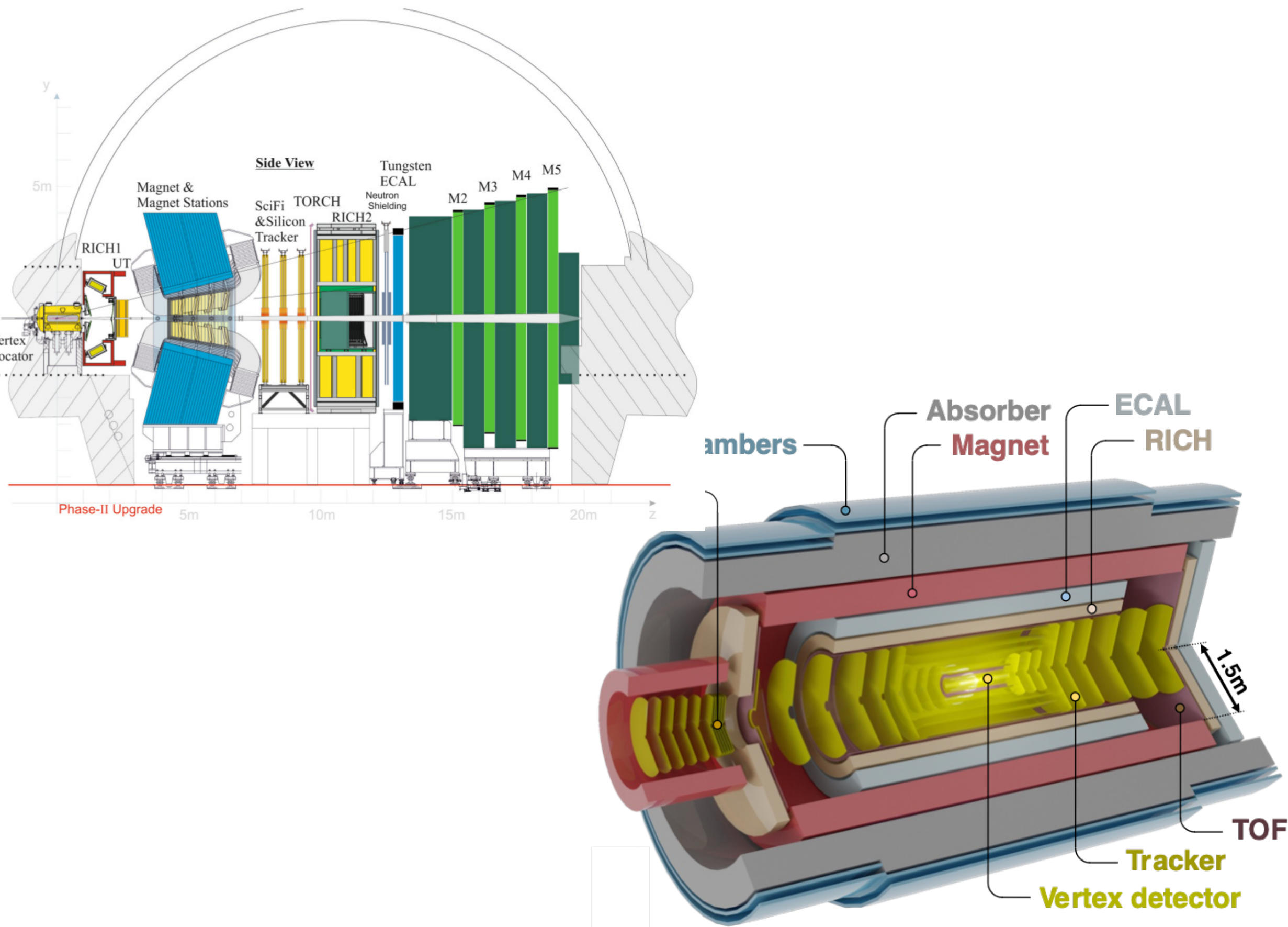


# LHC upgrades for heavy-ions for Run 5 and beyond (with a focus on ALICE 3)

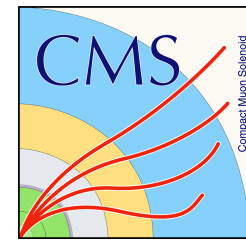
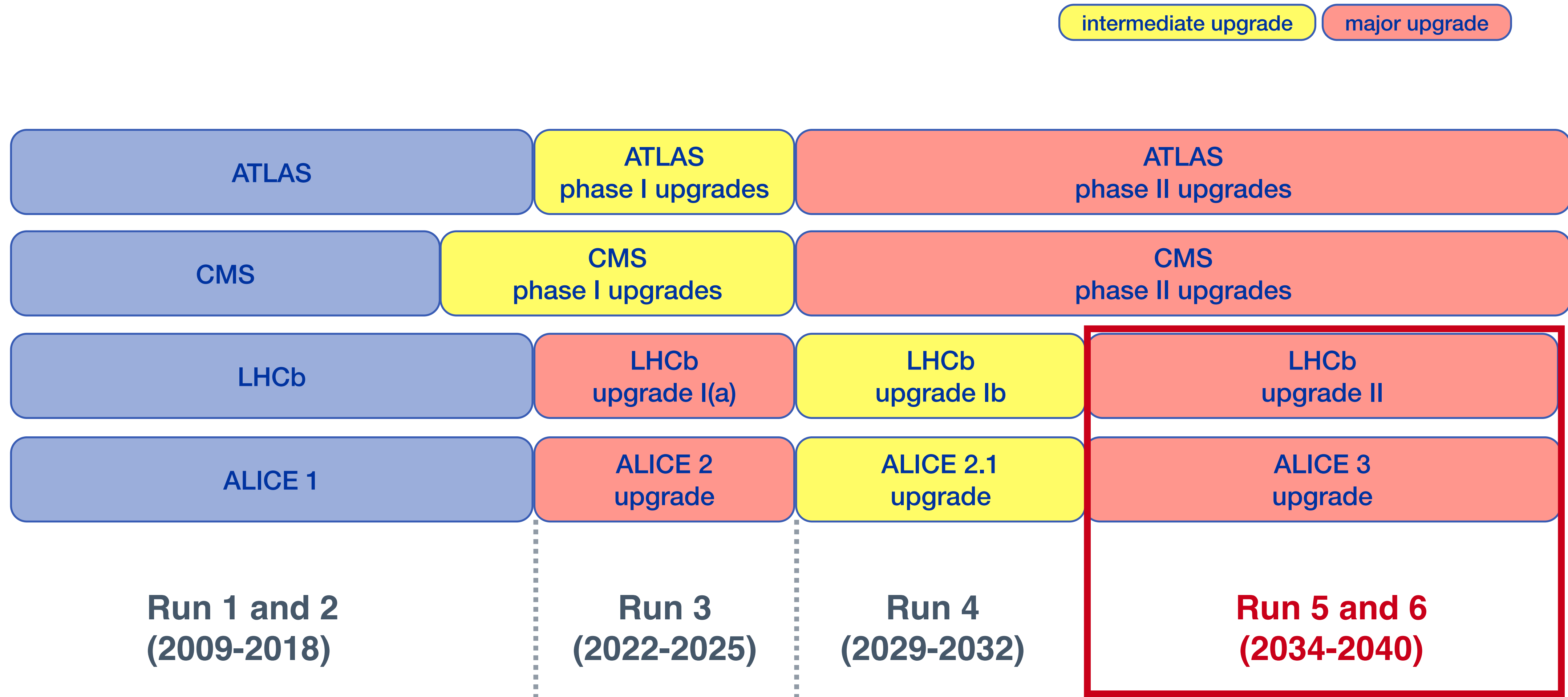
Gian Michele Innocenti (CERN)

Luciano Musa (CERN)


*With material from C. Parkes and J. Klein*



# Upgrade programs of LHC experiments



- *LHCb will implement a vast upgrade of its detector apparatus*
- *ALICE will be replaced by a brand new detector, ALICE3*

A large, dark blue circle is centered on the page. Inside the circle, the text "LHCb Phase II upgrade for Run 5 and 6" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered both horizontally and vertically.

**LHCb Phase II upgrade  
for Run 5 and 6**

# LHCb upgrade II for Run 5 and 6

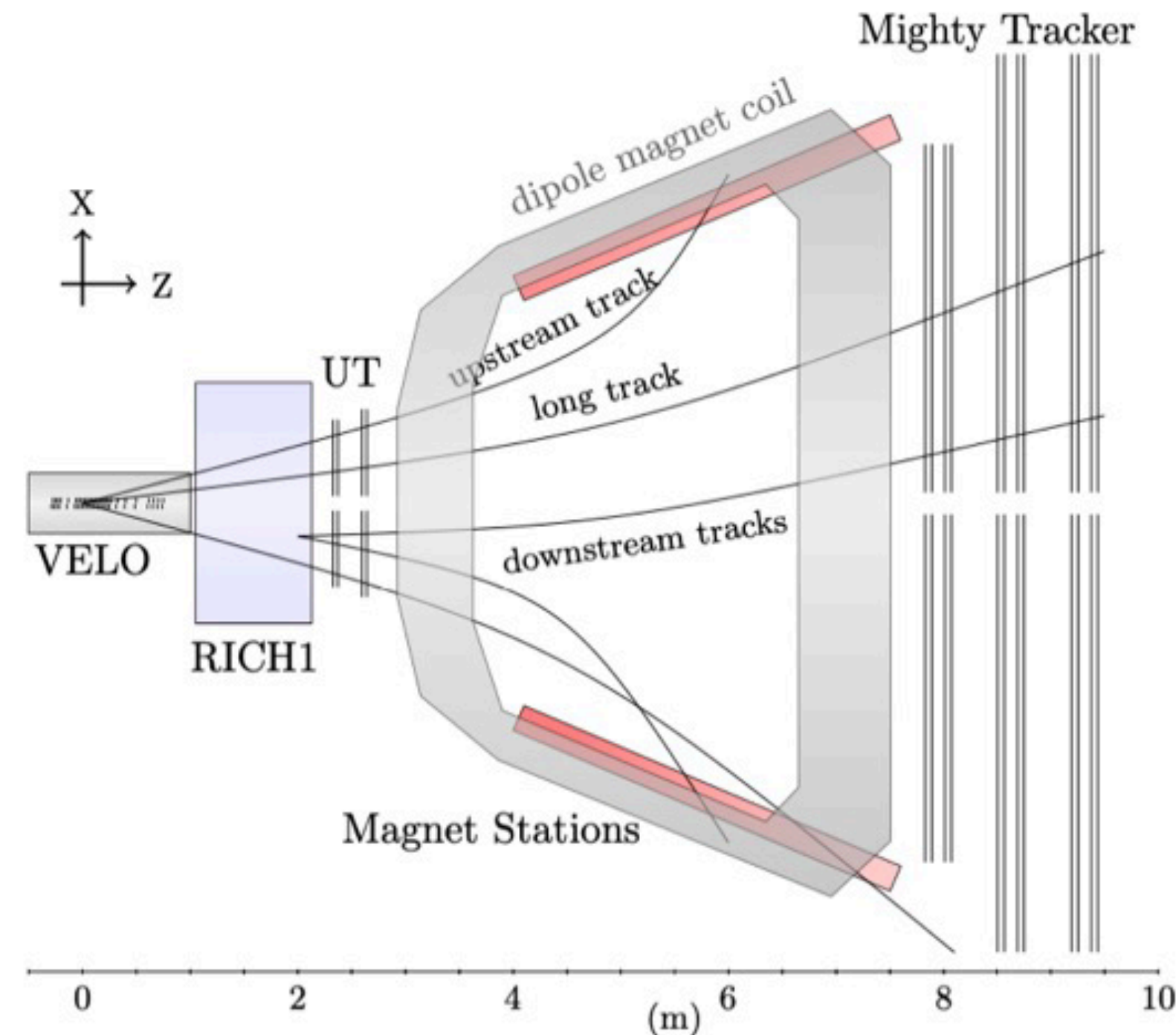
- peak luminosity in pp collisions of  $1.5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  with sizeable increase in radiation load ( $6 \cdot 10 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- **will allow LHCb to exploit its unique kinematic coverage also in central heavy-ion collisions**

## VELO:

- increased granularity and radiation hardness
- 4D tracking (with timing info) to “preserve” Run3/4 performance)

## Upstream Tracker (UT) and Mighty tracker (MT)

- high-granularity silicon pixels and scintillating fibres
- increased low- $p_T$  capabilities



## Online/offline data processing:

- towards 200 TB/s of data throughput

# LHCb upgrade II for Run 5 and 6

→ peak luminosity in pp collisions of  $1.5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  with sizeable increase in radiation load ( $6 \cdot 10 \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ )

→ **will allow LHCb to exploit its unique kinematic coverage also in central heavy-ion collisions**

## Quarkonium and open heavy flavour:

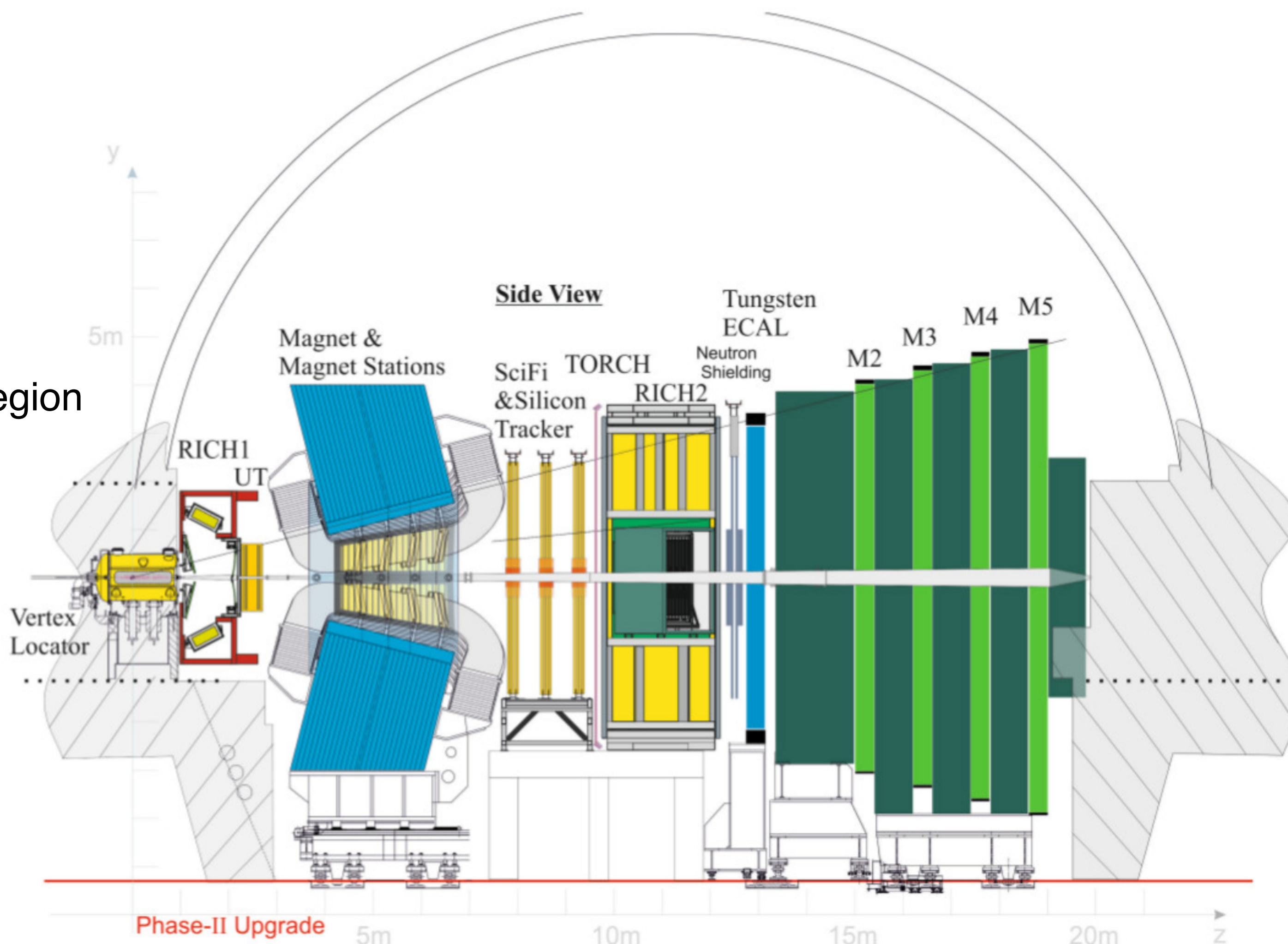
- $\Psi(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon$
- open charm and beauty mesons down to  $p_T = 0$
- P wave charmonium states, also for fixed target

