner Tracking System
- GEM-based TPC readout
- Pixel Muon Forward Tracker
- Fast Interaction trigger
- New Online-Offline system
- Readout upgrade of all detectors



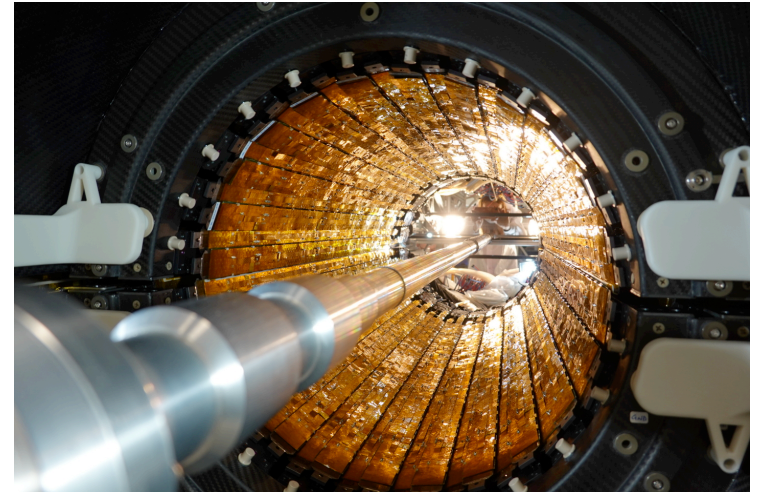
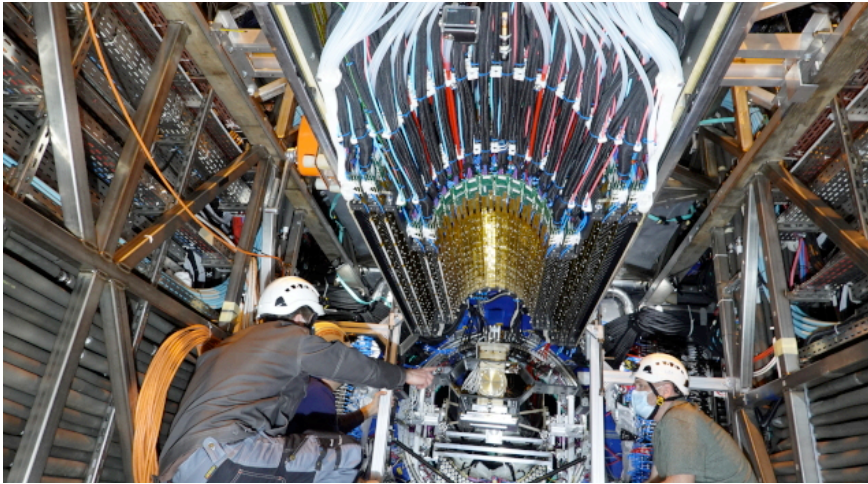
Main goals:

- Collect 13/nb in Run 3 and 4
(x100 larger minimum bias statistics)
- Improve tracking precision by a factor 3-6

