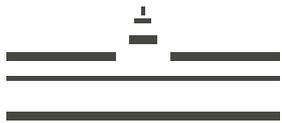


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# Ultra-Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions – Strong Interaction at High Temperature and Density

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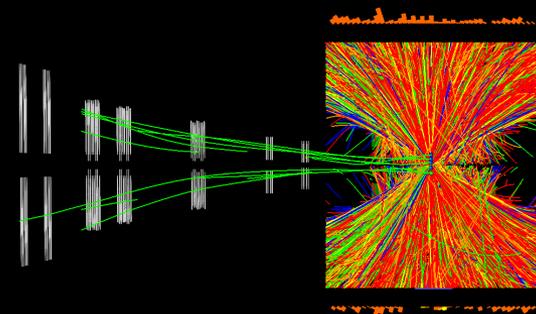
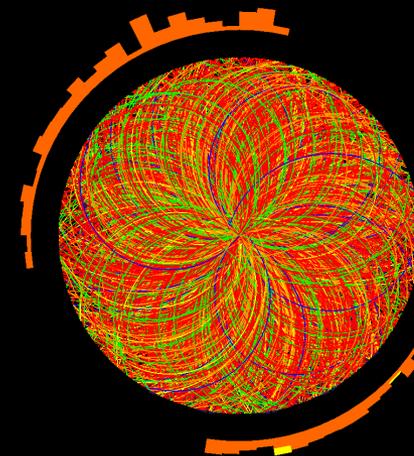
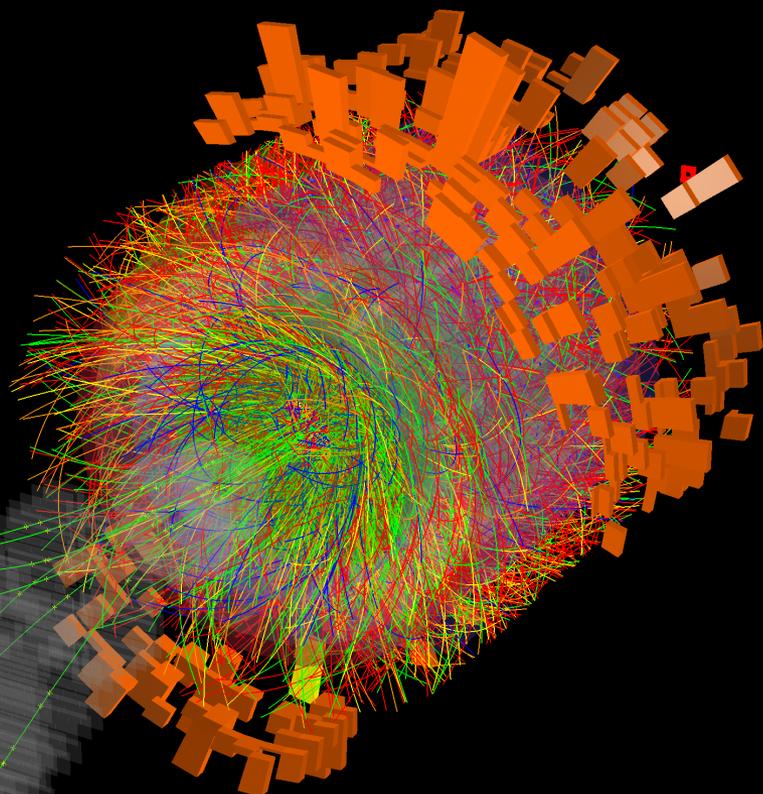
RTG 2149 Retreat  
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CERN Press Release 25.11.  
The LHC collides ions at  
new record energy

One Pb+Pb collision at  $\sqrt{s}$  TeV

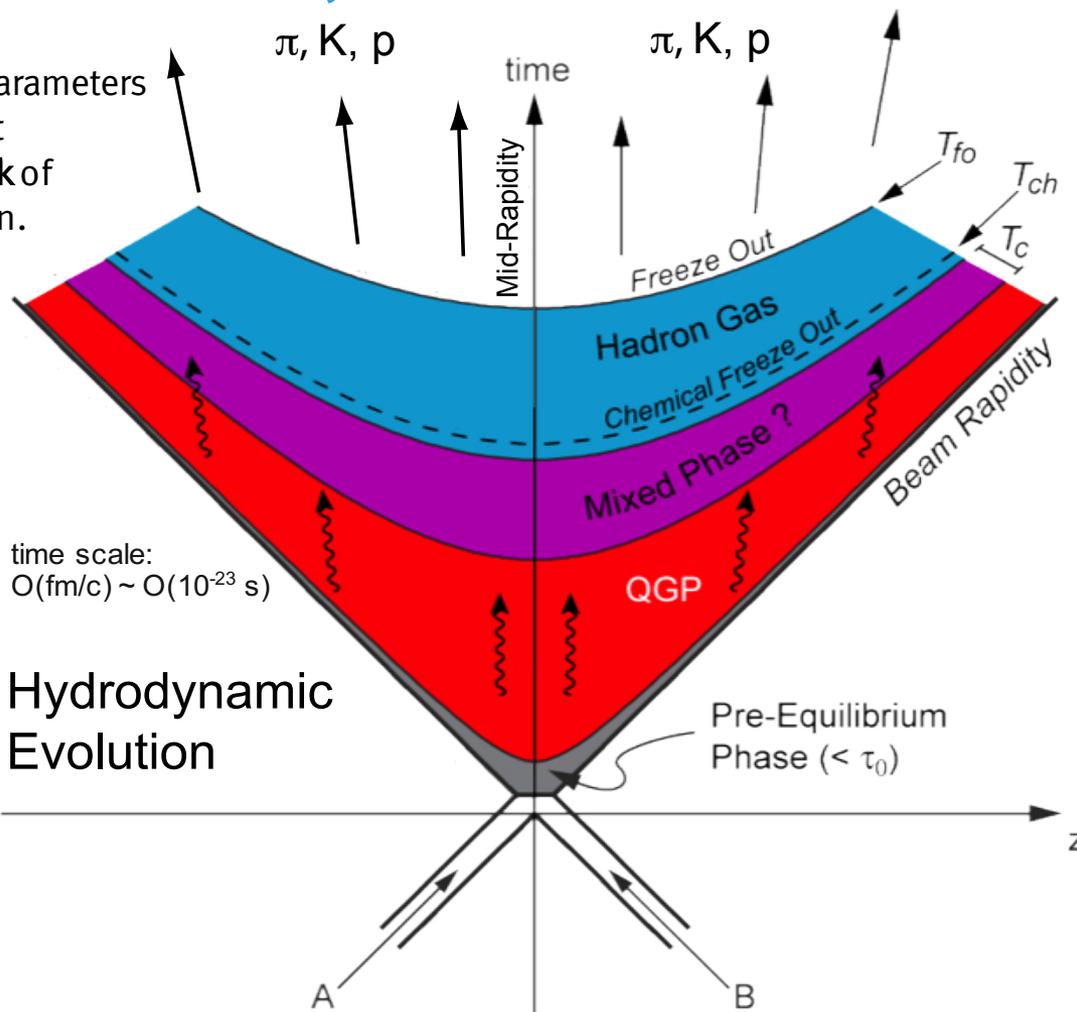
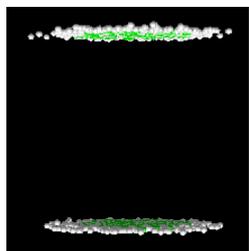
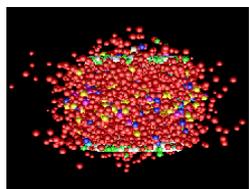
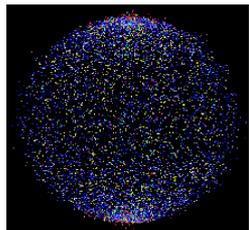


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System: Pb-Pb  
Energy: 5.02 TeV

Why? How? Who?