## Dileptons and photons:

- dilepton spectrum in di-muon channel in the  $\rho$  mass region
- real photons through conversions

## Nuclear PDFs and saturation:

- low-x regime of QCD

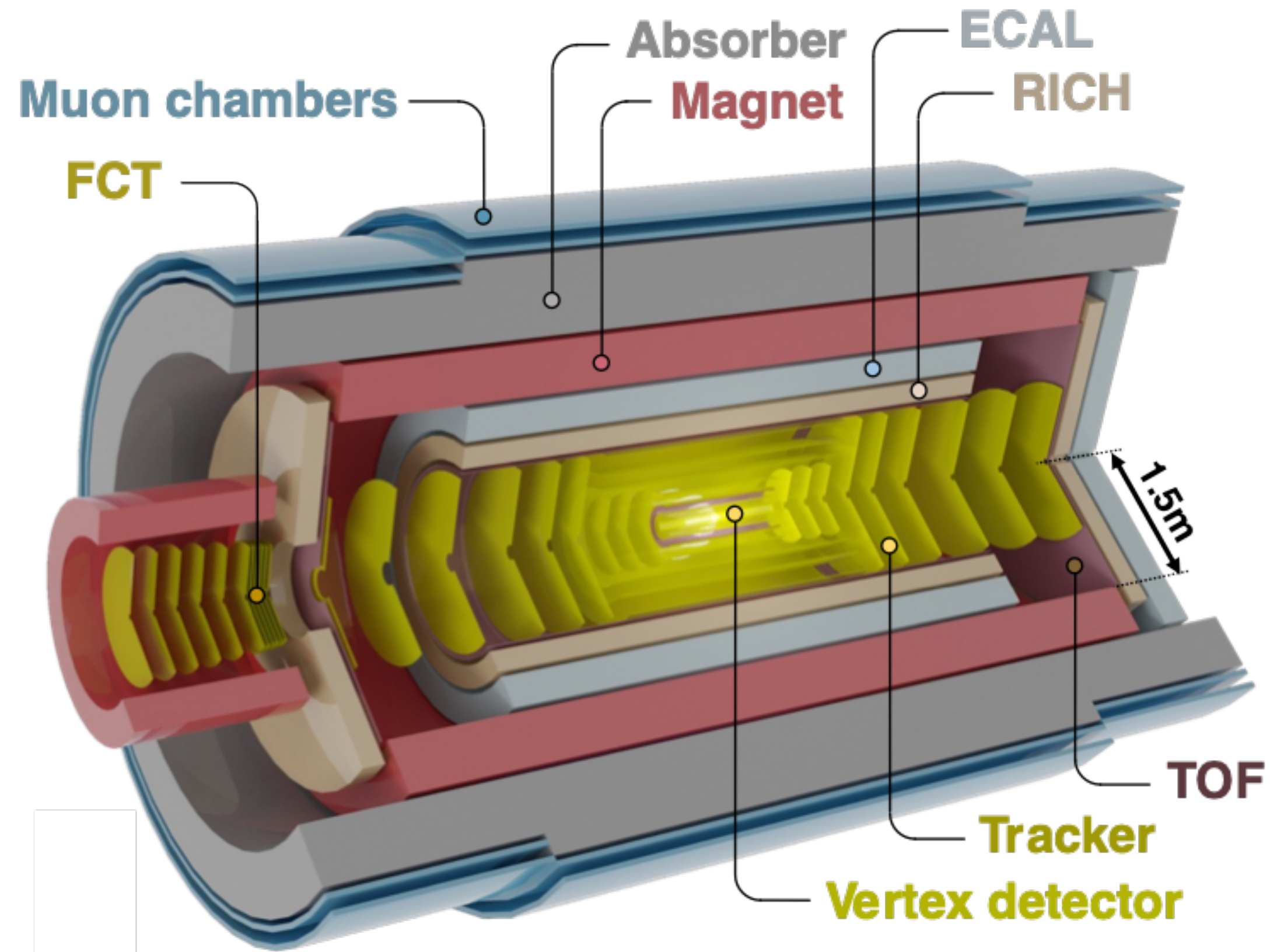




**ALICE 3 for Run 5 and 6:  
physics goals and  
performance**

# ALICE 3: A new heavy-ion experiment for the '30

**ALICE 3:** A high-rate, high-resolution, large coverage ( $|\eta| < 4$ ) heavy-ion experiment for **Run 5 and 6**



- 35 nb<sup>-1</sup> of PbPb (or ArAr/KrKr?) minimum bias
- 18 fb<sup>-1</sup> of pp minimum bias

**High resolution tracker + Time-of-Flight and RICH** over 8 pseudorapidity units

**“Low- $p_T$ ” muon detector:**

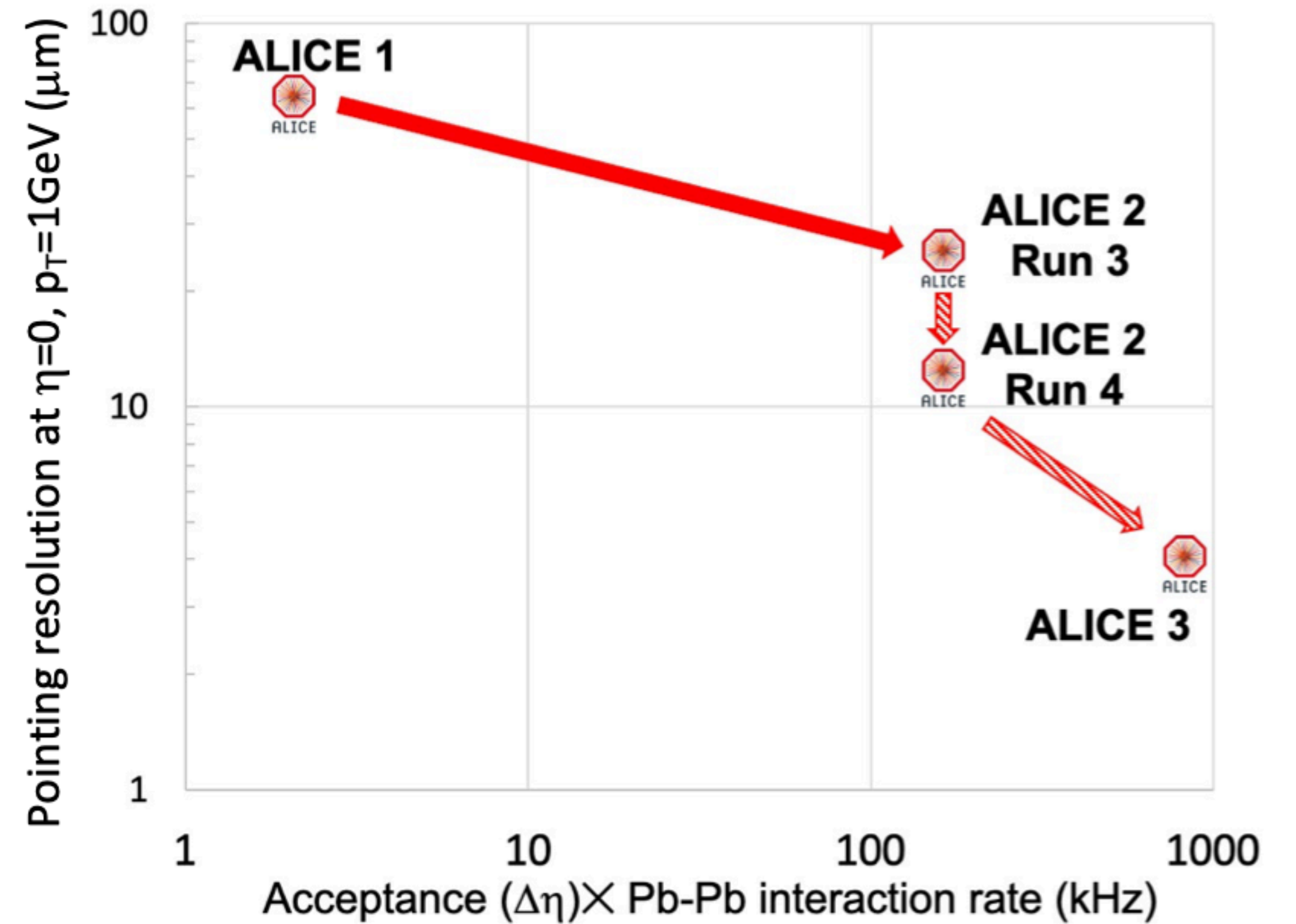
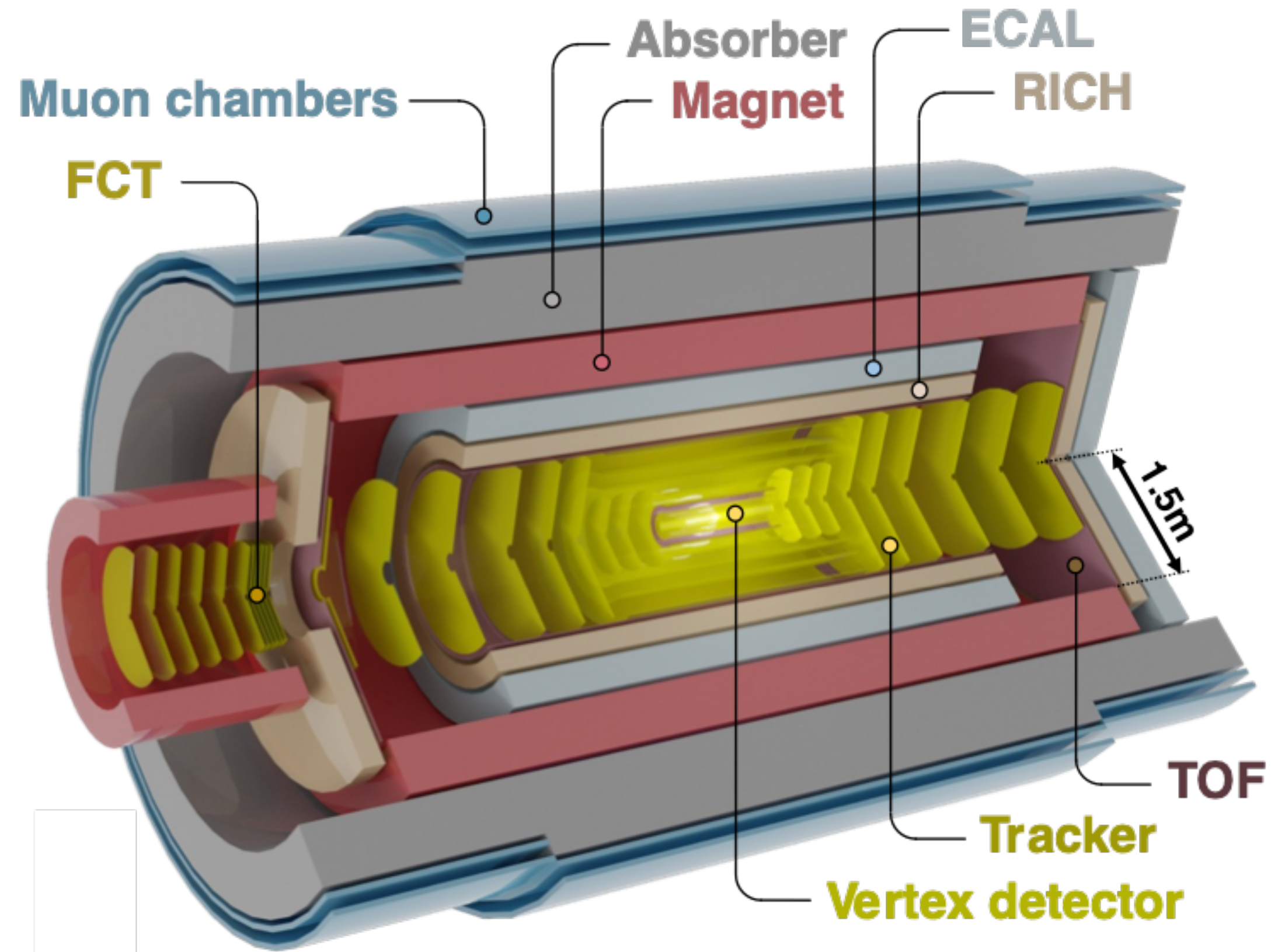
→ accessing  $J/\psi$  down to  $p_T=0$

**Calorimetry:**

- Electromagnetic calorimeter ( $1.5 < \eta < 4$ )
- Prospects for HCAL being discussed

# ALICE 3: A new heavy-ion experiment for the '30

**ALICE 3:** A high-rate, high-resolution, large coverage ( $|\eta| < 4$ ) heavy-ion experiment for Run 5 and 6

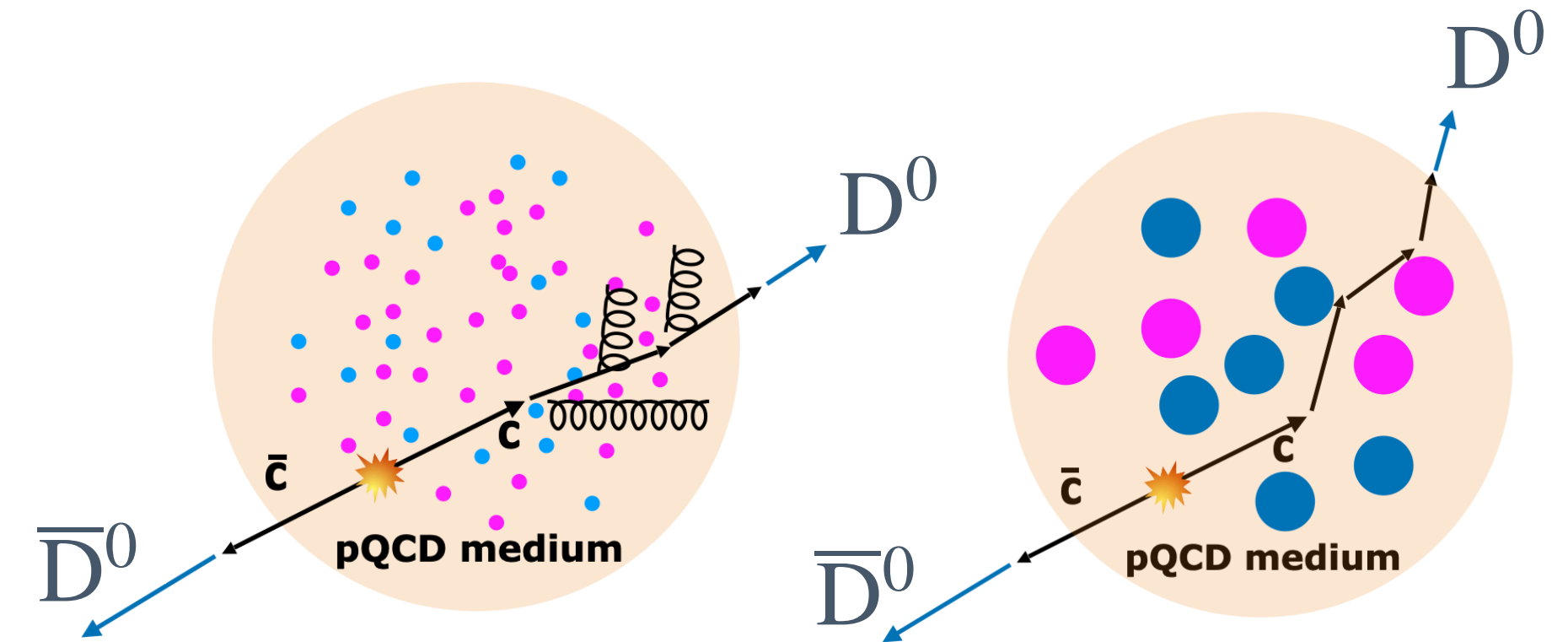




# Physics goals: making heavy-flavor physics “light”

## *Covered in this talk*

- Interactions with the QGP of highly energetic quarks and gluons
- quark thermalization and equilibration
- mechanisms of hadron formation in QCD?  
→ **multi-charm hadrons and heavy-flavour correlations**



