

Study of QCD matter with the ALICE detector FCPPN/L Report

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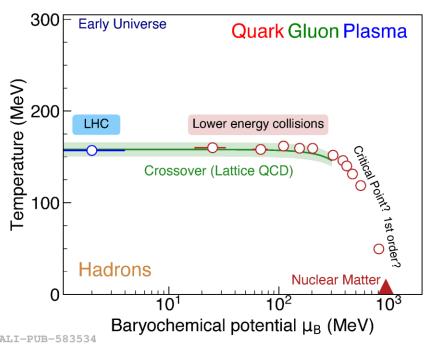
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Scientific context: the quark-gluon plasma (QGP)



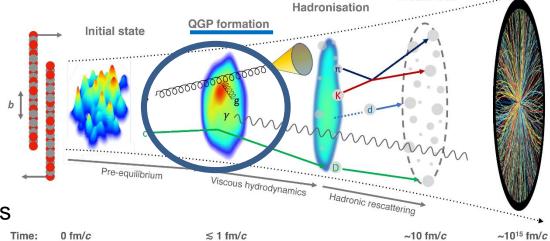
Quark-Gluon Plasma: state of strongly-interacting matter in which quarks and gluons are no more confined into hadrons



- QCD phase diagram: shows the phase transition via temperature vs. baryochemical potential
- Predicted by QCD, from Lattice QCD calculations:
 - Critical temperature: T_c ~ 155 MeV
 - Critical energy density: $\varepsilon_{\rm c} \sim 0.5 \, {\rm GeV/fm^3}$

❖ A QGP state can be created using ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions

- ❖ ALICE at the LHC:
 - Dedicated experiment for heavy-ion physics
 - Also, important physics program with small collision systems



The ALICE Collaboration





France (8 institutes)

CC-IN2P3, Lyon

IPHC, Strasbourg

LPSC, Grenoble Subatech, Nantes

IRFU, Saclay

LPCA, Clermont-Ferrand

IJCLAB, Orsay

IP2I, Lyon

164 institutes from 38 countries, 1897 members



- **China (11 institutes)**
- I IOPP-CCNU & GUC*, Wuhan
- ☐ CIAE, Beijing
- USTC, Hefei
- ☐ FUDAN, Shanghai
- HUST*, Wuhan
- **1** HBUT*, Hubei
- UCAS, Beijing
- ☐ IMP, Lanzhou
- ☐ SDU, Qingdao

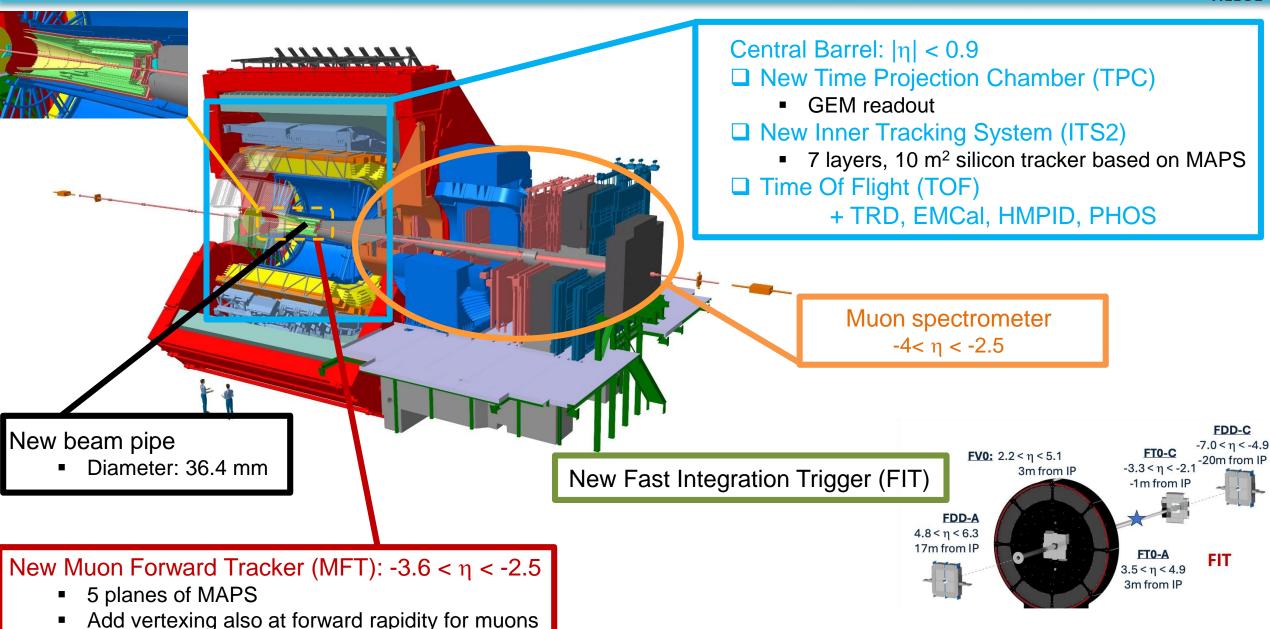
In ALICE as associate since July 18th, 2025

14 physicists, 3 post-docs, 40 PhDs, 27 Masters, 9 technical staff

35 physicists, 4 post-docs, 13 PhDs,44 technical staff, 17 invited

The ALICE detector in Run 3 (2022-2026)





ALICE data taking in Run 3 (and Run 4)



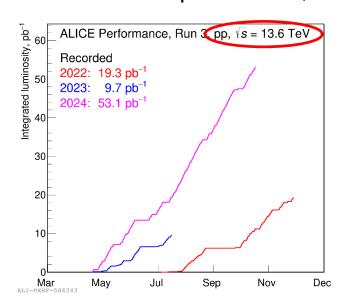
Run 1+2 (2009-2018)

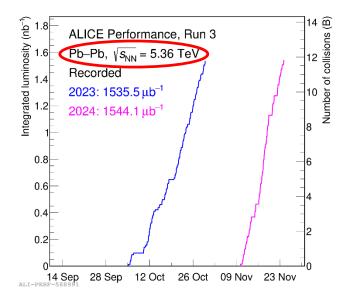
pp, p-Pb/Pb-p, Xe-Xe, Pb-Pb

Run 3 (2022-2026)

pp, Pb-Pb, pO, OO, Ne-Ne, p-Pb?