# > Time Line of Heavy-Ion Collisions

Thermodynamic parameters  $(T, \mu_B)$  at freeze-out determine the **bulk** of particle production.



time scale:  
 $O(\text{fm}/c) \sim O(10^{-23} \text{ s})$

Hydrodynamic  
Evolution

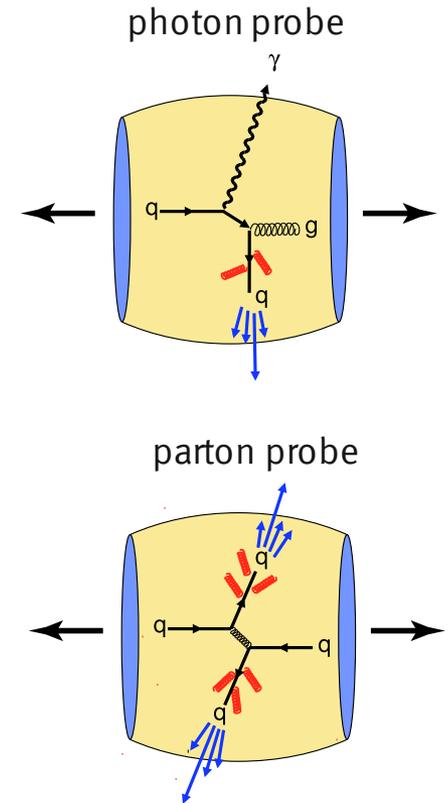
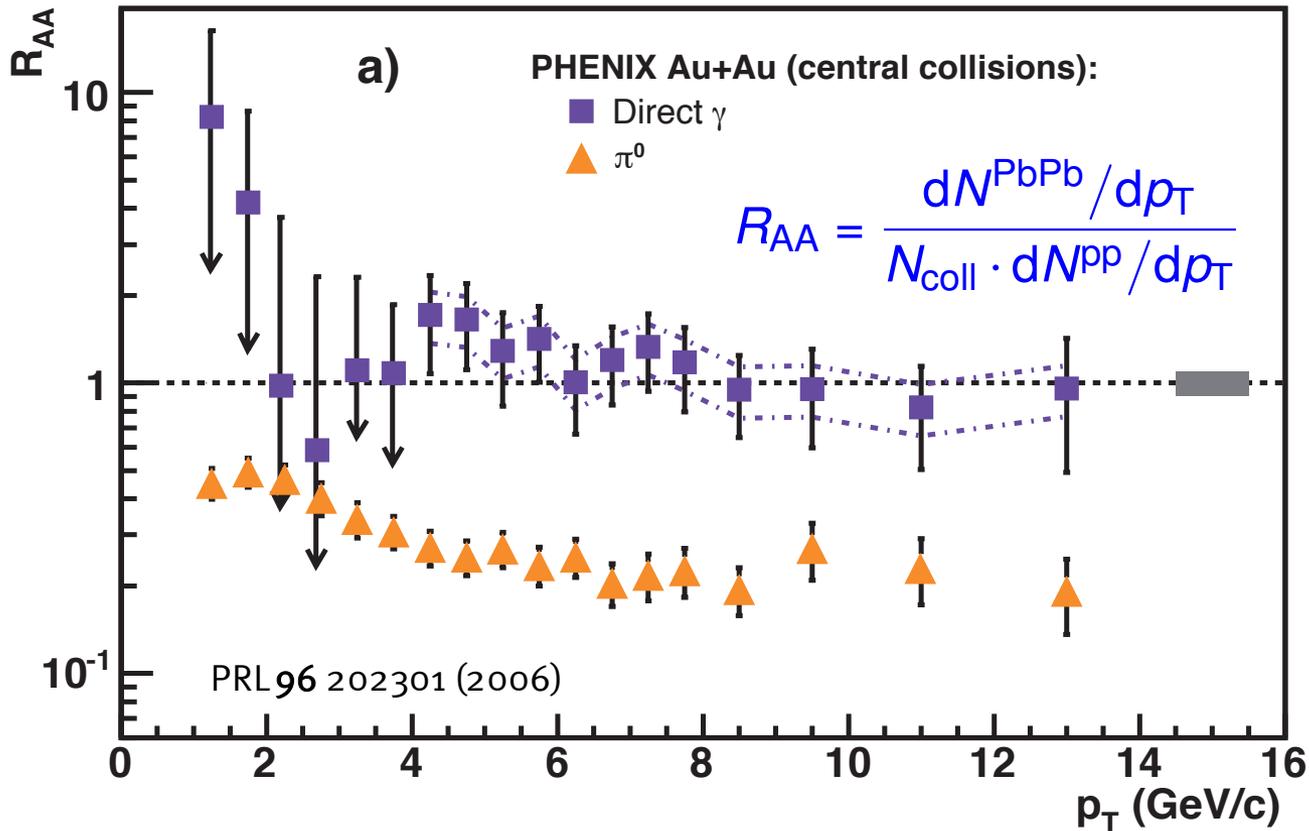
Particle production:

soft/low  $p_T$  (late)  
medium dominated,  
collective behavior

hard/high  $p_T$  (early),  
large  $Q^2$  parton  
scattering/jets  
( $N_{\text{coll}}$  scaling)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T} = \int \text{PDF} \otimes \text{pQCD} \otimes \text{FF}$$

## > Parton Energy Loss: A Clear Picture?



$\pi^0$  as proxy for hard scattered partons strongly suppressed  
Color neutral probes unaffected  $\rightarrow$  **Strong final state effect**