- QGP temperature throughout its space-time evolution
- **mechanisms of chiral symmetry restoration** in the QGP?
- mechanisms of **hadron formation in QCD?**  
→ **precise measurements of low-mass dileptons**

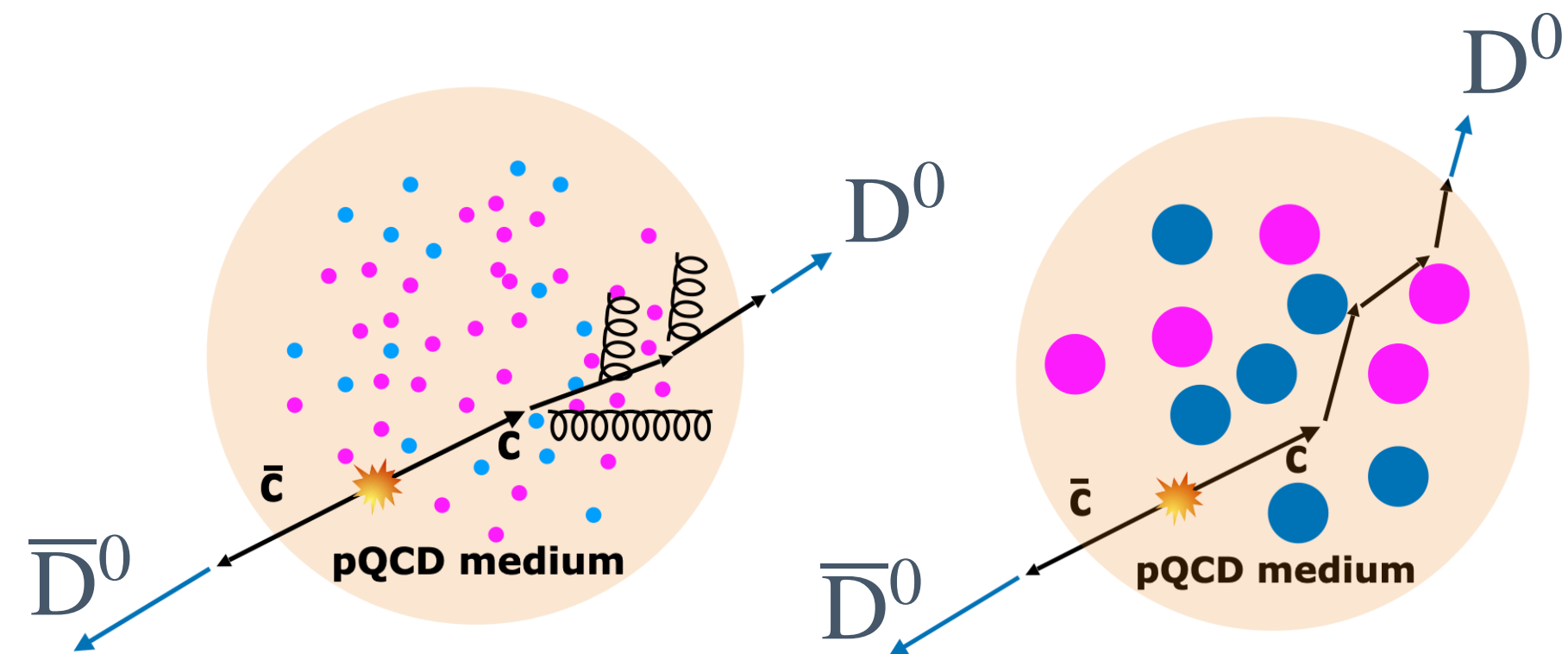
- QCD chiral phase structure → **fluctuations of conserved charges**
- Hadronic interaction potential → **hadron-hadron correlations**
- Formation of nuclei, hyper-nuclei and super nuclei

See [arXiv:2211.02491](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.02491) for a complete description

# Heavy-flavour correlations in HI collisions

M. Nahrgang, et al. [arXiv:1305.3823](https://arxiv.org/abs/1305.3823)  
S. Cao et al., *Phys. Rev. C* 92, 054909 (2015)  
T. Stavreva et al., *JHEP* vol. 2013, 72 (2013)

“Rutherford-like” experiment with  $D^0\bar{D}^0$  correlations

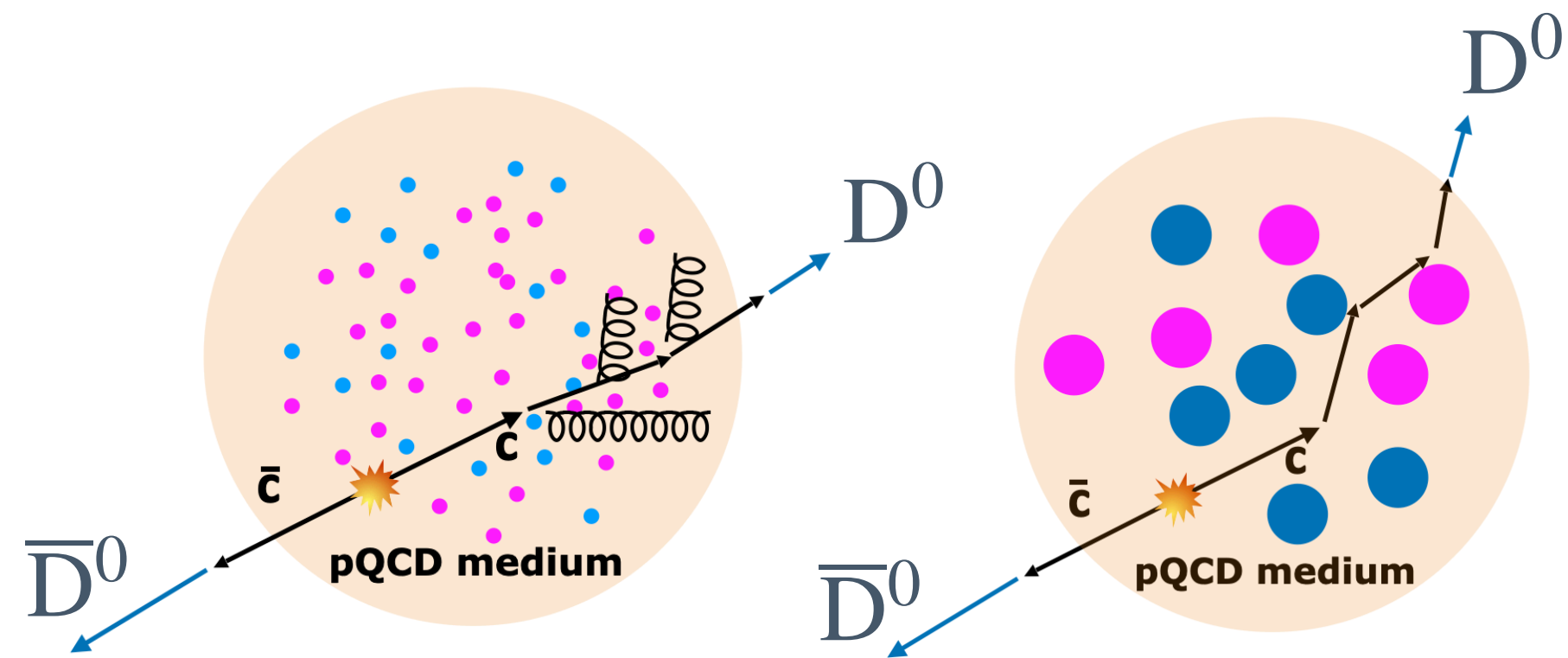


→ partonic “structure” of the hot medium

- Tracking and vertexing with  $\mu\text{m}$ -accuracy over  $|\eta| < 4$
- superconducting magnet with forward dipoles
- Hadron PID from low (TOF) to high  $p_T$  (Cherenkov)

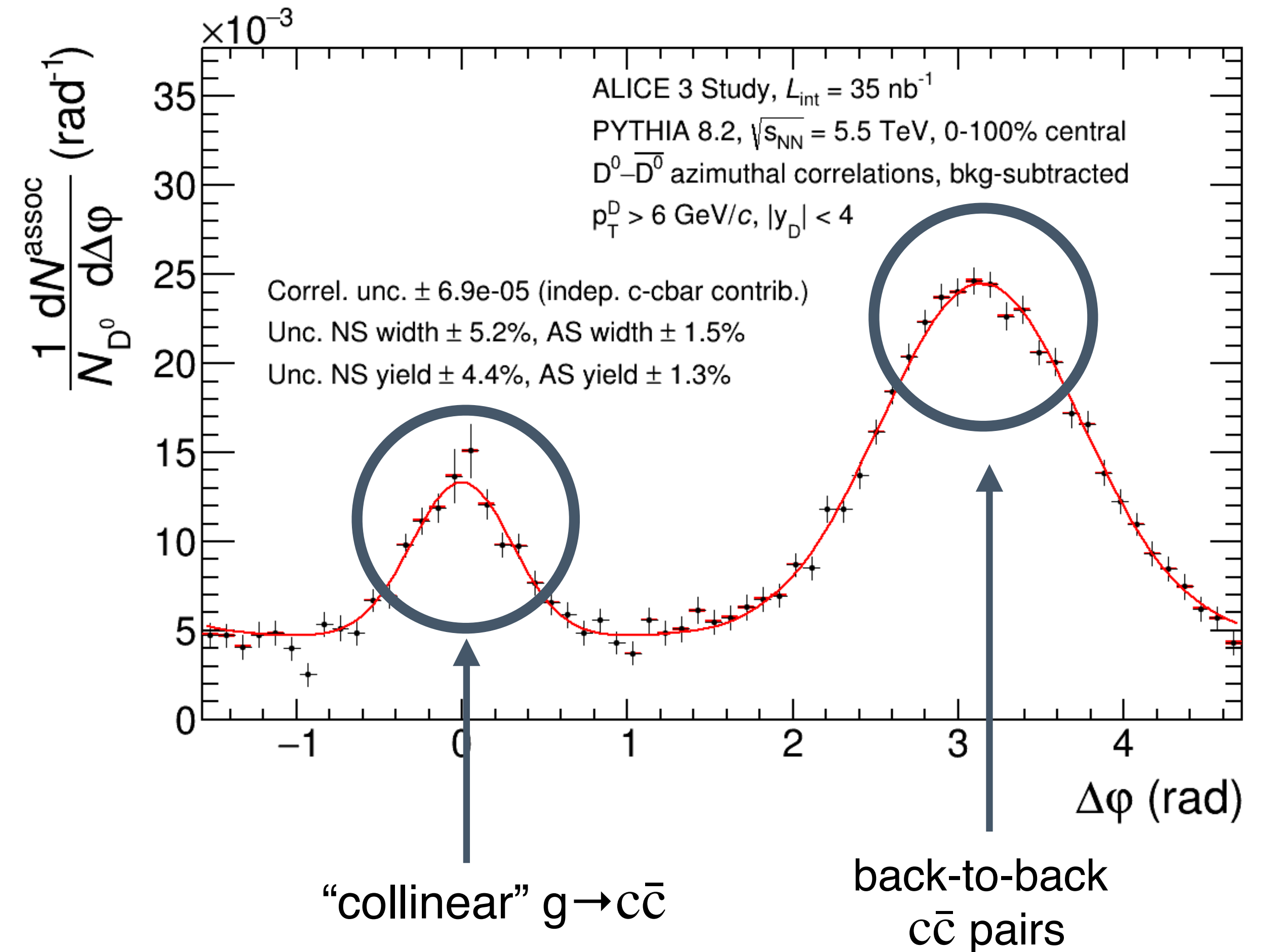
# Heavy-flavour correlations in HI collisions

“Rutherford-like” experiment with  $D^0\bar{D}^0$  correlations



→ partonic “structure” of the hot medium

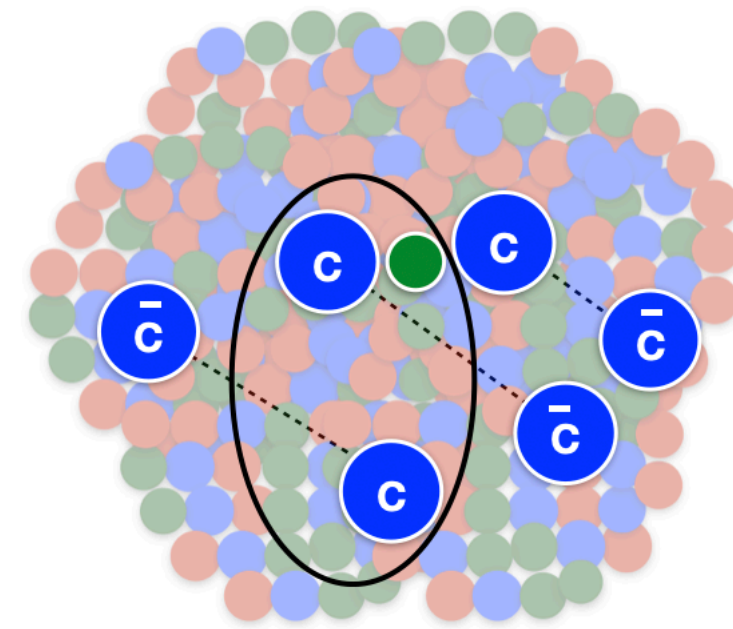
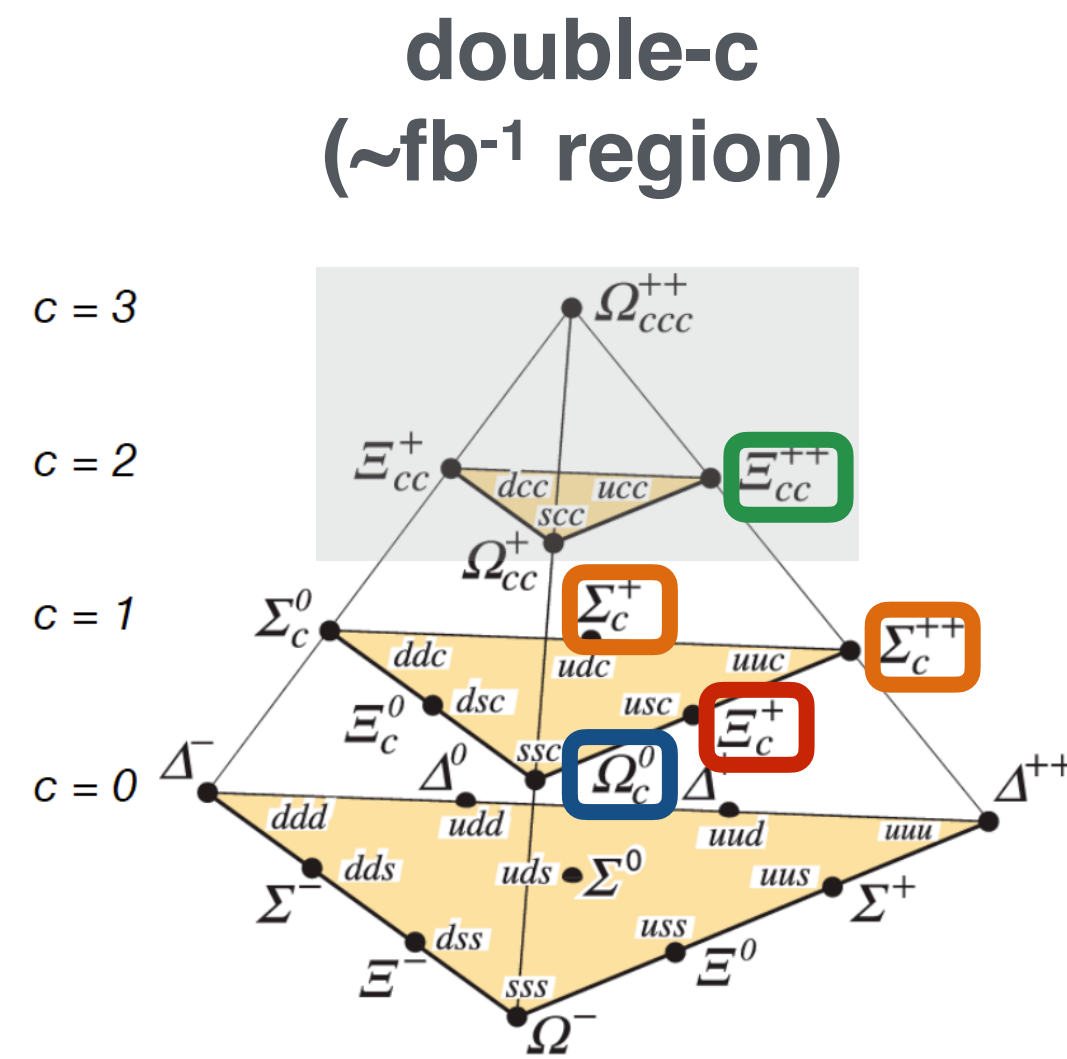
- Tracking and vertexing with  $\mu\text{m}$ -accuracy over  $|\eta| < 4$
- superconducting magnet with forward dipoles
- Hadron PID from low (TOF) to high  $p_T$  (Cherenkov)