- ❖ In Run 3 and Run 4: continuous readout at high interaction rate
 - larger statistics collected compared to Run 1+2
- Interaction rate:
 - pp: ~600 kHz, software triggers to store only rare events
 - Pb-Pb: up to 50 kHz, all events kept





- ❖ 70 new Run 3 results approved for 2025 conferences
 - With significant contributions
 from FCPPN/L@ALICE

Selection of recent ALICE highlights: Yaxian Mao's talk

5000 billion MB, factor ~x1600 w.r.t. MB Run 1+2

Pb-Pb: 24 billion MB, factor ~ x70 w.r.t. MB Run 1+2

+ pp reference, pp (2025): 10.2 pb⁻¹, pO: 7.24 nb⁻¹, OO: 5.01 nb⁻¹, Ne-Ne: 0.87 nb⁻¹

Physics with ALICE



Heavy-ion collisions

- Properties of strongly-interacting matter at extreme conditions of temperature and energy density
- Characterisation of the QGP
 - Global properties
 - Transport properties
 - Hadronisation
- ❖ Influence of initial- and final-state effects on particle production

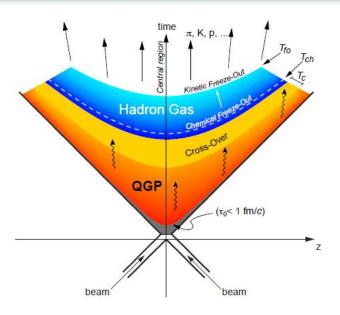
Small collision systems (pp, pA)

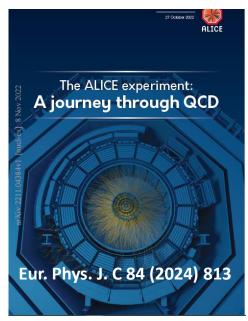
- * Reference for heavy-ion collisions and study of cold nuclear matter effects
- Test of QCD theory, production mechanisms
- QGP-like effects in high-multiplicity pp, pA
- Structure of hadrons, connections with other fields

Many results
in which
FCPPN/L@ALICE
is strongly
contributing,
see later &
next talks

Studies of Run 1-2 documented in

July 2025: 529 papers submitted





FCPPN-ALICE project: members



"Study of QCD matter with the ALICE detector"

France (7 institutes)

- ☐ IP2I, Lyon & CC-IN2P3, Lyon
- ☐ IJCLAB, Orsay
- ☐ IPHC, Strasbourg
- LPCA, Clermont-Ferrand
- LPSC, Grenoble
- Subatech, Nantes
- ☐ IRFU, Saclay

China (7 institutes)

- IOPP-CCNU
- ☐ GUC*, Wuhan
- ☐ CIAE, Beijing
- ☐ USTC, Hefei
- ☐ FUDAN, Shanghai
- ☐ HUST*, Wuhan
- ☐ HBUT*, Hubei

(3 new institutes may join in 2026)

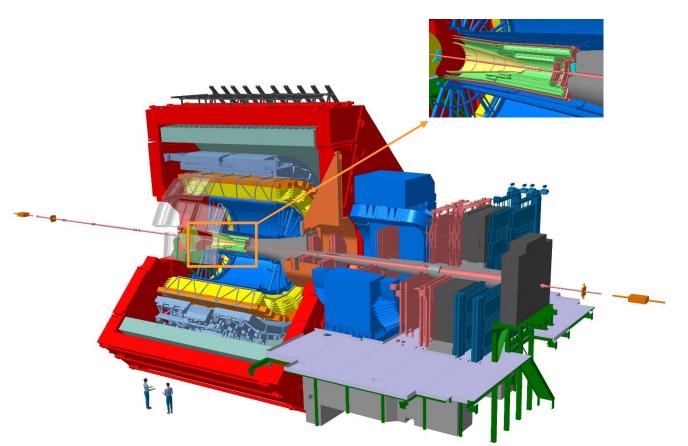
- 2025: 63 members
 - Was 36 members in 2009
 - Robust, continue growing
- ☐ Common contributions to several subprojects:
 - Muon spectrometer and MFT (Runs 3 and 4)
 - Calorimeters
 - ITS2 (Run 3)
 - Interest for ALICE 3 new project (under discussion)

French Group			Chinese Group		
Name	Status	Affiliation	Name	Status	Affiliation
	(PR, MCF,	(institute)		(PR, Ass.	(institute)
	DR, CR,			PR, Ing.,	
	IR/E, Postdoc,			Postdoc,	
	PhD)			PhD)	
Leader			Leader		
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			Xiaoming	PR	
			ZHOU Daicui		IOPP/CCNU
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Castillo Castellanos Javier	Physicist	IRFU	Yin Zhongbao	PR	IOPP/CCNU
Cheshkov Cvetan	DR	IN2P3/IP2I	Ma Yugang	PR	FUDAN
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ALICE France-China in FCPPL



Very strong cooperation program between the ALICE Chinese Cluster and French institutes since many years



- Data analysis
 - Hard probes: heavy flavours, jets
 - Photons, W/Z bosons
- ☐ Performance/quality check studies involving
 - Forward Muon spectrometer & MFT
 - ITS2
 - Calorimeters
- ☐ Offline, online, computing
- □ Hardware: R&D, production/installation, commissioning, operation
 - > Run 3: ITS2, MFT
 - > Run 5: ALICE 3 (in discussion)
- ☐ Present responsibilities:
 - Management Board, Conference Committee,
 Editorial Board, Physics Analysis Group,
 Physics Working Group, detectors & upgrades