## > Direct Photons: A Closer Look

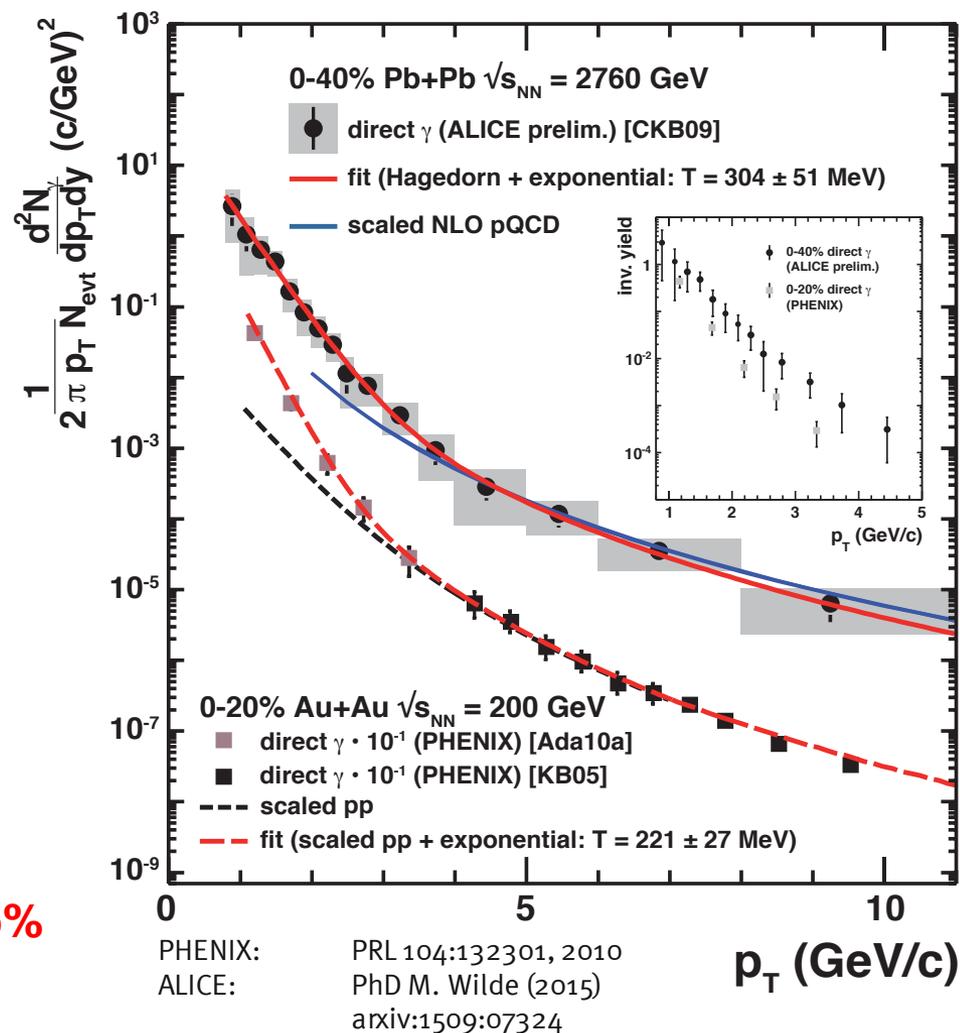
- At high  $p_T$ 
  - Control for hard scattering rate
  - $p_T > 4$  GeV unaffected from the medium
- At low  $p_T$ 
  - More than expected from p+p
  - Exponential behavior (thermal source?)

Effective slopes:

RHIC:  $T \approx 220$  MeV ( $2.6 \cdot 10^{12}$ K)

LHC:  $T \approx 300$  MeV ( $3.5 \cdot 10^{12}$ K)

**Indication of thermal radiation at LHC.**  
**Average slope/effective temperature  $\approx 40\%$**   
**higher than at RHIC.**



## > How certain are we of direct photons in pp?



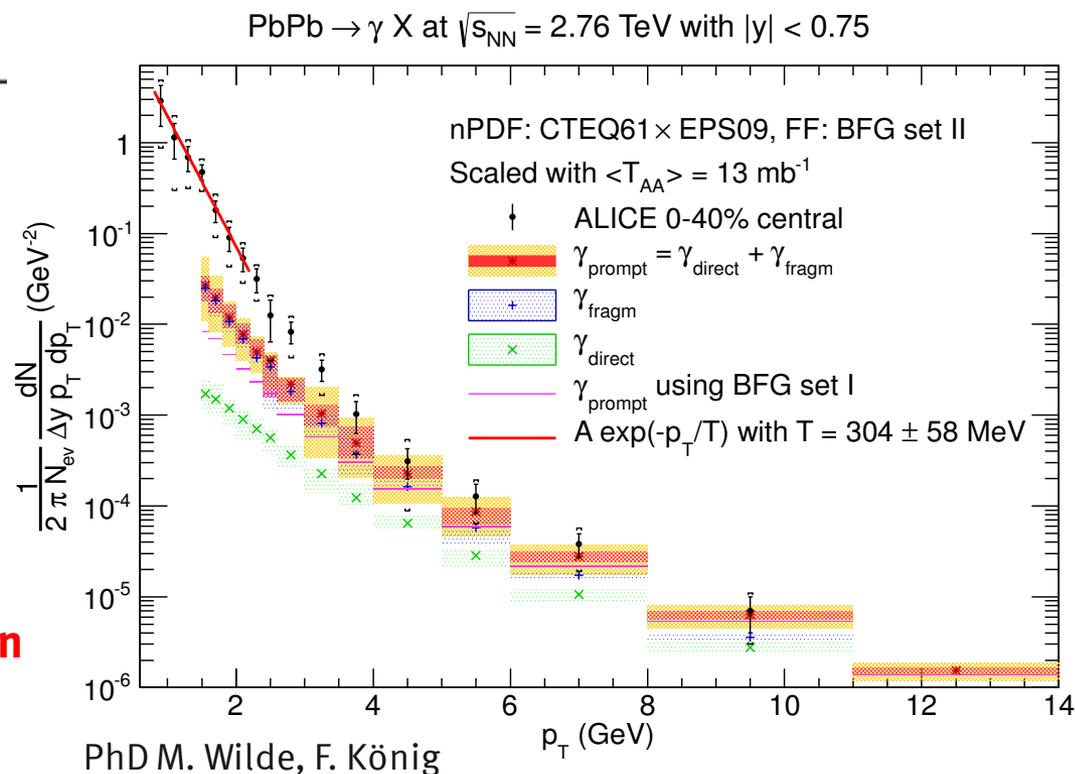
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### How robust is a thermal photon interpretation of the ALICE low- $p_T$ data?

M. Klasen,<sup>a</sup> C. Klein-Bösing,<sup>b,c</sup> F. König<sup>a</sup> and J.P. Wessels<sup>b</sup>

**NLO spectra down to 1.5 GeV,  
Including nuclear PDF, fragmentation  
contribution poorly constrained**



## > Electrons as Proxy for Heavy Quarks



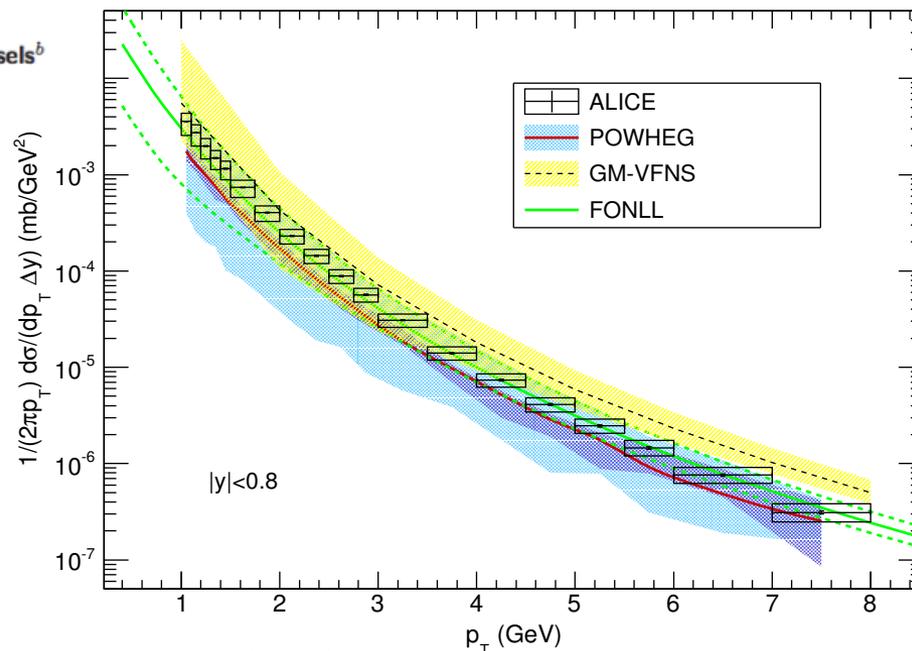
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### NLO Monte Carlo predictions for heavy-quark production at the LHC: pp collisions in ALICE