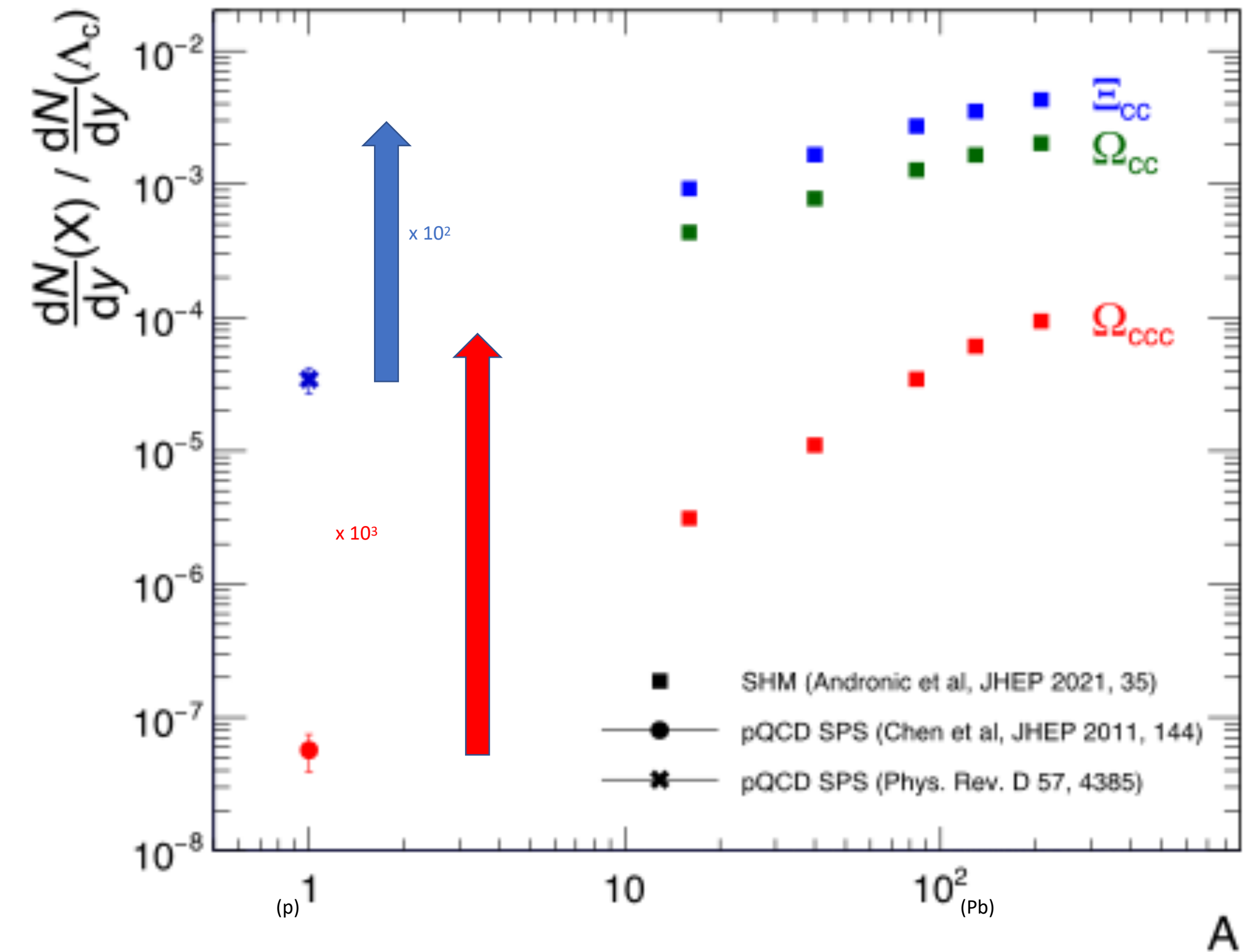
# Multi heavy-quark hadrons

ALICE: arXiv.2011.06078  
 Beccatini: Phys. Rev. Lett. 95 (2005) 022301  
 SHMC: arXiv.2104.12754  
 G. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. D 89, 074020 (2014)

- Negligible same-scattering production
- In presence of hadron production from uncorrelated charm quarks  
 → Large enhancement (up to x100) w.r.t. in-vacuum hadronization

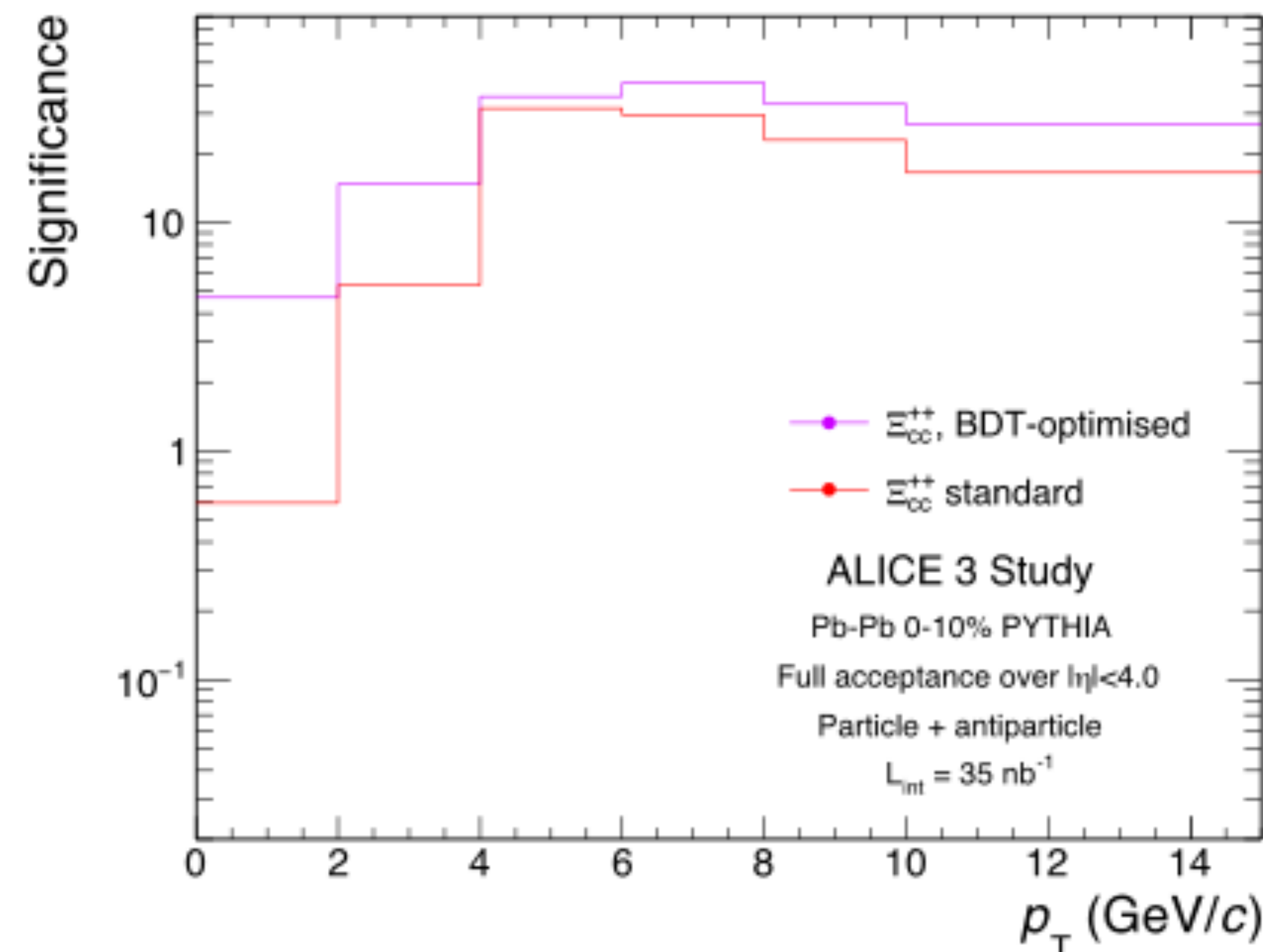
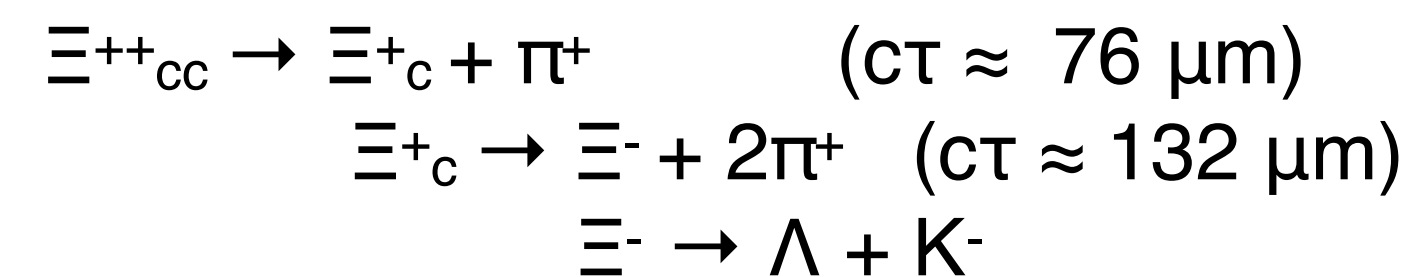
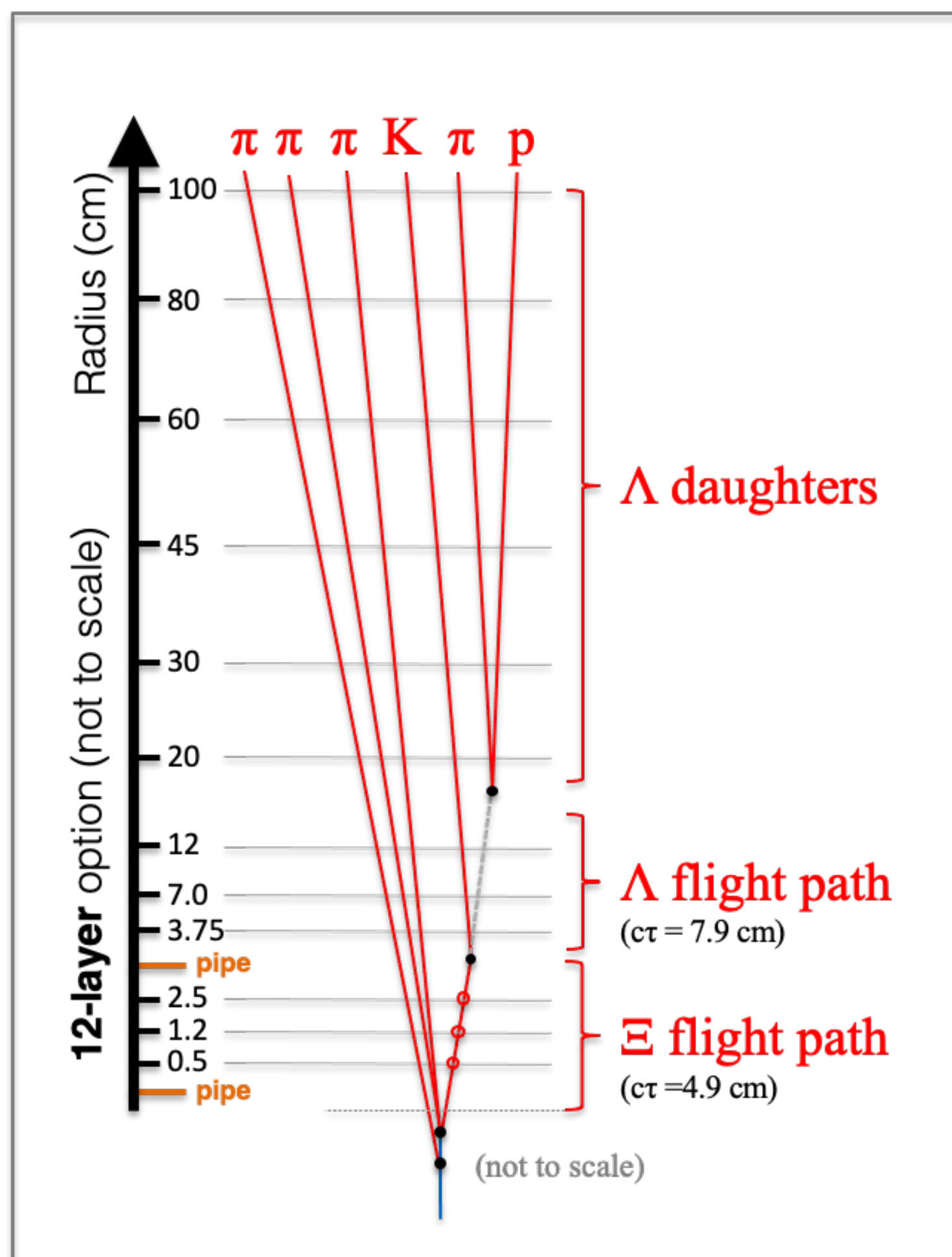


→ Extreme benchmarks for mechanisms of hadronization beyond “leading color” in small and large systems



→ connection between “equilibrium” properties of charm quarks and hadronization modifications?