ALICE upgrade: Inner Tracking System (ITS2) for Run 3

26 May, 2021

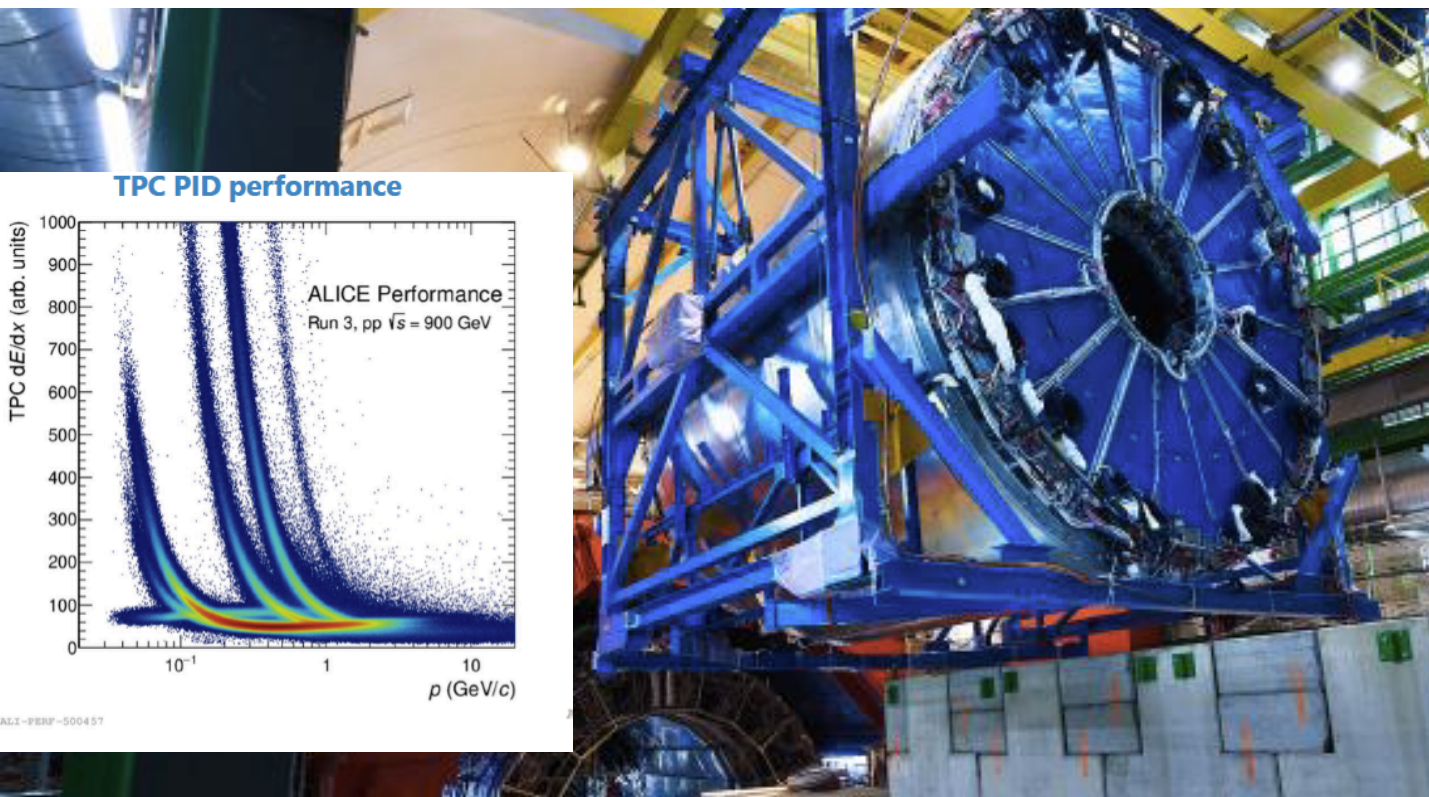
ITS2 in the process of installation



ALICE, the new Inner Tracking System
Installation of the Outer Barrel of the new ITS. (Image: CERN)

- The new ITS is the largest pixel detector ever built in CMOS Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (MAPS) technology: 12,5 Gpixel camera of $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$ of active silicon area.
- High tracking precision and vertex resolution, fast readout
- Closer to the IP: first layer at $\approx 22 \text{ mm}$
- Smaller pixels: $28 \times 29 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Lower material budget of the Inner Barrel: $0.35\% X_0$