Achievements



- ❖ Up to 7-8 bilateral visits /year of senior physicists and/or engineers/technicians
- 11 joint-PhD defenses since 2007
 - Now postdocs or permanent positions
- ❖ 3 postdoc exchanges since 2009
- ❖ ~ 24 internship Master exchanges



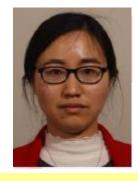
- Direct contribution in several publications (analysis, paper committee...)
- Numerous conference proceedings, internal analysis ALICE notes
- Numerous approved analysis results



Lang XU CCNU-IP2I (2024-2027)



Yanchun DING CCNU-IP2I Defense: 26 May 2025



Ran XU CCNU-LPSC Defense: 26 May 2025

2024-2025

- ❖ 2 co-PhD defenses in 2025
- ❖ 3 ongoing co-PhD financed by CSC
- 6 bilateral visits of senior physicists
- 2 internship Masters for 2025/2026
- ❖ New PhD student and postdoc exchanges in discussion for 2025 2nd semester & 2026



Maolin ZHANG CCNU-LPCA (2024-2027)



Yubiao WANG CCNU-CERN (2025-2027)

Scientific production: July 2024-2025 (I)



Peer-reviewed publications: 12

- Inclusive isolated-photon production cross section in pp and Pb—Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5.02 TeV, by the ALICE Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 85 (2025) 553 (**G. Conesa Balbastre et al.**)
 - Supplementary public note, ALICE-PUBLIC-2024-003
 - o Isolated photons in Pb—Pb collisions with ALICE, CERN EP newsletter article, issue April 2025
- Inclusive isolated-photon production in pp collisions at \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV", by the ALICE Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 85 (2025) 98 (**R. Xu et al.**)
 - Isolating photons at low Bjorken x, CERN Courier Story, issue Jan/Feb 2025
- Multiplicity dependence of Υ production at forward rapidity in pp collisions at \sqrt{s} 13 TeV, Nucl. Phys. B 1011 (2025) 11678 (**Y. Ding et al.)**
- Beauty production via non-prompt charm hadron in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5.02 TeV, JHEP 11 (2024) 148 (**X. Peng, M. Zhang et al.**)
- Azimuthal anisotropy of jet particles in p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5.02 TeV, JHEP 08 (2024) 234 (**S.Tang et al.)**
- The ALICE experiment: a journey through QCD, Eur. Phys. J. C 84 (2024) 813
- $\Omega_c^{\ 0}$ baryon production and branching-fraction ratio BR $(\Omega_c^{\ 0} \to \Omega e^+ v_e)$ / BR $(\Omega_c^{\ 0} \to \Omega^- \pi^+)$, Phys. Rev. D (2024) 032014 (**Z. Yin et al**.)
- Medium-induced yield enhancement and acoplanarity broadening of low- p_T jets in pp and central Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 133 (2024) 022301 (Y. Hou et al.)
- Jet quenching using semi-inclusive hadron+jet distributions in pp and central Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5.02 TeV, Phys. Rev. C 110 (2024) 014906 (**Y. Hou et al.**)

❖ Papers in preparation (under ALICE review): 3

- Transverse momentum fraction of strange particles in mini-jets in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV (**Lang Xu**)
- Charmonium production pp collisions at \sqrt{s} = 13.6 TeV (Xiaozhi Bai, Lorenzo Mattei, Yuan Zhang)
- Semi-inclusive recoil jets via hadron-jet correlations in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV (**Yongzhen Hou, Yaxian Mao**)

Conference proceedings: 4

- Maolin Zhang @ SQM2024, Xiaozhi Bai @ HP2024, Victor Valencia Torres @ ICHEP 2024, Moriond 2025
- Many Run 3 results approved as performance and/or preliminary

Scientific production: July 2024-2025 (II)