# Multi heavy-quark hadrons



High-resolution layers close to the beam pipe:

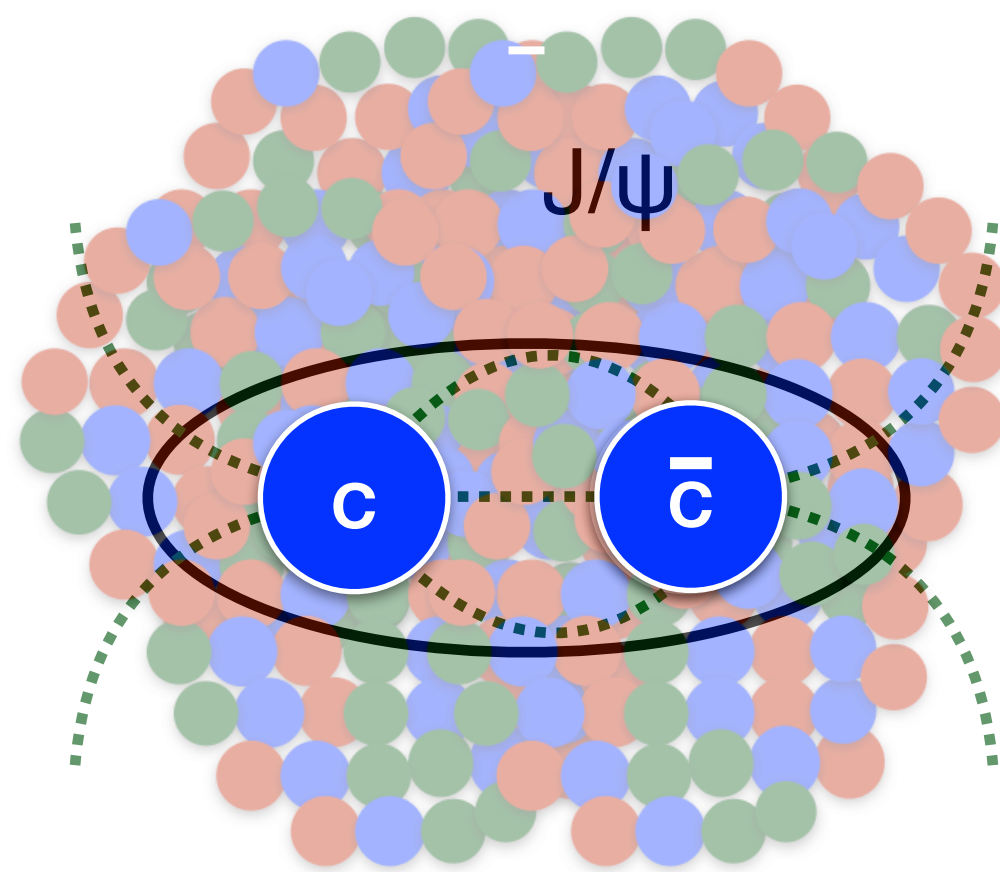
→ "track strange baryons" before they decay

- strong improvement in selection accuracy
- large reduction of combinatorial background

$\Xi^{++}_{cc}$  and  $\Omega_{cc}$  measurable in central PbPb collisions down to low  $p_T$

# “New” bound-states in heavy-ions

Strong push from the theoretical community to measure more states with different quantum number properties

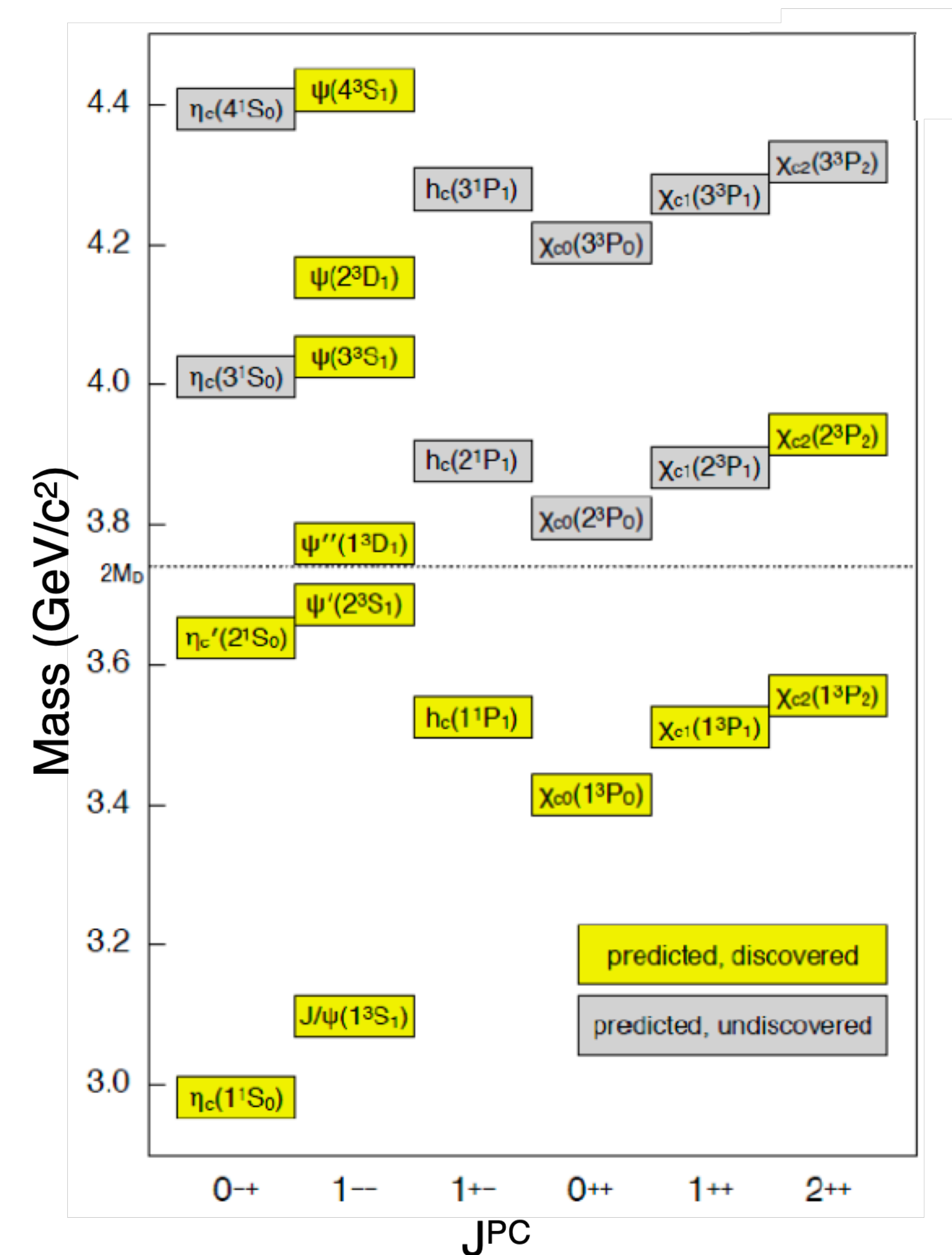


## Pseudo-scalars ( $\eta_c$ )

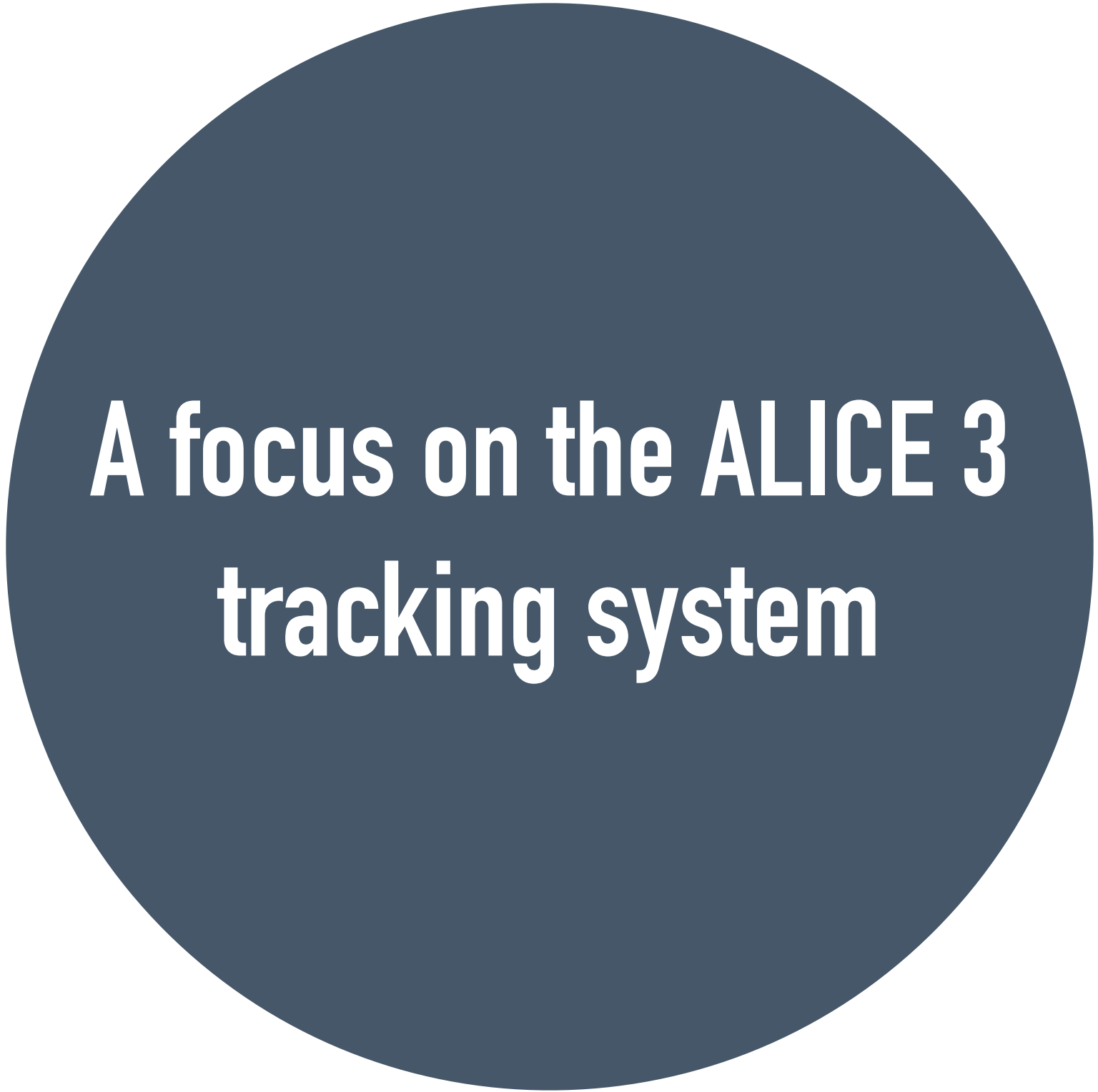
- never measured in HI collisions

## $\chi_c$ and $\chi_b \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$ ( $L=1$ ):

- different bound-state stability and sensitivity to thermal fluctuations
- **significant discrepancies among different theoretical predictions**

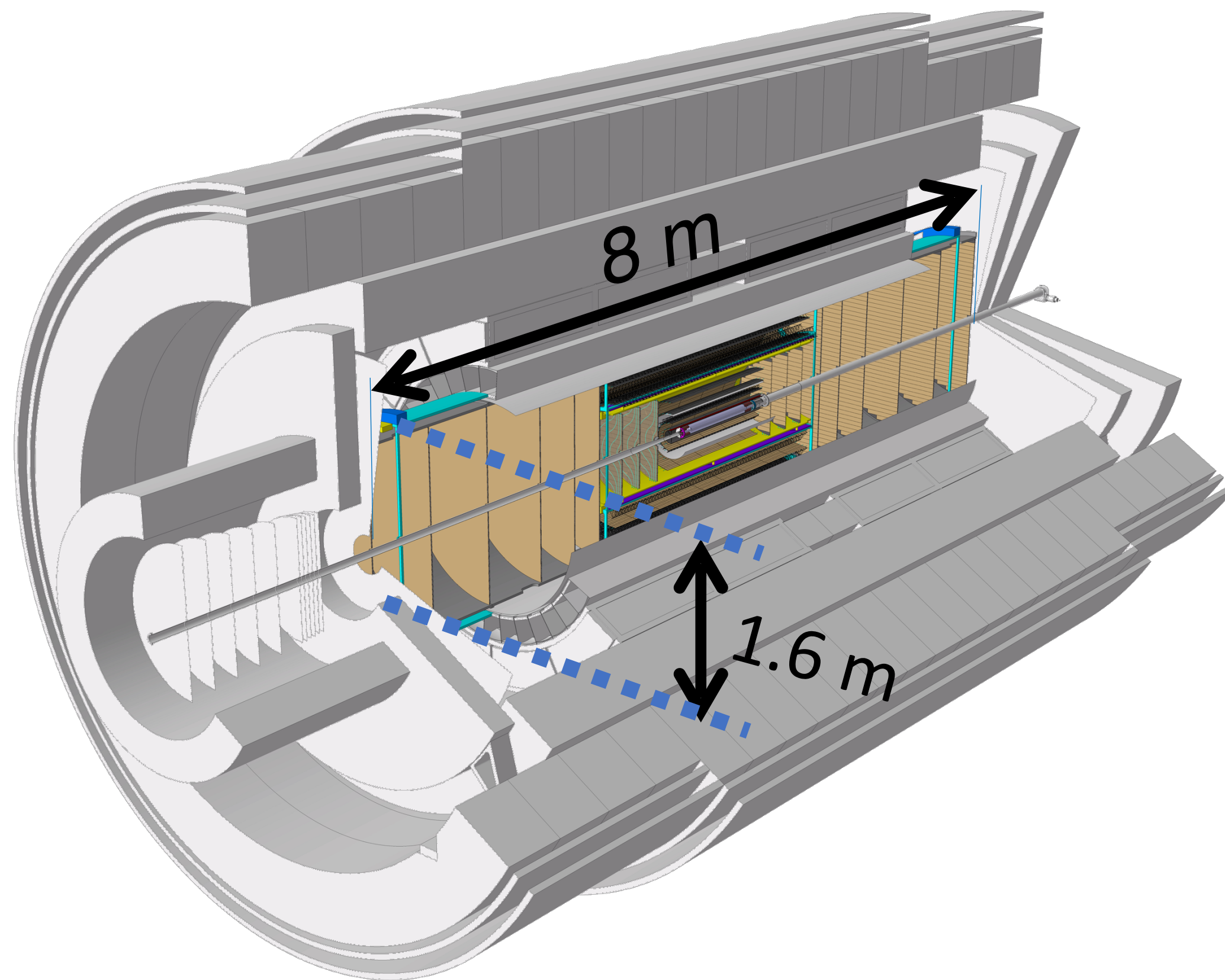


- Photon reconstruction down to  $\sim 0.5$  GeV with good resolution:
- $J/\psi$  and  $Y$  reconstruction **down to low  $p_T$**



**A focus on the ALICE 3  
tracking system**

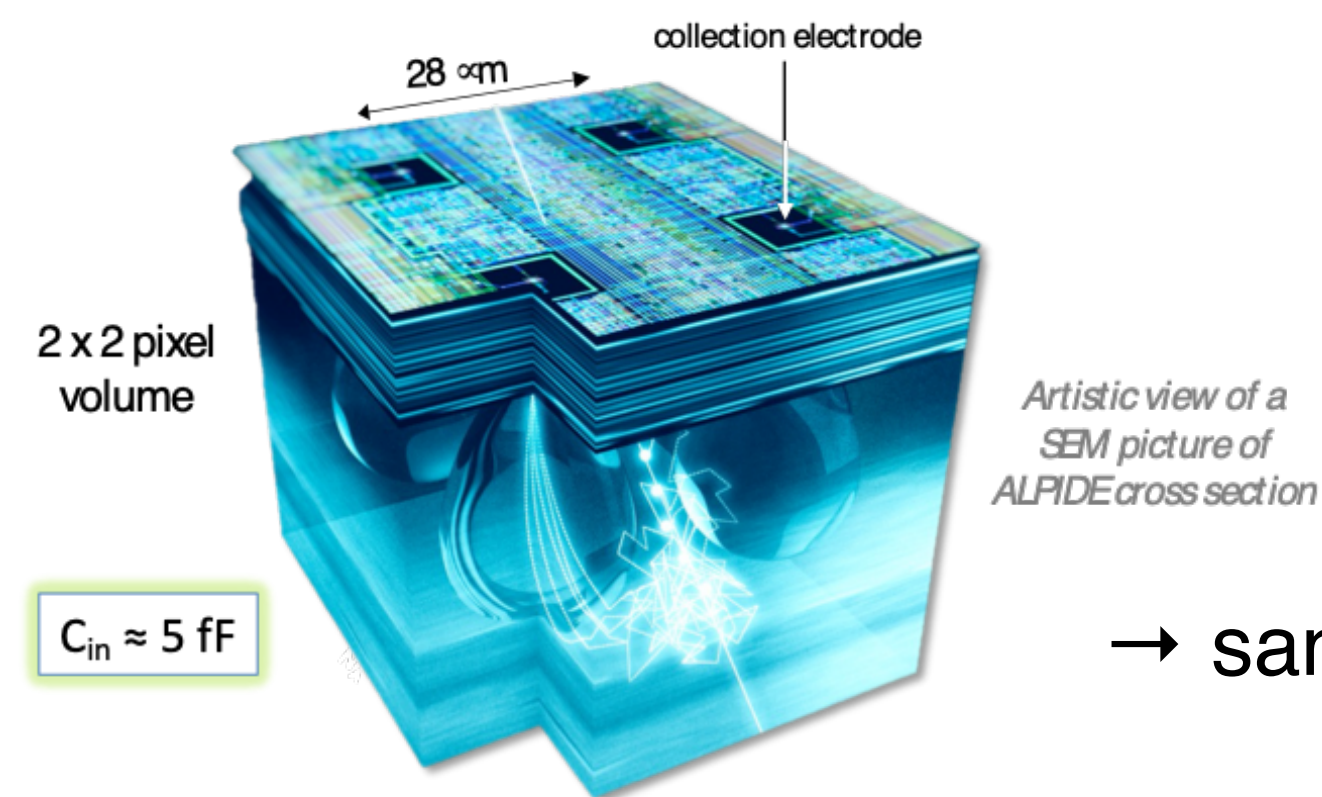
# The ALICE 3 outer tracker



## 60 m<sup>2</sup> silicon pixel detector

based on CMOS Active Pixel Sensor (APS) technology

- large coverage:  $\pm 4\eta$
- high-spatial resolution:  $\sigma_{\text{pos}} \approx 5\mu\text{m}$
- very low material budget:  $X/X_0$  (total)  $\lesssim 10\%$
- low power:  $\approx 20\text{ mW/cm}^2$