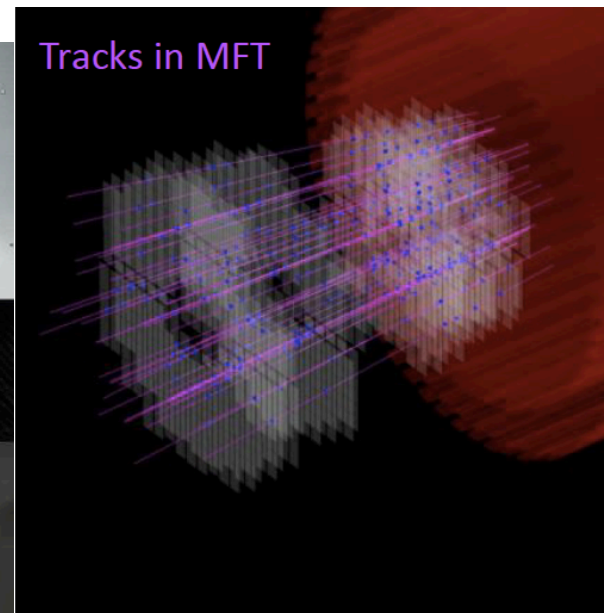
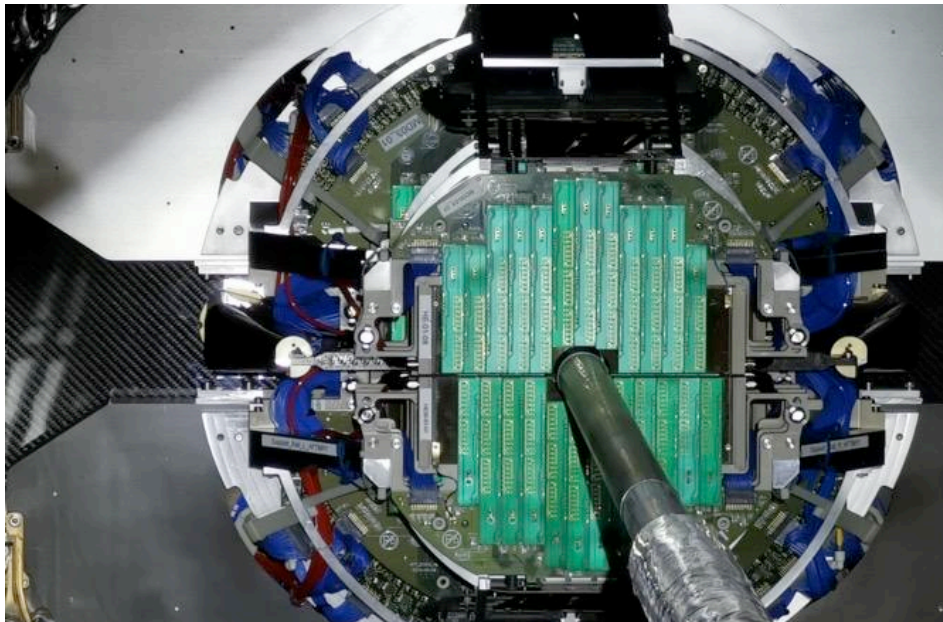
GEM TPC in the pilot beam in October 2021



- Photo: Installation of the TPC
- TPC with new Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) technology
 - New electronics (SAMPA),
 - continuous readout

Pixel Muon Forward Tracker (MFT)

in the pilot beam in October 2021



- The new Muon Forward Tracker, one of ALICE's main subdetectors, was installed in the cavern in December 2020

