Hadronization of the QGP

- some historical comments: the QGP in ALICE phase 1 and 2
- the statistical hadronization model and ALICE data
- remarks on the importance of low transverse momentum coverage
- charm and multi-charm hadrons, deconfinement and universal hadronization
- outlook

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hadronization of the QGP- the title of this talk the title of one of Jean Cleymans' transformational papers Z.Phys.C 58 (1993) 347-356

- the early years: 1970 1990 Aachen, CERN, SLAC, Bielefeld
- 1986 2021 Professor in Capetown
- 1991 1996 the beginning of work on the QCD phase diagram and hadron production
- 1992 the development of the statistical hadronization model
- 2004 2021 Jean in the ALICE collaboration

see my detailed remarks at the special session in memory of Jean Cleymans

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see also: Satz, H. The Abundance of the Species Physics 2022, 4, 912–919. https://doi.org/10.3390/physics4030059





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PbPb collisions at LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ A TeV



Run 1: 3 data taking campaigns pp, pPb, Pb-Pb

Run 2 with 13 TeV pp Pb-Pb run 5 TeV/u pPb Run at 5 and 8 TeV

Snapshot taken with the ALICE TPC

publications

as of March 24, 2022, LHC Run 3 has started!

central Pb-Pb collisions: more than 32000 particles produced per collision at top LHC energy fireball size > 10 fm

March 2022: Run 1 and Run 2 combined: 418

ALICE plans for the coming decade 2022 – 2030 LHC Run 3 and Run 4

ALICE has just been upgraded:

GEM based read-out chambers for the TPC new inner tracker with ultra-thin Si layers continuous read of (all) subdetectors

increase of data rates by factor >50

focus on rare objects, exotic quarkonia, single (and possibly double) charm hadrons to address a number of fundamental questions and issues such as:

- what is the deconfinement radius for charm quarks
- are there colorless bound states in a deconfined medium?
- are complex, light nuclei and exotic charmonia (X,Y,Z) produced as compact multi-quark bags?
- can fluctuation measurements shed light on the mechanism of baryon production and critical behavior near the phase boundary?







installation of upgraded detectors TPC and (new) ITS March 25, 2021



hadron production and the QCD phase boundary

- measure the momenta and identity of all produced particles at all energies and look for signs of equilibration, phase transitions, regularities, etc
- at the phase boundary, all quarks and gluons are converted ('hadronized') into hadrons which we measure in our detectors
 - main aim: establish the existence and position of the phase boundary
- an important milestone also for understanding the evolution of the early universe

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statistical hadronization model of particle production

partition function Z(T,V) contains sum over the full hadronic mass spectrum and is fully calculable in QCD

for each particle i, the statistical operator is:

$$\ln Z_i = \frac{Vg_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \pm p^2 \mathrm{d}p \ln[1 \pm \exp(-(E_i - \mu_i)/T)]$$

particle delibilies are men calculated according to.

$$n_i = N_i/V = -\frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 \mathrm{d}p}{\exp[(E_i - \mu_i)/T] \pm 1}$$

from

parameters T, mu_b, and V over an energy range from threshold to LHC energy and can confidently extrapolate to even higher energies

in practice, we use the full experimental hadronic mass spectrum from the PDG compilation (vacuum masses) to compute the 'primordial yield'

comparison with measured hadron yields needs evaluation of all strong decays

statistical hadronization of (u,d,s) hadrons

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, K. Redlich, J. Stachel, Nature 561 (2018) 321



$T_{CF} = 156.6 \pm 1.7 \text{ MeV}$ $\mu_B = 0.7 \pm 3.8 \text{ MeV}$

S-matrix treatment of interactions (non-strange sect.)

