

Heavy Ions @ LHC with ALICE

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on behalf of ALICE for HEPD PNPI session

OUTLINE

- ▶ Heavy Ion Physics
(in VERY general terms)
- ▶ ALICE Project
 - Collaboration
 - Goals
 - Detector
 - Performance

Heavy Ion Collisions: What for ?

Phase Structure of QCD

Investigation of the hadron matter states at extreme temperatures and densities is important for understanding of:

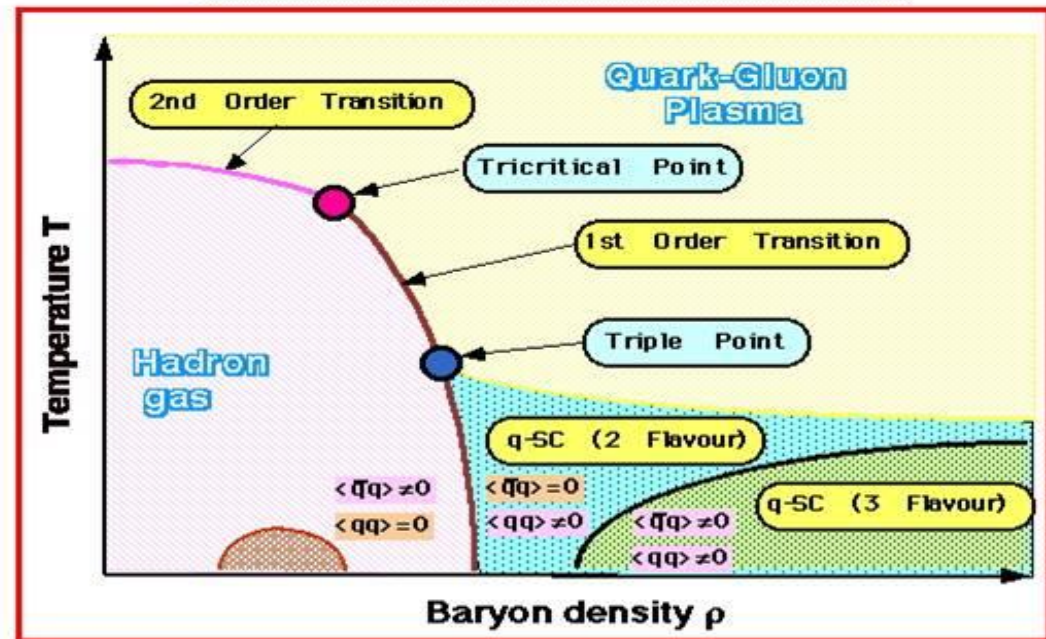
∅ The fundamental properties and QCD predictions such as:

§ Confinement

§ QCD mass generation

via broken chiral symmetry

∅ The physics of the early Universe evolution



● **low T, large ρ : colour superconductor ?**

⇒ $\langle qq \rangle \neq 0$: **quark-pair condensation** (Cooper pairs)

⇒ a) **2 flavour SC**: chiral symmetry restored

⇒ b) **3 flavour SC**: chiral symmetry broken (again)

● **medium T, medium ρ : tricritical point ?**

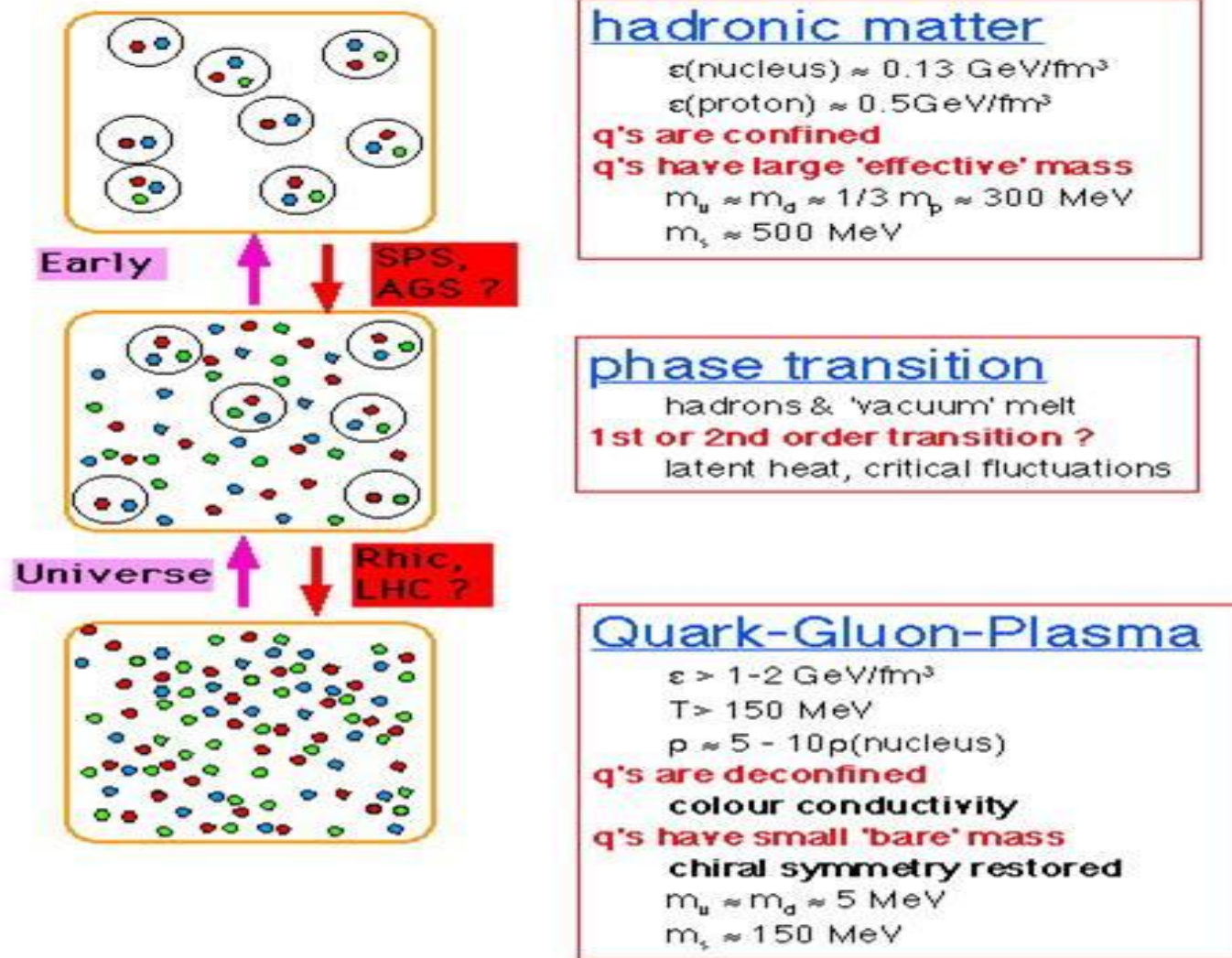
⇒ separates **1st & 2nd order** phase boundaries

⇒ leads to **large** event-by-event **fluctuations**

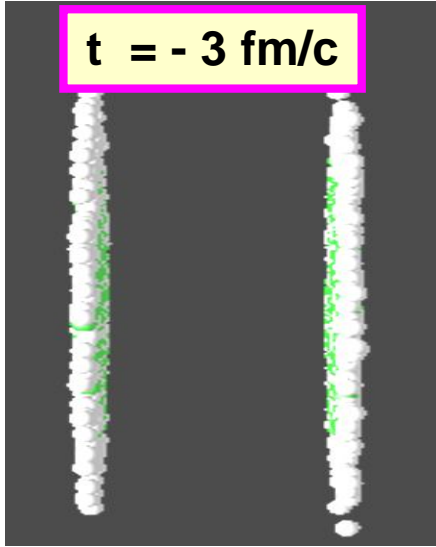
The QCD Phase Transition

● QCD prediction:

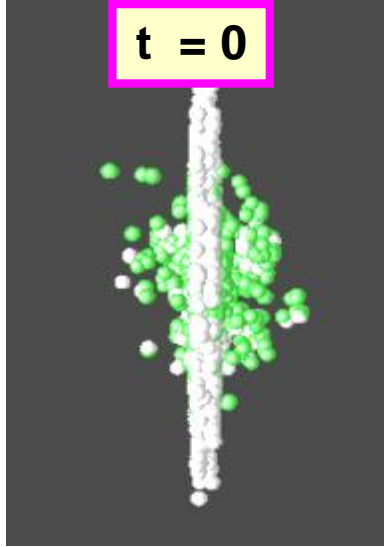
⇒ increase of ϵ \Rightarrow new phase of matter



Heavy Ion Collision

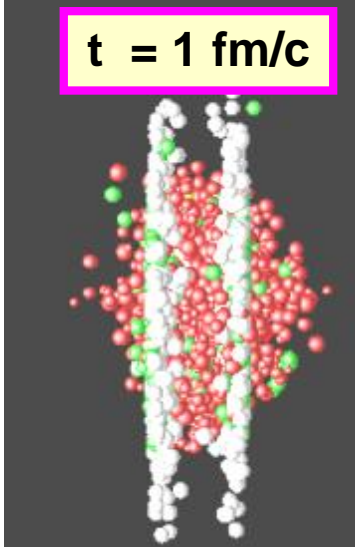


$t = -3 \text{ fm/c}$



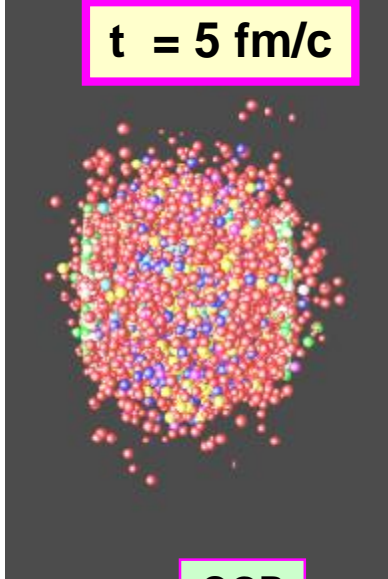
$t = 0$

hard collisions



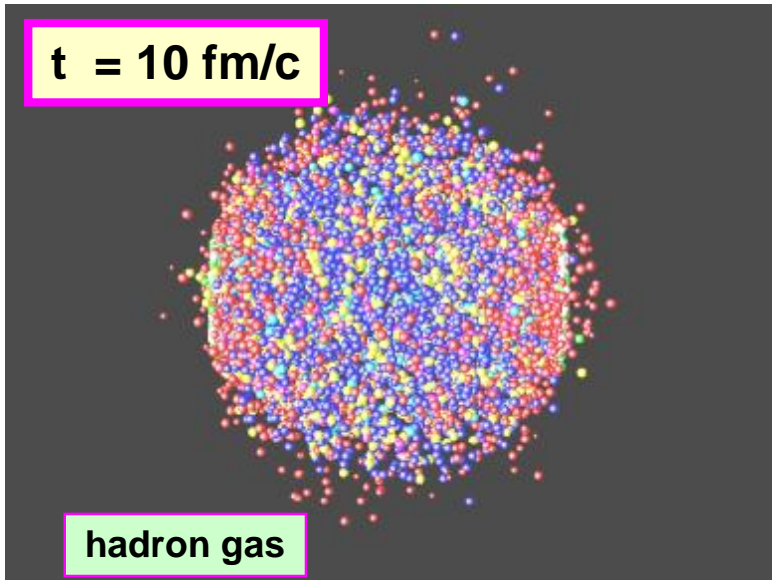
$t = 1 \text{ fm/c}$

pre-equilibrium



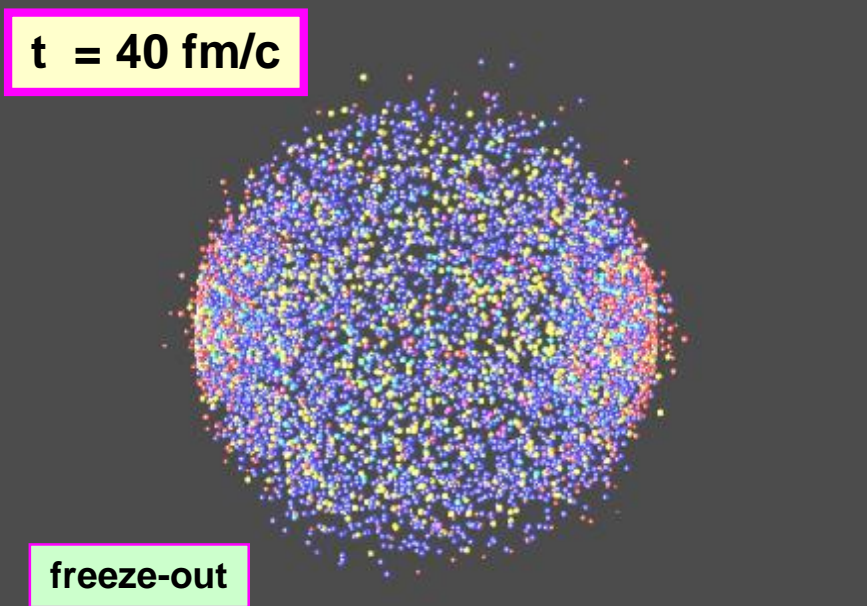
$t = 5 \text{ fm/c}$

QGP



$t = 10 \text{ fm/c}$

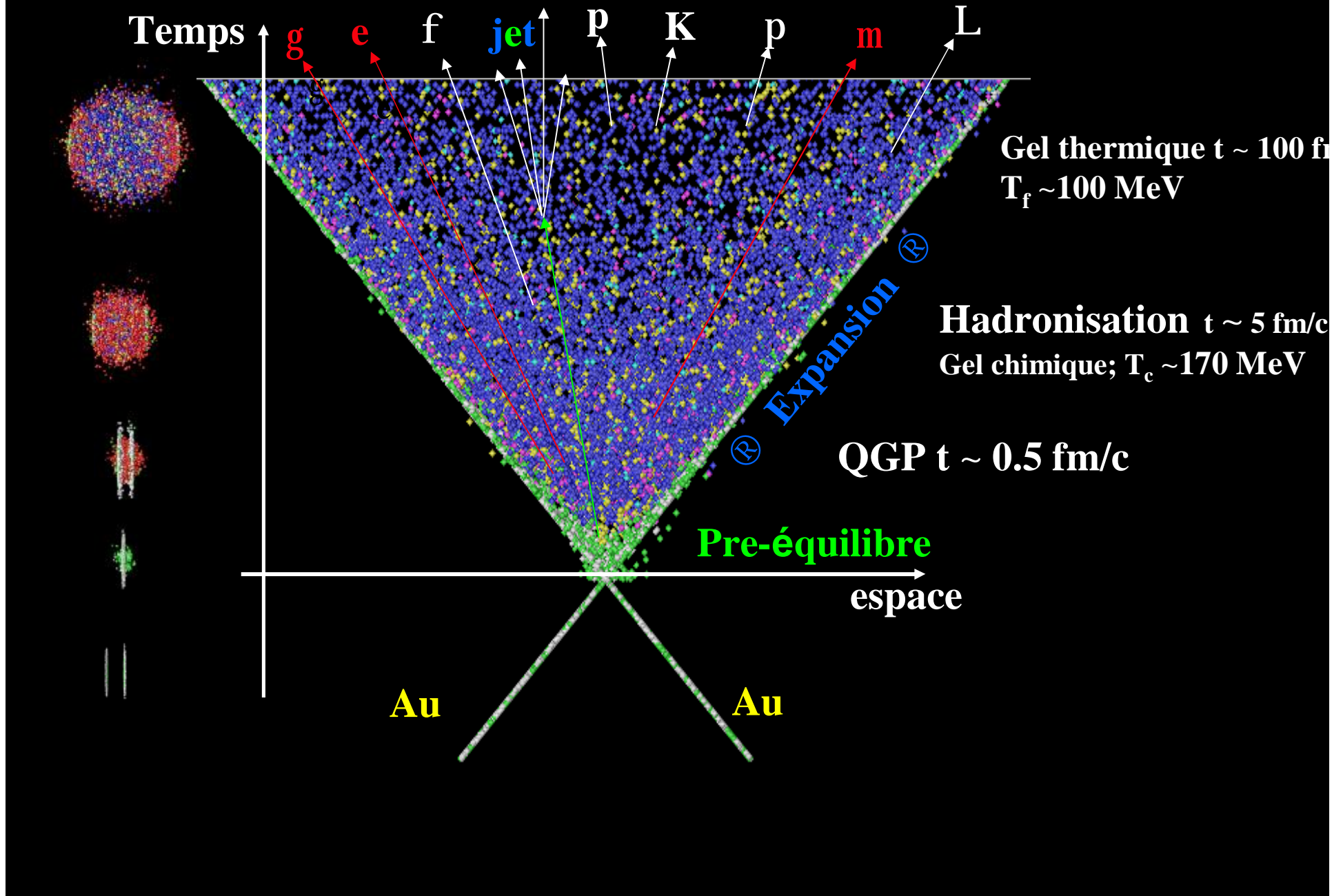
hadron gas

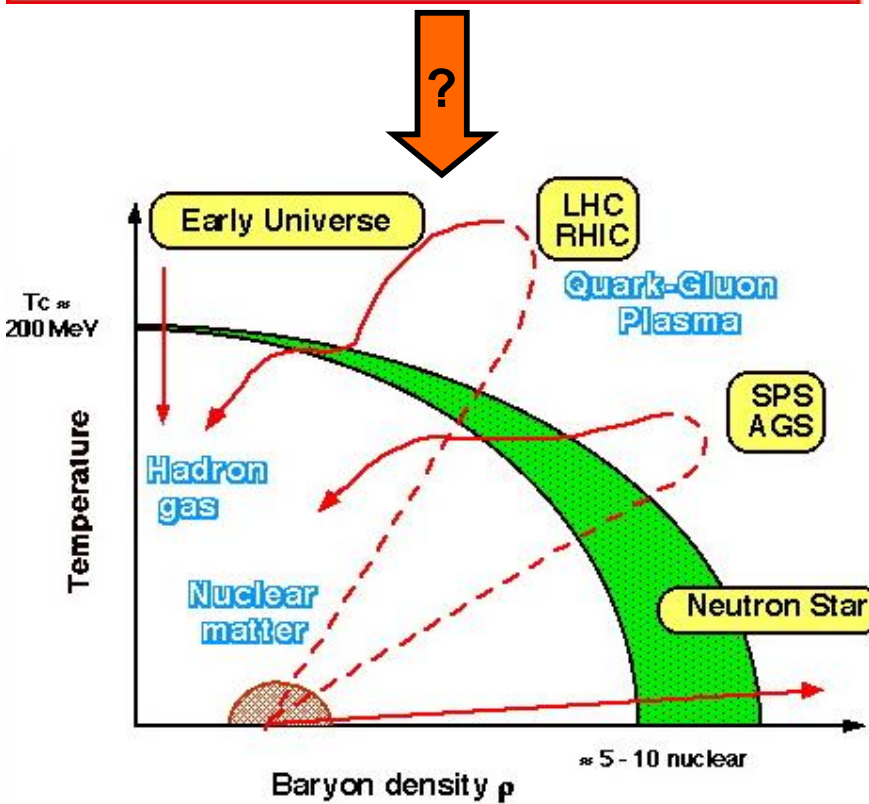
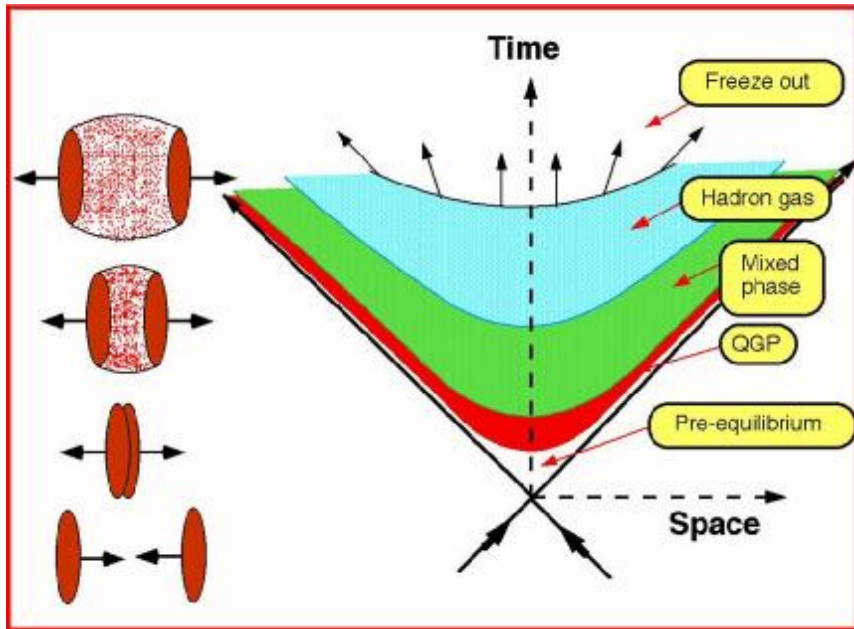