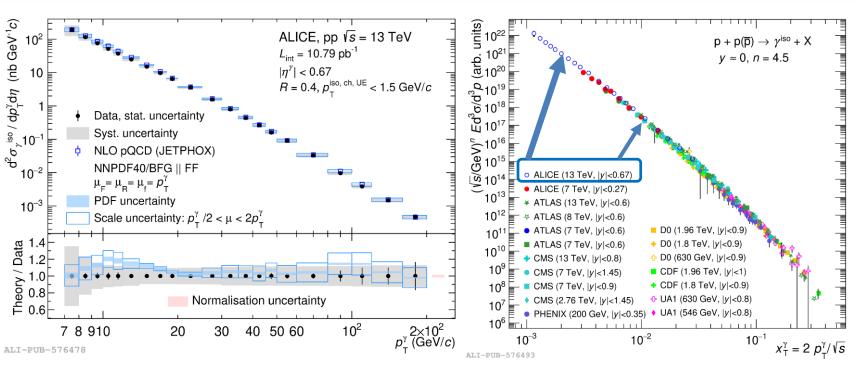


- ICHEP 2024 (17-24 July, 2024, Prague, Czechia): Victor Valencia Torres, Yaxian Mao
- International Muon Workshop (1-5 July 2025): Maolin Zhang
- Hard Probes 2024 (23-27 Sept. 2024, Nagasaki, Japan): Xiaozhi Bai, Gustavo Conesa Balbastre, Wenhui Feng (poster), Aimeric Landou
- CERN EP seminar (21 Jan. 2025): Gustavo Conesa Balbastre
- Workshop on Advances, Innovations, and Future Perspectives in High-Energy Nuclear Physics (19-24 Oct. 2024, Wuhan, China): Xiaozhi Bai, Nicole Bastid, Gustavo Conesa Balbastre, Maurice Coquet, Xiaomei Li, Antonin Maire, Diego Stocco, Antonio Uras, Mingrui Zhao, Zhongbao Yin, Daicui Zhou
- 15th FCPPN/L workshop (10-14 June 2024, Bordeaux, France): Xiaozhi Bai, Nicole Bastid, Gustavo Conesa Balbastre, Yongzhen Hou, Xiaomei Li, Antonio Uras, Maolin Zhang, Xiaoming Zhang
- USTC-PNP-Nuclear Physics Mini Worskshop Series (Sept. 29, 2024, Hefei, China): Yongzhen Hou
- 10th China LHC Physics Conference (14-17 Nov. 2024, Qingdao, China): Yongzhen Hou
- Quark Matter 2025 (6-12 April, 2024, Frankfurt, Germany): Lang Xu (poster), Yubiao Wang (poster), Victor Valencia Torres (poster), Wenhui Feng (poster)
- Hot quarks 2025 (11-17 May, 2025, Hefei, China): Yubiao Wang
- Rencontres de Moriond (30 March-6 April 2025, Moriond, Italy): Victor Valencia Torres
- LHCP 2025 (5-9 May, 2025, Taipei, Taiwan): Mingyu Zhang
- **EPS-HEP 2025** (7-11 July, 2025, Marseille, France): Emilie Barreau, Antonin Maire, Maolin Zhang (poster)
 - ~30 talks by students, permanent members in international conferences and workshops including HP2024, ICHEP2024, Moriond2025, LHCP2025, EPS-HEP2025
 - + many presentations in weekly ALICE Physics Analysis Group meetings & monthly ALICE Physics Working Group meetings, ALICE Physics Forum, ALICE Physics Week

Organisation of the "Workshop on Advances, Innovations, and Future Perspectives in High-Energy Nuclear Physics" (19-24 Oct. 2024, Wuhan)

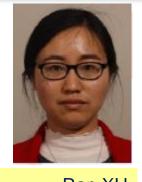
Isolated direct photon production





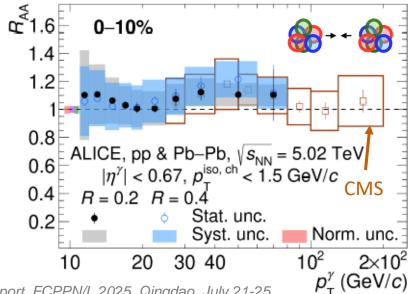
Eur. Phys. J. C 85 (2025) 98 & CERN courier story, issue Jan./Feb. 2025

- Isolated direct photon production cross section in a wide p_T range and down to low p_{T}
 - ➤ In agreement with NLO pQCD (JETPHOX) calculations
 - \diamond In line with ATLAS and CMS measurements performed at much higher p_T
- Lowest x_T at midrapidity from $10^{-3} \sim 10^{-1}$
 - > Additional constraints to the gluon PDF at low Bjorken-x
- ❖ Isolated photons not modified by QGP ($R_{AA} \sim 1$ in Pb-Pb)
 - Candle/calibrated probes



Ran XU **CCNU-LPSC** Defense: 26 May 2025 Supervisors: Y. Mao/G. Conesa Balbastre

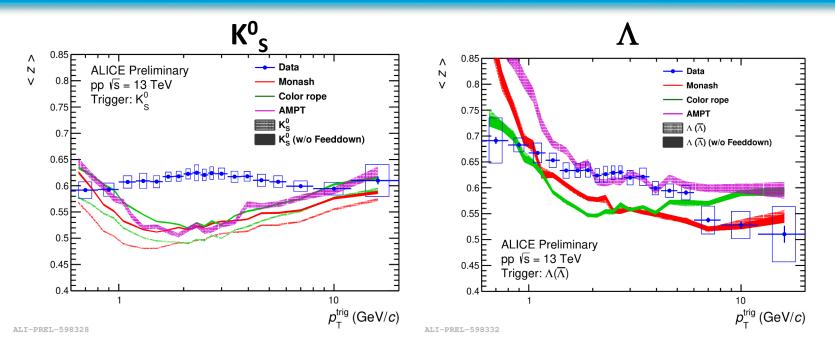
ALICE Eur. Phys. J. C 85 (2025) 553 CMS: JHEP 07 (2020) 116



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p_{T} fraction of strange baryons & mesons in mini-jets in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV







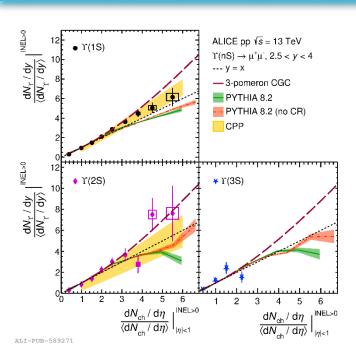
Lang XU
CCNU-IP2I (CSC)
(2024-2027)
Supervisors:
X. Zhang/C. Cheshkov

- First measurement of the mean p_T fraction (<z>) vs p_T for K^0_S and Λ produced in mini-jets in pp collisions using a novel technique based on angular correlations between strange hadrons and charged hadrons
- ❖ Different trends at low/intermediate p_T for K^0_S and Λ
 - Different hadronisation for strange mesons and baryons
- \diamond Results in the low/intermediate p_T region: a challenge for models
- ❖ Publication in preparation, under ALICE review
- ❖ Next step: move to Run 3 with the measurement of multi-strange particles

More: Lang Xu Thurday, July24th, 15:30-15:50

Quarkonium measurements with ALICE





Yanchun DING co-PhD CCNU-IP2I Defense: May 26th, 2025 Supervisors: X. Zhang/B.Cheynis-A. Uras Now Postdoc in CMs at SCNU