"proton puzzle" solved

similar results at lower energy, each new energy

a note on the chemical freeze-out temperature

= 156.5 ± 1.5 MeV from fit to all particles T

there is an additional uncertainty because of the poorly known hadronic mass spectrum for masses > 2 GeV

for d, 3He, hypertriton and alpha, there is very little feeding from heavier states and none from high mass states in the hadronic mass spectrum, for these particles the temperature T_{___} can be determined 'on the back of an envelope' :

 $T_{nuc} = 159 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$, independent of hadronic mass spectrum

Production of hadrons and (anti-)nuclei at LHC

1 free parameter: temperature T A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, K. Redlich, J. Stachel, Nature 561 (2018) 321 $T = 156.5 \pm 1.5 MeV$ Yield per spin d.o.f. 10³ Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$ =2.76 TeV, 0-10% centrality. agreement over 9 orders of Data, ALICE 10² magnitude with QCD particles statistical operator prediction 10 antiparticles (- strong decays need to be Statistical Hadronization added) total (after decays) 10-••••• primordial (thermal) 10-2 - matter and antimatter are 10⁻³ formed in equal portions at LHC - even large very fragile 10^{-4} Data/Model hypernuclei follow the same 10⁻⁵ systematics 10^{-6} 10 1.5 2.5 3 0.52

at LHC energy, all chemical potentials vanish, so strangeness is immaterial for particle production, particle yields ~ $M^{3/2} \exp(-M/T)$ (no 'strangeness enhancement')



energy dependence of hadron production described quantitatively



together with known energy dependence of charged hadron production in Pb-Pb collisions we can predict yield of all hadrons at all energies with < 10% accuracy

the QGP phase diagram, LatticeQCD, and hadron production data

note: all coll. at SIS, AGS, SPS, RHIC and LHC involved in data taking each entry is result of several years of experiments, variation of μ_B via variation of cm energy



experimental determination of phase boundary at $T_{c} = 156.6 \pm 1.7$ (stat.) ± 3 (syst.) MeV and $\mu_{B} = 0$ MeV Nature 561 (2018) 321

for baryo-chemical potential < 300 MeV

cross over transition at

μ_B (large net baryon density)?

the phase diagram

- quantitative agreement of chemical freeze-out parameters with most recent LQCD predictions
- $\mu_{\rm B}$ = 0 MeV, no experimental confirmation
- should the transition be 1st order for large
- then there must be a critical endpoint in

statistical hadronization for small systems

ALICE data: J.~Adam et al. [ALICE], ``Enhanced production of multi-strange hadrons in high-multiplicity proton-proton collisions," Nature Phys. {13} (2017), 535-539

Jean Cleymans, Pok Man Lo, Krzysztof Redlich, Natasha Sharma

arXiv:2009.04484, Phys.Rev.C 103 (2021) 1, 01490 arXiv:2010.02714, CPOD

It is shown that the number of charged hadrons is linearly proportional to the volume of the system. For small multiplicities the canonical ensemble with local strangeness conservation restricted to mid-rapidity leads to a stronger suppression of (multi-)strange baryons than seen in the data. This is compensated by introducing a global conservation of strangeness in the whole phase-space which is parameterized by the canonical correlation volume larger than the fireball volume at the mid-rapidity. The results on comparing the hadron resonance gas model with and without S-matrix corrections, are presented in detail. It is shown that the interactions introduced by the phase shift analysis via the S-matrix formalism are essential for a better description of the yields data.

very good agreement from pp to pPb to central Pb-Pb arXiv:2009.04484

key new ingredient: strangeness conservation over the volume of the whole fireball, not in the slice at mid-rapidity this is same as for baryons, see pbm, Rustamov, Stachel, arXiv:1907.03032 ALICE coll., Phys.Lett.B 807 (2020) 135564



FIG. 5. Left-hand figure: Yields for $V_A = V_C$. Right-hand figure: Yields for $V_A \neq V_C$, Top line is the volume (x5) in fm³. The particle yields are indicated in the right panel together with the multiplicative factor used to separate the yields. The solid blue lines have been calculated for T = 156.5 MeV while the solid red lines have been calculated for T = 160 MeV.