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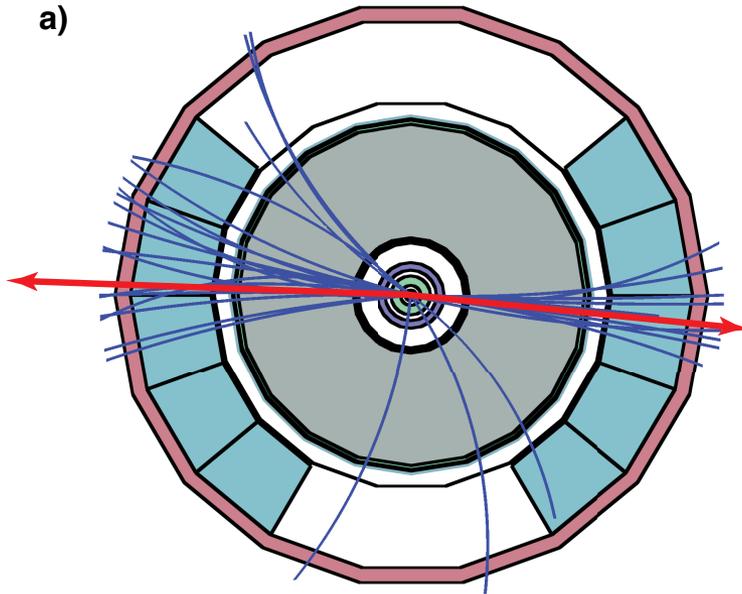
pp → c+X → e<sup>-</sup>+X at √s = 7 TeV



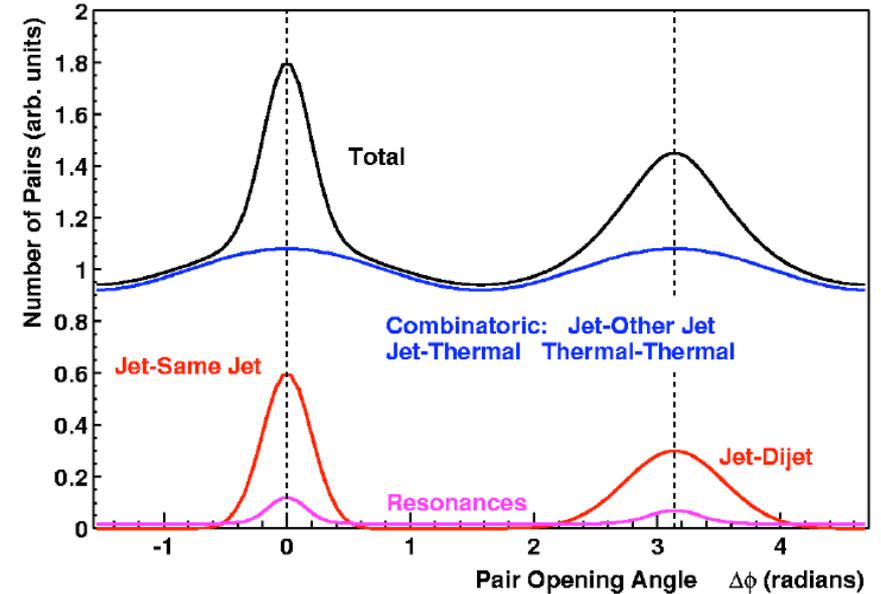
**First heavy flavor electrons from  
NLO calculation + shower Monte Carlo**

PhD M. Heide (2014)  
Phys. Lett., B721:13–23, 2013.

## > More Differential with Jets and Correlations



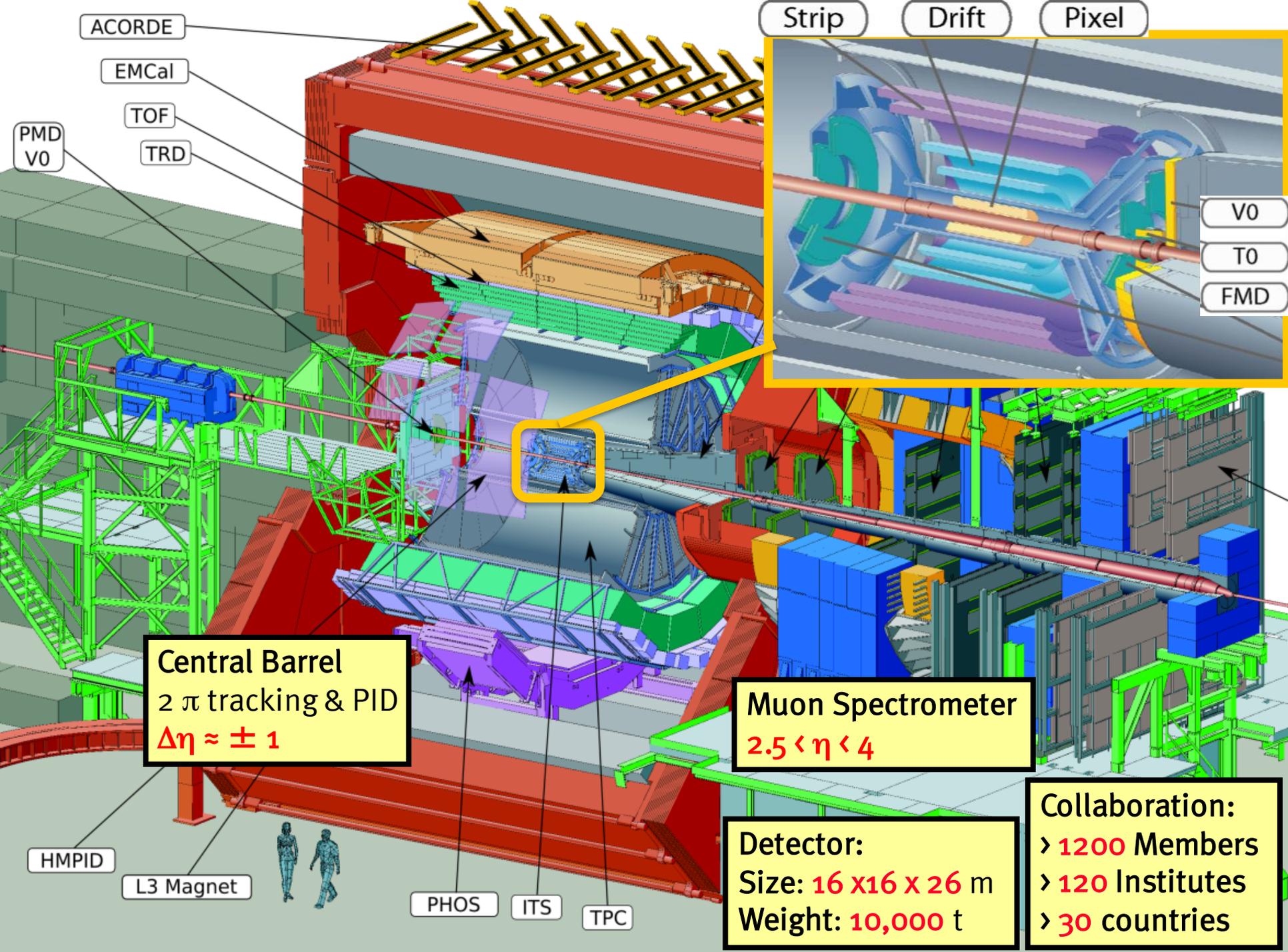
Reconstruct jets ....  
....and decompose them again  
("Jet Fragmentation Function")