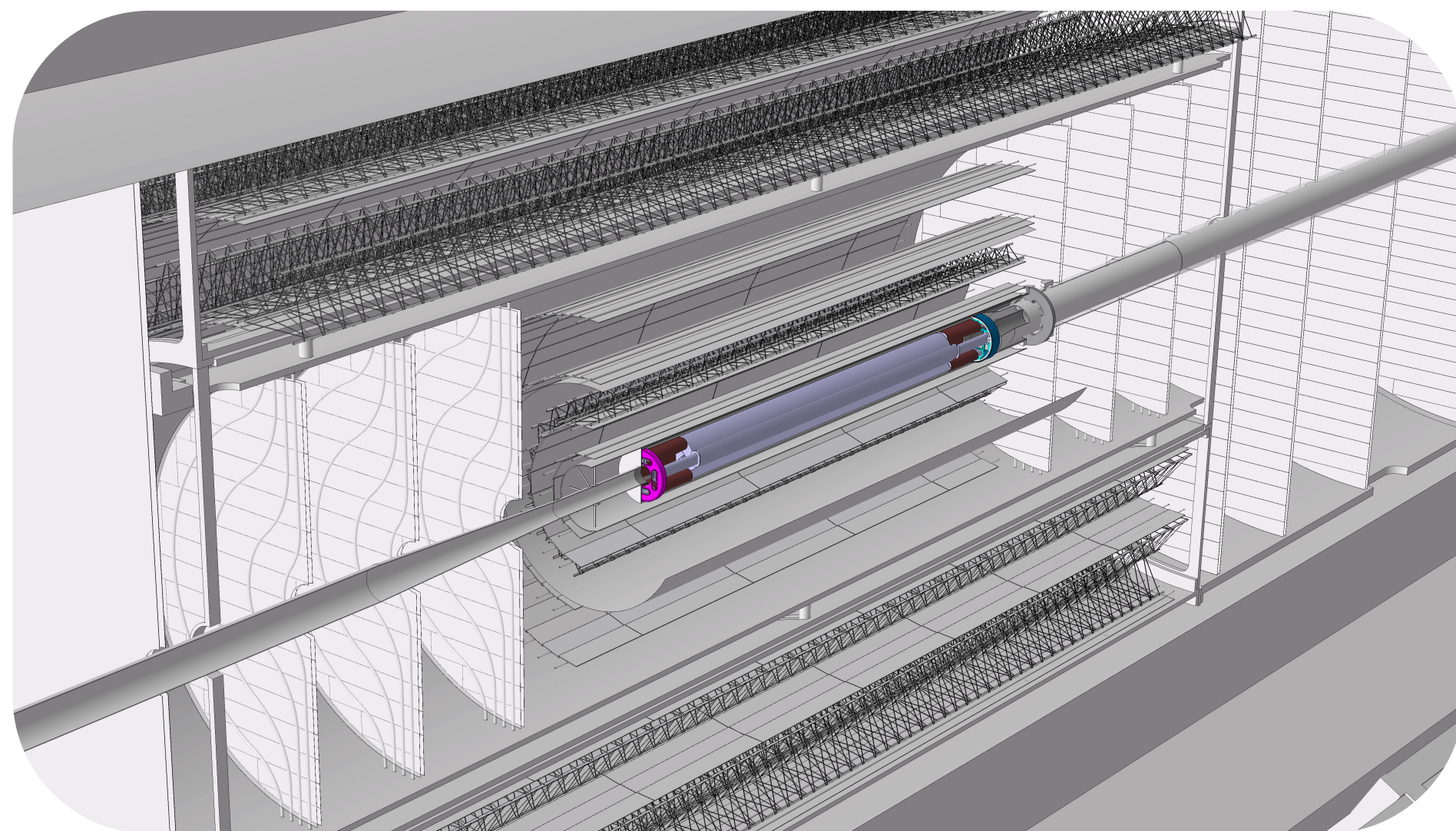
→ same CMOS process of the ITS2/3

### R&D will focus on:

- module concept based on **industry-standard processes for assembly and testing**
- services: **reduce** (eliminate) **interdependency** between modules (replacement of single modules)

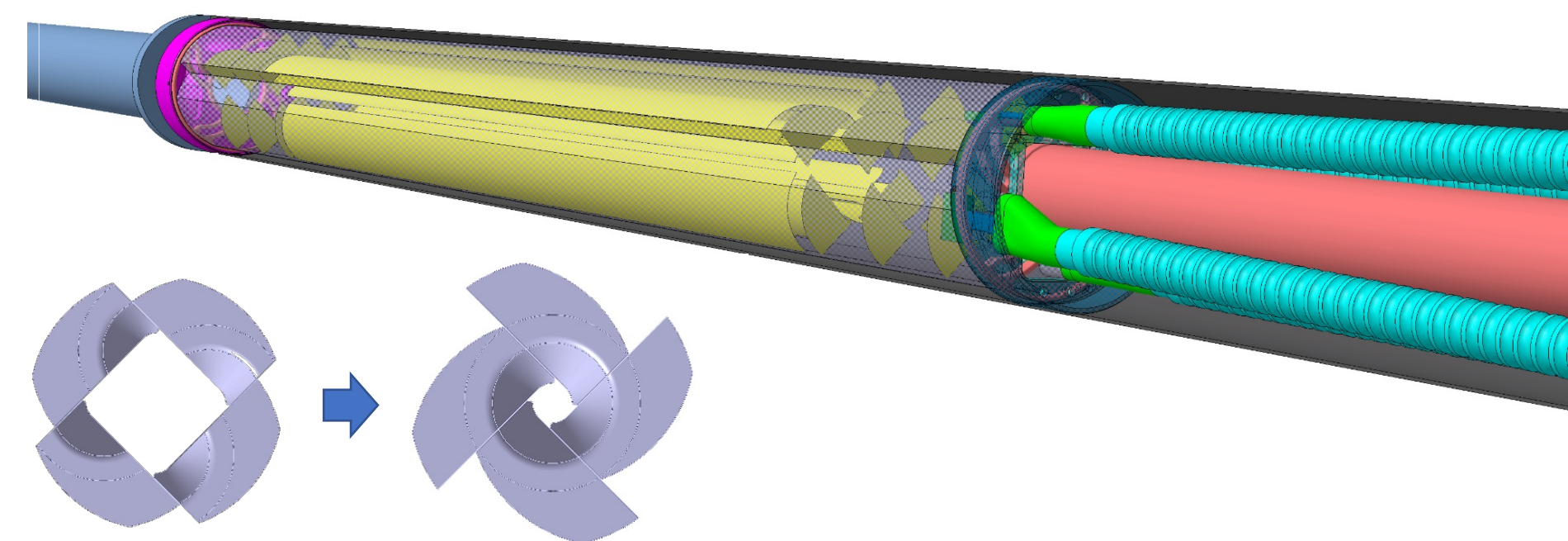


# The ALICE 3 vertex detector



## IRIS concept:

- retractable vertex detector concept inside beampipe
- rotary petals in a secondary vacuum

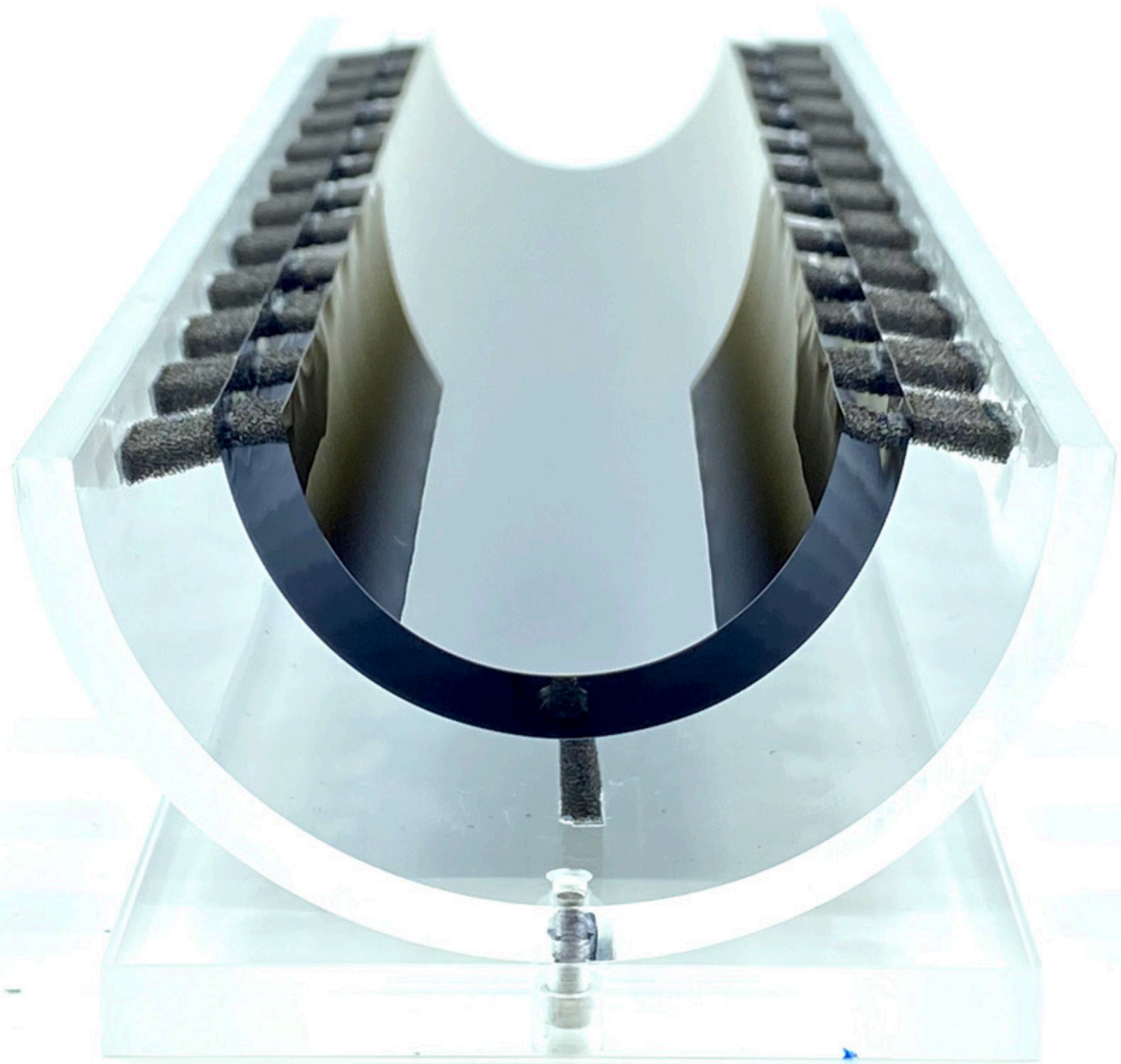


- **5mm radial distance** from interaction point (inside beampipe, retractable configuration)
- unprecedented spatial resolution:  $\sigma_{\text{pos}} \sim 2.5 \mu\text{m}$
- ... and material budget  $\sim 0.1\% X_0 / \text{layer}$

### R&D will focus on:

- wafers-sized, curved sensor technology (relying on the ITS3 R&D)
- advanced mechanics for operations inside the beampipe and cooling for integration inside beampipe

# A new pixel technology at the core of the ALICE 3 vertexer



Prototype for the  
ITS3 upgrade

Ultra-light (“massless”) sensors based on CMOS technology ( $< 0.05 X_0$ )

- large sensors with “stitching” techniques
- “bendable” when thinned below  $\sim 20\text{-}40 \mu\text{m}$

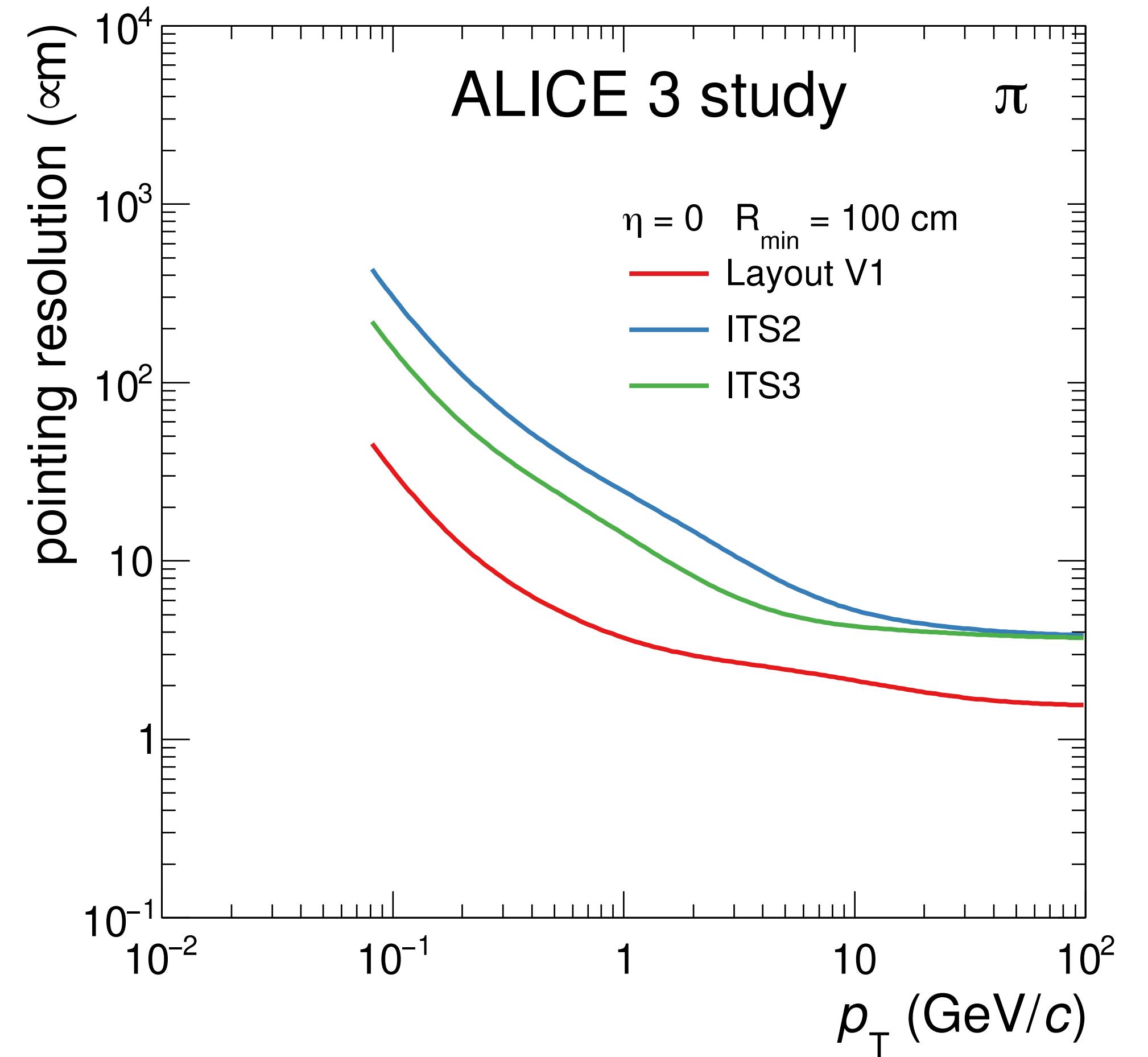
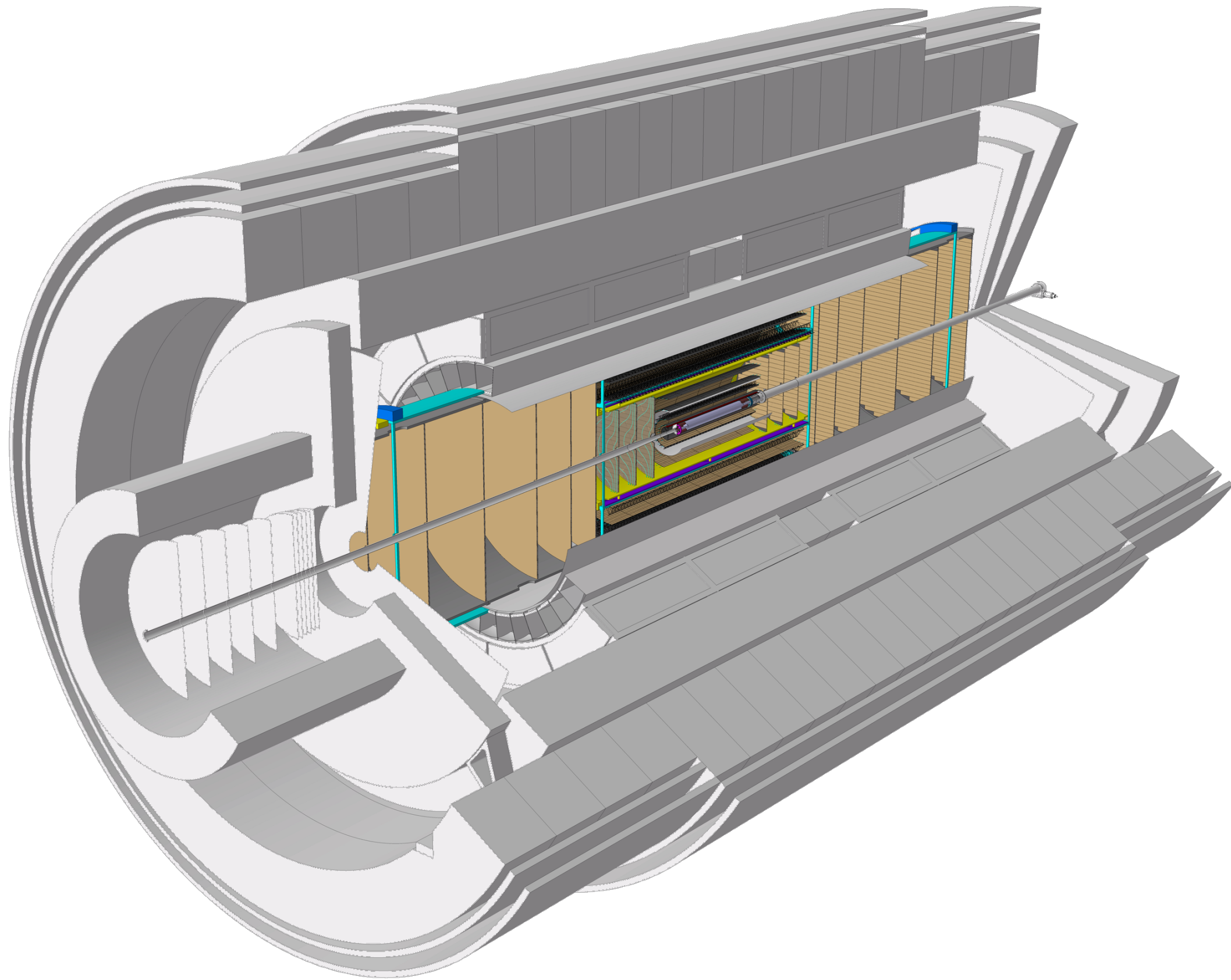