Interplay between soft and hard processes

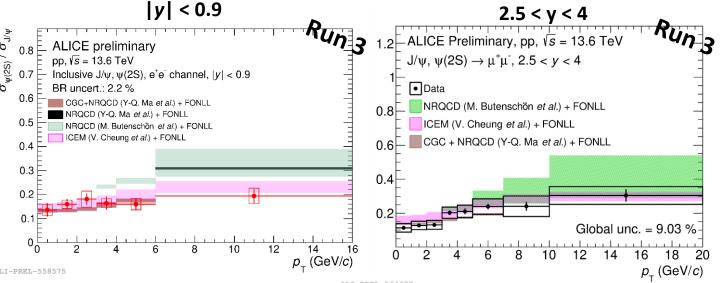
Nucl. Phys. B 1011 (2025) 116786







Xiaozhi Bai **USTC**



- $\sigma(\psi (2s)/\sigma(J/\psi)$ ratio similar at both forward and midrapidity
- In agreement with models within uncertainties at forward y
- Some tension with NRQCD at midrapidity
- Paper under ALICE review

More: Xiaozhi Bai Thurday, July24th, 14:10-14:30

Heavy-flavour lepton measurements in Run 3



- Charm & beauty quarks produced in initial hard scatterings
 - > Heavy-flavour hadrons & decay particles: excellent probes to characterise the QGP
 - ➤ In pp collisions: reference for pA, AA but not only: test of QCD theory, production mechanisms, study QGP-like effects...



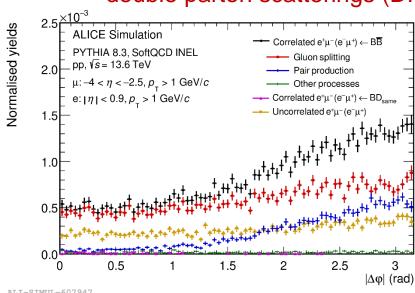
❖ Associated production of electrons and muons from heavy-flavour hadron decays in ALICE

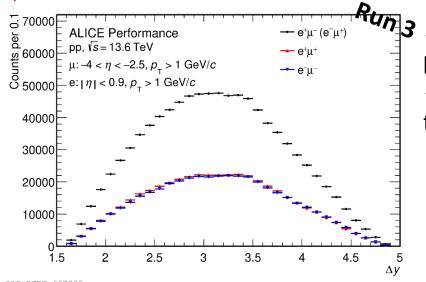
➤ Interesting probe for measuring the correlated charm/beauty production in a *y* region between Central Barrel and muon arm

Maolin ZHANG
CCNU-LPCA
(2024-2027)
Supervisors: X. Zhang/N. Bastid

> New insights on production mechanisms and the role of multi-parton interactions

 Study the relative contributions of single parton scatterings (SPS) and double parton scatterings (DPS)





- Uncorrelated contribution small for beauty signal
- ❖ Unique $|\Delta y|$ reach at the LHC, up to $|\Delta y|$ ~5

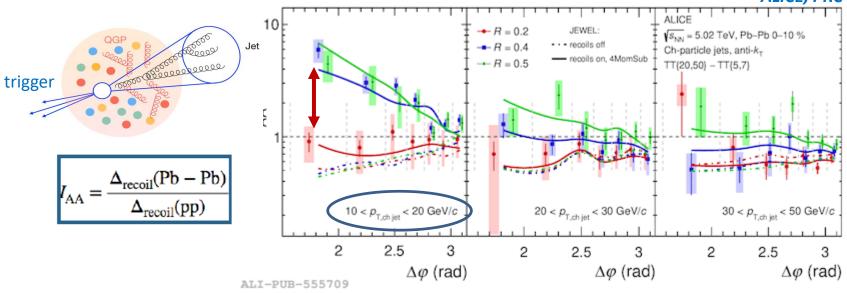
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Hadron-jet correlations in pp, p-Pb & Pb-Pb collisions

- \clubsuit Semi-inclusive distributions of charged-particle jets recoiling from a high- p_T charged hadron measured in pp, p-Pb and central Pb-Pb collisions and compared via the I_{AA} ratio
 - > Probe medium-induced jet energy loss, intra-jet broadening, in-medium jet scattering and medium response
 - \triangleright Low- p_T reach: unique space phase for studying interaction of jets with the QGP

ALICE, PRL 133 (2024) 022301 ALICE, PRC 110 (2024) 014906



Yongzhen HOU CCNU-IPHC, 2021-2024 Supervisors: Y. Mao/C.Kuhn April 2025: CGU & GSI



Yubiao WANG CCNU-CERN (CSC), 2025-2027 Supervisor: Y. Mao

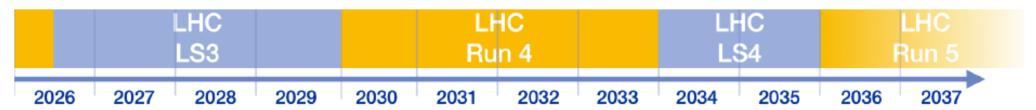
First observation of significant medium-induced yield enhancement and acoplanarity broadening of low- p_T jets in Pb-Pb, while $I_{AA} \sim 1$ in p-Pb (publication in preparation)

More: Xiaoming Zhang Thurday, July24th, 14:30-14:50

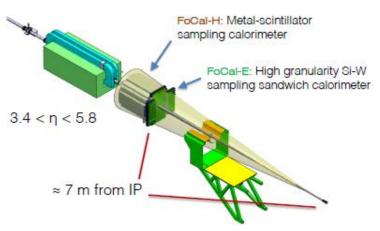
❖ Ongoing (**Run 3**): charged-jet *v*₂ in Pb-Pb (Yubiao Wang)