$t = 40 \text{ fm/c}$

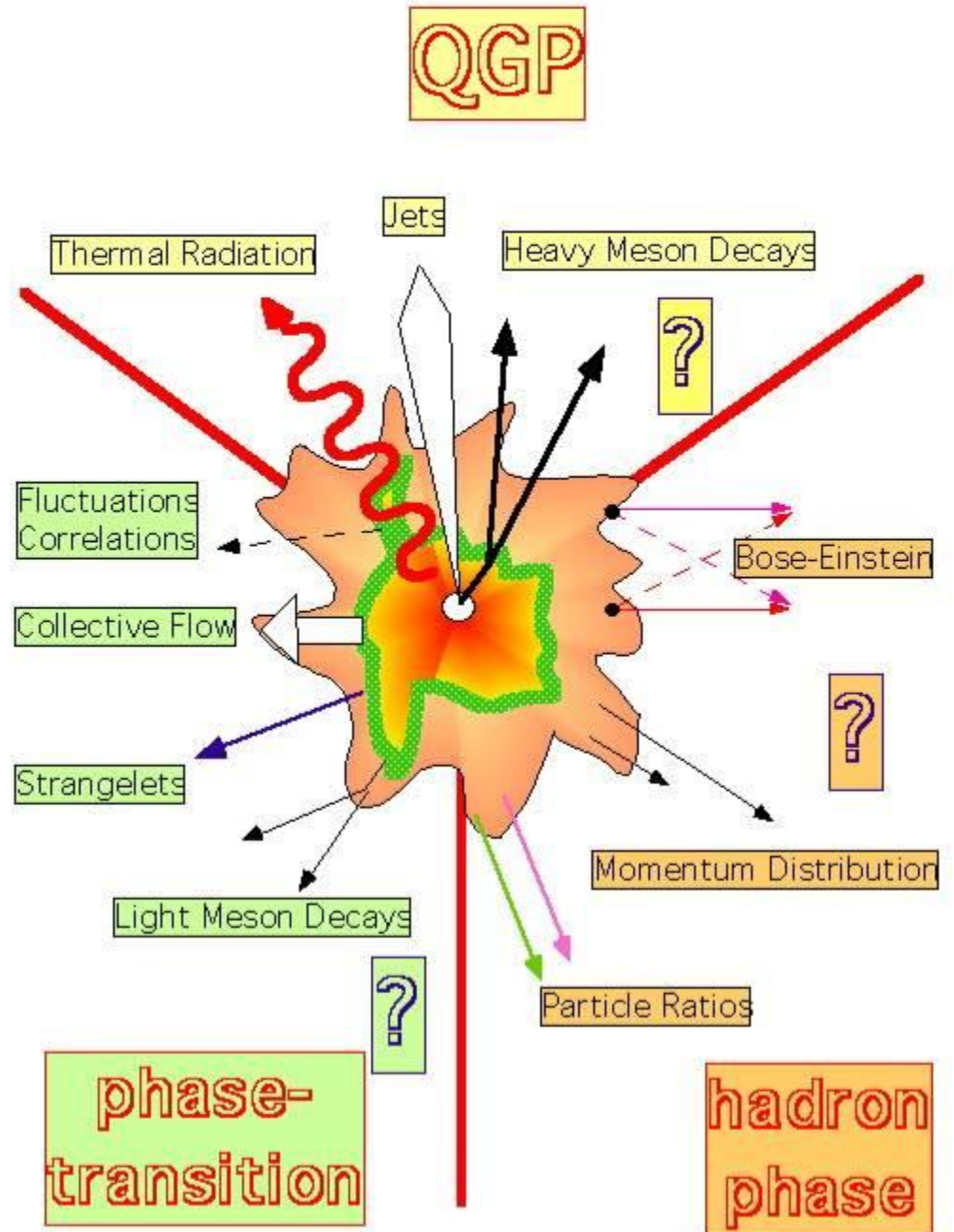
freeze-out

Evolution spatio-temporelle de la collision



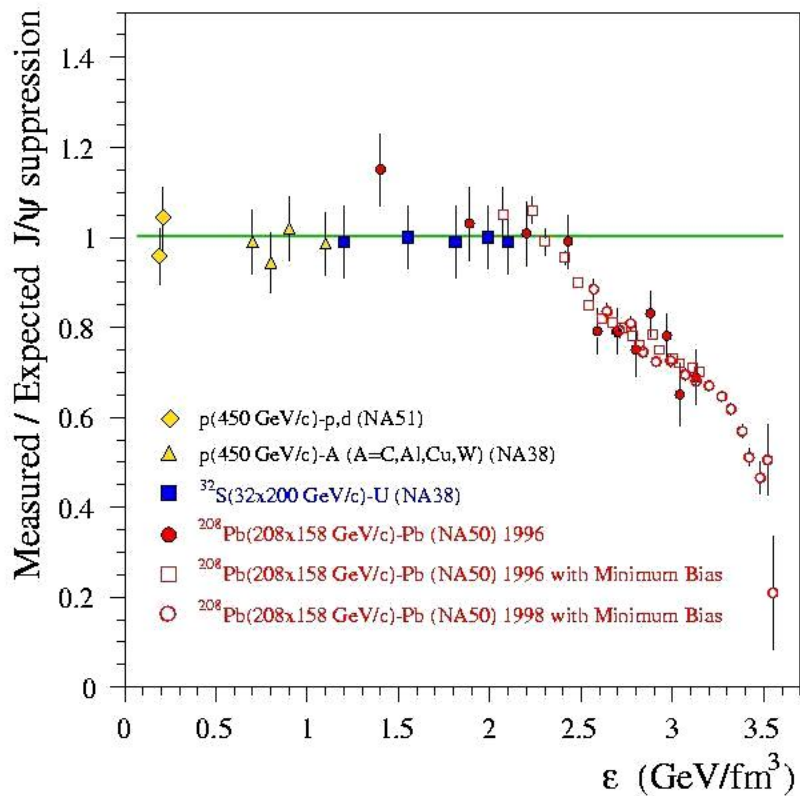
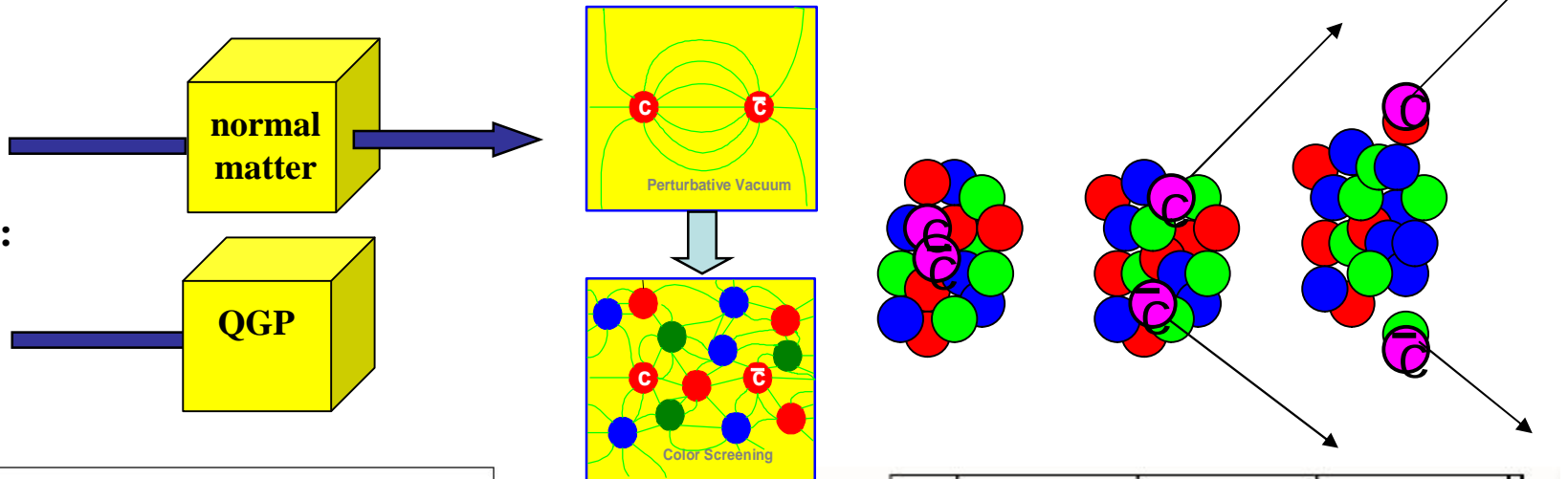


Signals & Observables

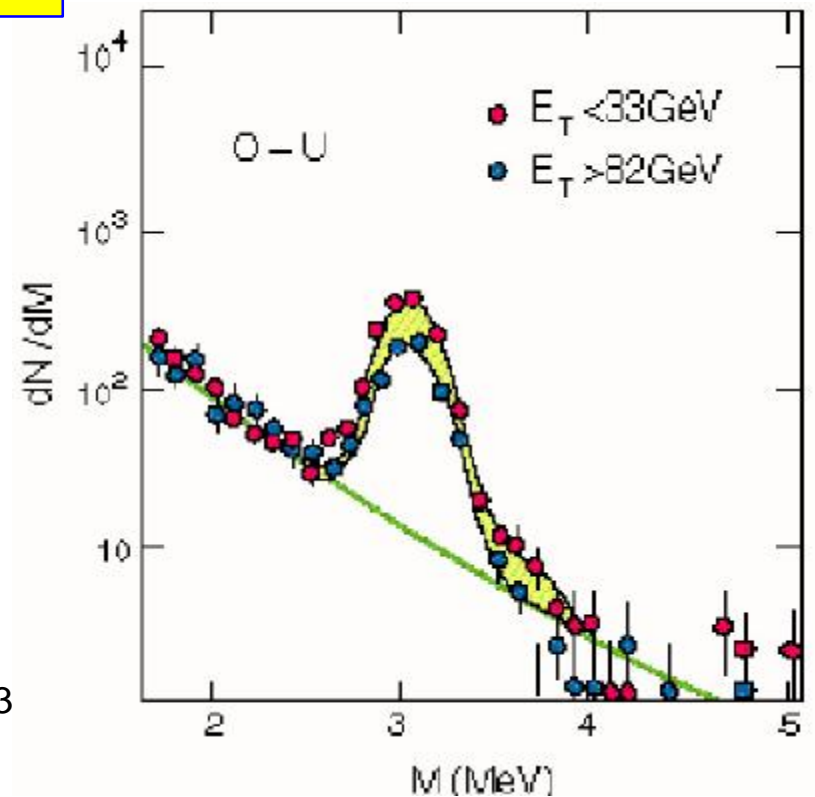


Hard Probes I) J/Psi suppression

beams of
hard probes:
jets, J/ ψ

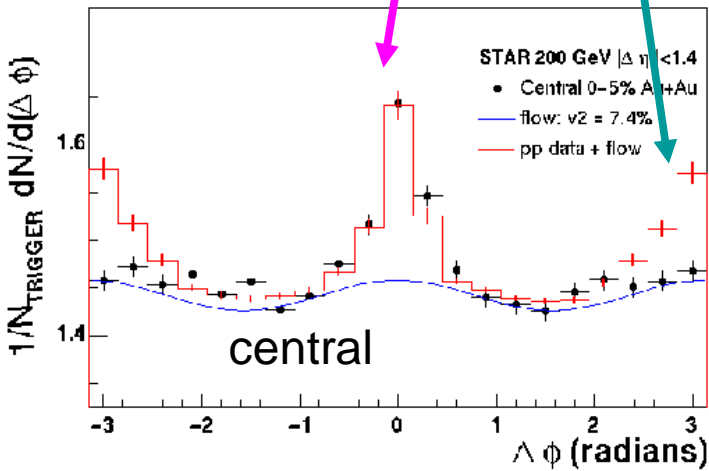
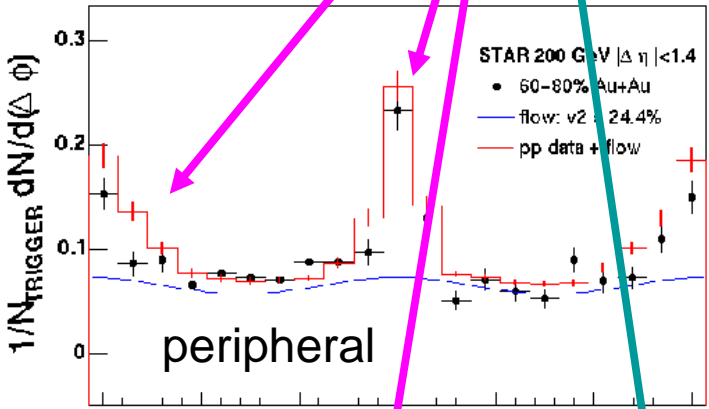
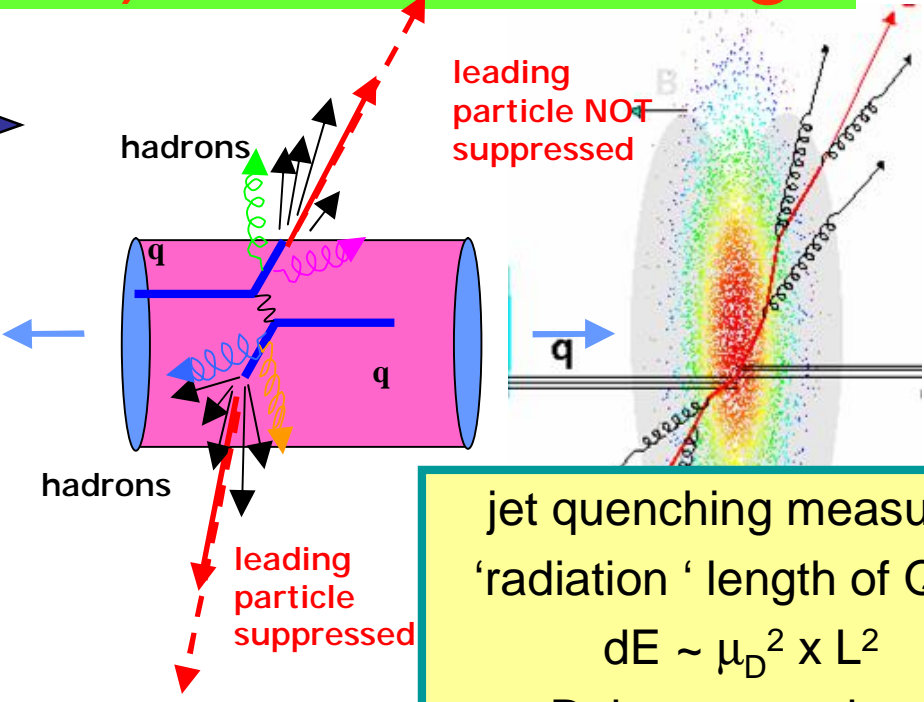
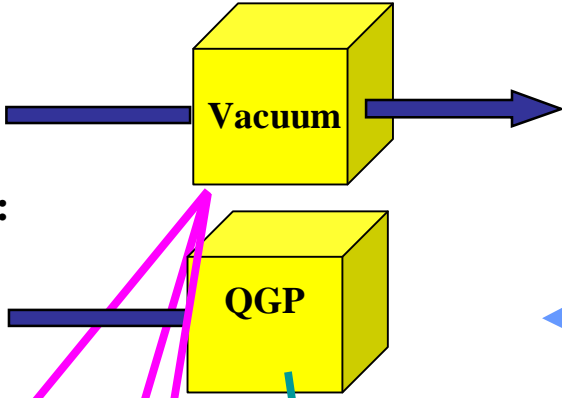


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Hard Probes II) Jet Quenching

beams of hard probes: jets, J/y

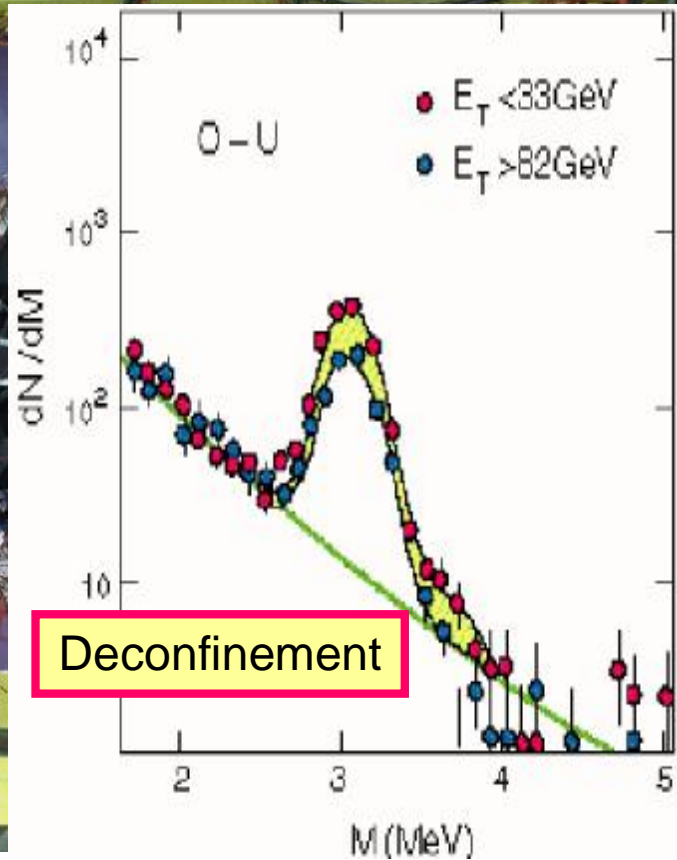
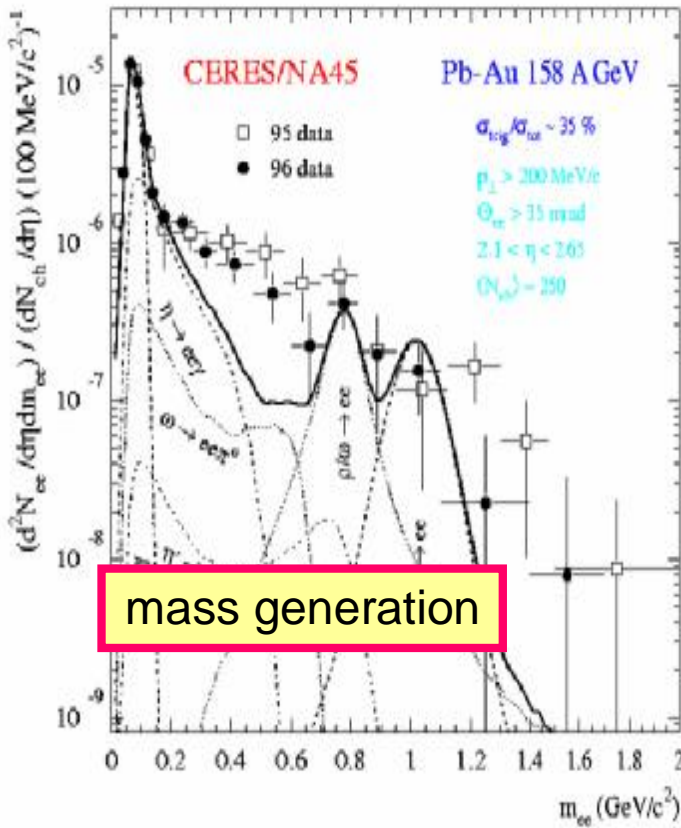


jet quenching measures 'radiation' length of QGP
 $dE \sim \mu_D^2 \times L^2$
 $\mu_D =$ Debye screening mass

- high p_t partons:
 - Vacuum: fragment into hadrons => **JETS**
 - Matter: additional scattering => more gluon radiation
 - normal 'cold' matter: small effect
 - QGP: strong effect (up to several 10 GeV)
- observables of 'jet quenching'
 - leading parton loses energy
 - Energy shows up in soft partons around jet axis