summary so far (2022) – production of (u,d,s) hadrons

- statistical hadronization model is an effective tool to understand the phenomenology of hadron production in relativistic nuclear collisions from SIS to LHC energy with predictive power for future facilities
- deeply rooted in duality 'hadrons quarks' near QCD phase boundary
- present precision is mostly limited by incomplete knowledge of hadron mass spectrum and related branching ratios for decays
- first measurements from ALICE at the 5% accuracy level showed deviations for protons, now quantitatively understood by using experimental pion-nucleon phase shifts
- yields of light nuclei and hyper-nuclei successfully predicted \rightarrow maybe produced as quark bags?
- works also for hadrons with charm quarks \rightarrow charmonium enhancement in QGP, direct proof of deconfinement for charm quarks, see below

key results: experimental location of QCD phase boundary for μ_{h} < 300 MeV: $T_{e} = 156.5 \pm 3$ MeV for $\mu_{b} = 0$ new insight into hadronization



why emphasis on low transverse momenta p_T ?

- the bulk of particles produced in hadronic and nuclear collisions takes place at p_T < 1 GeV
- typical sizes of the interaction region range from 1 fm (pp collisions) to > 10 fm (Pb—Pb collisions)
- our main emphasis is to create matter (such as the quark-gluon plasma) in such collisions and study its properties
- matter (in contrast to a weakly or non-interacting gas of hadrons) implies some degree of thermalization; thermalization takes place predominantly where the bulk of particles is
- larger systems emit particles at low transverse momenta: p_T < 1 GeV implies spatial size r_T > 0.2 fm, p_T < 100 MeV implies r_T > 2 fm, p_T < 20 MeV implies

 $r_T > 10 \text{ fm}$ (note that $\hbar c = 197 \text{ MeV fm}$)

all produced particles are accompanied by photons with characteristic 1/p_T spectrum, the majority of these
photons is at very low p_T (see below)

relativistic nuclear collisions and the charm sector

- production of hadrons with charm in relativistic nuclear collisions
- brief review of quark model of baryons and mesons
- focus on baryons containing charm quarks
- the multiple charm hierarchy
- deconfinement and hadronization of a fireball containing charm quarks

the charm baryons in the quark model



note: baryons with 2 or 3 charm quarks cannot be produced in a single (hard) collision

charm mesons in the quark model



[Braun-Munzinger and Stachel, PLB 490 (2000) 196] [Andronic, Braun-Munzinger and Stachel, NPA 789 (2007) 334]

- Charm quarks are produced in initial hard scatterings $(m_{c\bar{c}} \gg T_c)$ and production can be described by pQCD ($m_{c\bar{c}} \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$)
- Charm quarks survive and thermalise in the QGP
- ► Full screening before *T*_{CF}
- Charmonium is formed at phase boundary (together with other hadrons)
- Thermal model input $(T_{CF}, \mu_b \rightarrow n_X^{th})$

$$N_{c\bar{c}}^{\mathsf{dir}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}g_c \, \mathbf{V} \left(\sum_i n_{D_i}^{\mathsf{th}} + n_{\Lambda_i}^{\mathsf{th}} + \cdots\right)}_{\mathsf{Open \ charm}} + \underbrace{g_c^2 \, \mathbf{V} \left(\sum_i n_{\psi_i}^{\mathsf{th}} + n_{\chi_i}^{\mathsf{th}} + \mathbf{V}_{\chi_i}^{\mathsf{th}} + \mathbf{V}_{\chi_i}$$

- Canonical correction is applied to nth_{oc}
- Outcome $N_{J/\psi}, N_D, ...$

core-corona picture: treat low density part of nuclear overlap region, where a nucleon undergoes 1 or less collisions as pp collisions, use measured pp cross section scaled by $T_{AA} = N_{coll}/\sigma_{inel}^{pp}$ with N_{coll} the number of (hard) collisions as obtained in the Glauber approach

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energy dependence of charm production cross section at mid-rapidity