ALICE upgrades

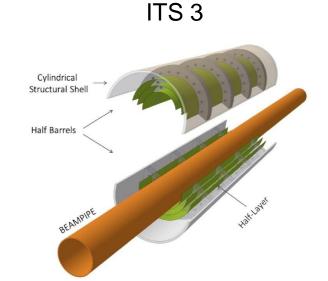




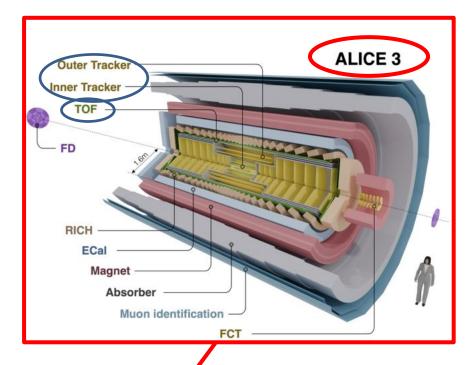




TDR: CERN-LHCC-2024-004



TDR: CERN-LHCC-2024-003



Lol: CERN-LHCC-2022-009

Scoping Doc.: CERN-LHCC-2025-002

Zhongbao Yin, Friday, July 25th, 9:00-9:25 Antonio Uras, Friday, July 25th, 9:25-9:45 *in discussion for ALICE 3 in both institutes from China & France

Conclusion



Solid China-France cooperation via the FCPPN in the ALICE scientific program with a recognised visibility within ALICE and at international level

- ☐ Strong contribution to data taking, data analysis and performance studies
 - Excellent contributions of students
 - Significant contributions to scientific production
 - Many talks in conferences
- Important contributions to ALICE upgrades: detector and software developments
- □ Numerous Run 3 analyses ongoing: more to come soon, stay tuned!

Continue to extend the collaboration in more and more common activities

Need to strengthen manpower (new student/postdoc exchanges & short stay physicists) and funding!

Huge statistics already collected for pp and Pb-Pb collisions and recenty for pO, OO, Ne-Ne interesting opportunities beyond Run 4 with ALICE 3 project

Timetable of ALICE session

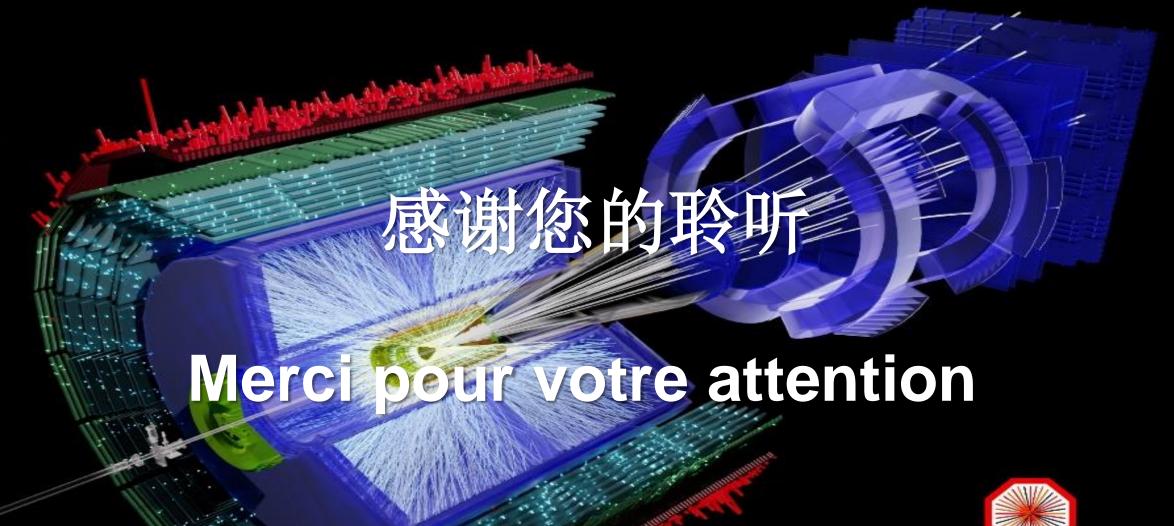


Thursday, July 24

	ALICE Report of FCPPN/L project	Nicole BASTID
	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	11:25 - 11:45
	Overview of recent ALICE highlights	Yaxian MAO
12:00	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	11:45 - 12:10
	Critical fluctuations and correlations of quark spin near CEP	Haolei CHEN
14:00	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	13:45 - 14:10
	Vector meson spin alignment measurements with ALICE	Xiaozhi BAI
	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	14:10 - 14:30
	Jet physics with ALICE	Xiaoming ZHANG
	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	14:30 - 14:50
	Physics analysis activities at ALICE-CIAE group	Mingrui ZHAO
15:00	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	14:50 - 15:10
	Heavy-flavour lepton measurements with ALICE in Run 3	Maolin ZHANG
	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	15:10 - 15:30
	Transverse momentum fraction of strange hadrons in mini-jets in pp collisions	Lang XU
	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	15:30 - 15:50

Friday, July 25

09:00	The ALICE3 Upgrade Project	Zhongbao YIN
	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	09:00 - 09:25
	Physics programme with ALICE 3	Antonio URAS
	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	09:25 - 09:45
	Research and Application of Detectors and Electronics at CIHENP	Xiaomei LI
10:00	Rose Hall (on the first floor), Haitian Grand Theatre Hotel, Qingdao	09:45 - 10:10