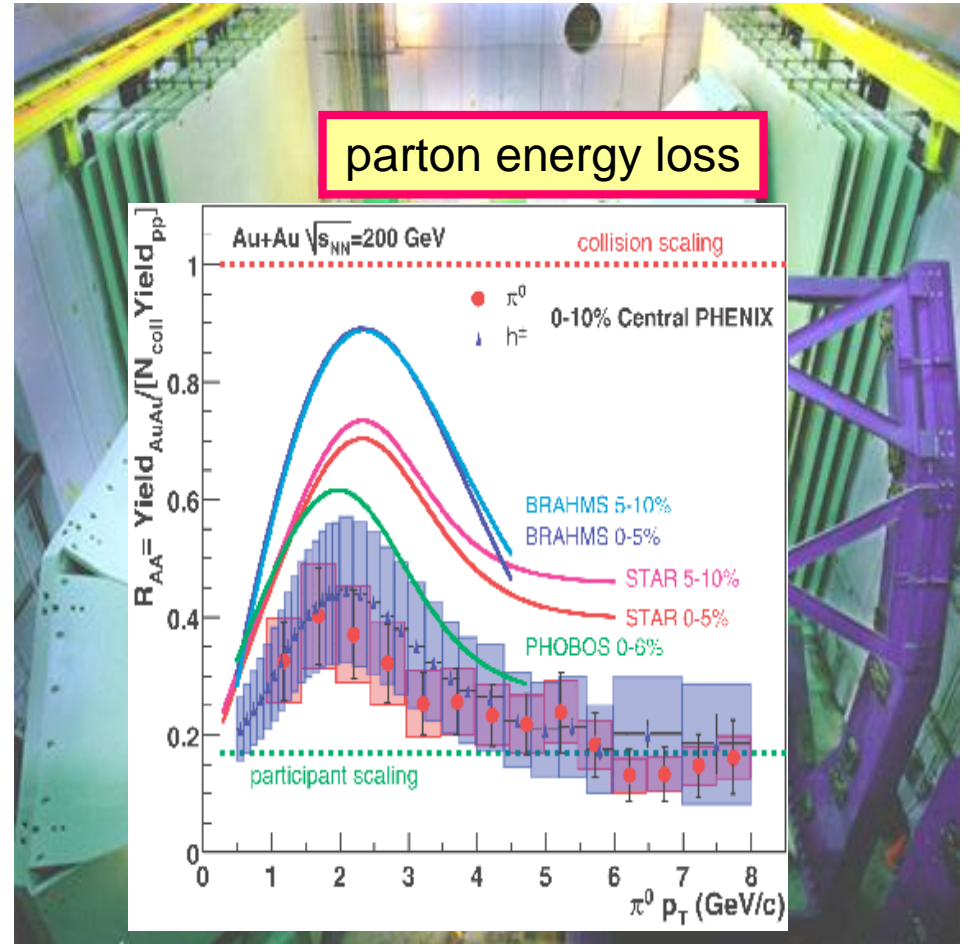
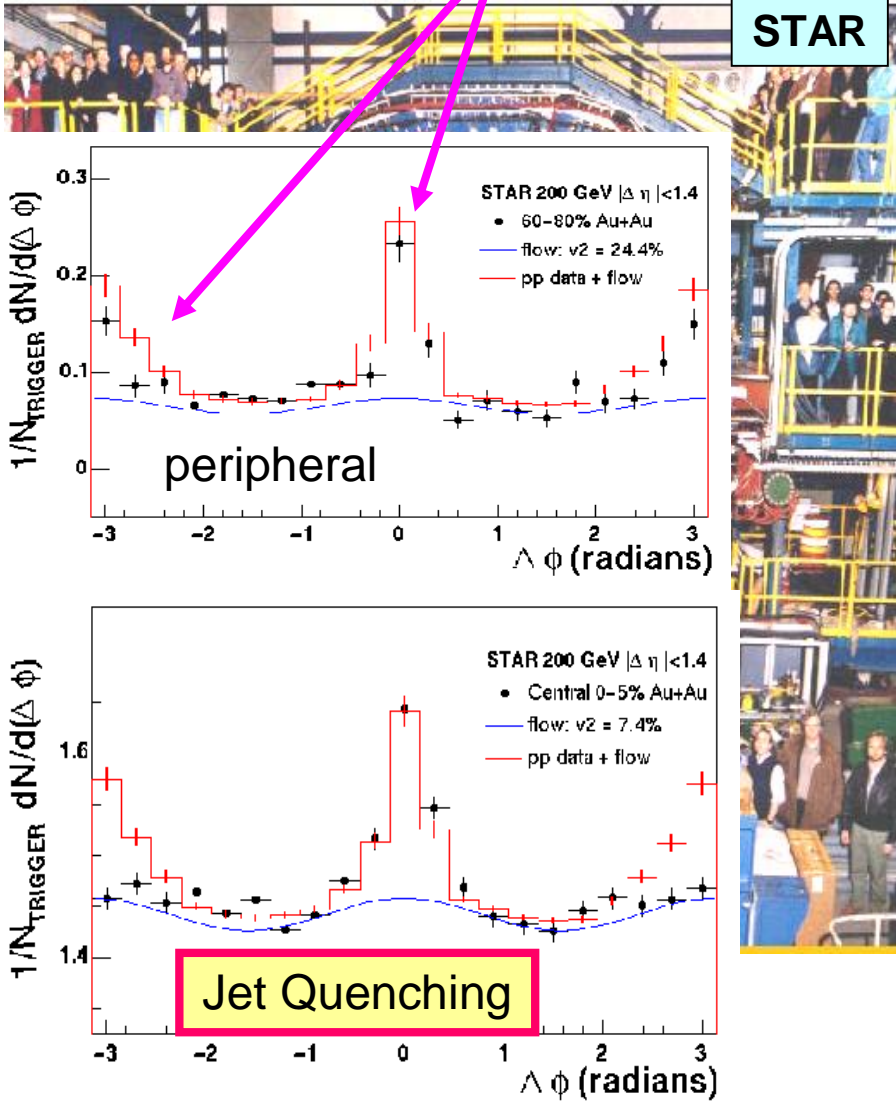
SPS Experiments

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Experiments RHIC



Heavy Ions in LHC

- energy

- $\sqrt{s} = 5.5 \text{ TeV/A}$ (Pb-Pb), **14 TeV** (pp)

- beams

- **possible combinations: pp, pA, AA**

- initial emphasis on **Pb-Pb**, **Ar-Ar** to vary energy density

- **pp** and **pA** comparison runs

- **later options:** different ion species, lower energy AA and pp

	Pb-Pb	Ar-Ar	pp
L [cm⁻²s⁻¹]	10²⁷	3x10²⁷ to 10²⁹	10²⁹ to 3x10³⁰
Rate [kHz]	8	8 to 250	7 to 200

Initial Conditions

- pre- RHIC guess (QM2001)
 - still expect conditions to be significantly different
 - only LHC will give the final answer !

Central collisions	SPS	RHIC	LHC
$s^{1/2}(\text{GeV})$	17	200	5500
dN_{ch}/dy	430	700-1500	$2-8 \times 10^3$
$\varepsilon (\text{GeV}/\text{fm}^3)_{\tau_0=1\text{fm}}$	2.5	3.5-7.5	15-40
$V_f(\text{fm}^3)$	10^3	(?) 7×10^3	2×10^4
$\tau_{\text{QGP}} (\text{fm}/c)$	<1	1.5-4.0	4-10
$\tau_0 (\text{fm}/c)$	~ 1	~ 0.5	<0.2

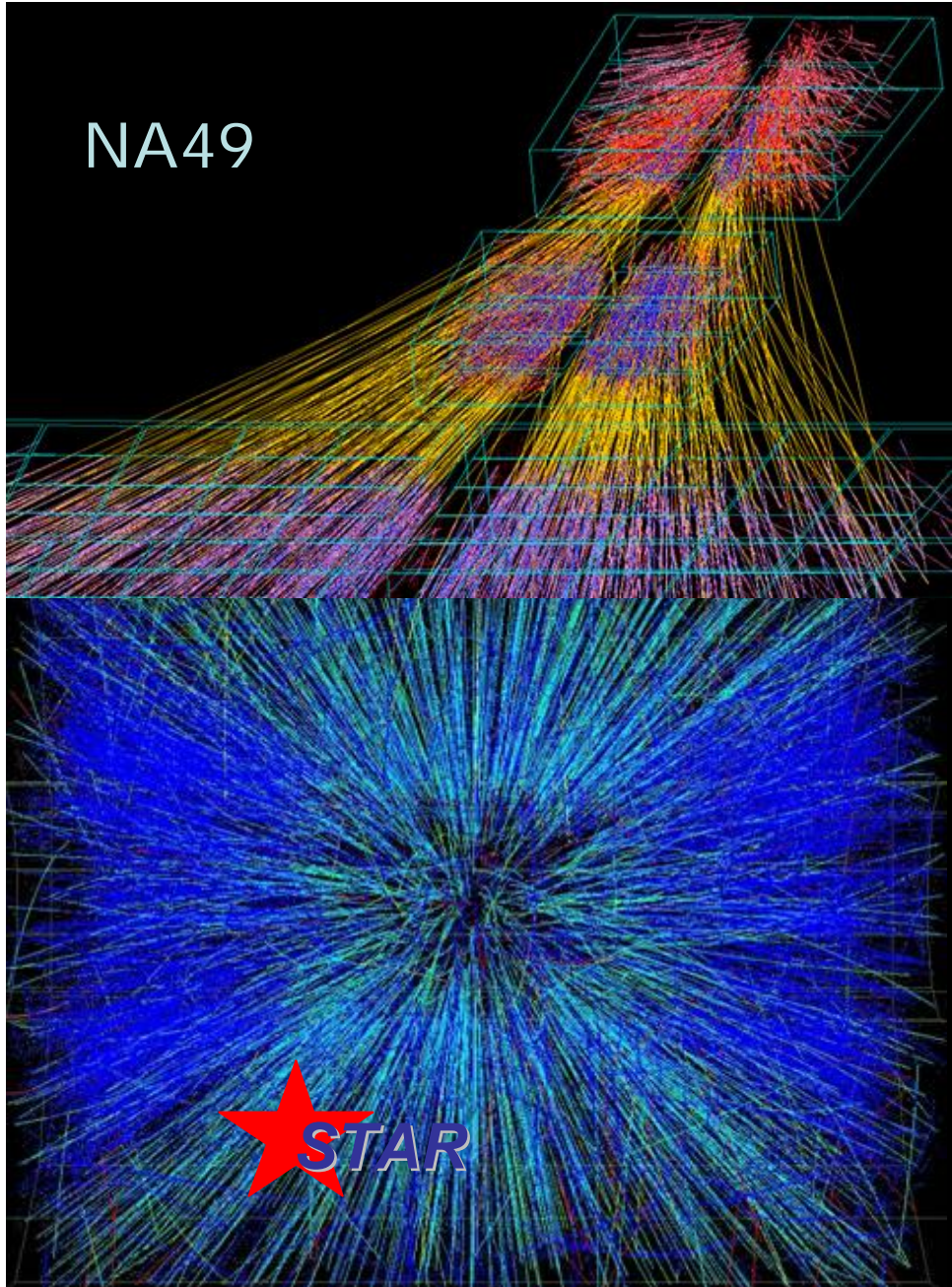
Significant gain in e , V , t

$\approx \times 10$ SPS \rightarrow LHC

$\approx \times 3-5$ RHIC \rightarrow LHC

Tracking Challenge

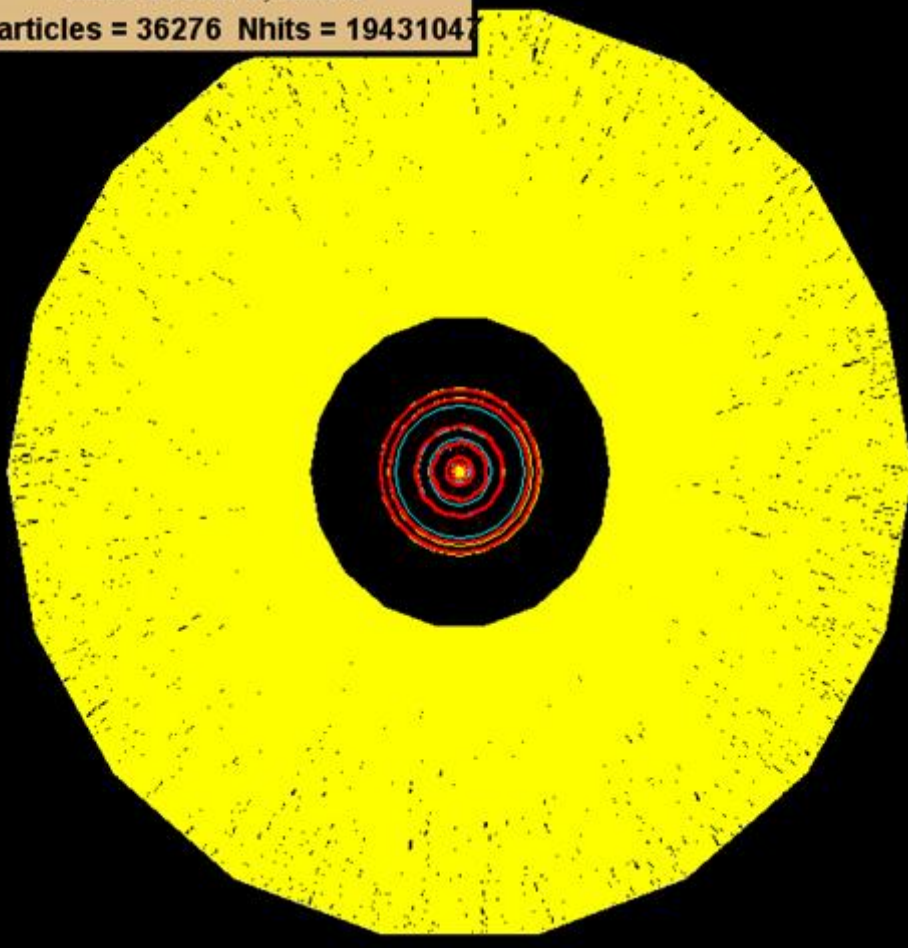
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ALICE 'worst case' scenario:
 $dN/dy_{ch} = 8000$

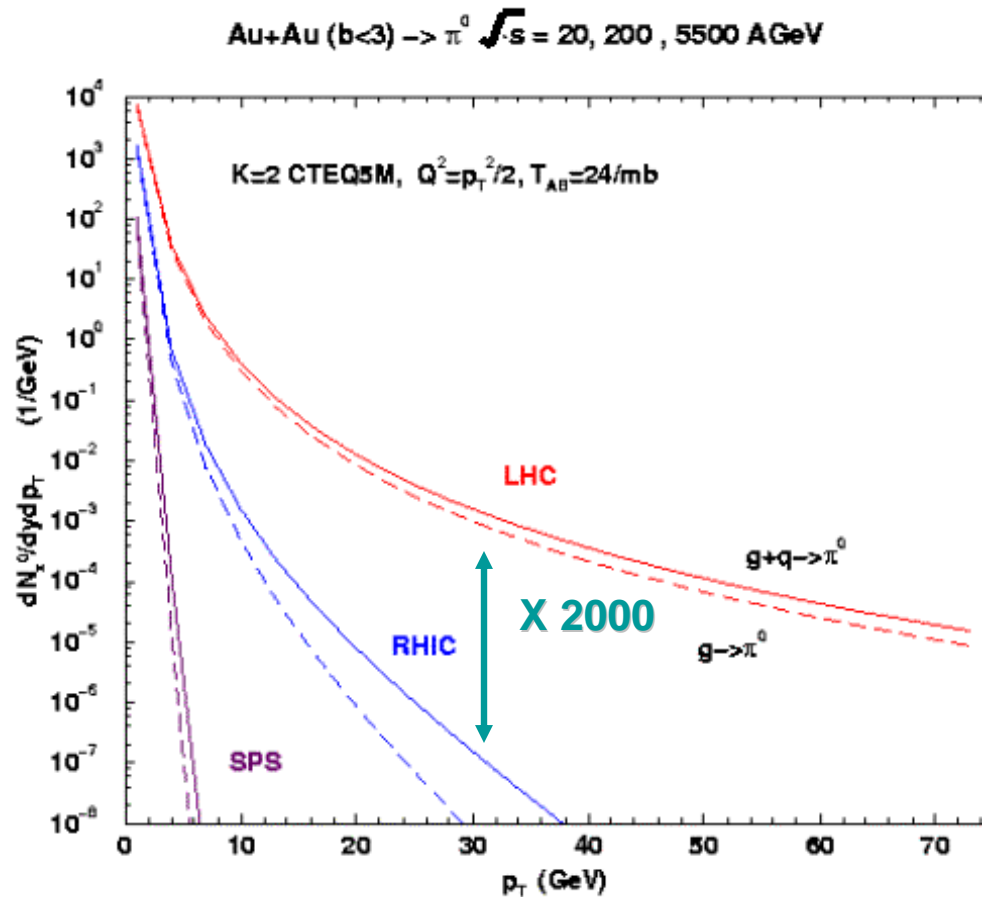


Alice event: 0, Run:0
Nparticles = 36276 Nhits = 19431047



Hard Probes @ LHC

- LHC: the full 'spectrum'
 - **soft** -> **semihard** -> **hard** ($\gg 20$ GeV)
 - high p_t important in order to **leave** even tails of 'hydrodynamics'



Jets in ALICE $|\eta| < 0.9$

- **ideal energy for jet-quenching:**
around 100 GeV
 - pQCD applicable
 - jets measurable above soft background
 - energy loss still relatively large effect
 - $DE/E \sim O(10\%)$, decreasing with E !

**Reasonable
rate up to E_T
~300 GeV**



Pb Pb rates:

$p_t \text{ jet} >$ (GeV/c)	jets/event	accepted jets/month
5	$3.5 \cdot 10^2$	$4.9 \cdot 10^{10}$
50	$7.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^7$
100	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.1 \cdot 10^5$
150	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^5$
200	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.8 \cdot 10^4$

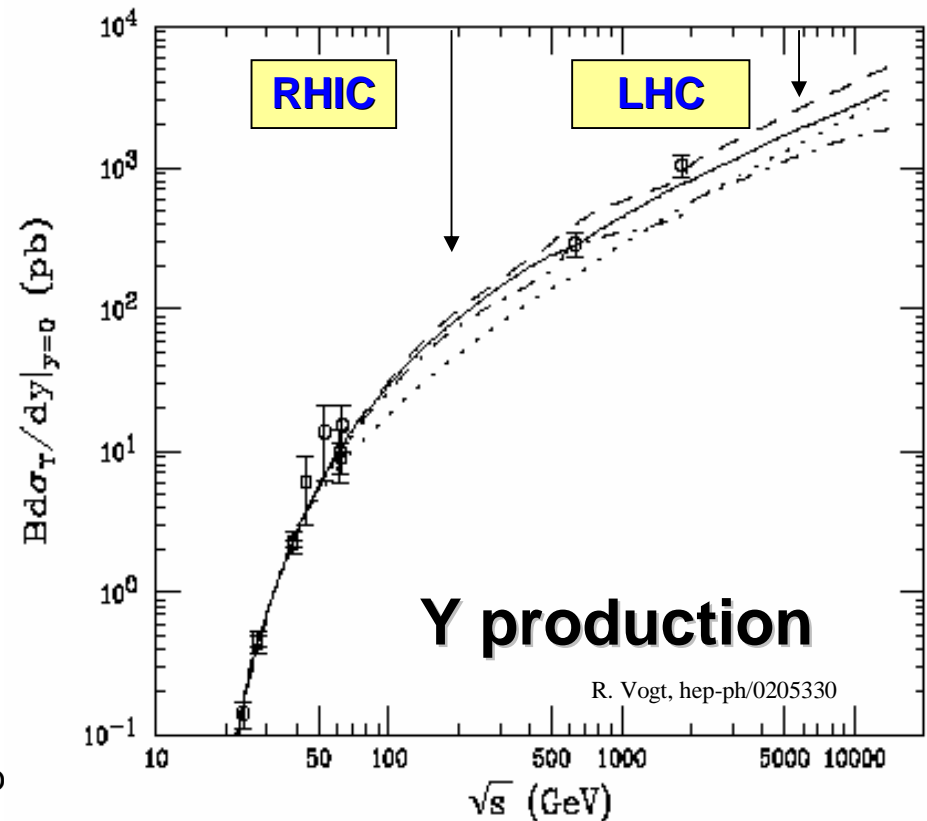
**First TRD studies ~ 1Hz trigger rate
for central PbPb collisions and
 $p_t \text{ jet} > 100 \text{ GeV/c}$**

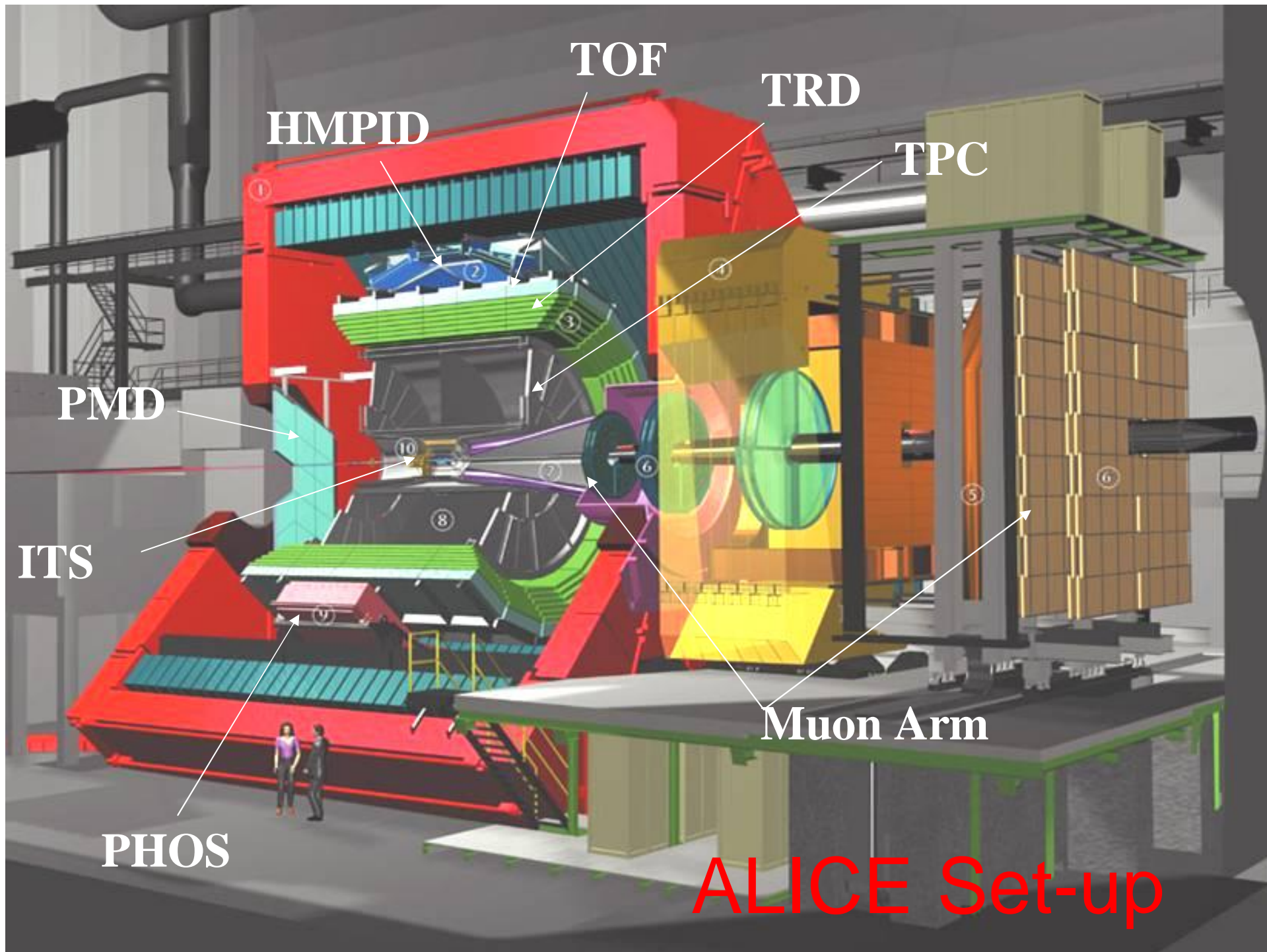
real jets triggers **0.7/s**
false triggers **0.3/s**

Heavy Quarks & Quarkonia

- copious heavy quark production
 - **strange** @ SPS ► **charm** @ LHC
 - jet-quenching with heavy quarks
- beauty Υ - $d\sigma/dy$ LHC $\sim 20 \times$ RHIC, even at LHC Υ'' is difficult

N(qq̄) per central AA (b=0)			
	SPS	RHIC	LHC
charm	0.2	10	200
bottom	---	0.05	6



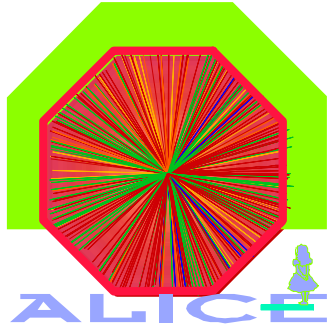


The image shows the ALICE Magnet assembly, a large, red, octagonal structure, in a large industrial facility. The magnet is the central focus, with its internal components visible through the opening. The facility has a high ceiling with various pipes, ladders, and structural elements. The lighting is bright, illuminating the scene. The text "The ALICE Magnet:" is overlaid in red in the center of the image.