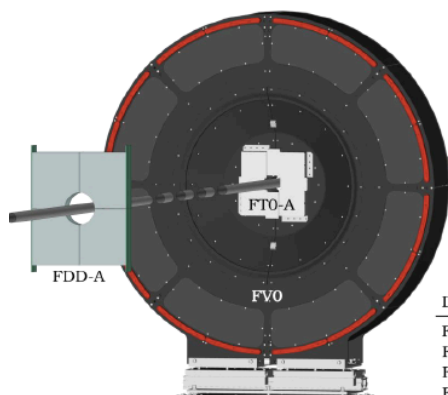
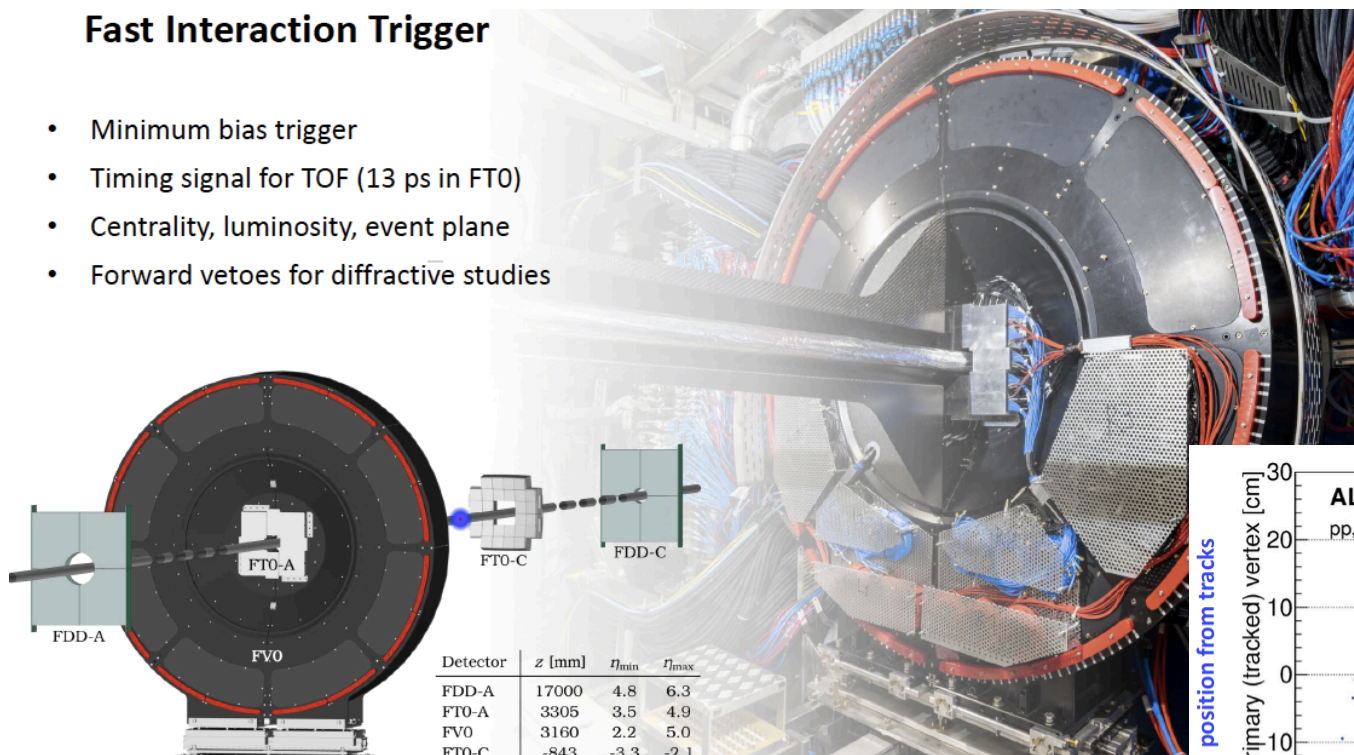
. Good performance of the new MFT in the pilot beam

- Substantial increase in pseudorapidity coverage for ALICE
- High pointing resolution for muon tracking

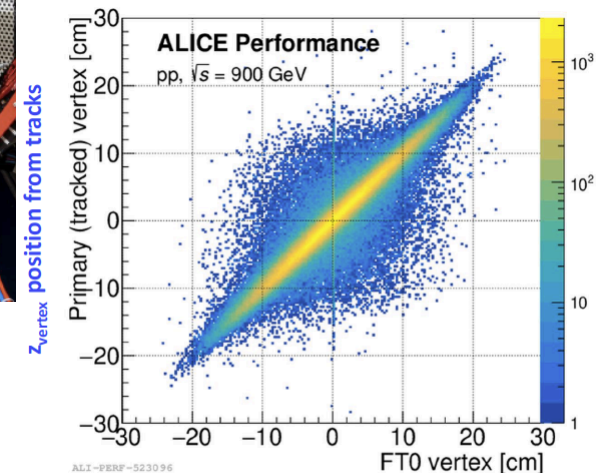
Fast Interaction Trigger (FIT) in October 2021 run

Fast Interaction Trigger

- Minimum bias trigger
- Timing signal for TOF (13 ps in FT0)
- Centrality, luminosity, event plane
- Forward vetoes for diffractive studies