ALICE collaboration, arXiv:2105.06335

centrality dependence of charm fugacity g_c at LHC energy



now SHMc predictions for charmed hadrons compared with spectra and yields as measured in ALICE

importantly, in the SHMc approach, all charmed hadrons are treated uniformly the yields of charmonia, (multi-)charm baryons, (multi-)charm mesons etc are predicted without any new parameter T and µ_B are obtained from (u,d,s) analysis, the only additional input is total open charm cross section, now obtained from inclusive measurement of D⁰ production in Pb-Pb collisions

statistical hadronization for hidden and open charm

 J/ψ enhanced compared to other M = 3 GeV hadrons since number of c-quarks is about 30 times larger than expected for pure thermal production at T = 156 MeV due to production in initial hard collisions and subsequent thermalization in the fireball. production probability scales with N_{ccbar}^2 enhancement factor is 900 for J/ψ



quantitative agreement for open and hidden charm hadrons, same mechanism should work for all open and hidden charm hadrons, universal hadronization mechanism

even for exotica such as Ω_{ccc} where enhancement factor is nearly 30000 quantitative tests in LHC Run3/Run4 and mainly ALICE 3

enhancement is defined relative to purely thermal value, not to pp yield

first we summarize results for hidden charm mesons (J/ψ)

- quarkonia are heavy quark antiquark bound states, i.e. cc_{bar} and bb_{bar}
- since masses of charm and beauty quarks are high as compared to QCD scale parameter $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$ non-relativistic Schrödinger equation can be used to find bound states

$$(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2(m_Q/2)} + V(r))\Psi(\vec{r}) = E\Psi(\vec{r})$$

with quark-quark potential of the form

note: the pre-factor of the 'QCD Coulomb term' results from 1 gluon exchange and contains the Casimir factor $C_F = (N_c^2 - 1)/2N_c$ with which all 2-body amplitudes in QCD are multiplied. Here, N_c is the number of colors N_c = 3.

$$V(r) = \sigma r - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9} \frac{\vec{s_1} \cdot \vec{s_2}}{m_Q^2} \delta(\vec{r}) + \dots$$

confinement spin-spin int. tensor, spin-orbit, higher order rel. corr. color Coulomb int.

and

• with the string tension $\sigma \sim 0.9$ GeV/fm, the strong coupling constant $\alpha_s(m_Q) \sim 0.35$ and 0.20 for $m_c=1.5$ and m_b=4.6 GeV, respectively to obtain the spectrum of quarkonia

charmonia at finite temperature

consider T« m_c so QGP of gluons, u,d,s quarks and antiquarks, no thermal heavy quarks consider cc_{bar} in thermal environment of gluons and light quarks

in QGP color singlet And color octet cc_{bar}^{an} states can mx by absorption or emission of a soft gluon \rightarrow modification of V_{eff}



- reduced string tension as T approaches T_c - string breaking due to thermal qqbar and

 and Dbar
 for T>T_c confining part disappears and short range Coulomb part is Debye
 Yukawa type potential

$$V_{eff}(r,T) \rightarrow -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} e^{-r/\lambda_D}$$

 $\omega_D = 1/\lambda_D$

Debye screening mass and length

note: charmonia are apparently not special, see discussion about T_{cc} + below

gluons leading to D

screened to give

charmonium as a probe for the properties of the QGP

the original idea: (Matsui and Satz 1986) implant charmonia into the QGP and observe their modification, in terms of suppressed production in nucleus-nucleus collisions with or without plasma formation – sequential melting (suppression)

new insight (pbm, Stachel 2000) QGP screens all charmonia, but charmonium production takes place at the phase boundary, enhanced production at colliders signal for deconfined, thermalized charm quarks production probability scales with $N(_{ccbar})^2$

reviews: L. Kluberg and H. Satz, arXiv:0901.3831

pbm and J. Stachel, arXiv:0901.2500

both published in Landoldt-Boernstein Review, R. Stock, editor, Springer 2010

nearly simultaneous: Thews, Schroeder, Rafelski 2001 formation and destruction of charmonia inside the QGP

n.b. at collider energies there is a complete separation of time scales

implanting charmonia into QGP is an inappropriate notion

this issue was already anticipated by Blaizot and Ollitrault in 1988

also charm quark production increases strongly with collision energy

t_{coll} << t_{QGP} < t_{Jpsi}

an aside: charmonium melts at T_c newest result from the Bielefeld/BNL/Wuhan lattice group arXiv:2002.00681

little modification of quarkonia in QGP: charmonia and (presumably) all charm hadrons melt at T_c bottomonia melt at < 1.5 T_c