The ALICE
Magnet:

The ALICE detector will be here!

ALICE Collaboration

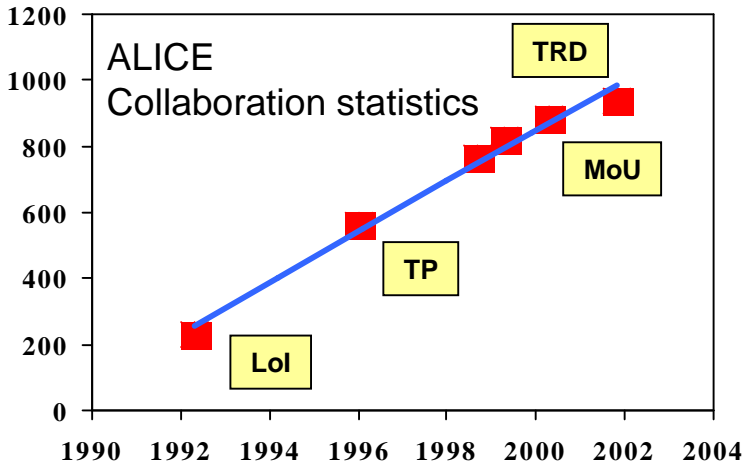
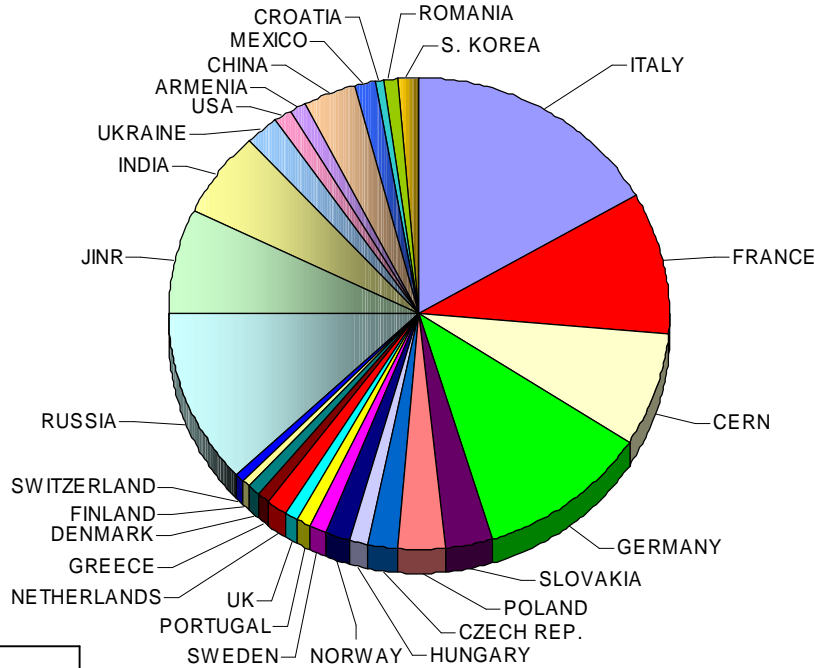


~ 1000 Members

(63% from CERN MS)

~30 Countries

~80 Institutes



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ALICE Subsystems

- Tracking (H=0.5 T; robust, redundant, from 60 MeV to 100 GeV)
 - ITS 4 cm < r < 44 cm, stand-alone tracking for low P_T
 - TPC 90 cm < r < 250 cm
 - TRD 290 cm < 370 cm
- Particle Identification
 - TPC (Track curvature, dE/dx)
 - HMPID (Cerenkov ring imaging)
 - TOF
 - TRD
- Forward detectors (centrality, multiplicity, timing, trigger, BG rejection)
 - T0, V0, SiFMD, HPMD, ZDC
- Calorimeters (PHOS, EmCal?)
- Forward Muon Arm

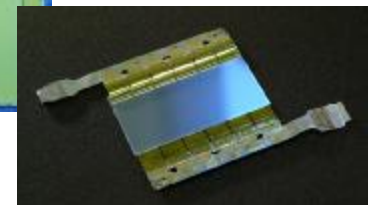
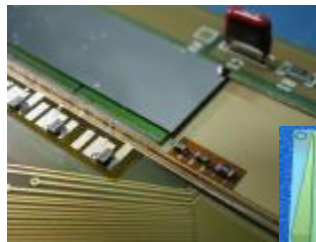
ITS (Inner Tracking System)

A low momentum spectrometer

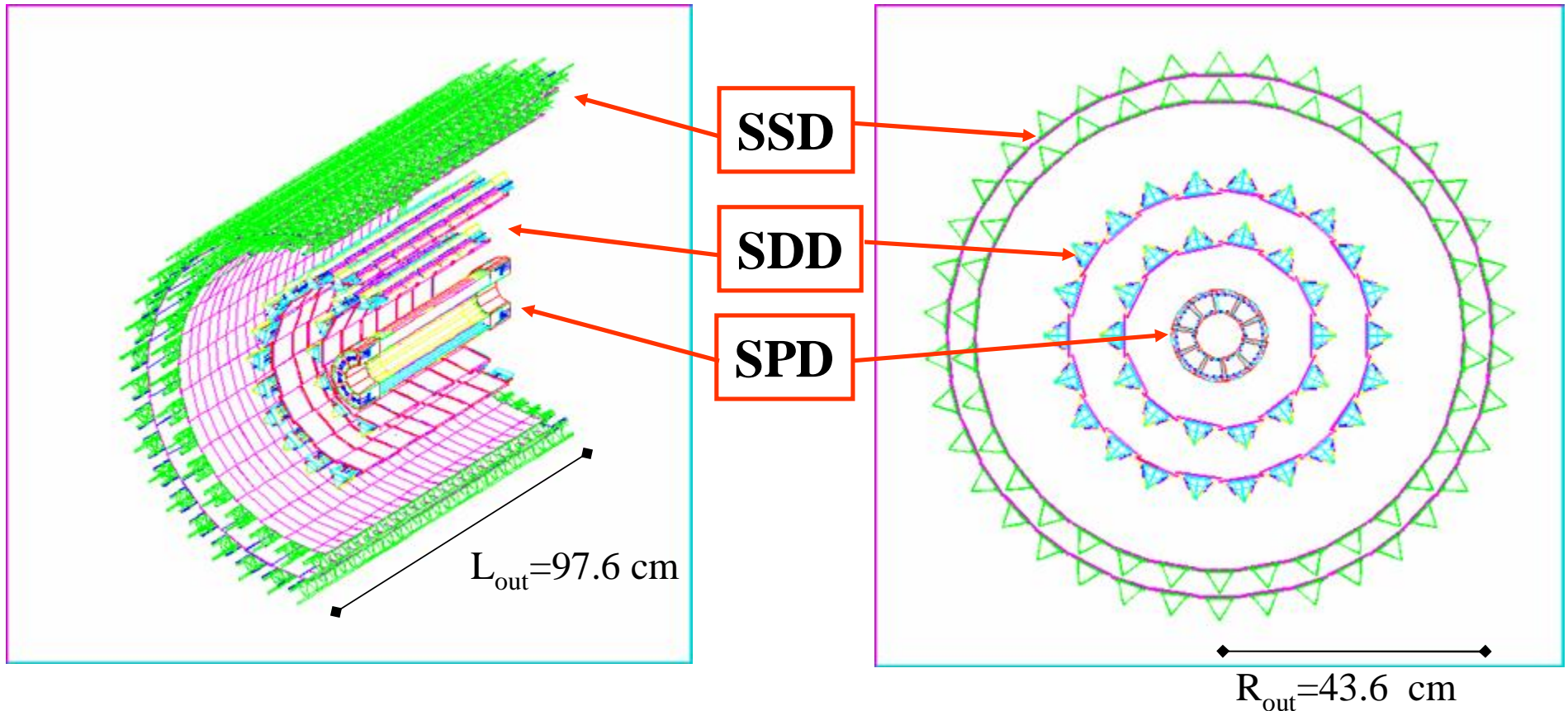


- Tracking and identification of low p_T (< 100 MeV/c)
- Primary & secondary vertex (resolution < 100 μm)
- Assist TPC tracking
- High particle densities ($\epsilon < 90$ particles/cm²)
- 6 layers ($R_{ip} = 4, 7, 15, 24, 39, 44$ cm) and 3 technologies

- 2D {
- Pixel (SPD)
 - Drift (SDD)
 - Strip (SSD)
- } Analog readout



Inner Tracking System (ITS)



- 6 Layers, three technologies (keep occupancy ~constant ~2% for max mult)
 - Silicon Pixels (0.2 m^2 , **9.8 Mchannels**)
 - Silicon Drift (1.3 m^2 , **133 kchannels**)
 - Double-sided Strip Strip (4.9 m^2 , **2.6 Mchannels**)

Major
technological
challenge!

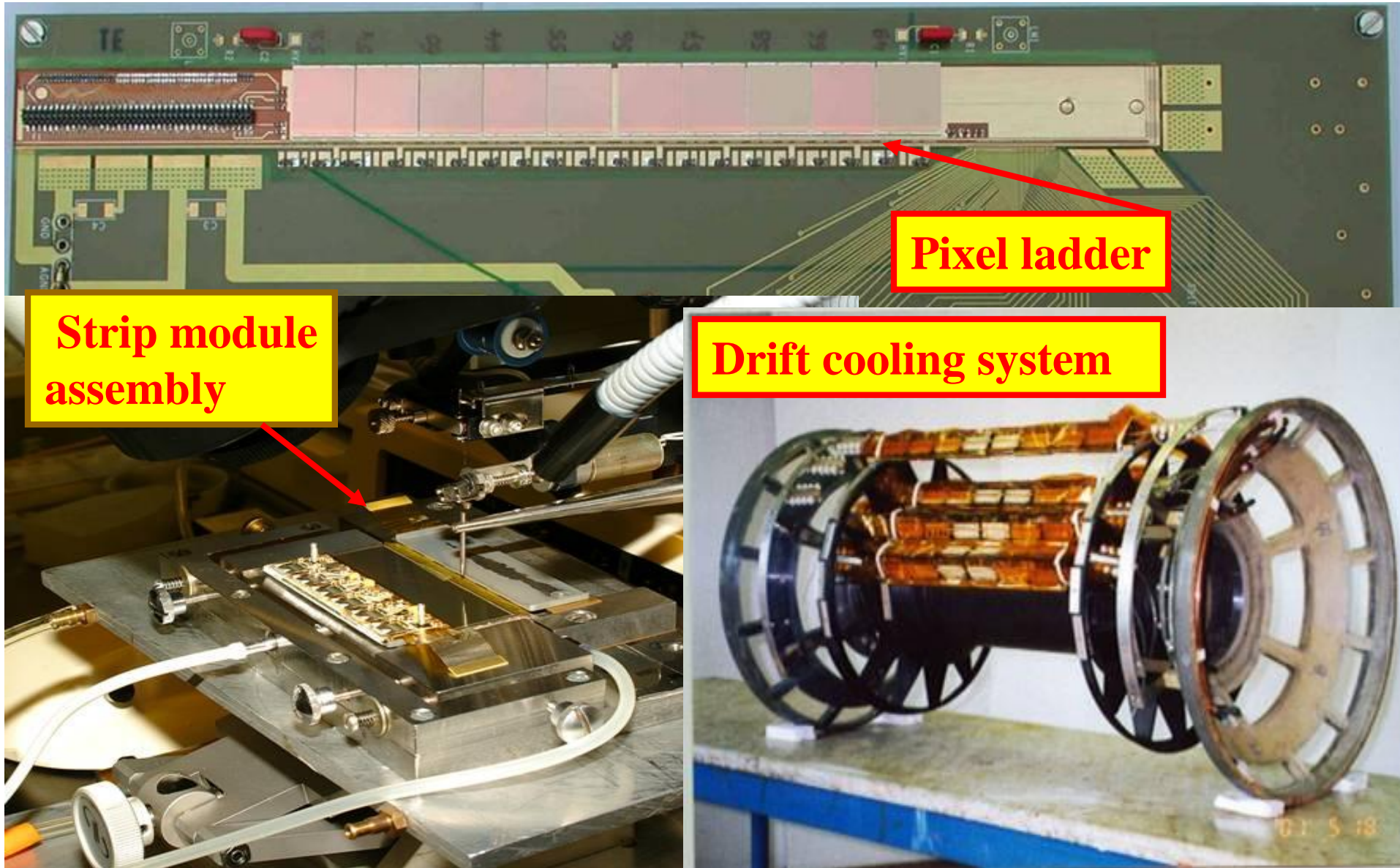
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Material Budget: $< 1\% X_0$ per layer !

System testing and setting up of series production



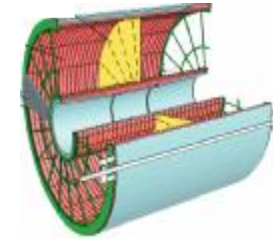
Strip module assembly

Pixel ladder

Drift cooling system

TPC (Time Projection Chamber)

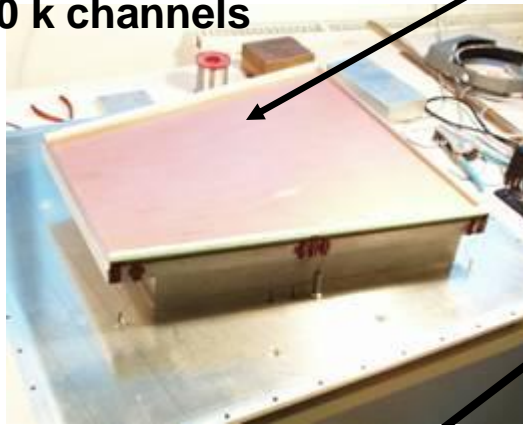
Hadron/lepton spectrometer @ $p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}/c$



- Track finding (2-tracks resolution $\Delta p < 5 \text{ MeV}/c$)
- Momentum measurement
(few % below 5 GeV/c, 9% @ 100 GeV/c)
- Particle Identification dE/dx
(5.3 – 6.8 % depending on multiplicity)
- Track matching with ITS, TOF/TRD (> 90 %)

TPC

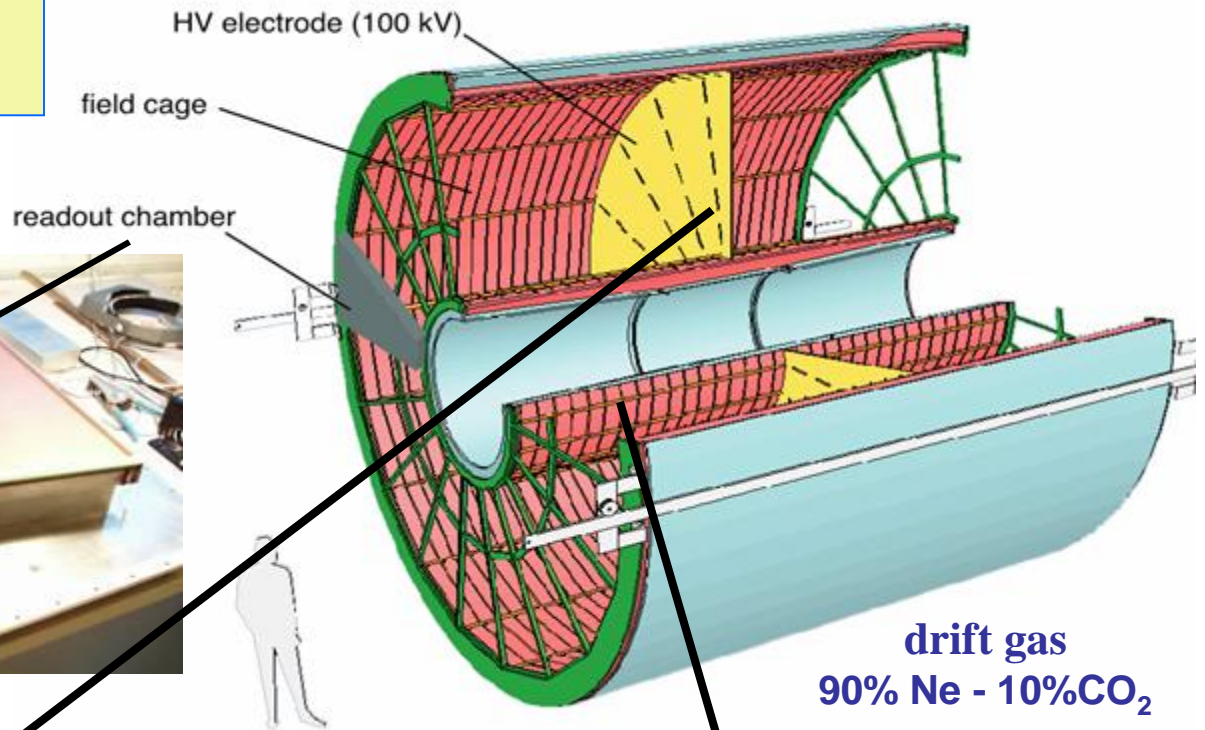
- Largest ever built
 - 88 m³, 570 k channels



Central Electrode Prototype
25 μm aluminized Mylar on Al frame



~ 3 m diameter



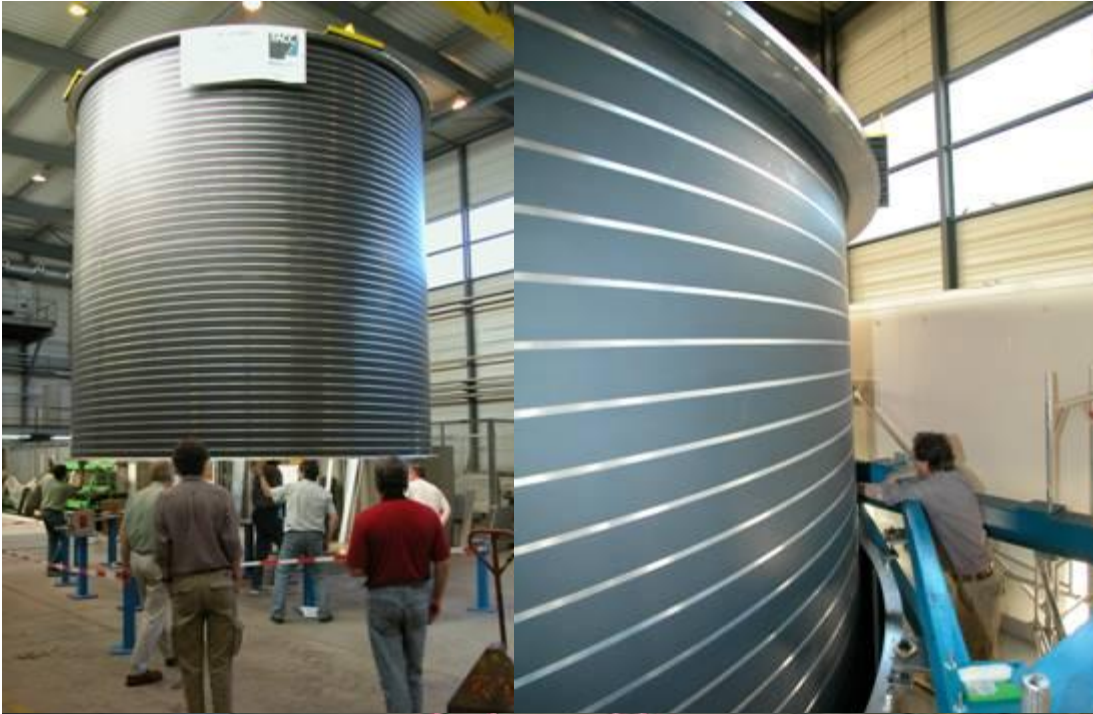
drift gas
90% Ne - 10%CO₂



Field Cage Inner Vessel

Decen

TPC Field Cage

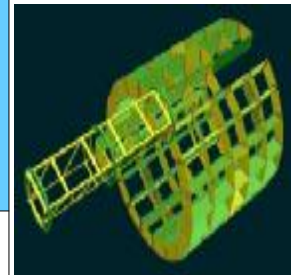


TRD (Transition Radiation Detector)