Backup slides



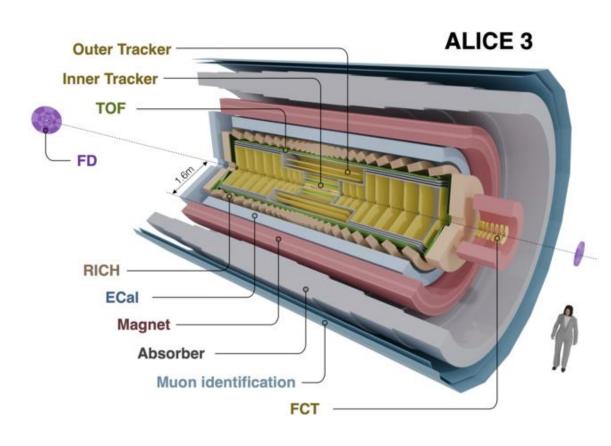
FCPPN/L ALICE Project 2025



- funding from France. Total: XXXX Euros
 - travel costs for French Physicists to the FCPPN/L workshop (4 persons)
 - travel costs for the PhD defense of Ran Xu (1 person)
 - stay costs for a visit of 1 Chinese physicist in France
 - stay costs for 1 month-postdoc visit at LPCA
 - stay costs for 2 Chinese master-II students in France (postponed to 2026)
- funding from China. Total: XXXXX Yuan
 - travel costs for Chinese physicists, technicians & students in France
 - stay costs for French physicists in Jinan & Wuhan
 - stay costs for Chinese physicists in France
- concern: the reduction of the French budget (14 000 Euros attributed for a request of 42 200 Euros) strongly affects the future collaboration →

Upgrade for Run 5: ALICE 3





Detector

- Compact and low mass all-silicon tracker
- ❖ Retractable vertex detector
- ❖ Large acceptance |η| < 4
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- ❖ PID (TOF, RICH, MID, Ecal) over a wide p_T range
- ***** Excellent pointing precision: $\sim 3\mu m$ at $p_T > 3$ GeV/c

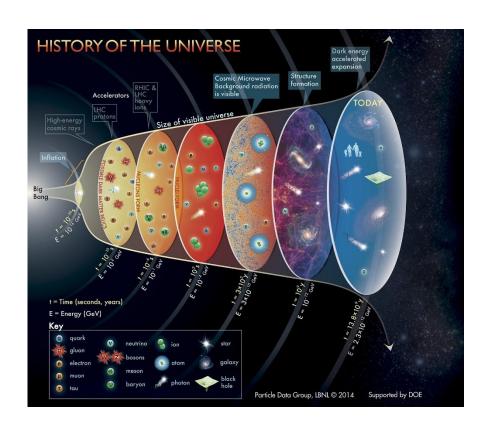
Key physics motivations

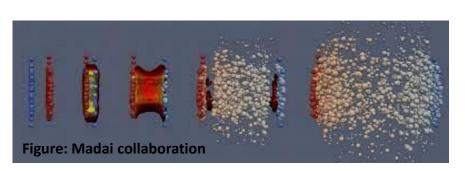
- Early stage temperature with dielectrons
- Properties and hadronisation of the QGP with (multi) heavy-flavour hadrons
- Fundamental aspects of QCD phase transition

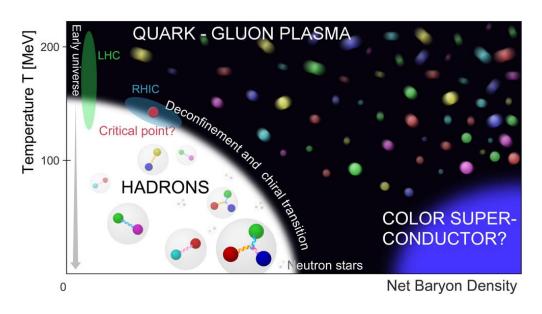
LoI: CERN-LHCC-2022-009

Scoping Doc.: CERN-LHCC-2025-002

Scientific context: the quark-gluon plasma (QGP)





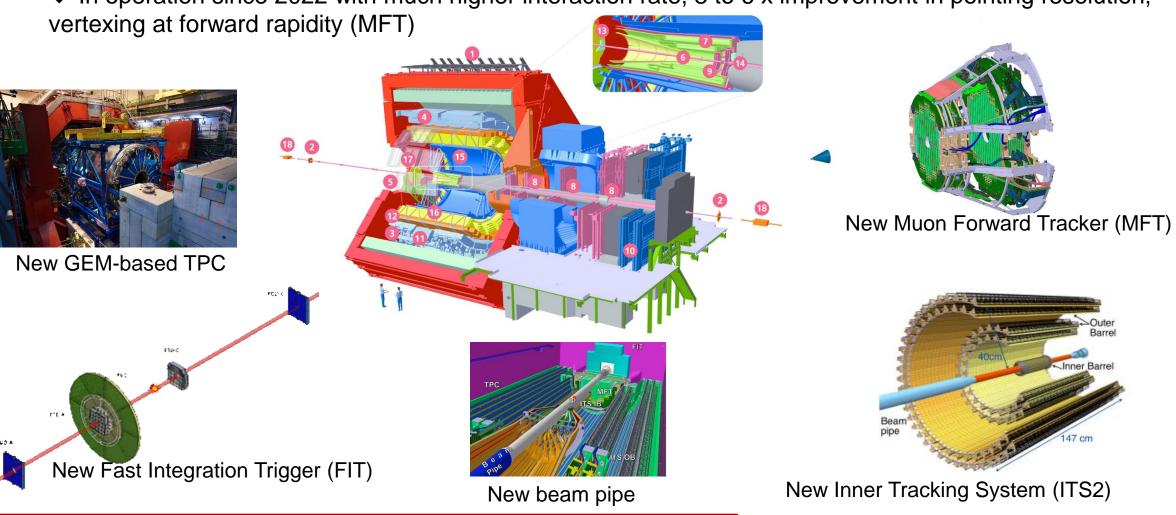


- ☐ Study the properties of nuclear matter at extreme conditions of temperature and energy density
 - Deconfined state of matter: quark-gluon plasma (QGP)
 - Predicted by QCD: $T_c \sim 155 \text{ MeV}$, $\varepsilon_c \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$
- ☐ A QGP state can be created using ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions
- □ ALICE at the LHC: dedicated experiment for heavy-ion physics