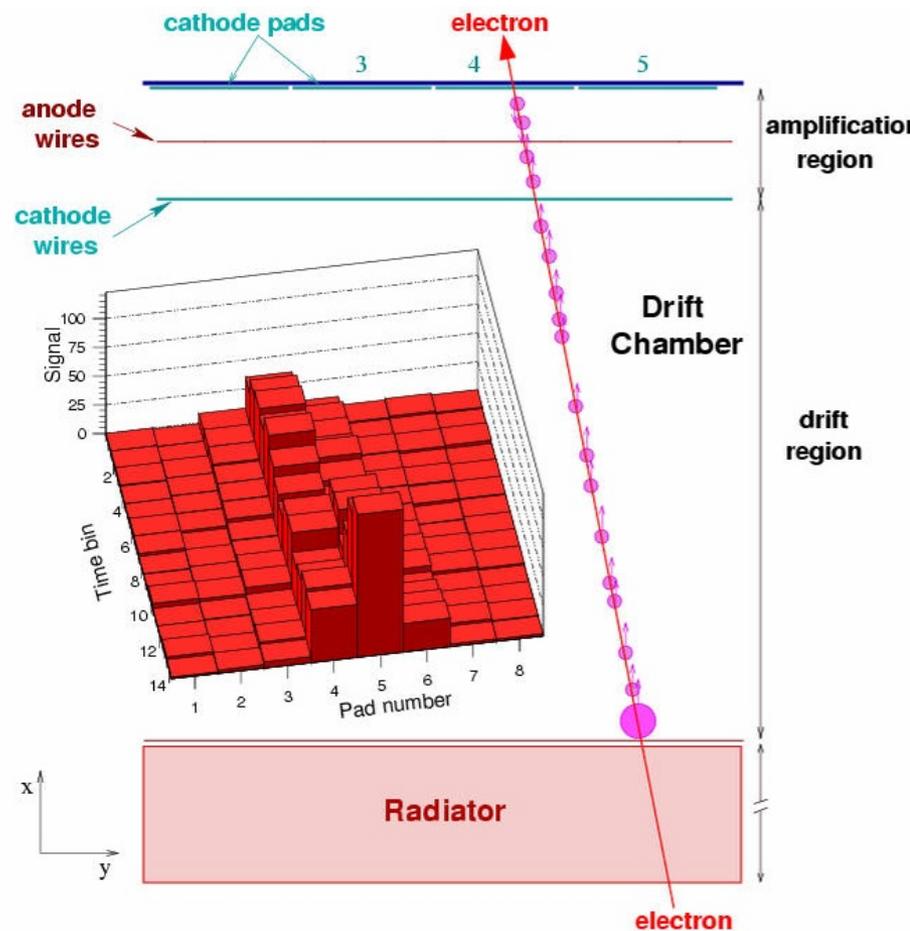
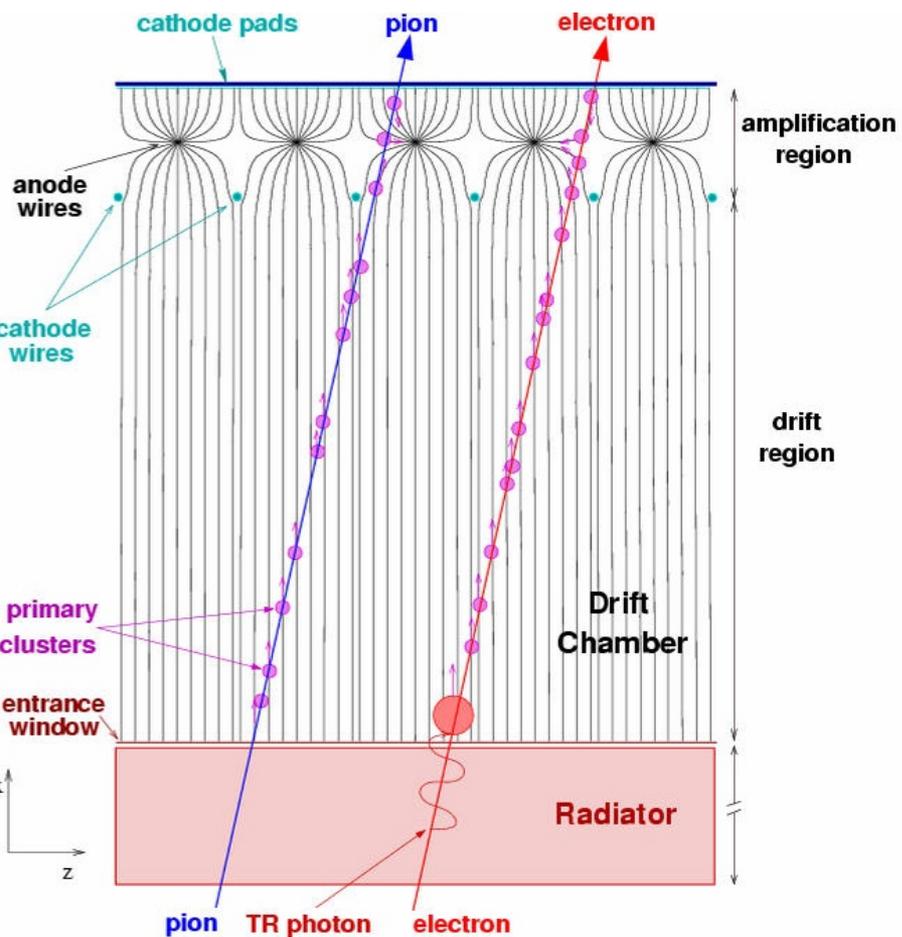
Correlate particles with a „trigger“.