Thermal modification of spectral functions for charmonium and bottomonium at high temperature





Survival of bottomonium significantly above T_c

-> Consistent with picture of statistical (re-)generation of J/ψ at freeze-out



RHIC and LHC data compared to SHM predictions

note the energy dependence of the nuclear modification factor R_{AA}



the band with the model predictions at LHC energy is due to the uncertainties in the pp open charm cross section and the necessary shadowing corrections

enhancement is at low (transverse) momentum and at angles perpendicular to the beam direction, as expected for a thermal, nearly isotropic source



enhancement is due to statistical combination of charm- and anti-charm quarks these heavy quarks have masses O(1 GeV) and are not produced thermally since T_{cf} = 156 MeV << 1 GeV. Interactions in the hot fireball bring the charm quarks close to equilibrium \rightarrow production probability scales with N_{ccbar}²

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see in particular arXiv:2112.08156

spectra and R_{AA} of D^0 mesons and Λ_c baryons

for open heavy flavor hadrons strong contribution from resonance decays

- include all known charm hadron states as of PDG2020 in SHMc
- compute decay spectra with FastReso: 76 2-body and 10 3-body decays
 - (A. Mazeliauskas, S. Floerchinger, E. Grossi, D. Teaney, EPJ C79 (2019) 284 arXiv: 1809.11049)



ratios of charm hadrons to D⁰ spectra



Charm-hadron spectrum: PDG

excellent agreement for meson ratios, NO free parameters, Λ_c/D^0 missed

indication of charm quark deconfinement

to further reduce uncertainties, need improved measurments of total open charm cross section

ratios of charm hadrons to D⁰ spectra



Charm-hadron spectrum: enhanced c-baryons (tripled excited states)

excellent agreement, NO free parameters

indication of charm quark deconfinement to further reduce uncertainties, need improved measurements of total open charm cross section, important measurement for LHC Run3

comparison of $D0/(J/\psi)$ ratio with statistical hadronization model prediction



A. Andronic et al., JHEP07 (2021) 035

 D^0 and J/ψ simultaneously reproduced, no free parameter

at the phase boundary, all processes producing J/ψ included, even including D Dbar* --> J/ψ π with resonance feeding **no additional contribution to J/ψ production from confined hadronic phase**

multi-charm hadrons, deconfinement and universal hadronization

why are multi-charm baryons important to measure?

these complex baryons are assembled at the QCD phase transition from the quarks in the fireball

in the SHMc the production probability scales as g_cn^c if charm quarks are deconfined over the volume of the fireball formed in the Pb-Pb collision, see below

it follows that the yield of the doubly charmed Ξ_{cc}^{++} should be strongly (by a factor 900, see below) enhanced

measurement of this enhancement is hence a clear proof of deconfinement of charm quarks over distances determined by the volume of the fireball

in central Pb-Pb collisions this volume is of order 5000 fm³

this implies deconfinement over linear dimensions of order 10 fm much larger than the size of a (confined) nucleon (size of order 0.8 fm)

the multiple-charm hierarchy in the statistical hadronization model

results shown in this lecture are based in part on the recent paper: A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, M. Koehler, A. Mazeliauskas, K. Redlich, V. Vislavicius, JHEP 07 (2021) 035, 2104.12754 [hep-ph]

focus on production of open (multi)-charm hadrons at LHC energy collision systems: Pb-Pb, Xe-Xe, Kr-Kr, Ar-Ar, O-O production yields, rapidity and transverse momentum distributions

how to measure multi-charm baryons?