High p_T electron spectrometer

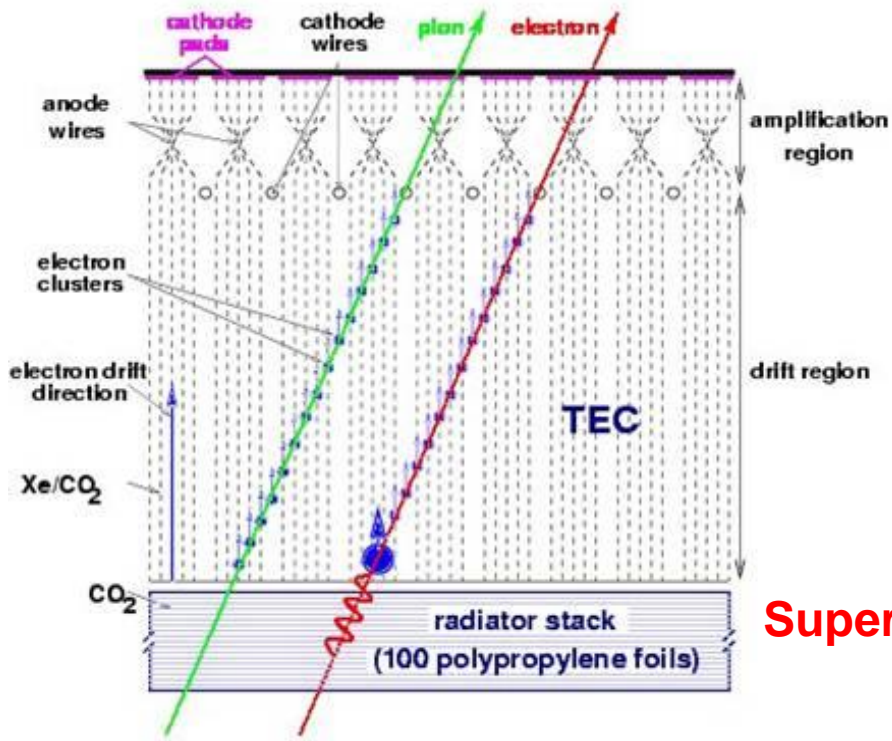
- Electron identification for $p_T > 1$ GeV/c
- e/π discrimination (rejection factor 100 @ $p_T > 3$ GeV/c): light vector mesons, charmonium
- Momentum resolution & matching to TPC:
5% @ 5 GeV/c, mass resolution 100 MeV/c² @ Y
- High p_T (> 3 GeV/c) hadron trigger (jet)

$ h $	Spatial resolution [r _j , z] [mm]	Gas MWPC	e [cm] X/X_0	# channels [M]	Occupancy [%]
0.9	400	Xe(85%) CO ₂	6x4.8 / 14.3%	1.16	34

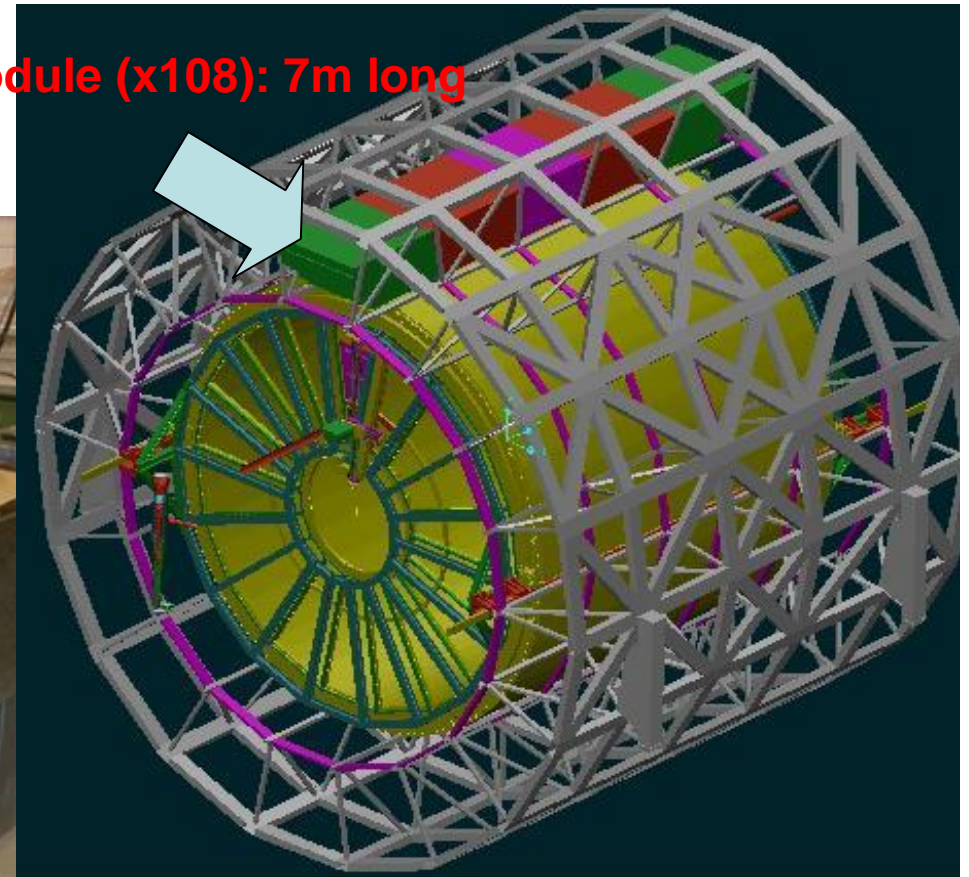


Transition Radiation Detector

- identify & trigger on electrons
 - used also in tracking
 - trigger on jets (high pt hadrons)
- currently ~ 60% funded



Supermodule (x108): 7m long



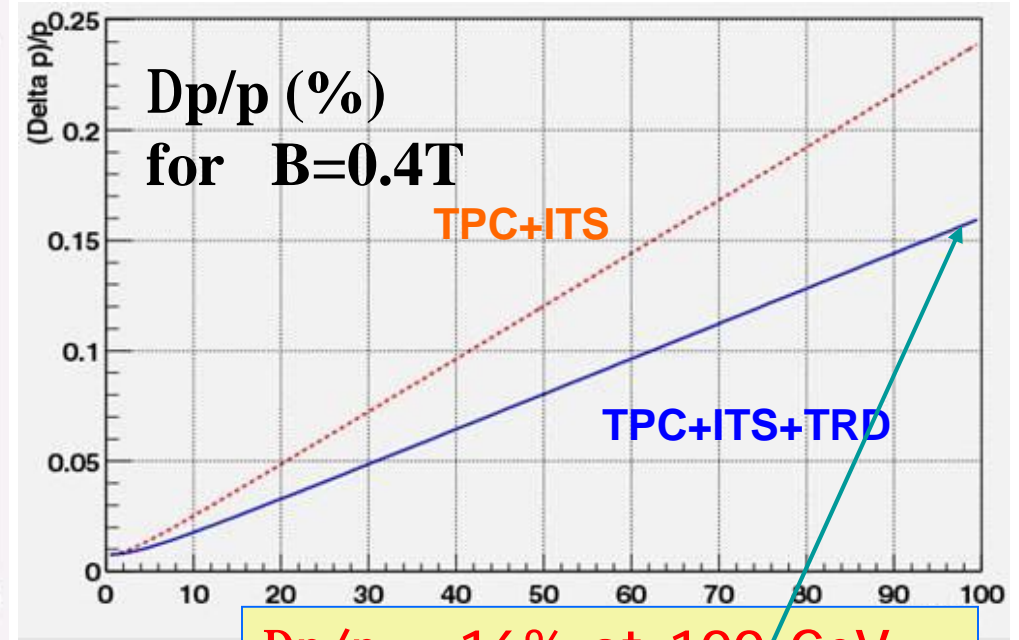
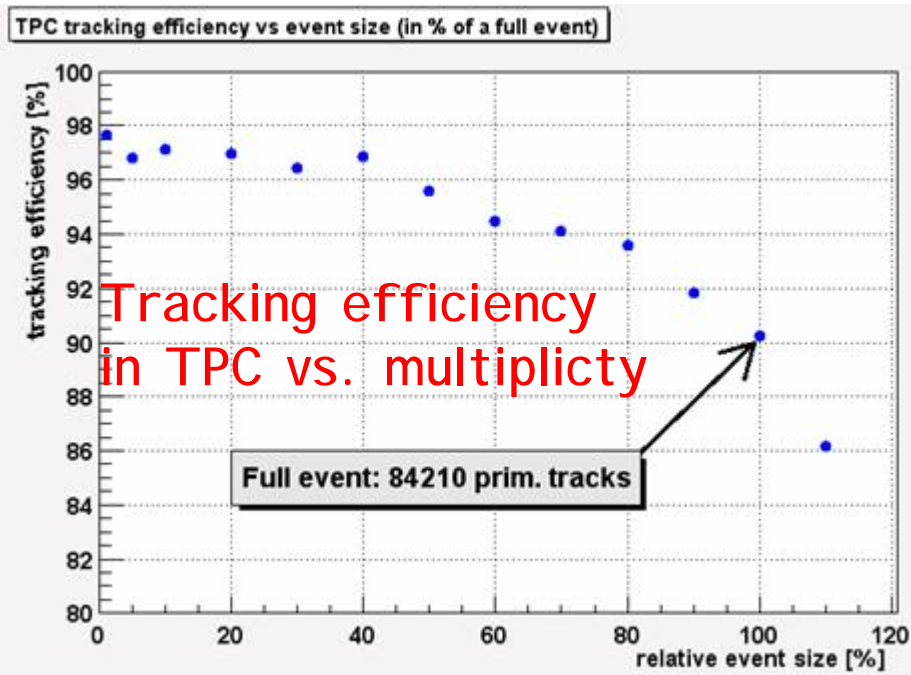
Full scale prototype



largest chamber: 1200 x 1600 mm

Tracking

- **robust, redundant tracking from 60 MeV to 100 GeV**
 - modest solenoidal field (0.5 T) => easy pattern recognition
 - long lever arm => good momentum resolution
 - **silicon vertex detector (ITS)** 4 cm < r < 44 cm
 - stand-alone tracking at low p_t
 - **Time Projection Chamber (TPC)** 90 cm < r < 250 cm
 - **Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)** 290 cm < 370 cm



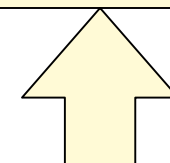
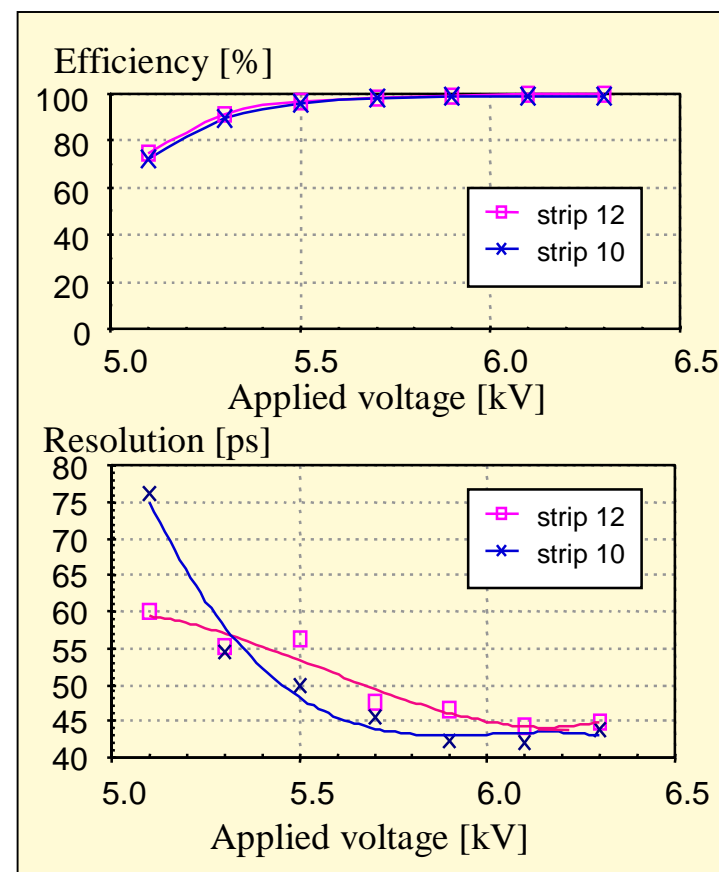
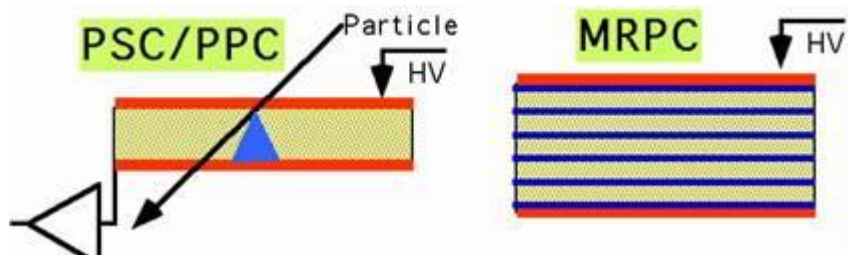
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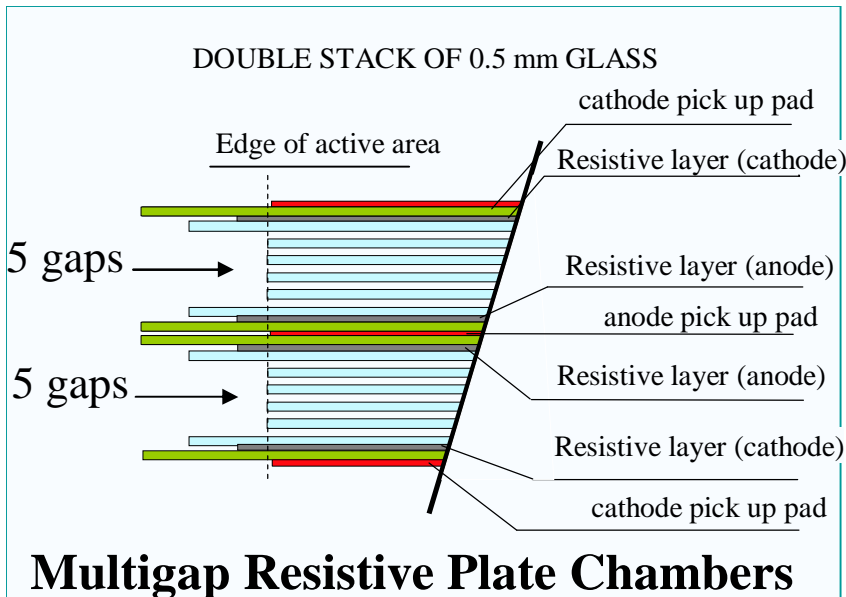
$\Delta p/p \sim 16\%$ at 100 GeV
 (~ 11% at $dN/dh = 2000$)

Time of Flight (TOF) Hadron spectrometer

Particle identification in the intermediate momentum range ($0.2 < p_T < 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$)
Multi-gap Resistive-Plate Chamber (MRPC)



Typical performance

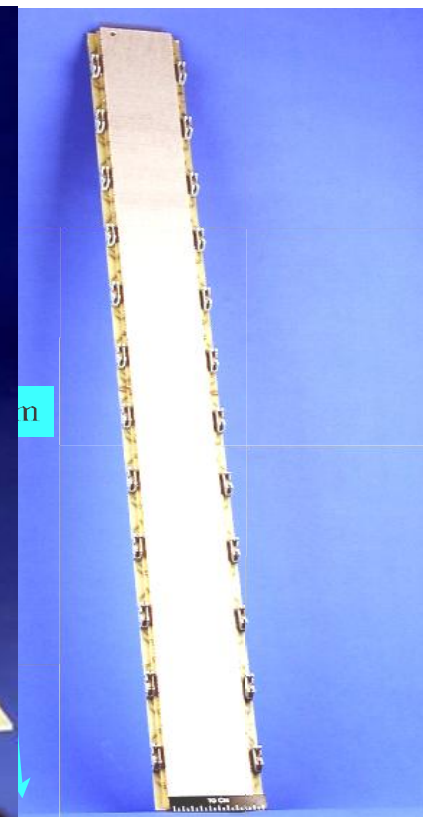
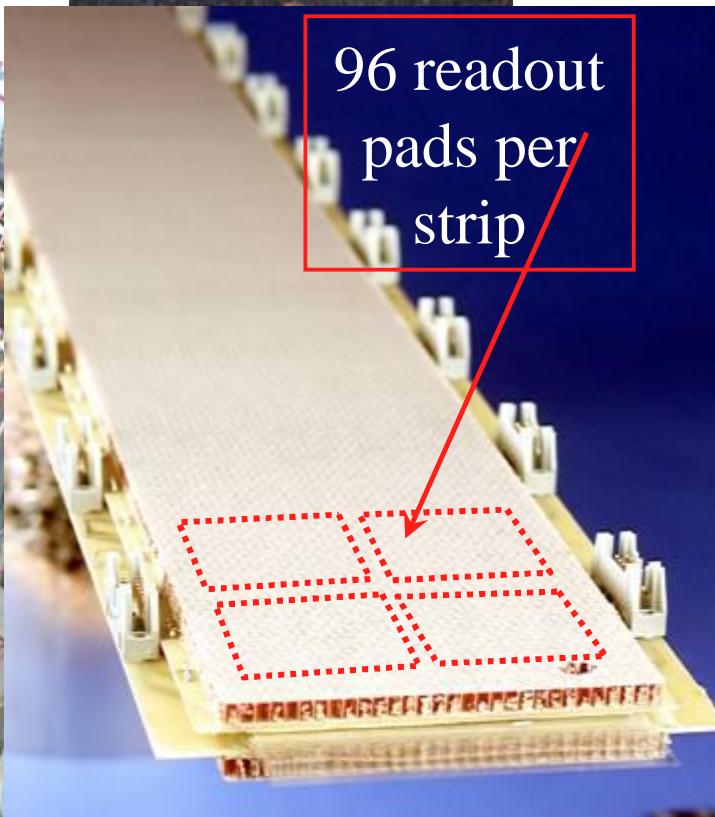


Time Of Flight

for p, K, p PID
 p, K for $p < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
 p for $p < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$