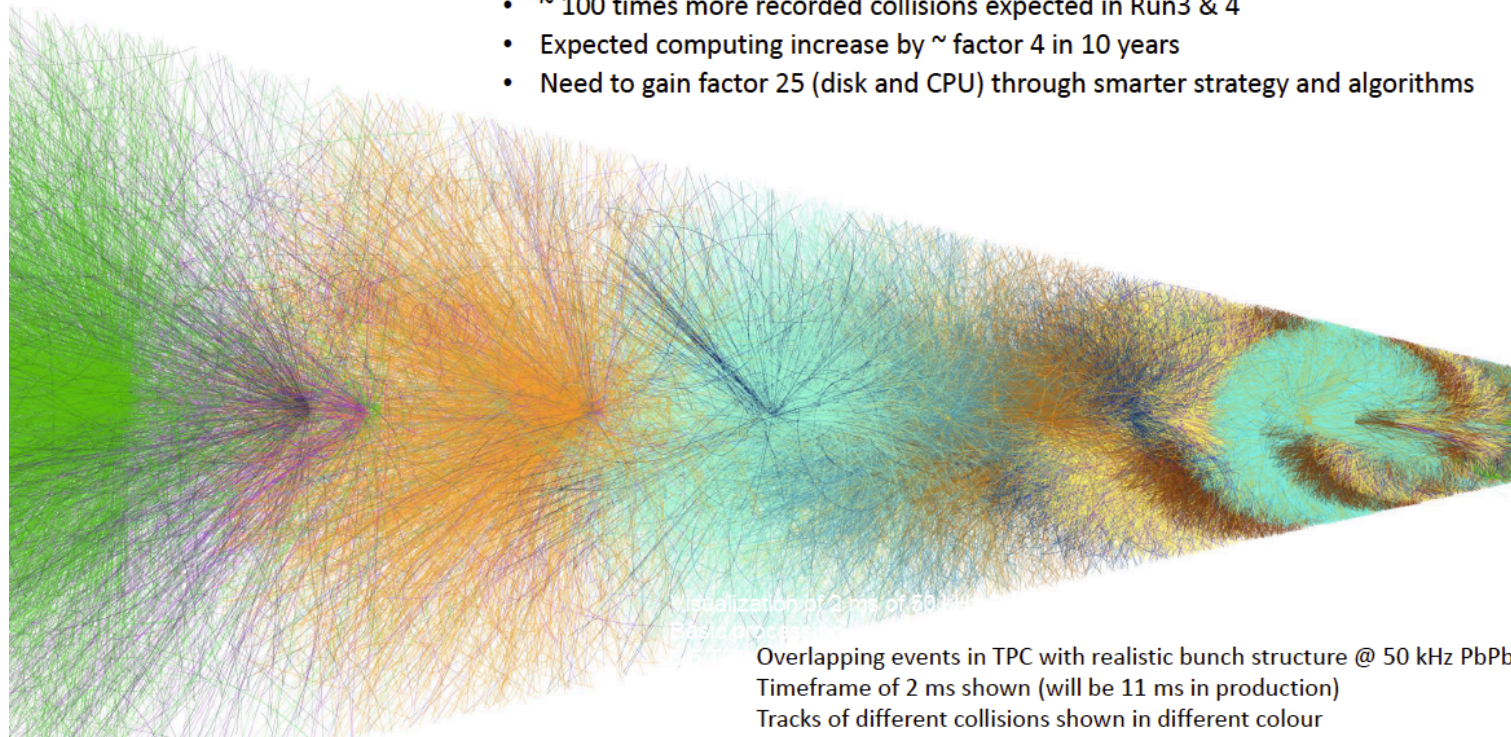
Detector	z [mm]	η_{\min}	η_{\max}
FDD-A	17000	4.8	6.3
FT0-A	3305	3.5	4.9
FVO	3160	2.2	5.0
FT0-C	-843	-3.3	-2.1



z_{vertex} position based on FT0 timing

ALICE upgrade for Runs 3 and 4: Integrated Online-Offline System (O²)

- ~ 100 times more recorded collisions expected in Run3 & 4
- Expected computing increase by ~ factor 4 in 10 years
- Need to gain factor 25 (disk and CPU) through smarter strategy and algorithms