unprecedented impact parameter  
resolution for heavy-flavour physics

**And it works!** as proven by dedicated test beams  
after irradiation (ITS3 prototype)

ALICE ITS3 Letter of Intent: [ALICE-PUBLIC-2018-013](#)  
ALICE ITS3, [arXiv.2105.13000](#)  
ALICE ITS3, [arXiv.2212.08621](#)

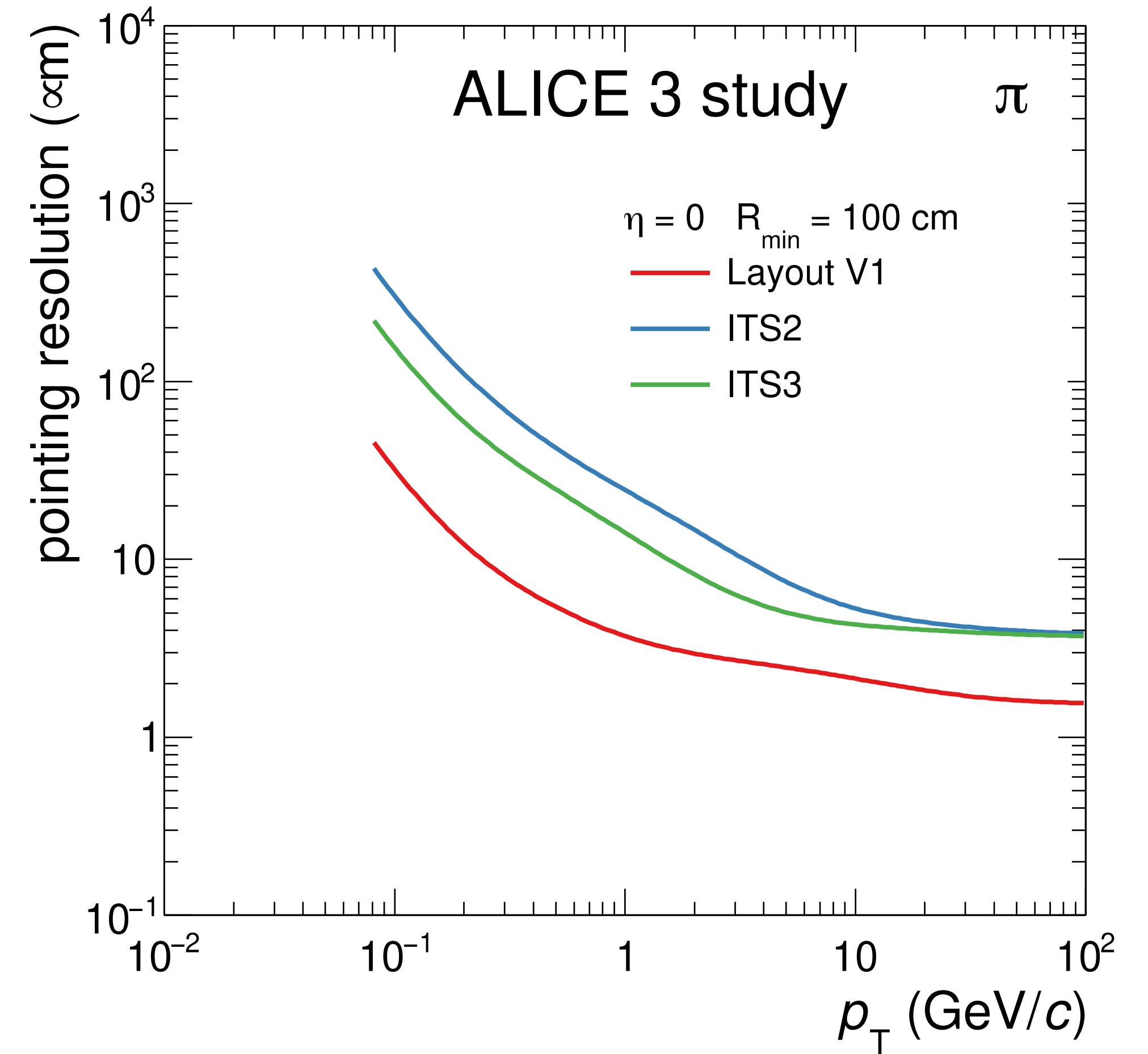
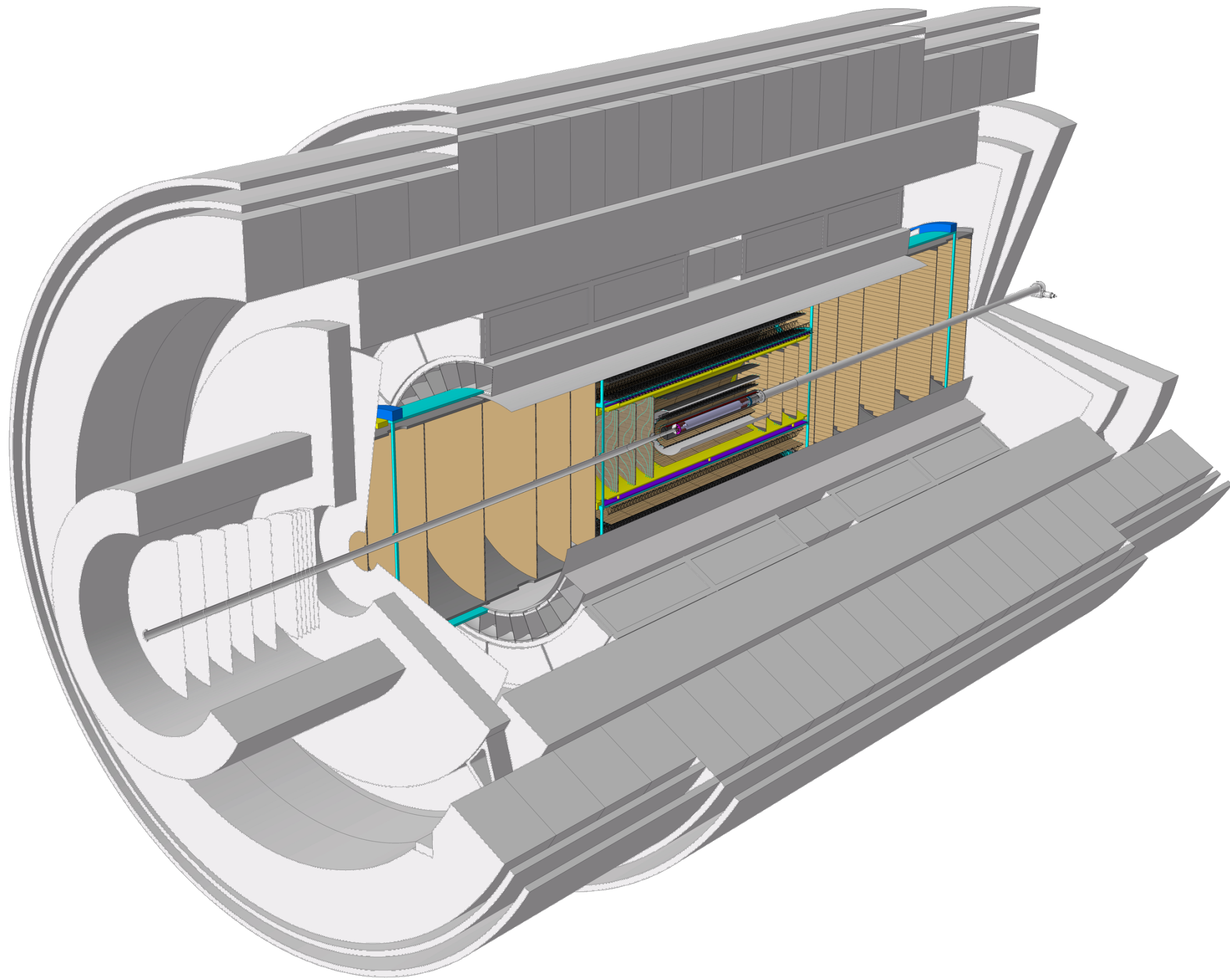
# The ALICE 3 tracking resolution



ALI-SIMUL-491785

- **DCA resolution**  $\sim$  few  $\mu m$  at  $\sim 1$  GeV
- Secondary vertex resolution  $\sim 3-4$   $\mu m$  at low  $p_T$   
→ **critical for multiple-HF measurements**

# The ALICE 3 tracking resolution



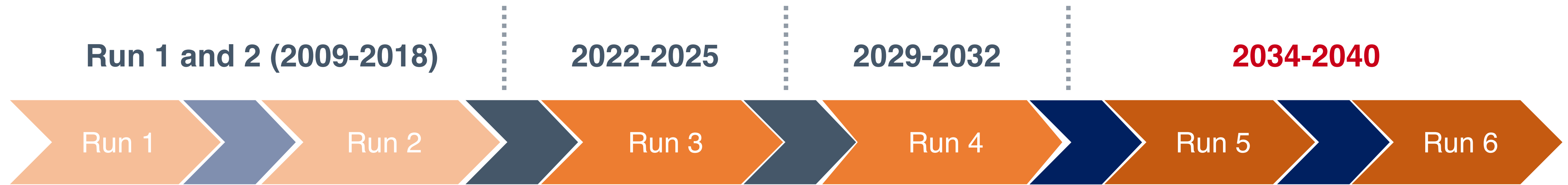
ALI-SIMUL-491785

J.D. Bjorken, *AIP Conference Proceedings* 132, 390 (1985)

**J.D. Bjorken in a 1985 paper on  $\Xi_{cc}$  and  $\Omega_{ccc}$  measurements:**

My guess for the resolution requirement is (ideally) a few microns(!!) in the transverse direction and perhaps 200 microns in the longitudinal.