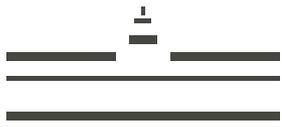
Hadron	→ Light flavor
Electron	→ Heavy flavor
Photon	→ Light quark



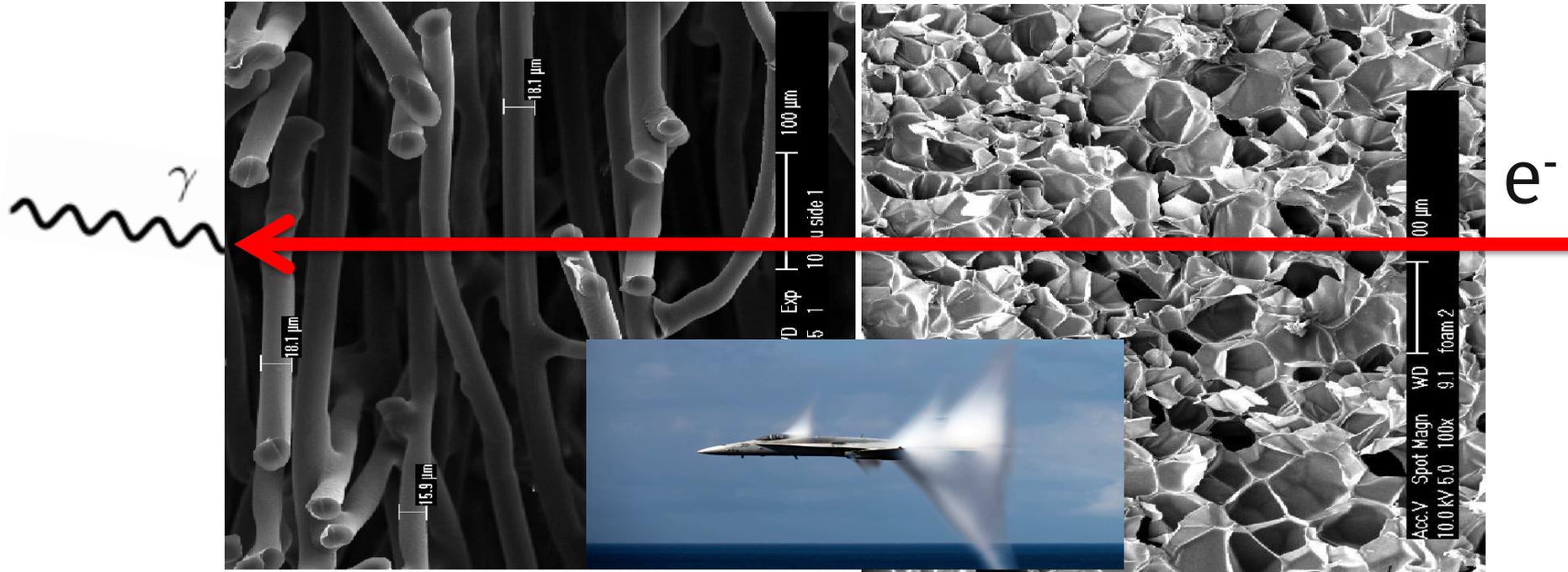


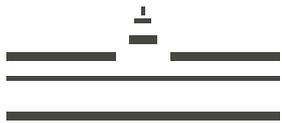
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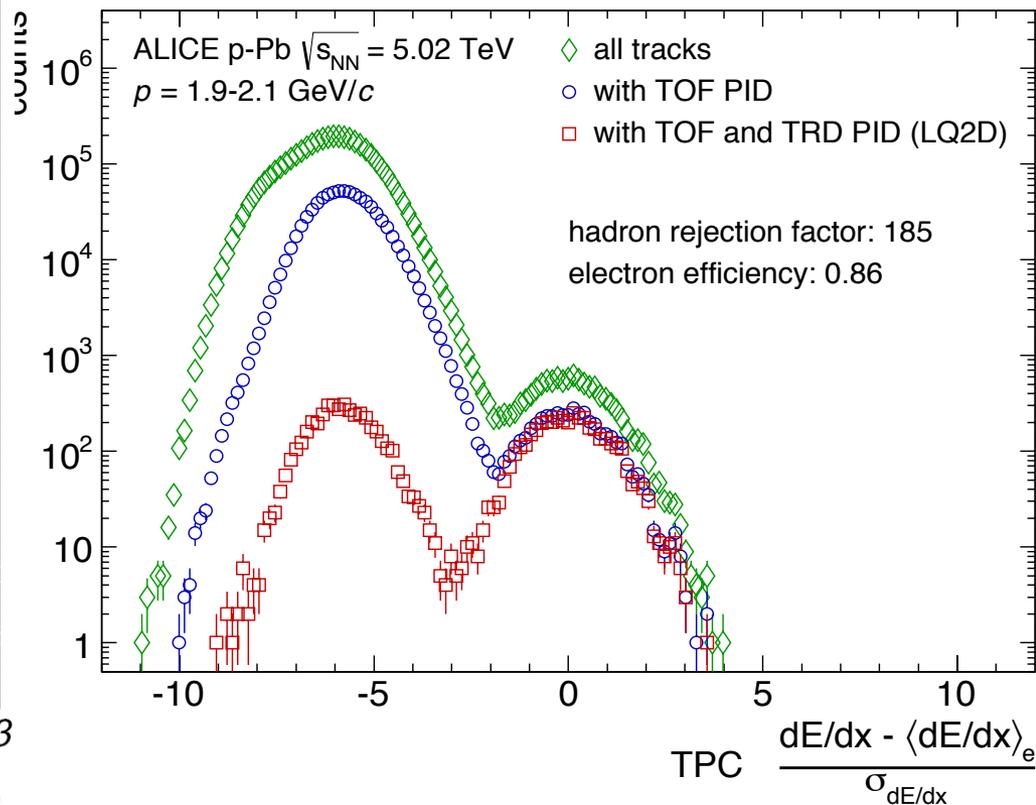
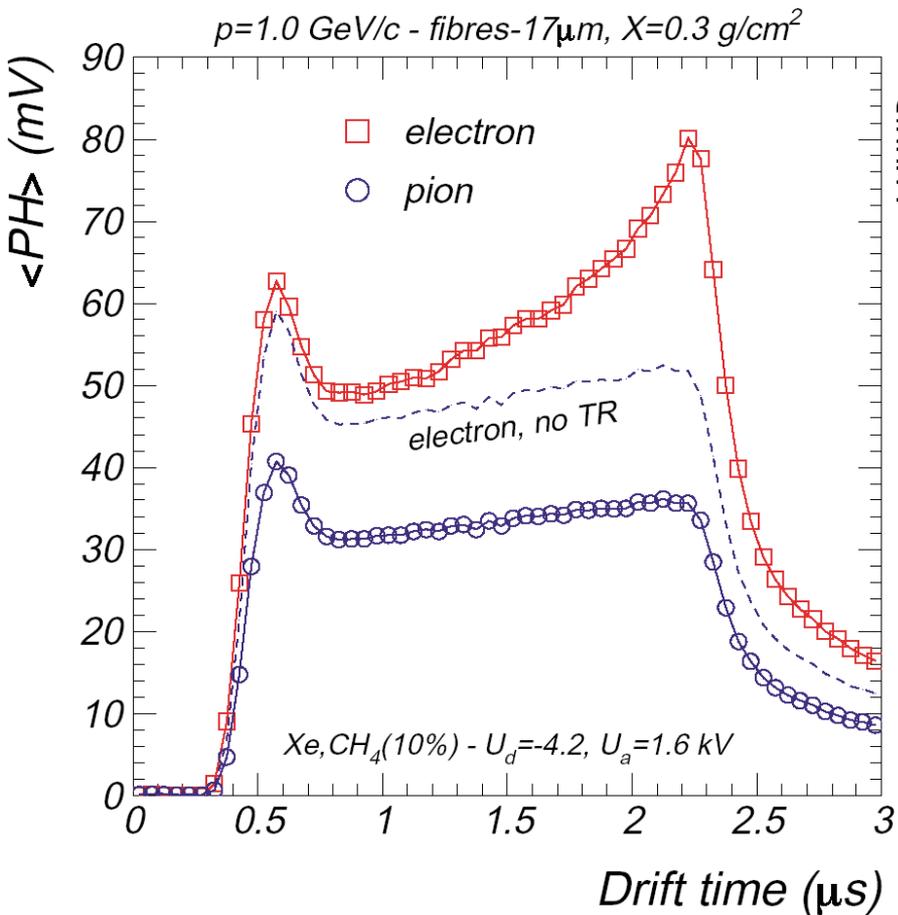