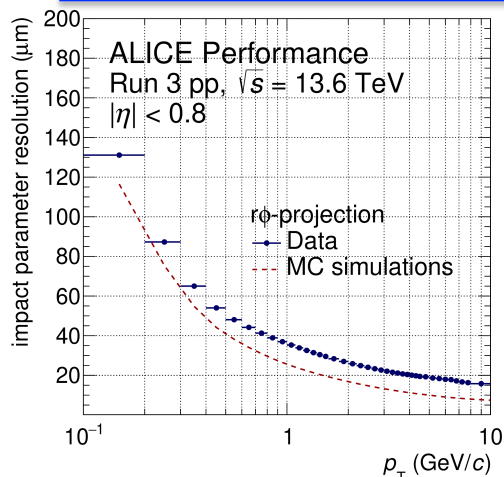


- **Goal: record Pb-Pb collisions at 50 kHz (vs. 1 kHz in Runs 1 & 2)**
- **Collect 13 /nb in Runs 3&4 – gain factor 100 in statistics!**
- **Continuous readout**

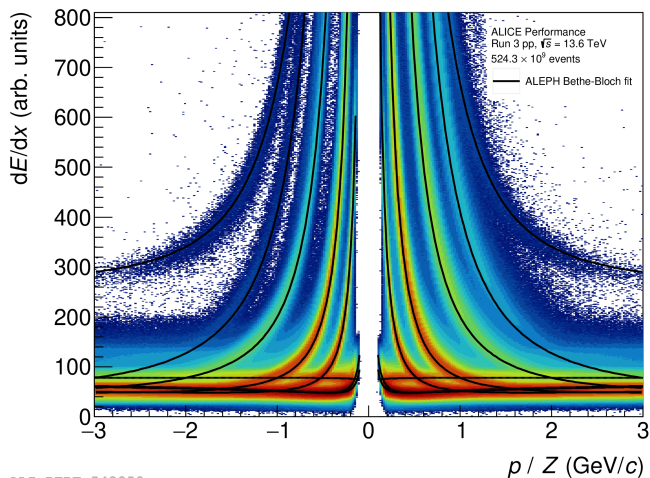


ALICE
A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

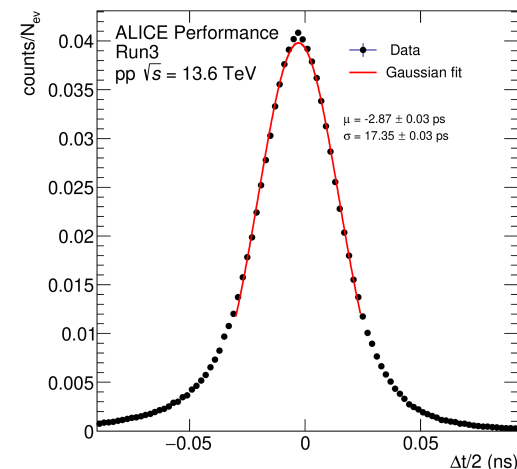
ALICE Performance in Run 3



Impact parameter resolution
in r_0 vs. p_T (Run 3 data)



TPC dE/dx vs. p/Z performance -



Fast Interaction Trigger (FIT)
time resolution

- Factor 3 improvement in impact parameter resolution
- Clear signal of (anti)nuclei in pp collisions
- Factor 50 improvement in readout rate (continuous readout)