# ALICE 3 tentative timeline



**2023 – 2025:** selection of technologies, small-scale proof of concept prototypes (~25% of R&D funds)

**2026 – 2027:** large-scale engineered prototypes (~75% of R&D funds) **Technical Design Reports**

**2028 – 2030:** construction and testing

**2031 – 2032:** contingency

**2033 – 2034:** installation and commissioning

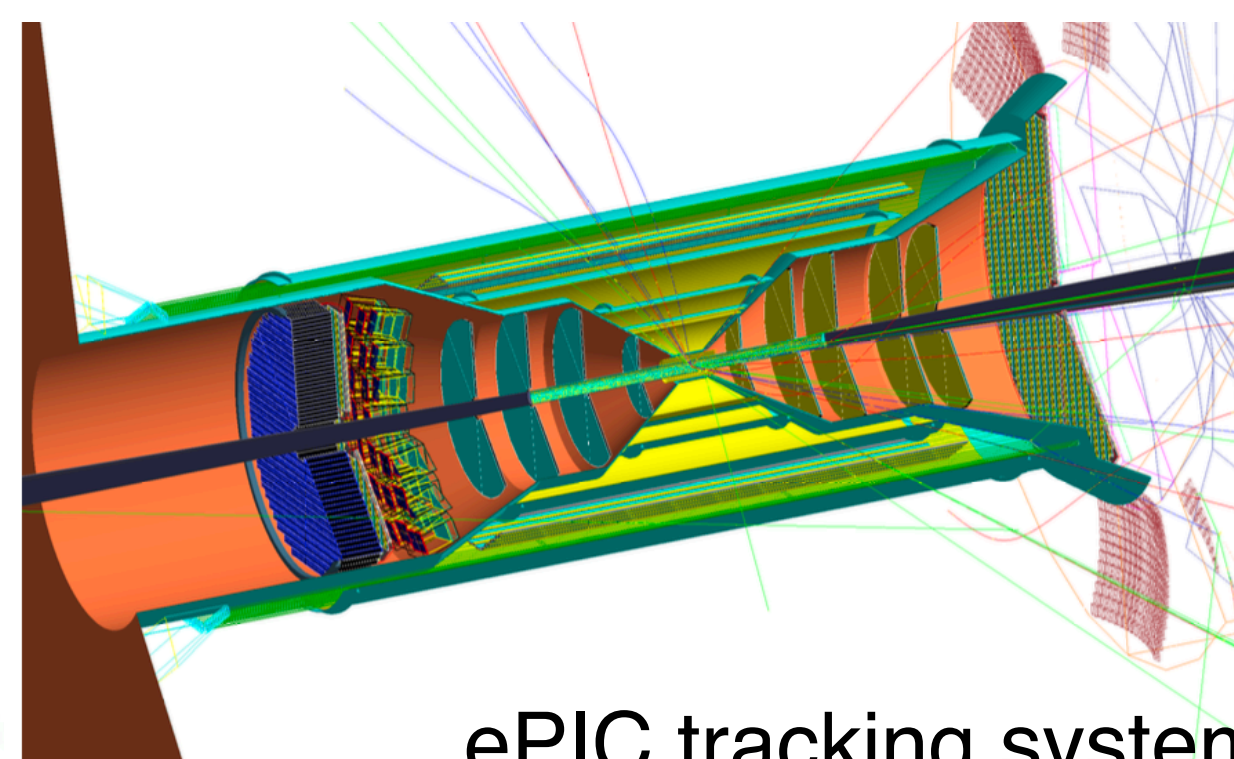
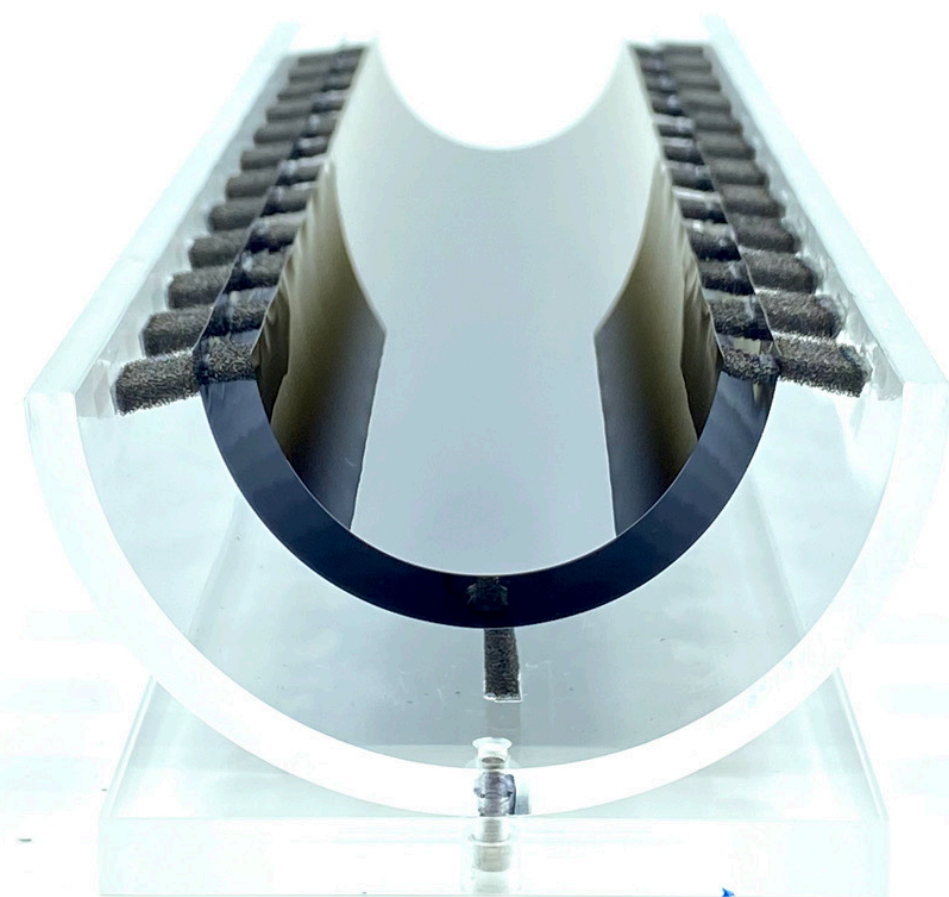
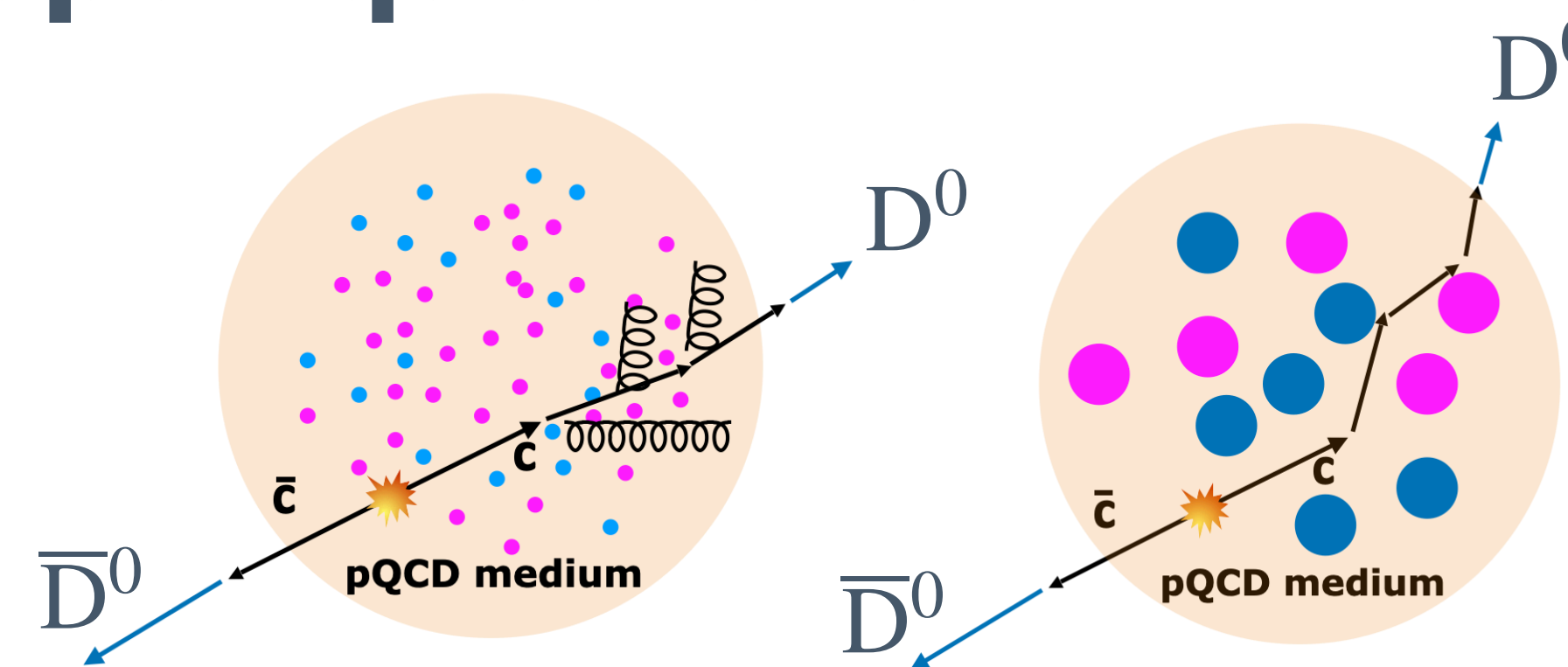
**2035 – 2042:** physics campaign

Preparation of **scoping document** (late 2023 early 2024)

- studies for scoping considerations
- refine R&D lines
- resource planning

# Conclusions and (some) open questions

Heavy-ion program being extended till ~2040:  
with high-resolution and high-rate experiments  
→ microscopic description of in-medium dynamics  
with rare HF hadrons, correlations, HF jets (more in the LoI)



ePIC tracking system  
at the Electron-Ion Collider

Heavy-ion physics is driving the  
developments of new detector technologies  
with big on future experimental programs

A relevant open question for Run 5 and 6 heavy-ion runs :

- which ion species to maximize the physics impact of Run 5 and 6?
- what is the smallest ions for quenching physics?

thank you  
for your attention!



**BACKUP  
SLIDES**

# An overview of the LHC program: past and future

## Run 3 → high luminosity for ions ( $\sim 7 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and OO

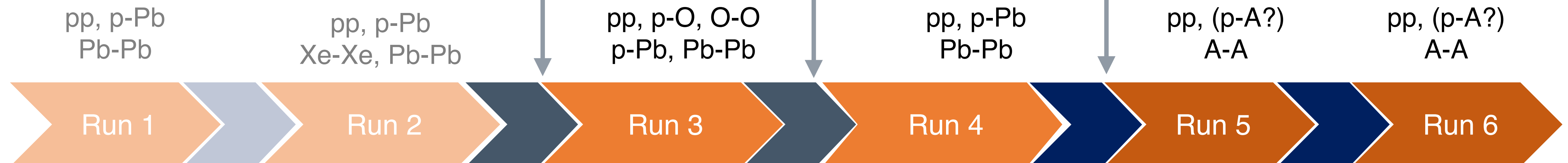
- improved collimation system
- lifted limitation in the LHC from bound-free pair production
- ion luminosities now limited by bunch intensities from injectors

## Run 4 → High-Luminosity LHC pp program

- pp luminosity to  $4 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

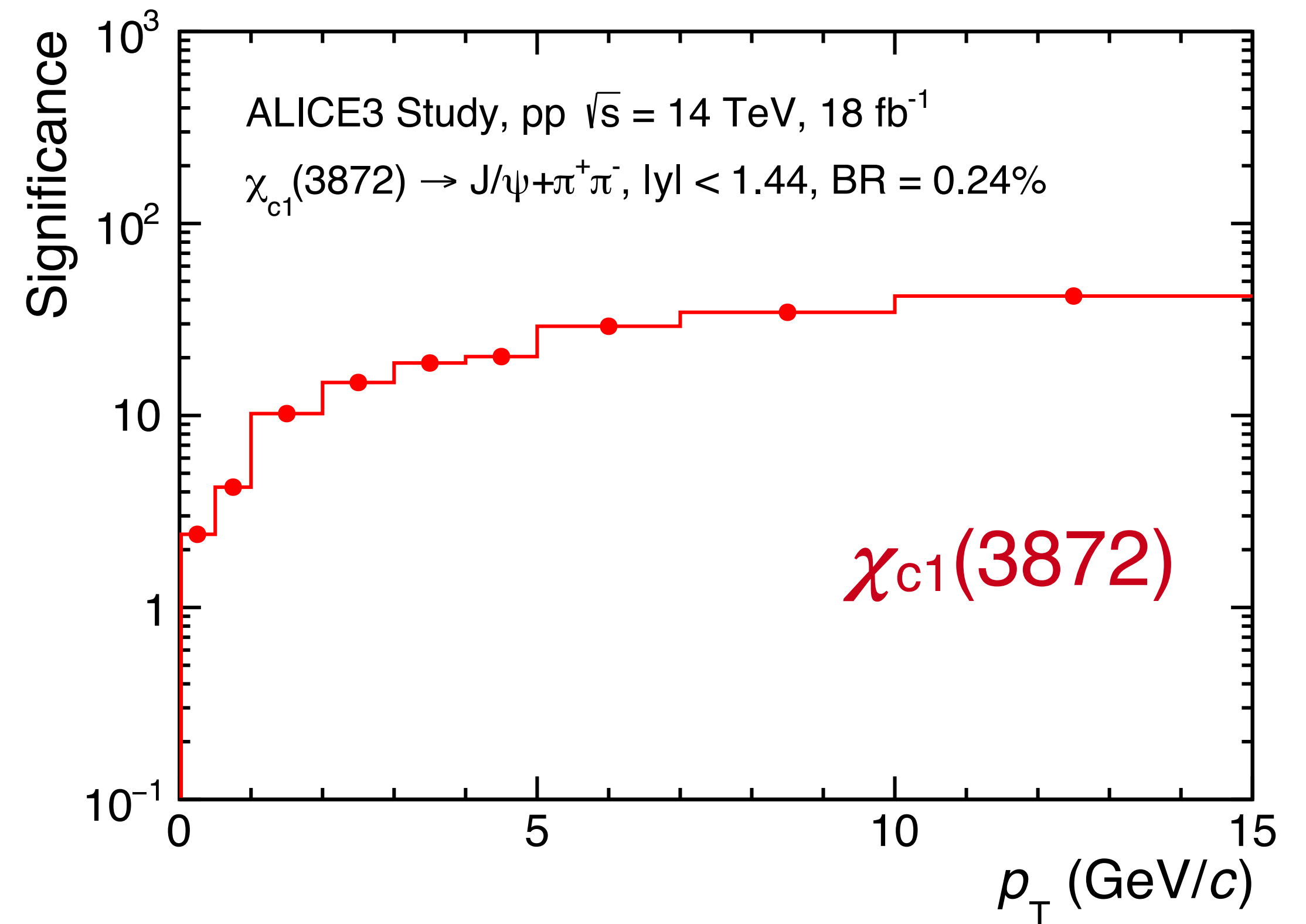
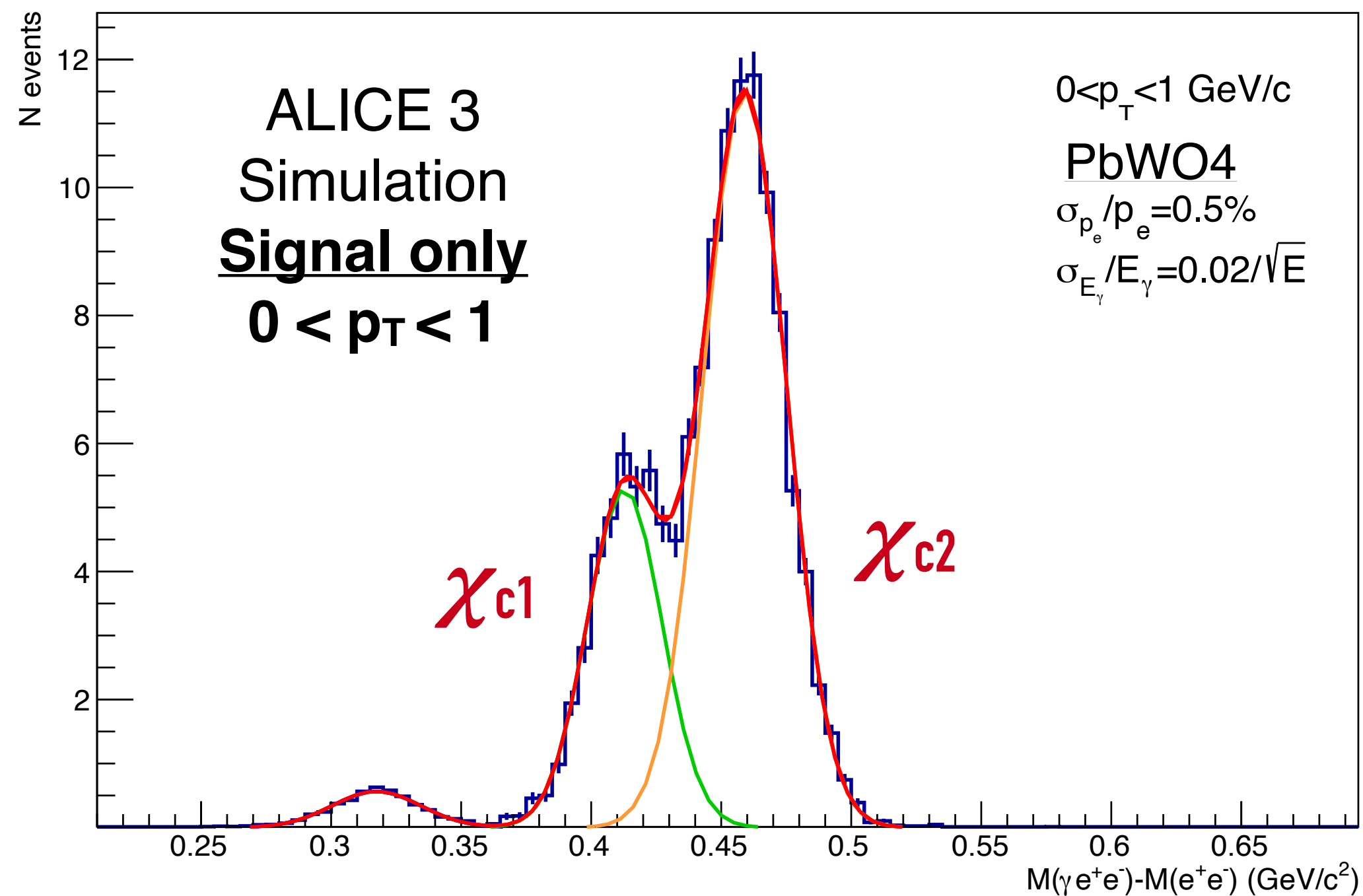
## Run 5 → Higher luminosities for ions:

- mitigate space charge effects (SPS & LEIR) e.g. with **lighter species**





# $\chi_{c,b}$ and $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ states



## Photon identification performed with ECAL:

- high-resolution crystals at mid rapidity (no boost)
- sampling calorimeter at more forward rapidities

$\chi_{c1}(3872)$  down to 0 GeV at central rapidity

→ unlock measurements of new bound states at low  $p_T$  also at central rapidity