## > Transition Radiation

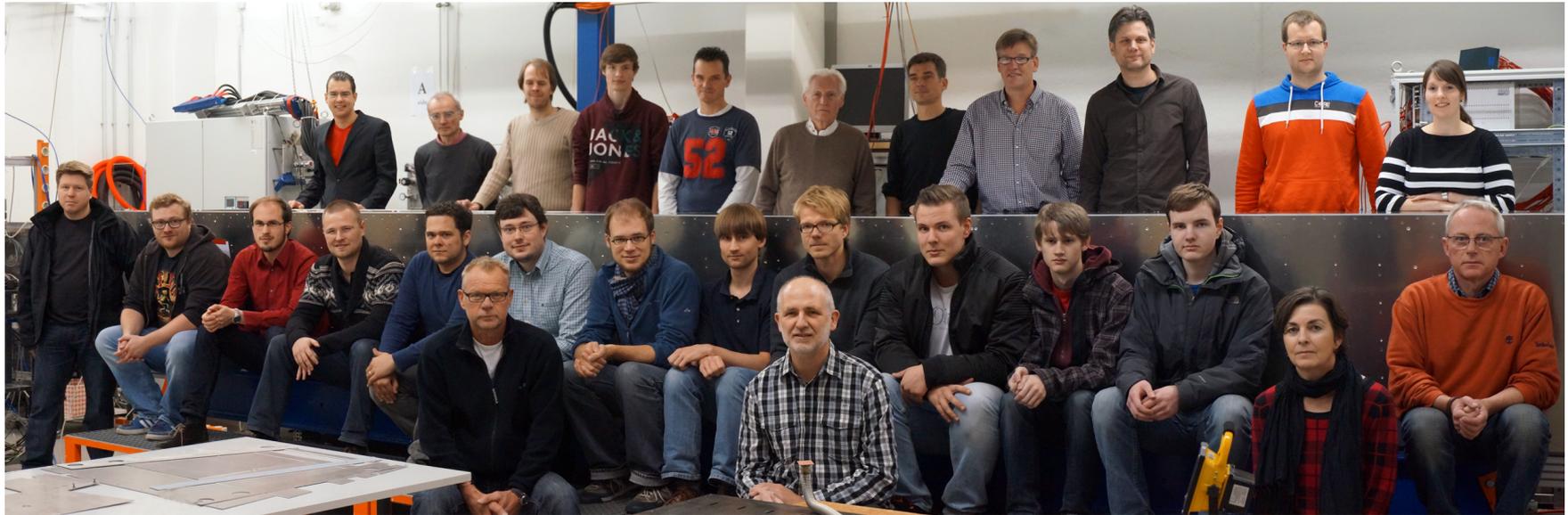




## > Electrons and Pions



## > AG Wessels and last TRD Module



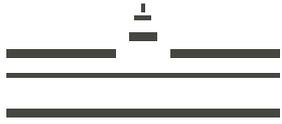
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plus YOU?

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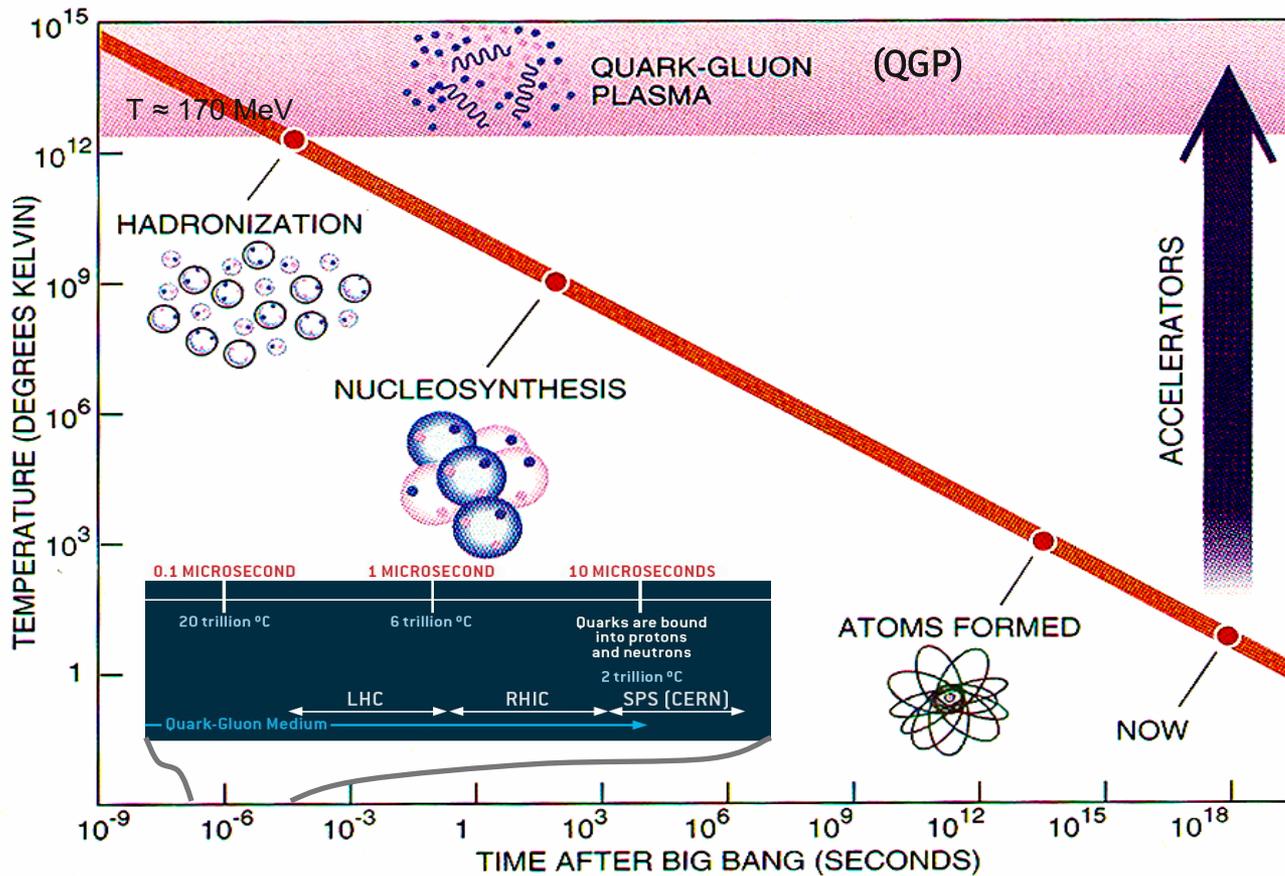