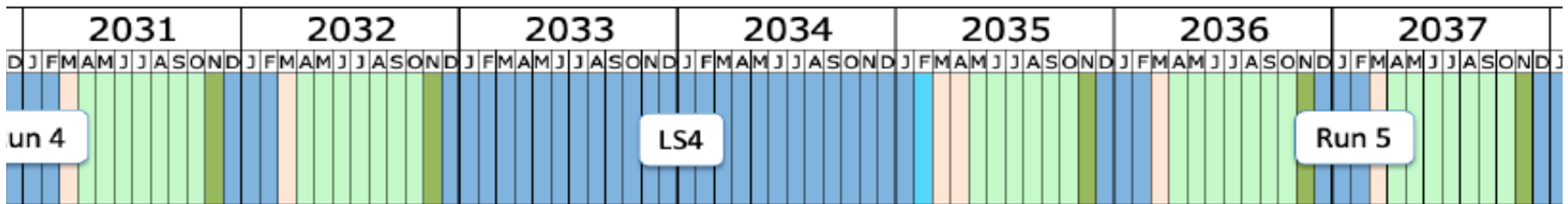
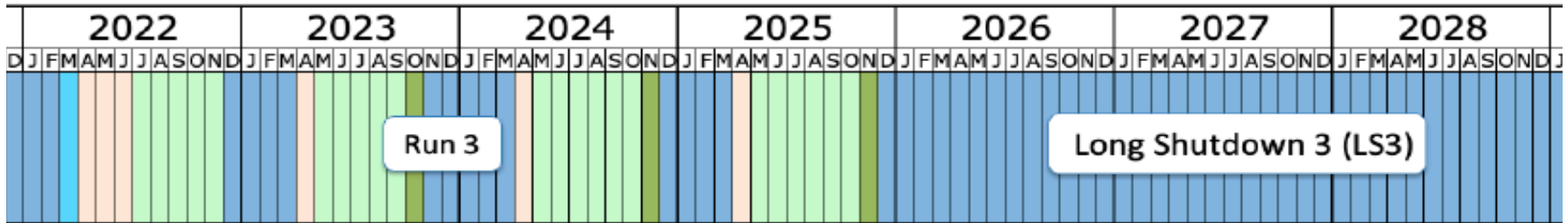
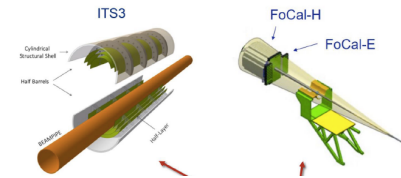
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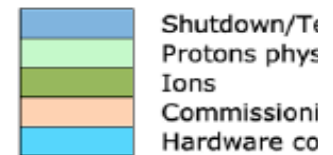
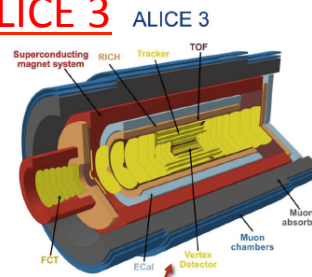
ALICE LS2 Upgrade finished

Today

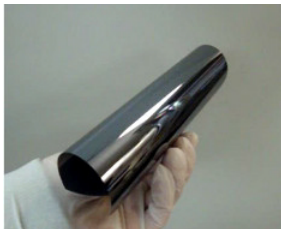
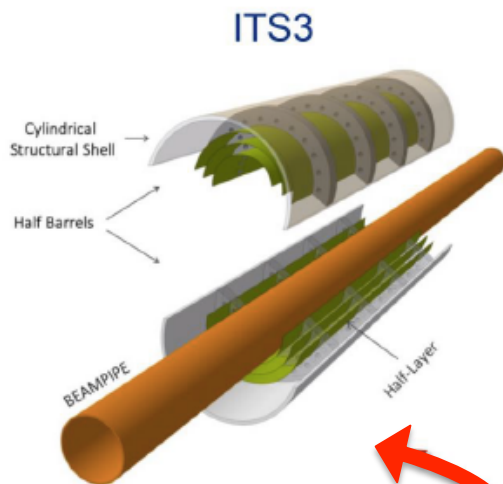
ALICE LS3 Upgrade



ALICE LS4 Upgrade ALICE 3



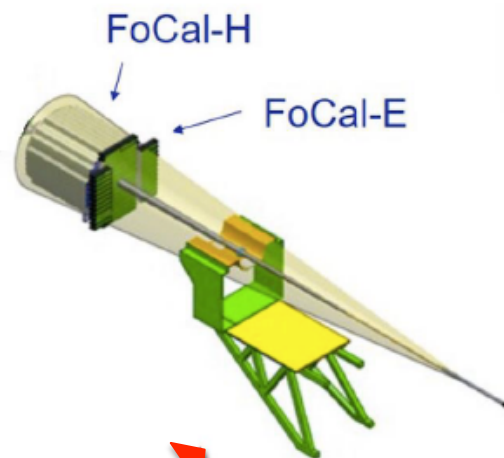
ALICE upgrade in 2026-2028: is under preparations



- Large area, thin bent Si pixel MAPS sensors

ITS3

- Ultra-light, a truly-cylindrical Inner Barrel
- x3 less material
- Improves measurement of low p_T charm and beauty hadrons and low-mass dielectrons .