160 m², 160 k channels
 $r = 3.7 \text{ m}$, $s < 100 \text{ ps}$

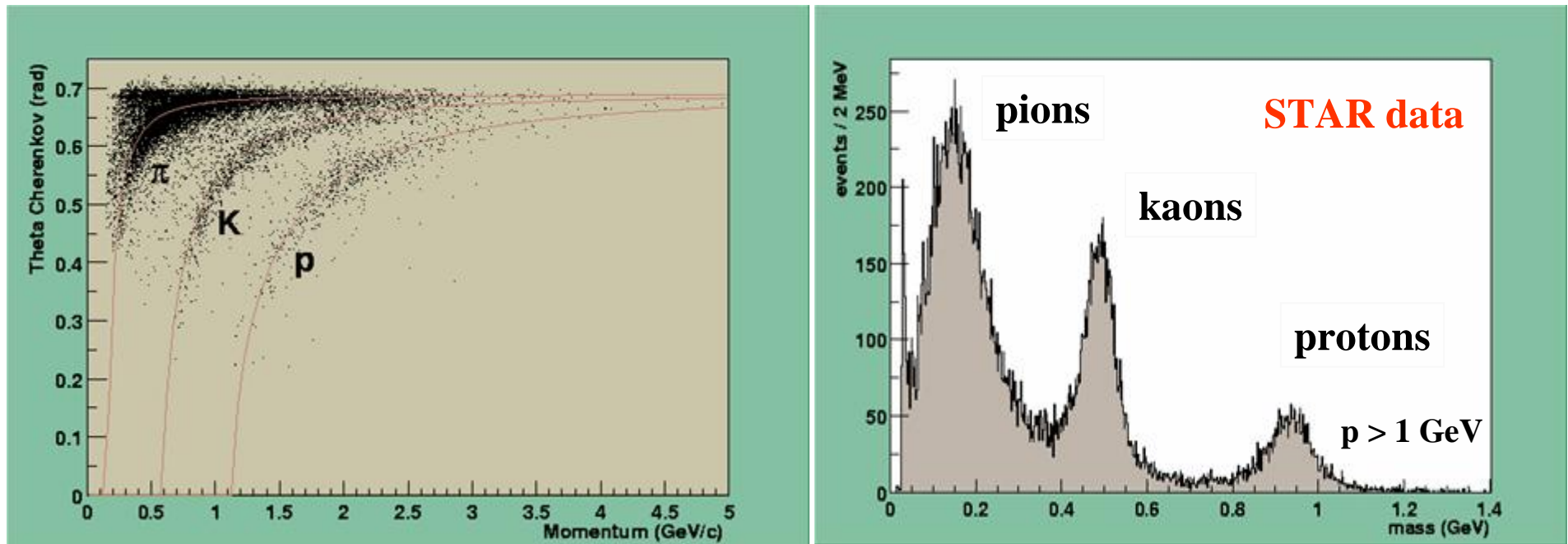
full size TOF modules under test



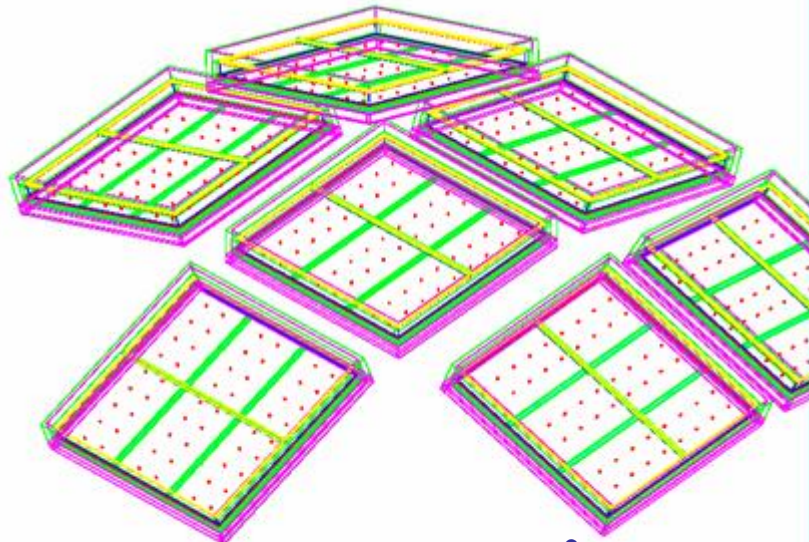
HMPI D

(High Momentum Particle Identification)

- High momentum hadron spectrometer
 - Hadron identification $p_T > 1$ GeV/c
 - Discrimination p/K $p_T < 3$ GeV/c, K/p $p_T < 5$ GeV/c

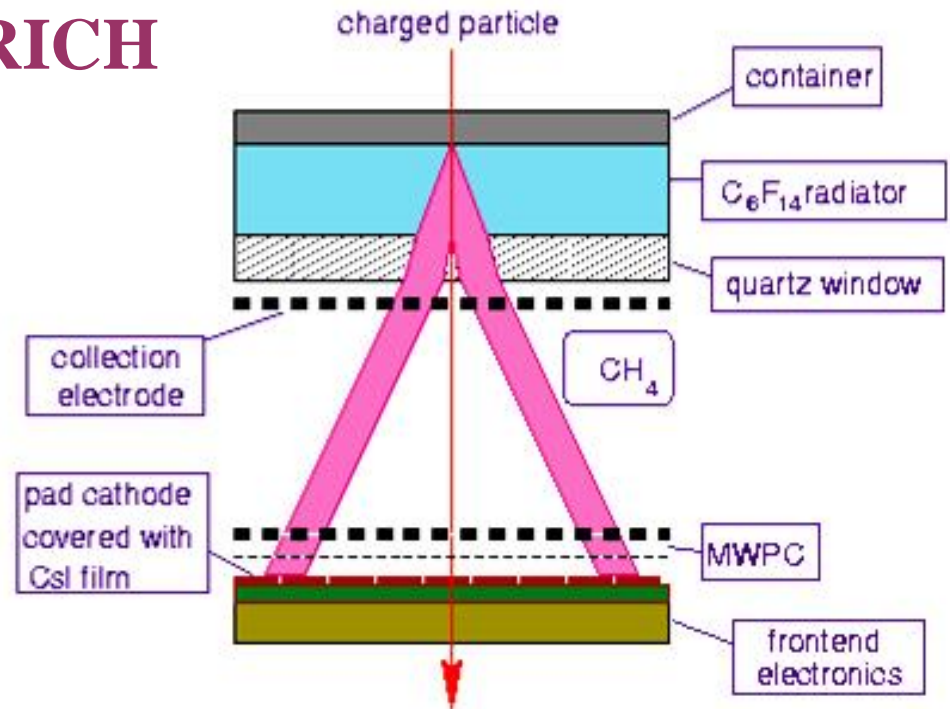


High Momentum Particle Identification

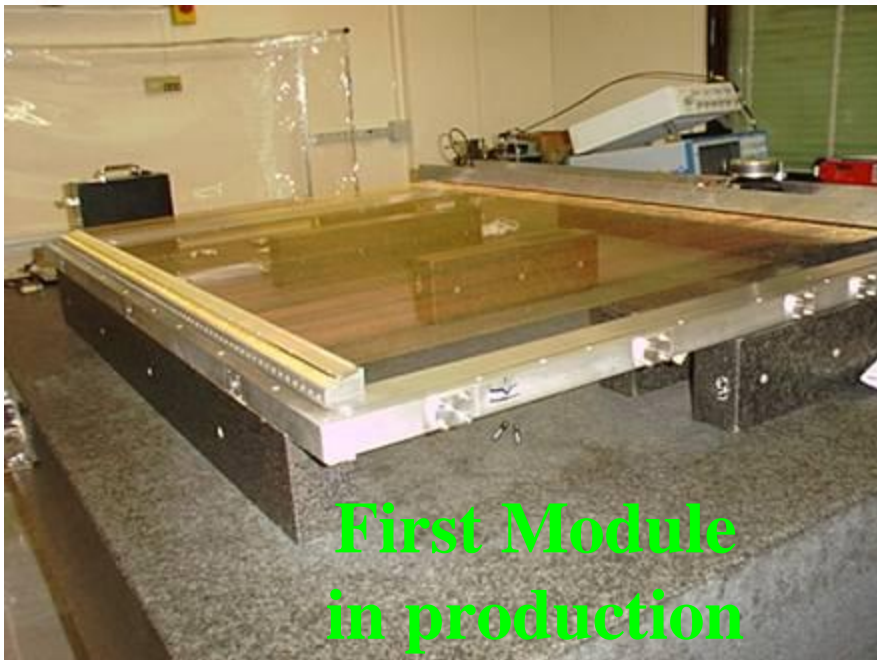
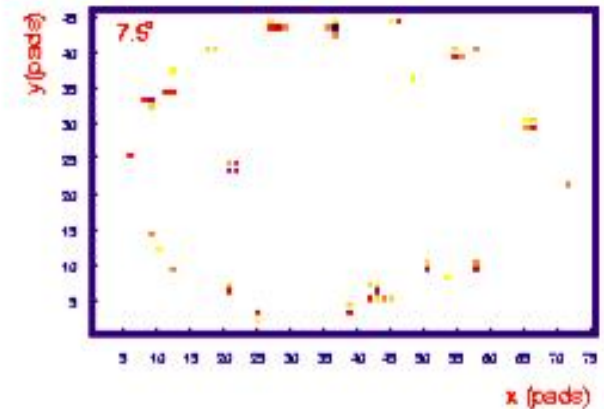
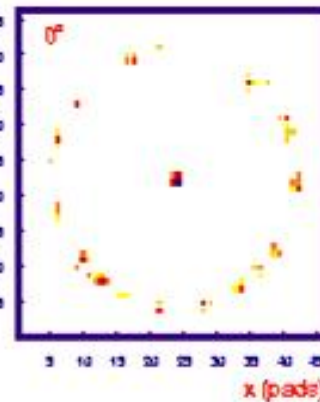


7 modules, each $\sim 1.5 \times 1.5 \text{ m}^2$

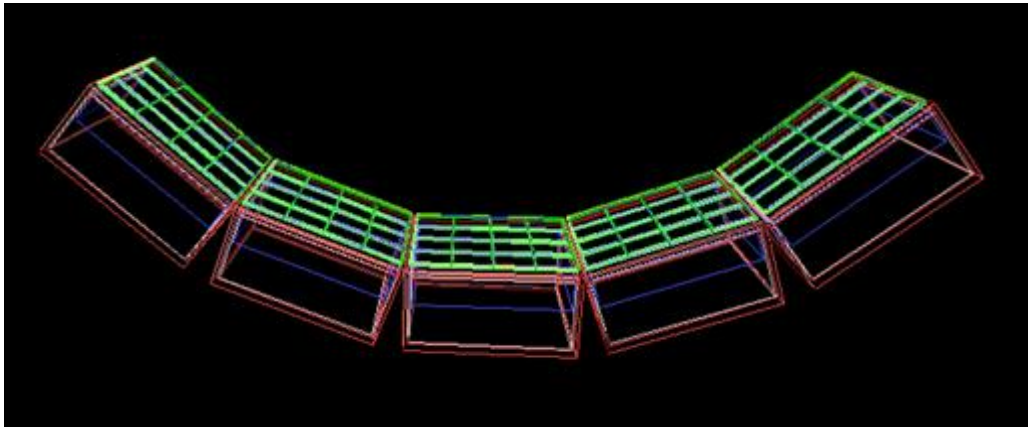
RICH



STAR data



First Module
in production



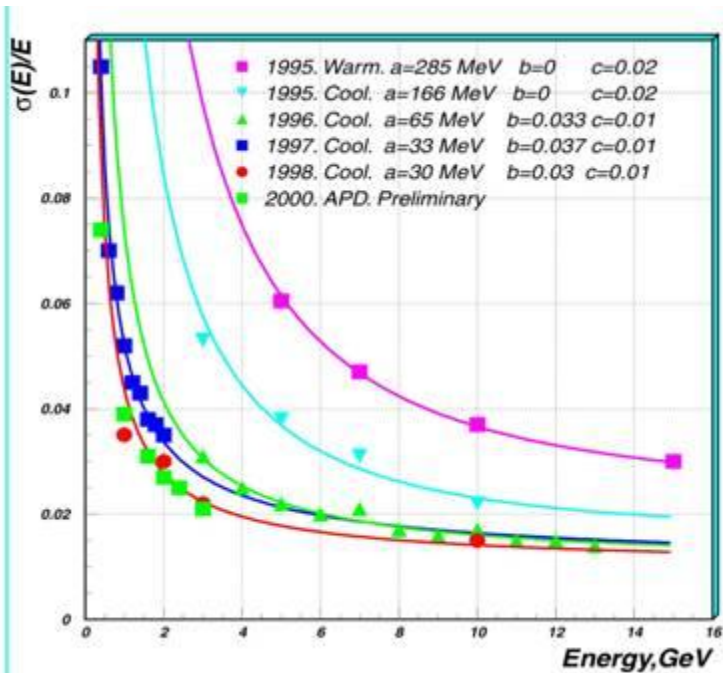
PHOS

(Photon Spectrometer)

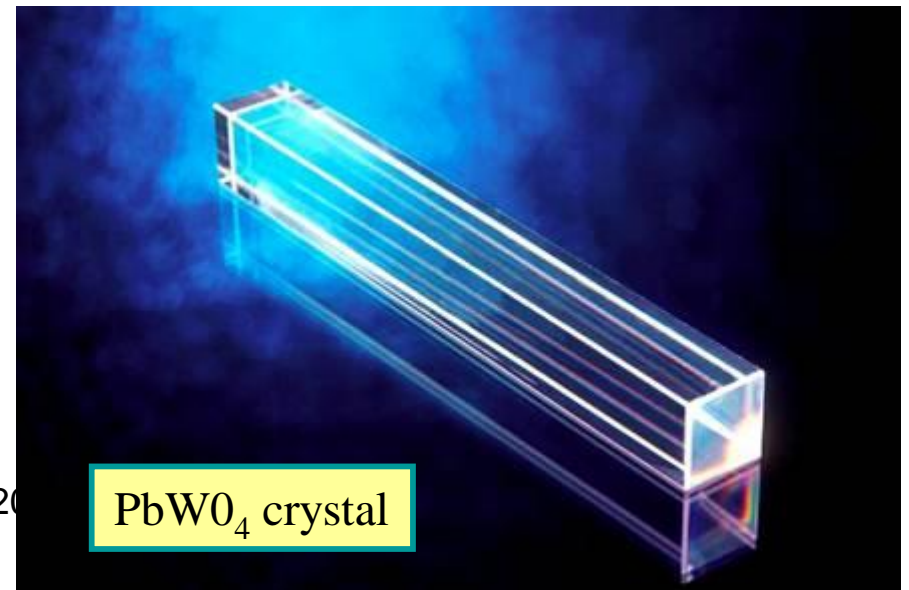
for photons, neutral mesons
and g-jet tagging

PbW0₄: Very dense: X₀ < 0.9 cm
Good energy resolution (after 6 years R&D):
 stochastic 2.7%/E^{1/2}
 noise 2.5%/E
 constant 1.3%

- single arm em calorimeter
 - dense, high granularity crystals
 - novel material: **PbW0₄**
 - ~ **18 k channels**, ~ 8 m²
 - cooled to -25°



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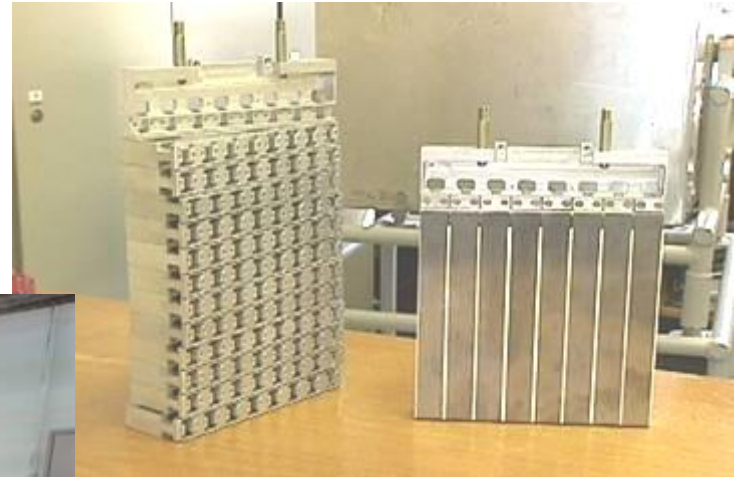


PbW0₄ crystal

PHOS

- mass production of crystals started
 - Apatity, Russia
- Light Read-out
 - APD's (Avalanche Photo Diodes)
 - FEE still in design phase

PHOS 256 Channel Prototype



Collaboration:

- Russia + Norway
- China (?)

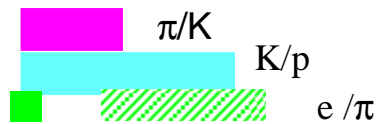
Needs strengthening !

Particle Identification

- **stable hadrons (π, K, p): $100 \text{ MeV} < p < 5 \text{ GeV}$**
 - dE/dx in silicon (ITS) and gas (TPC) + Time-of-Flight (TOF) + Cerenkov (RICH)
 - dE/dx relativistic rise under study \Rightarrow extend PID to several 10 GeV??
- **decay topology (K^0, K^+, K^-, L)**
 - still under study, but expect K and Λ decays up to at least 10 GeV
- **leptons (e, μ), photons, p^0**

Alice uses ~ all known techniques!

TPC + ITS
(dE/dx)

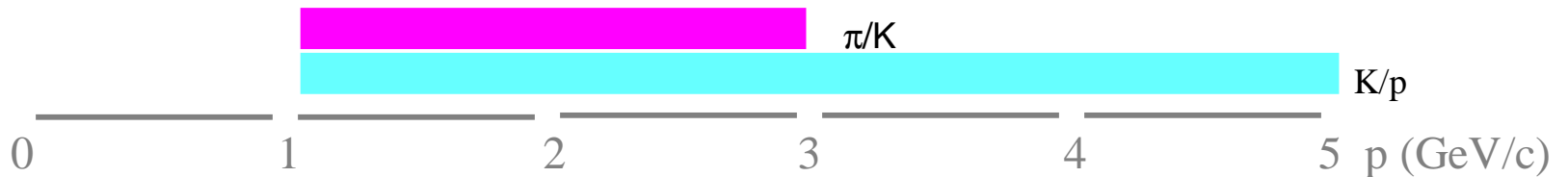


electrons in TRD: $p > 1 \text{ GeV}$
muons: $p > 5 \text{ GeV}$
 π^0 in PHOS: $1 < p < 80 \text{ GeV}$

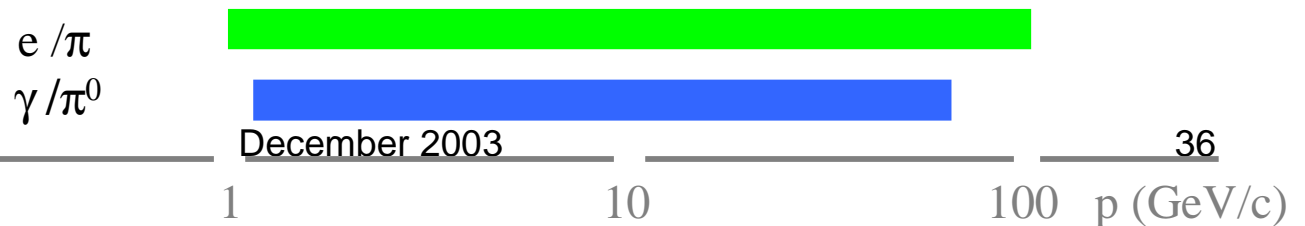
TOF



HMPID
(RICH)



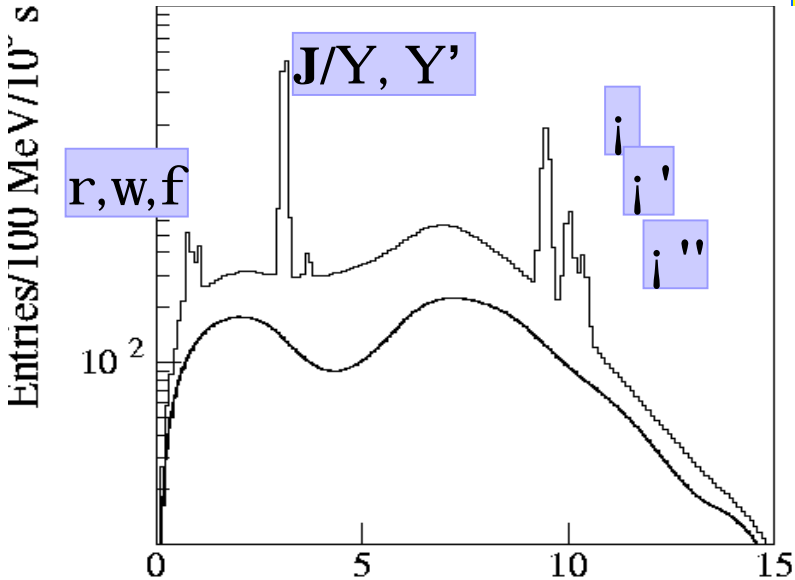
TRD
PHOS



Dimuon Spectrometer

Study the production of the J/ψ , ψ' , U , U' and U'' decaying in 2 muons, $2.4 < h < 4$

Resolution of **70 MeV** at the J/ψ and **100 MeV** at the U

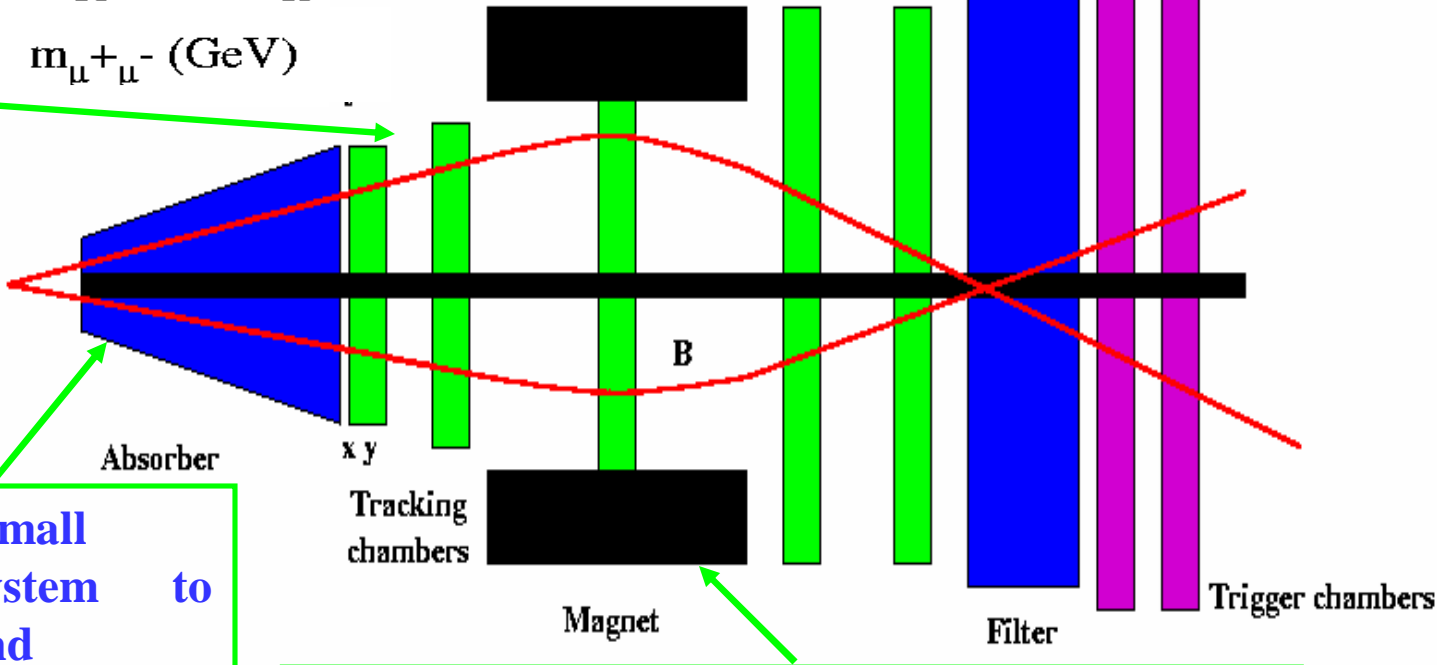


RPC Trigger Chambers

5 stations of high granularity pad tracking chambers, over 800k channels

Complex absorber/small angle shield system to minimize background (90 cm from vertex)