The new ALICE detector for Run 3 (2022-2025)



❖ In operation since 2022 with much higher interaction rate, 3 to 6 x improvement in pointing resolution,



Readout upgrade: MUON, TOF, TRD, ZDC, Calorimeters (continuous readout) Integrated Online-Offline system (O²)

More: ALICE upgrades during LS2, arXiv:2303.01238

Common contributions to the ALICE upgrade for Run 3



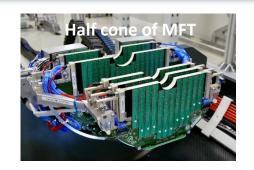
Involvements in the ITS upgrade and new MFT

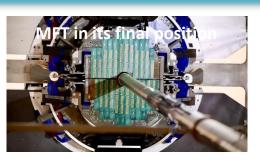
Technical aspects

- ☐ Contribution to the global readout electronics of MFT, Printed Circuit Boards (CCNU & IP2I)
 - > Design optimization, test and production
- ☐ Contribution to the new ITS for Run 3
 - ➤ Installation (Jan.-March, 2021): Yitao Wu, USTC and IPHC
- Contribution to ITS3 (Run 4) sensor characterization & qualification (Yitao Wu, with USTC and IPHC)
 - Development of run control and analysis tools,
 - > Participation to system installation and beam test (SPS, July 2021)

Physics performances for both upgraded ITS and MFT

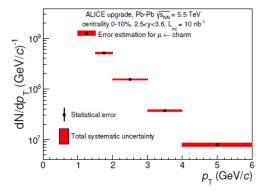
- ☐ Charm and beauty measurements via muons with MUON-MFT (LPC & CCNU)
- ☐ D-meson fragmentation function with new ITS for Run 3
- Now: moving to the preparation of the full analysis chain in O² for first pp collisions











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Heavy-flavour lepton measurements in Run 3



- Charm & beauty quarks produced in initial hard scatterings
 - > Heavy-flavour hadrons & decay particles: excellent probes to characterise the QGP
 - ➤ In pp collisions: reference for p-A, A-A but not only: test of QCD theory, production mechanisms...



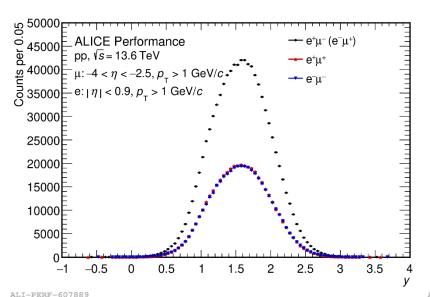
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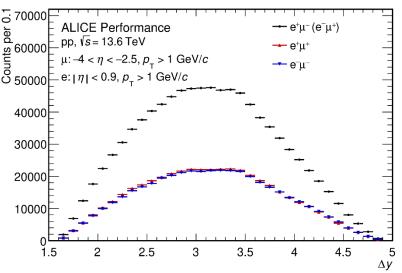
Supervisors: X. Zhang/N. Bastid

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(2024-2027)

- Associated production of electrons and muons from heavy-flavour hadron decays in ALICE:
 - ➤ Interesting probe of correlated charm/beauty production
 - > New insights on production mechanisms and the role of multi-parton interactions
 - Study the relative contributions of single parton scatterings (SPS) and double parton scatterings (DPS)
 - Relevant observables: |Δy|, Δφ





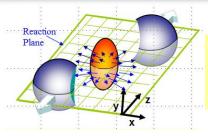
- Rapidity coverage between Central Barrel and muon arm
- ❖ Unique |∆y| reach at the LHC, up to $|\Delta y| \sim 5$

Maolin Zhang Thurday, July24th, 15:10-15:30

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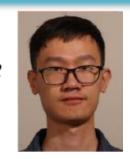
Jet-particle v_2 in p-Pb & Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV

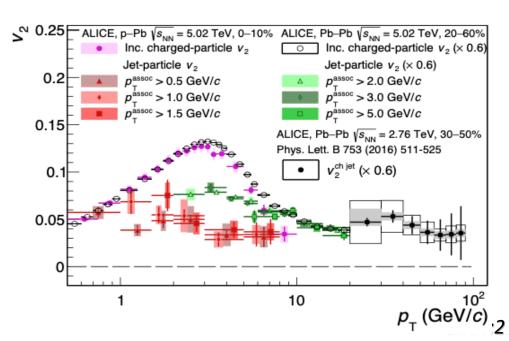


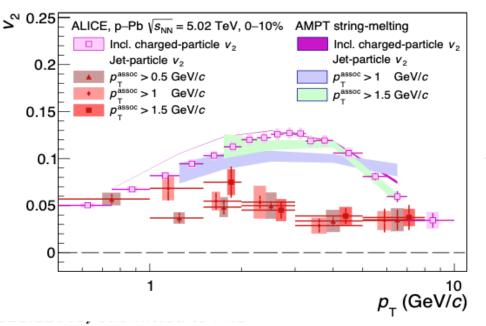


$$\frac{2\pi}{N} \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\varphi} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)]$$

Siyu Tang's PhD (CCNU Wuhan -LPC), funding CSC + LPC/IOPP-CCNU, defense: May 27th, 2022 Now lecturer at Wuhan Textile University







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- First measurement of the jet-particle v_2 in high-multiplicity (0-10%) p-Pb collisions and Pb-Pb collisions down to low p_T
- Significant positive v_2 in p-Pb collisions with almost no dependence on p_T
- \diamond AMPT calculations generate a positive v_2 for inclusive charged particles and jet particles in p-Pb collisions
 - Important role of parton interactions
- \diamond Crucial information about the origin of the jet-particle v_2 in p-Pb collisions and key constraints on theoretical calculations