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# Backup

# 13.7 Billion Years Ago: The Quark-Gluon Plasma



Quarks and gluons are not confined into hadrons but can move freely

Recreated in the laboratory by colliding heavy ions (e.g. Au, Pb)

## › Hard Probes / Parton Scattering

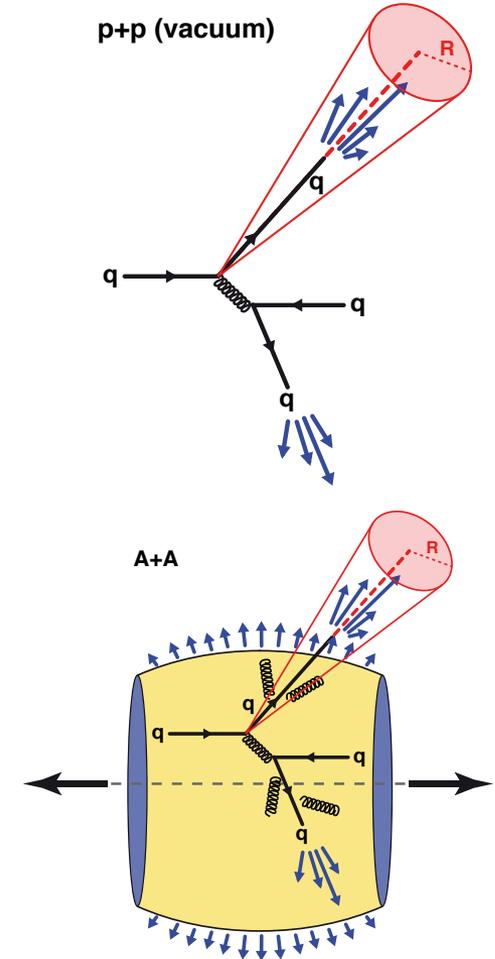
- Individual partons resolved at high  $Q^2$
- $t \sim 1/Q \ll 1 \text{ fm}/c$  (early stage and rare)
- Partons fragment into “jets” of observable hadrons
  - Strong back-to-back correlation
  - Main source of particle production at high  $p_T$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_h}{dp_T dy} = \int \text{PDF} \times \text{pQCD} \times \text{FF}(q, g \rightarrow h)$$

- In A+A: partons interact with QCD medium (“jet tomography”), leading parton “loses” energy:\*

$$\Delta E \propto \alpha_s C_R \langle \hat{q} \rangle L^2 f(E, m_q)$$

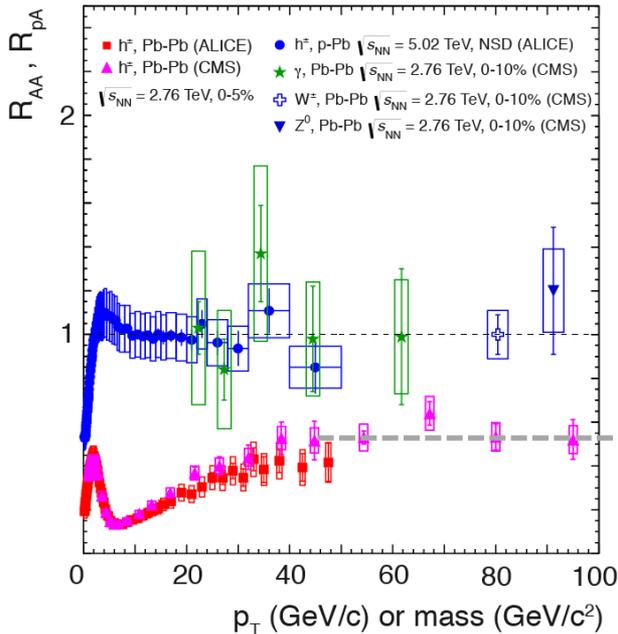
**Scattered parton properties (including medium effects) reflected in high  $p_T$  particles/jets.**



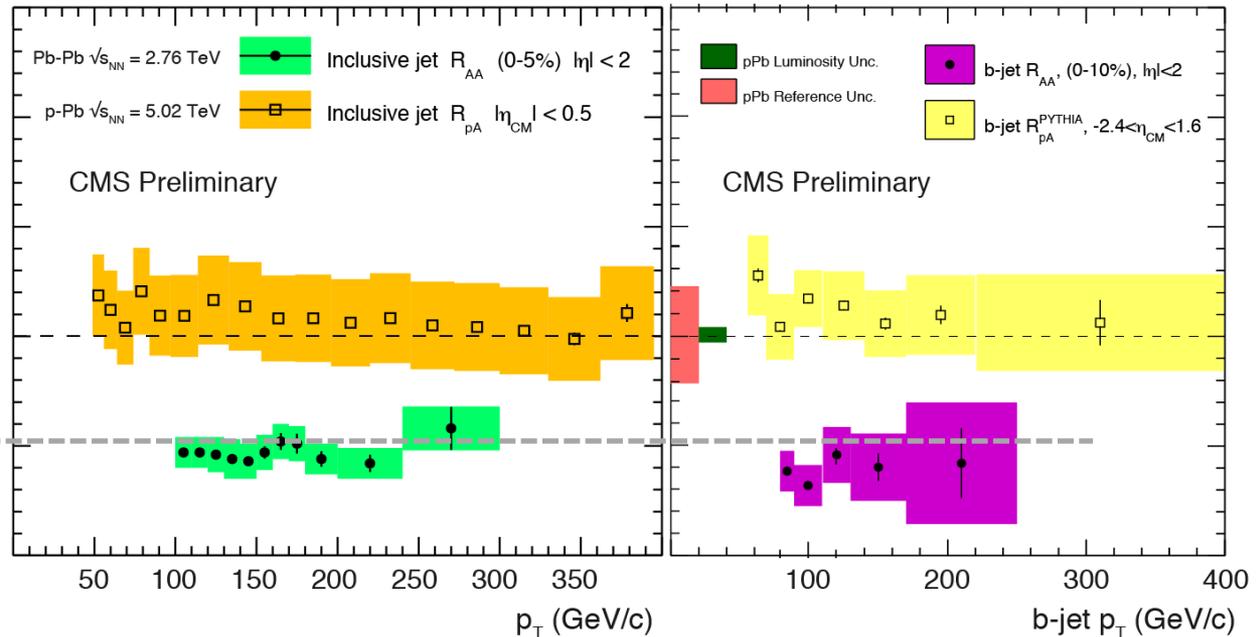
\*E.g. Baier et. al NPB 484: 265 (1997)

## > Hadrons, Jets, and b-Jets out to 500 GeV: Surprisingly Boring....

ALICE EPJ C74 3054 (2014)



CMS QM 2014 arxiv:1410.2576



No modification in pPb (cold nuclear matter) and for all color neutral probes in PbPb  
 Similar, limiting suppression for hadrons, light flavor and heavy quark jets.