$m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$ (GeV)



Dipole Magnet: bending power 3Tm

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Muon Chambers



Station 1&2: Quadrants



Station 3-4: Slats



Trigger RPC

Разработано и изготовлено оборудование для производства модулей мюонных камер



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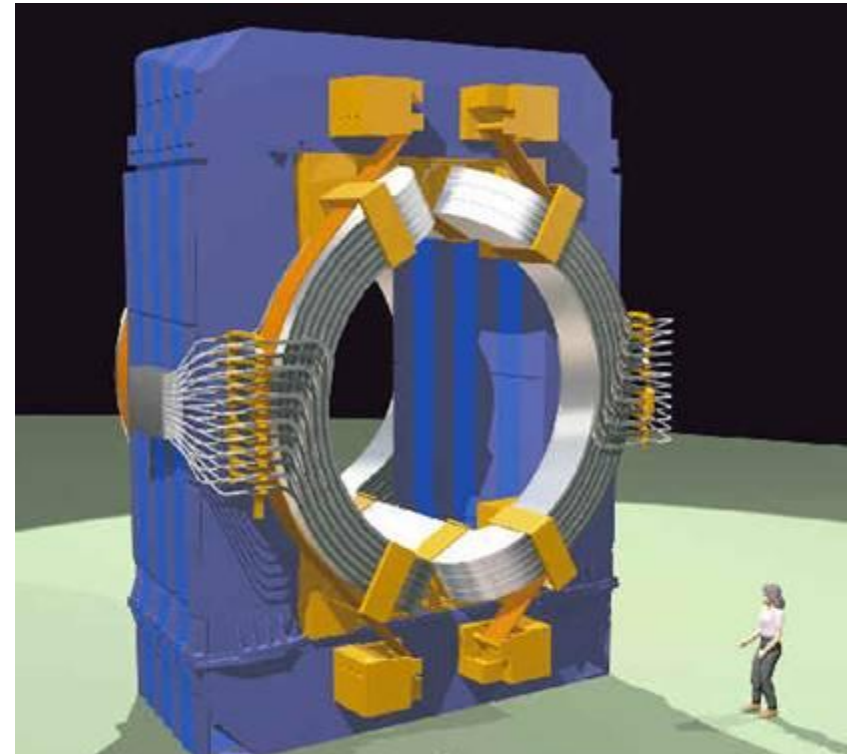
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Оборудована и подготовлена к началу серийного производства трековых камер мюонного спектрометра чистая сборочная зона.



Muon Magnet

- Dipole Magnet
 - 0.7 T and 3 Tm
 - 4 MW power, 800 tons
 - World's **largest warm dipole**
- Progress:
 - **Coil** production in progress in **France**
 - **Yoke** finished end 2002 in **Russia**



Forward Detectors

PMD Photon Multiplicity Detector

$$2.3 < \eta < 3.5,$$

measures n_{charged} and n_{photons}
2 gas detectors, honeycomb-cell
proportional chamber, sandwiching a
passive converter

V0 Interaction trigger (centrality trigger and beam-gas rejection)

$$1.6 < |\eta| < 3.9.$$

Two arrays of 72 scintillator tiles readout
via fibers

T0_L

FMD Forward Multiplicity Detector

$$1.6 < \eta < 3, - 5.4 < \eta < - 1.6$$

4 rings of silicon pad detector disks (slow
readout) with 12k analog channels

T0_R Measure event **Time** (T_0) for the TOF (~ 50 ps time res.)

$$2.6 < |\eta| < 3.3$$

Two arrays of 12 quartz counters.
Also backup to V0

Computing Phase Transition

The Problem:

- **Online:** storing up to 1.2 Gbyte/s
 - whole WWW in few hours on tape !
 - ~ 10 x RHIC !
- **Offline:** 1800 kSI95
 - 300,000 PC's in 2000 (500 Mhz)
 - ~ 100 x RHIC !!

The Answer:

cheap mass market components
Industry & Moore's law

The Challenge:

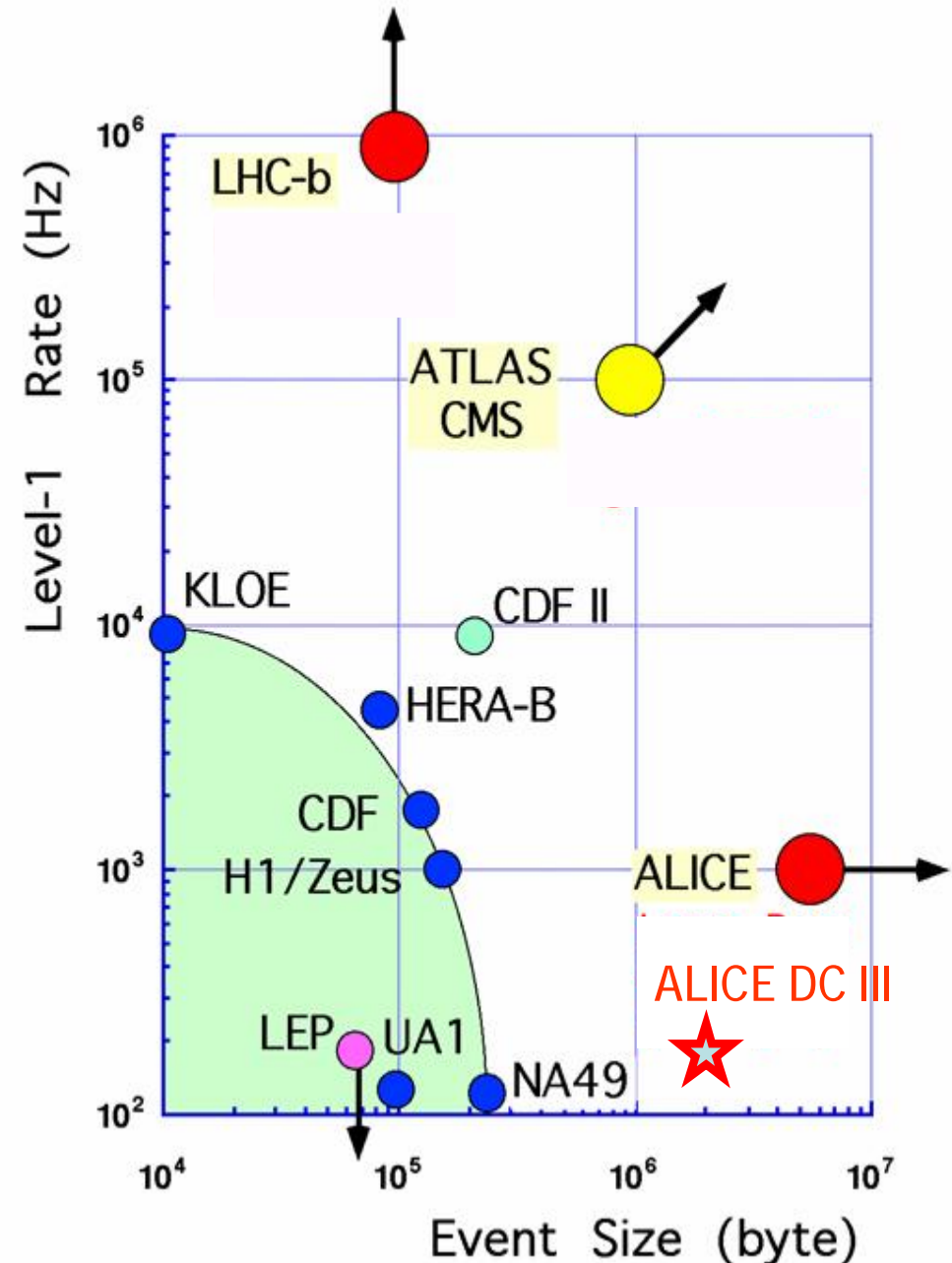
make 10,000 mice do the
work of one elephant

new computing paradigm:

The GRID

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ALICE Running Scenario (endorsed at LHCC WS)

1 LHC year = 10^7 s of pp + 10^6 s of AA

- Year 1 (2007)
 - pp: detector commissioning & physics data
 - PbPb physics pilot run: global event-properties, observables with large cross-section
- Year 2 (in addition to pp @ 14 TeV, $L < 3 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)
 - PbPb @ $L \sim 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$: rare observables
- Year 3
 - p(d, α)Pb @ $L \sim 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$: Nuclear modification of structure function
- Year 4 (as year 2)
- Year 5
 - ArAr @ $L \sim 10^{27} - 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$: energy density dependencies
- Options for later
 - pp @ 5.5 TeV, pA (A scan to map A dependence), AA (A scan to map energy-density dependence), PbPb (energy-excitation function down towards RHIC),

Декабрь 2003, сессия ОФВЭ

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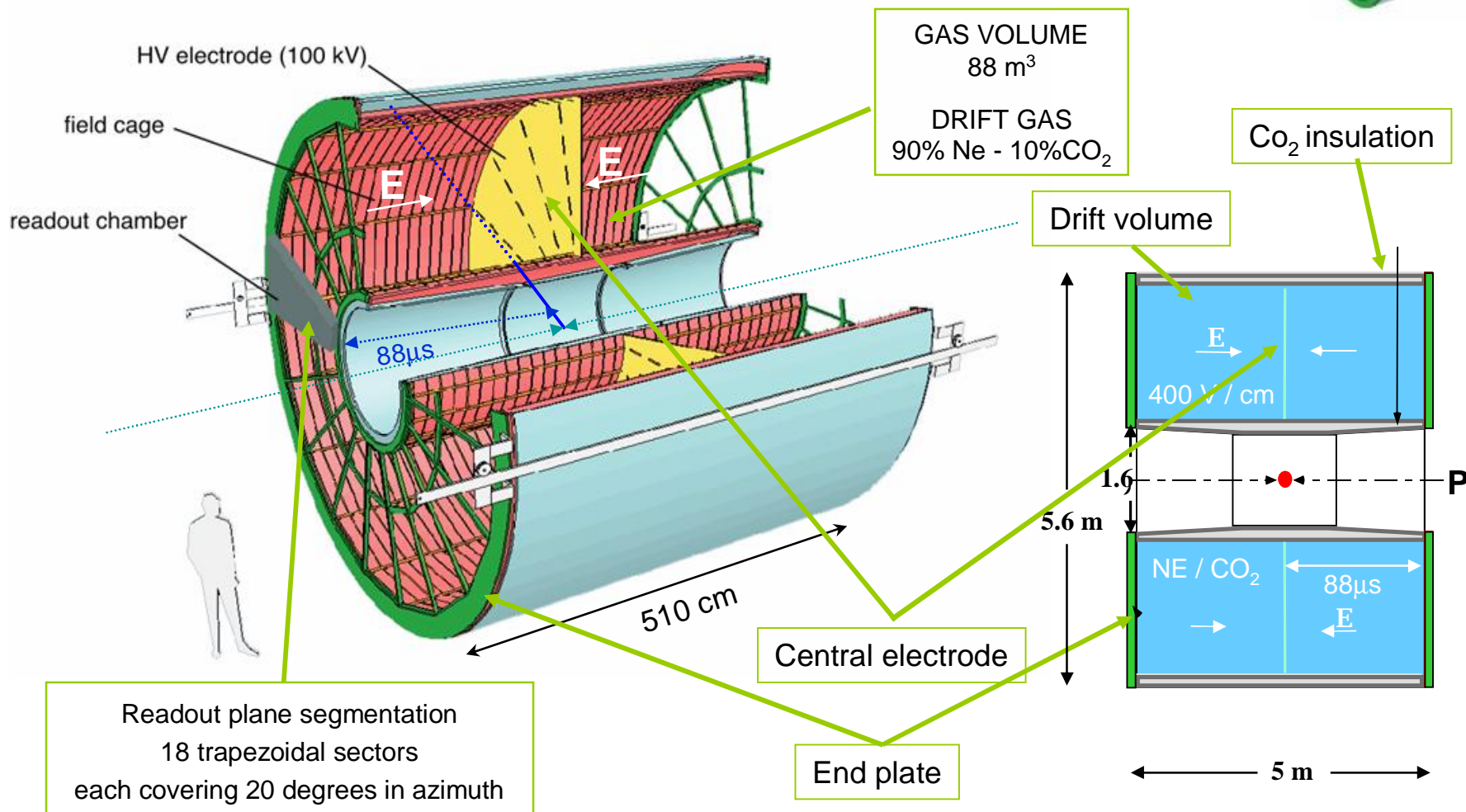
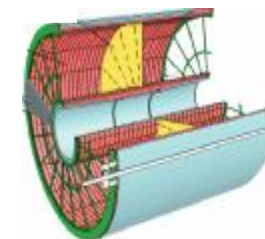
Спасибо за внимание

В 2003 году проведена работа по подготовке производства мюонных камер

- Разработаны и изготовлены **устройства для прецизионной обрезки печатных плат**, для института Саха (Калькутта, Индия) и INFN (Каглиари, Италия)
- Разработаны и изготовлены **4 высоковольтных испытательных стендов для модулей**
- Разработана, изготовлена и испытана **намоточная машина**
- Разработаны и изготовлены **4 автоматизированных устройств для измерения натяжения проволок в модуле**
- Разработан, изготовлен и испытан **стенд для испытаний модулей с помощью β -частиц**
- Оборудована и подготовлена к началу серийного производства трековых камер мюонного спектрометра **чистая сборочная зона.**
- **Участие в изготовлении, тестировании и анализе** прототипов модулей трековых камер
- Выполнен проект **Мюонного фильтра**

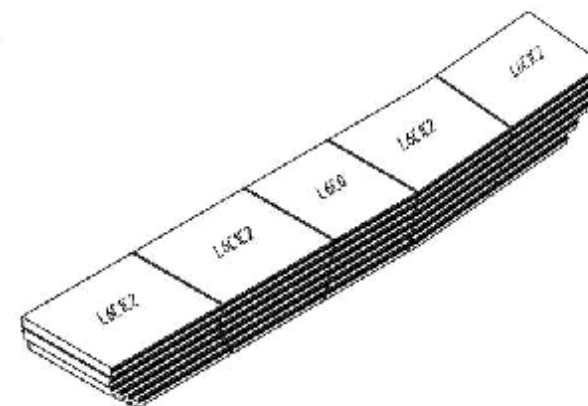
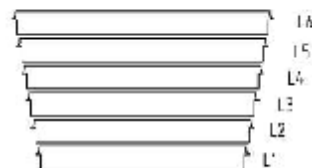
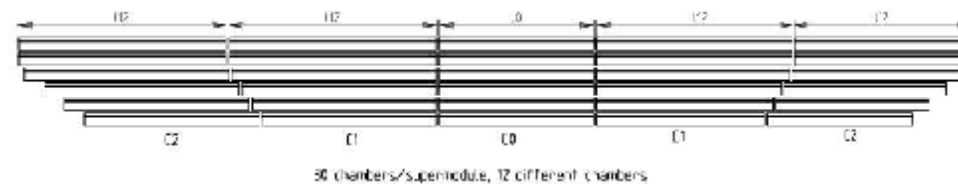
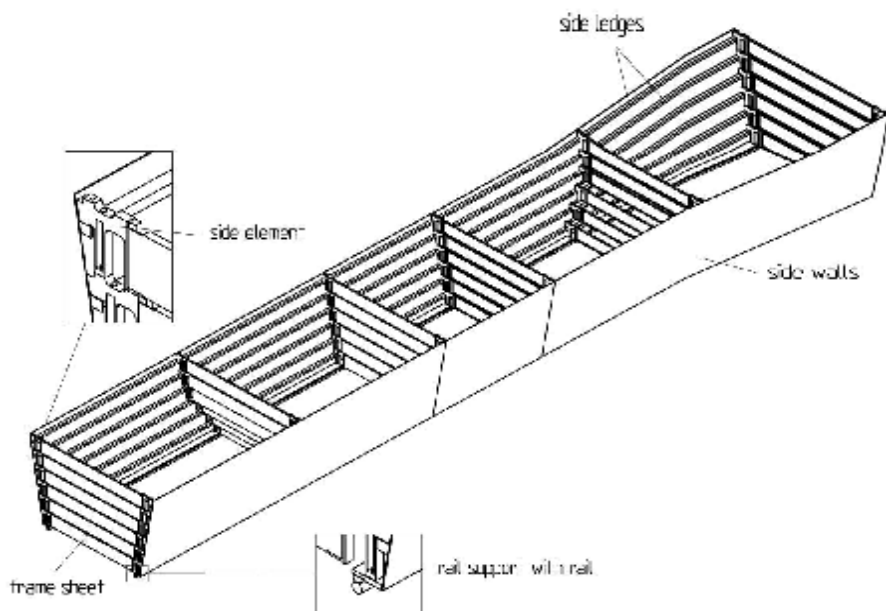
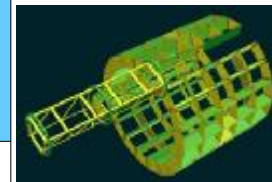
TPC

$ h $	Spatial resolution [rj , z] [mm]	Gas	X/X_0 [%]	# channels [M]	Occupancy [%]
0.9	800 - 1100	Ne(90%) CO ₂	3.5 - 5	0.56	40 - 15



TRD

$ h $	Spatial resolution [rj , z] [mm]	Gas MWPC	e [cm] X/X ₀	# channels [M]	Occupancy [%]
0.9	400	Xe(85%) CO ₂	6x4.8 / 14.3%	1.16	34