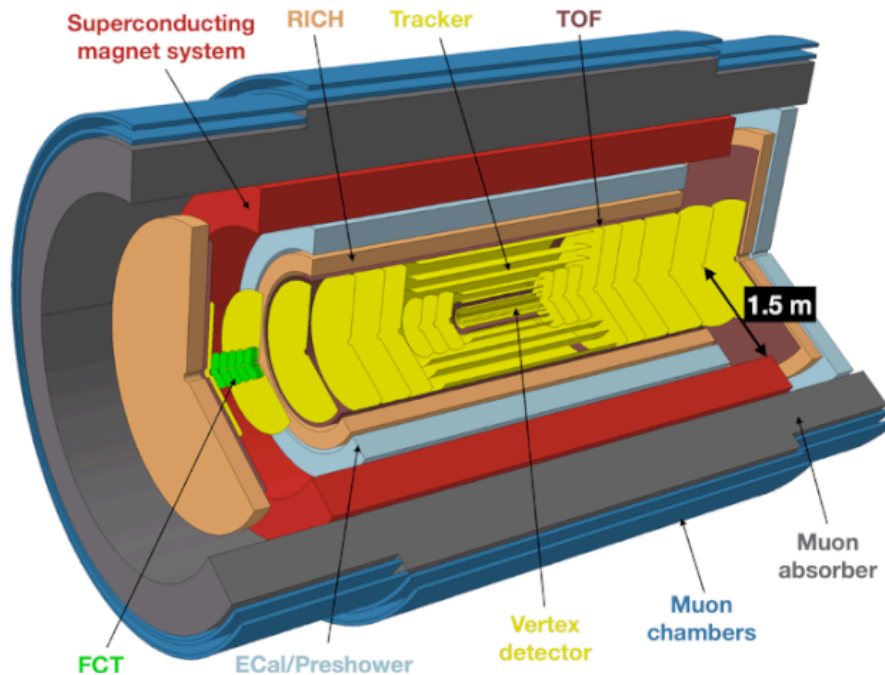
Forward Calorimeter

- high-granularity readout for direct photons at $3.2 < \eta < 5.8$
- to probe gluon density down to $x \sim 5 \times 10^{-6}$

ALICE 3 in Run 5

expected > 2034-?

- ALICE 3 -- a completely new experiment, fast with precise tracking and timing.
- A large-acceptance, ultra-low material budget, all-pixel silicon tracking system



- Future HI programme at the LHC:
 - ✧ Low-mass dileptons and soft hadrons (<50 MeV)
 - ✧ Evolution of QGP and chiral symmetry restoration
 - ✧ Exotic (multi-)heavy-flavoured hadrons, hadronisation mechanisms
 - ✧ Hadron correlations and interaction potentials
 - ✧ Searches beyond-the-Standard-Model

Letter of Intent for ALICE 3 was reviewed by the LHCC in March 2022

Summary

- Run 1 and Run 2 data brought a wealth of experimental data in p-p, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE at the LHC with strong indications on QGP formation in collisions of small systems (strangeness enhancement as QGP signature, flows of identified particles)
- Run 3 is ongoing, high statistics results are to come in Run 3 and Run 4
- ALICE is preparing for a major detector upgrade for future Run 5

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

ALICE results at this conference "NUCLEUS-2022" :



who	talk	when
Sergey Kiselev	Hadronic resonance production with ALICE at the LHC	2023,
Alexander Borissov	Σ hyperons production in pp and p-Pb collisions at LHC with ALICE	
Vladislav Kuskov	Recent neutral meson and direct photon measurements with ALICE	

Back-up slides