ALICE-TRD, overview of different chambers in one supermodule

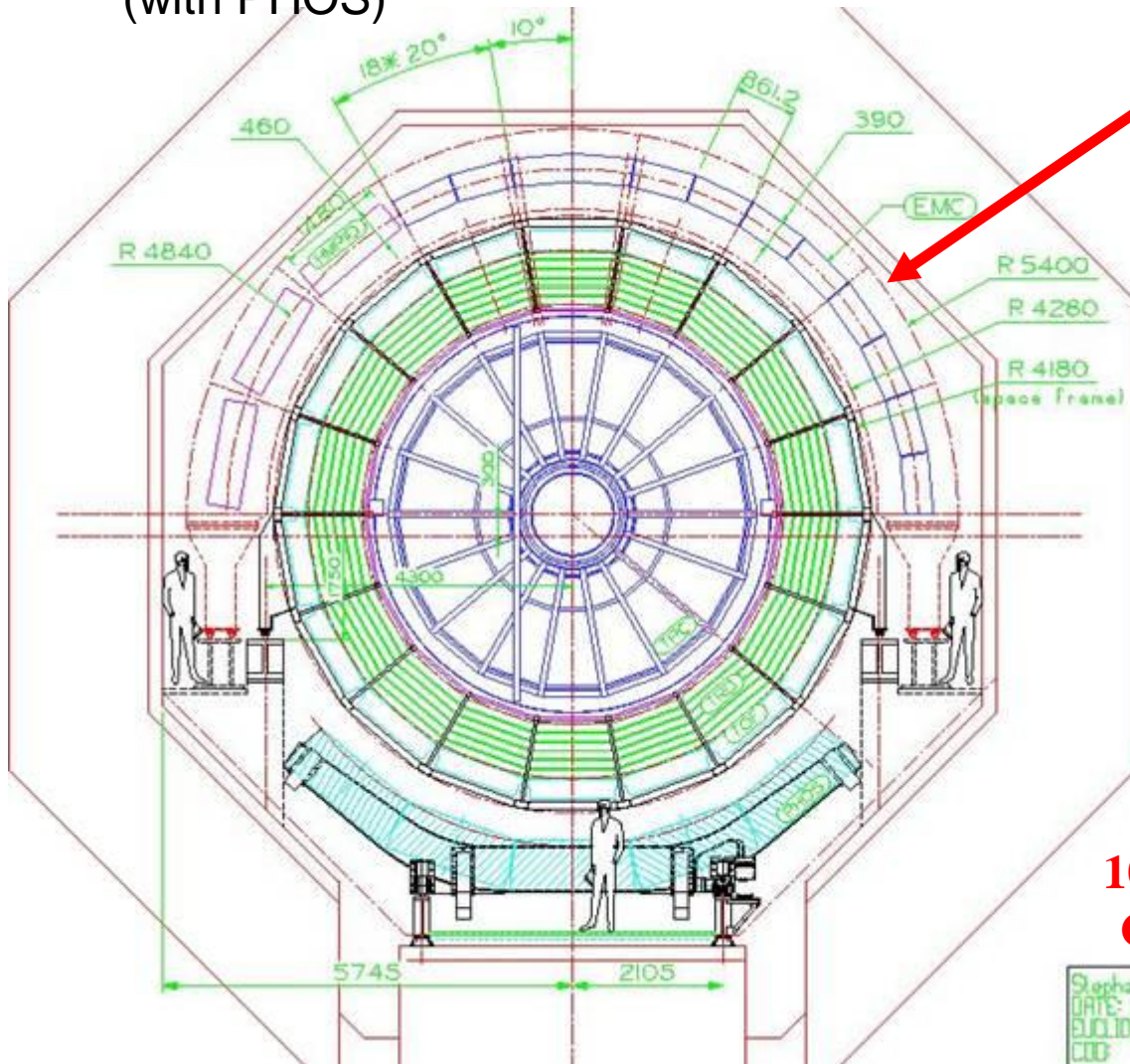
Supermodule (x108): 7m long

Module (x5): 6 layers of chambers

US proposal: large emcal

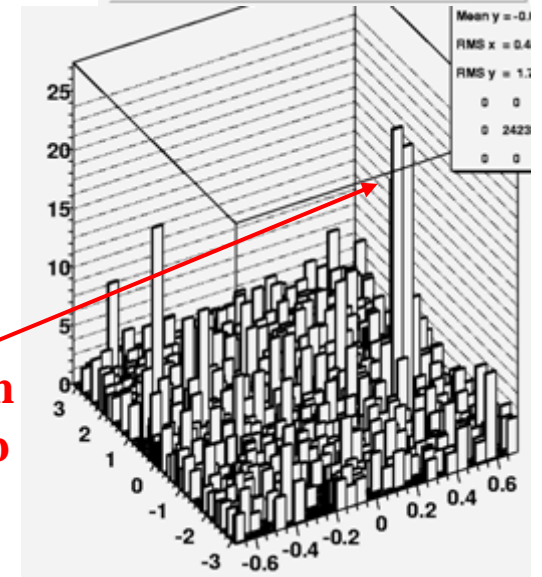
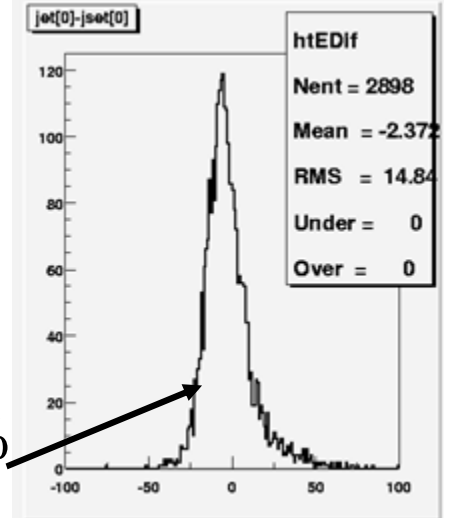
- large area electromagnetic calorimeter (a la STAR)

- hadronic energy in TPC + em energy in calorimeter
- trigger on jets, improve energy resolution, γ -jet coincidences (with PHOS)



**Proposed
EMCAL**
 $|h| < 0.7$
 $D_f \sim 120^\circ$

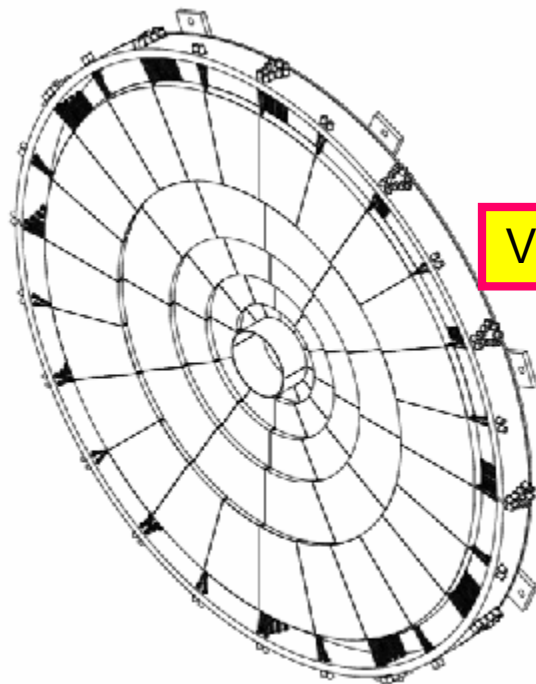
$\sigma(P_T) \sim 15\%$



**100 GeV Jet in
Central PbPb**

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Trigger Counters T0/V0/PMD



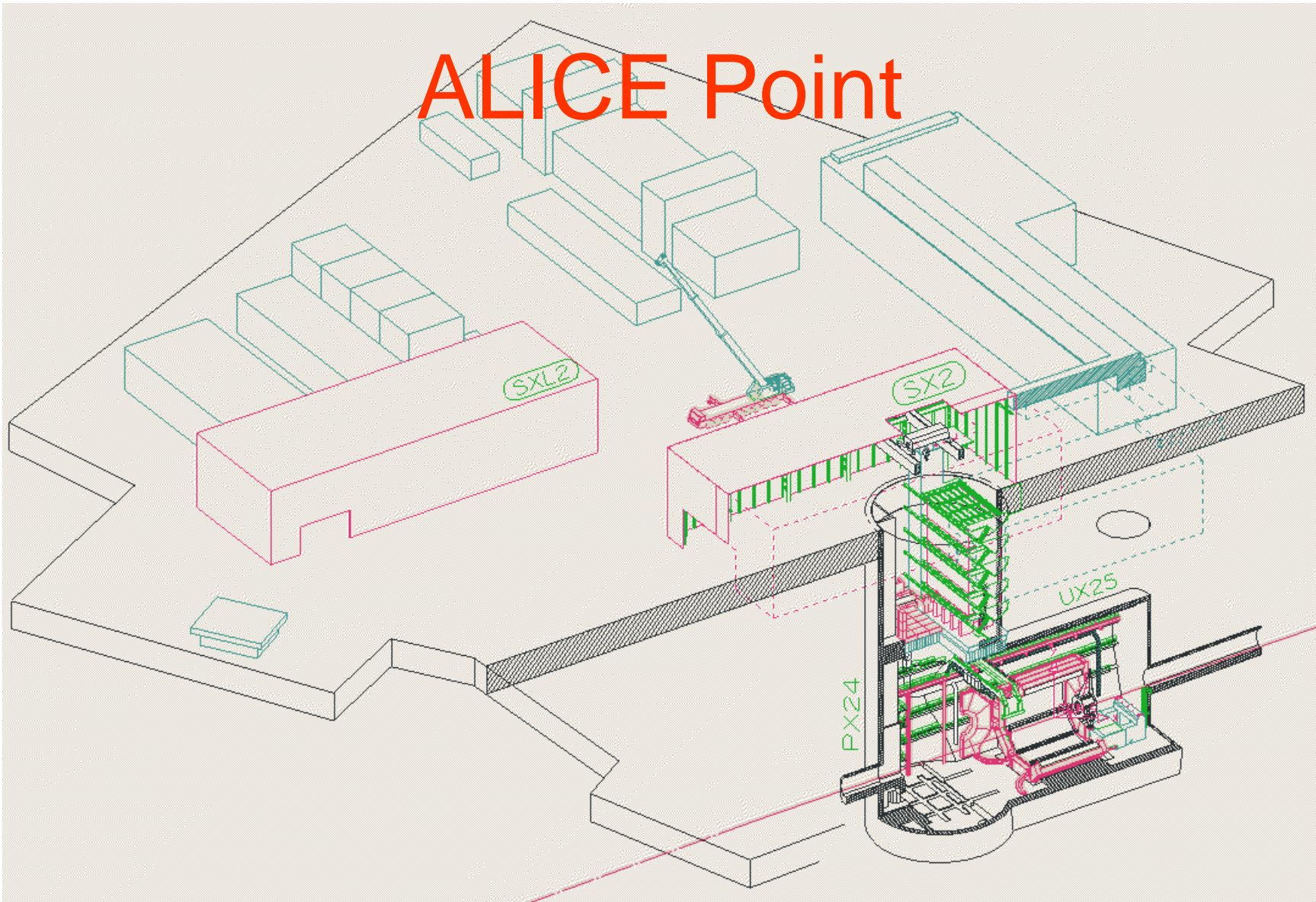
V0: Scintillator + PM

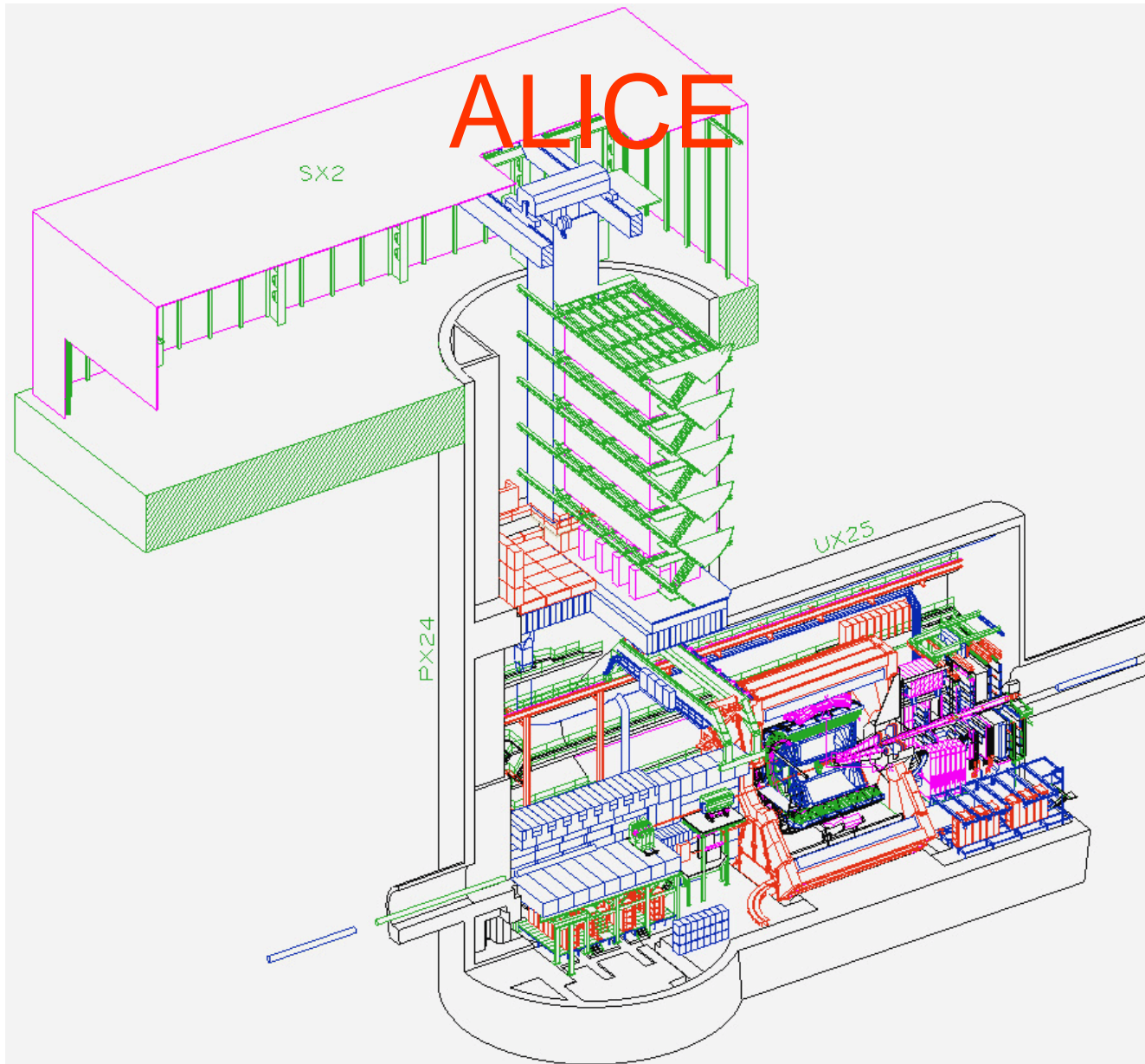
PMD Photon Multiplicity Detector

T0: Quartz-C + PM



ALICE Point



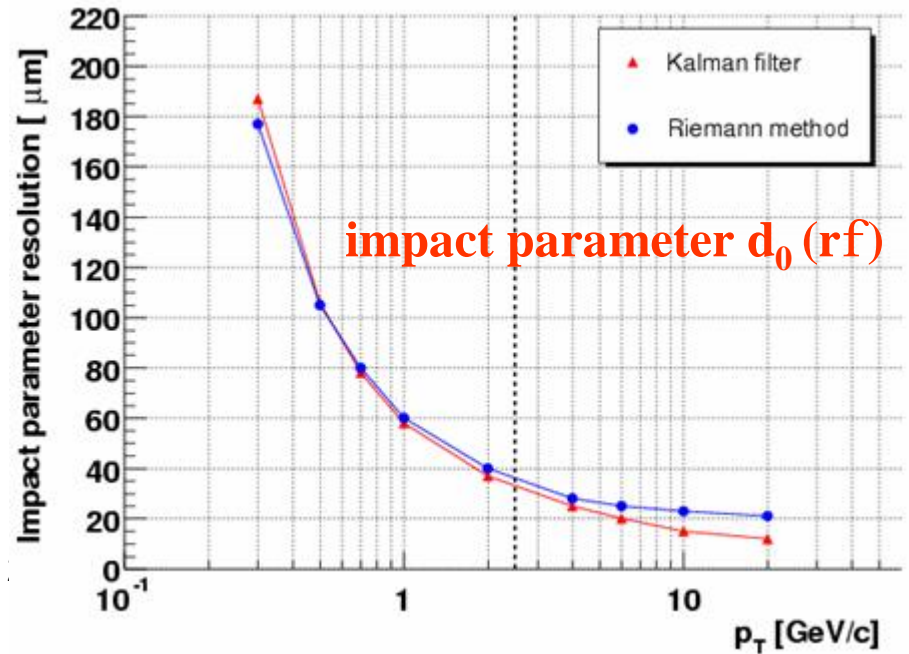
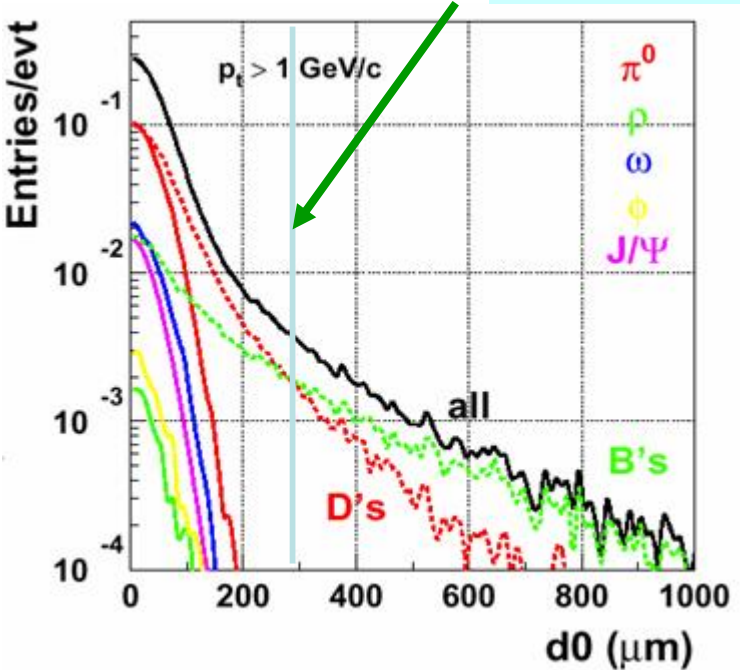
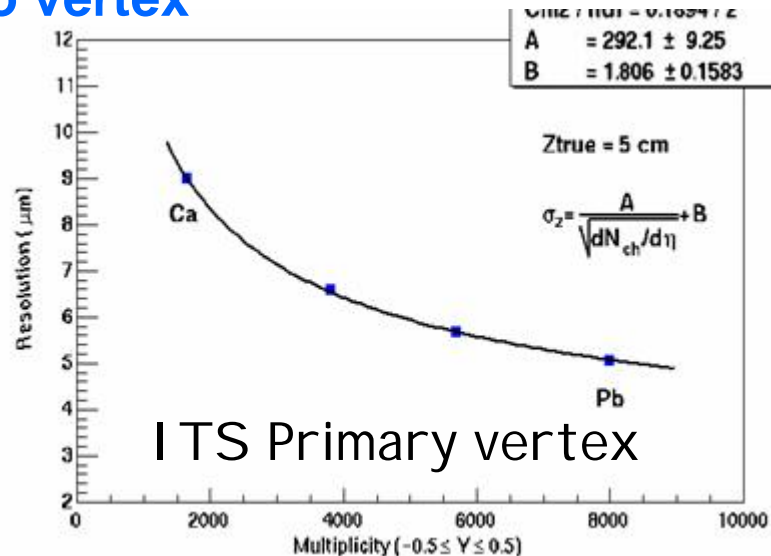


Vertex Finding

- little material + good resolution + close to vertex

- primary vertex:
 - 15 mm (rf) x 5 mm (z)
- secondary vertices:
 - heavy quarks (100's mm)
 - hyperons (cm)

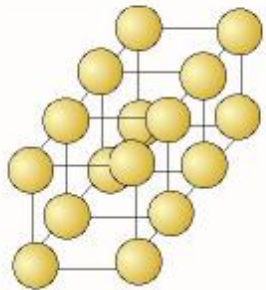
$d_0 < \text{cut} \rightarrow$ resonances
 $d_0 > \text{cut} \rightarrow$ D, B mesons



Melting Matter

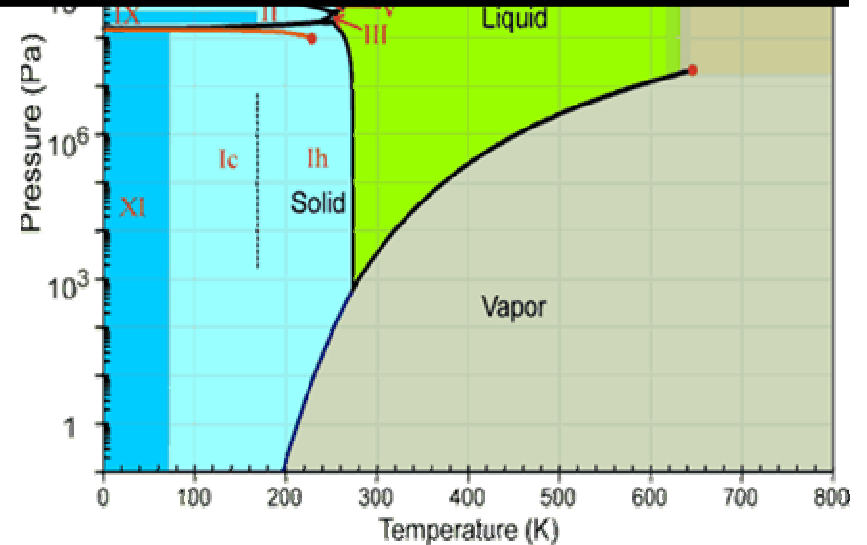
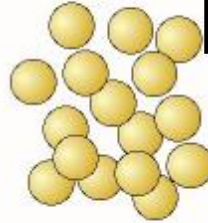
Solid

=> liquid => gas



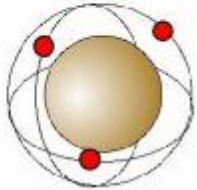
$T \approx 300^\circ\text{K}$
(ambient)

$E \approx 0.03 \text{ eV}$



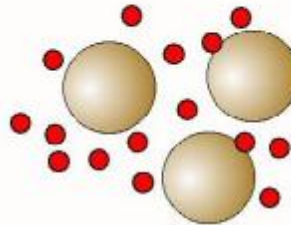
Atoms

=> plasma (ions, electrons)



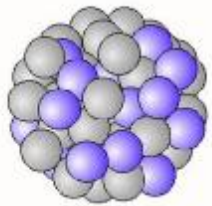
$T \approx 10.000^\circ\text{K}$
(sun surface)

$E \approx 1 \text{ eV}$



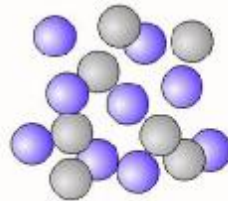
Nuclei

=> nucleons (protons, neutrons)



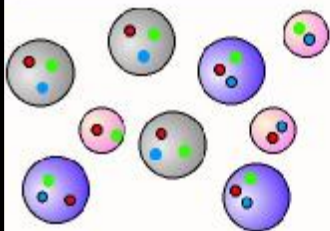
$T \approx 60 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$
(supernova core)

$E \approx 5 \text{ MeV}$



Nucleons

=> partons (quarks, gluons)



$T \approx 2 \times 10^{12} \text{ K}$
(10^5 x sun core)

$E \approx 200 \text{ MeV}$