measurements are generally done via invariant mass analysis

but: such measurements need very sophisticated detectors since the decay chains can be very complicated

example:





LHCb collaboration, arXiv:1910.11316, pp collisions

new ALICE development: strangeness tracking

(left) Illustration of strangeness tracking from full detector simulation of the Ξ_{cc}^{++} decay into $\Xi_c^+ + \pi^+$ with the successive decay $\Xi_c^+ \to \Xi^- + 2\pi^+$. (right) Close-up illustration of the region marked with a red dashed box in the left figure, containing the five innermost layers of ALICE 3 and the hits that were added to the Ξ^- trajectory (red squares).

 Ξ^{++}_{cc} mass spectrum without (red) and with (blue) strangeness tracking

the power of ultra-thin, ultra-precise MAPS detectors for ALICE 3

[arXiv:2211.02491 [physics.ins-det]]

the multi-charm hierarchy

open and hidden charm hadrons, including exotic objects, such as X-states, c-deuteron, pentaquark, Ω_{ccc}

emergence of a unique pattern, due to g_cⁿ and mass hierarchy perfect testing ground for deconfinement for LHC Run 3 and beyond

if statistical hadronization is universal, its production cross section will fall on the 2 charm quark line at the measured mass, can be tested experimentally

summary – charm production

- statistical hadronization works quantitatively for hadrons with charm quarks
- charm quarks are not thermally produced but in initial hard collisions and subsequently thermalize in the hot and dense fireball
- predicted charmonium enhancement at low p_T established at LHC energies
- charmonium enhancement implies that charm quarks are deconfined over distances > 5 fm
- charm quark hadronization follows the statistical hadronization pattern established for (u,d,s) hadrons with, at LHC energy, only the hadronization (phase transition) temperature as 'parameter'
- the study of open charm hadron production has just begun
- predict dN/dy for hierarchy of multi-charm states, very large (> 5000) enhancement expected
- precision study of such hadrons \rightarrow further insight into confinement, deconfinement and hadronization

the near future at the high lumi LHC

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LHC program

next 4 slides taken from Sarah Porteboeuf, ALICE

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LHC program

ATLAS/CMS, 0.26 nb⁻¹ in LHCb **p-Pb:** 75 nb⁻¹ in ALICE, ~220 nb⁻¹ in ATLAS/CMS, 36 nb⁻¹ in LHCb

p-Pb: 0,5 pb⁻¹ in ALICE, I pb⁻¹ in ATLAS/CMS, 0.2 pb⁻¹ in LHCb To be continued in RUN 5, see talk by R. Bailhache

RUN 4 2029-2032

pp, pPb, Pb-Pb

PHYSICS Outlook* – RUN 3+4

Upgraded machine:

- increase in energy and luminosity
- Intermediate systems with Oxygen

Initial State:

- Nuclear PDF and Nucleon structure, low-x
- Reference systems (UPC, pA, pp), event characterization
- Total c cross section

In-medium dynamics: thermalization and transport propertie

- Thermal radiation with photon and dielectron
- Susceptibilities and net baryon fluctuations
- Quenching mass and time dependance
- Heavy flavor transport, precision measurement for R_{AA} and v₂, bottomonia

Onset of collective behavior from small to large systems

- Systematic measurements of QGP legacy probes vs. mult, vs. systems, vs. energy
- Onset of energy loss and thermal radiation
- High mult pp sample and new collision systems

Hadronisation

- Baryon/meson ratios, flow
- Multi-charm baryons
- lets

Upgraded experiments

- To cope with the machine upgrade and collect more statistics
- > All experiments developed upgrade for HI physics

collect more statistics HI physics

the far future (not so far for a new detector)

ALICE collaboration ``Letter of intent for ALICE 3: A next-generation heavy-ion experiment at the LHC," [arXiv:2211.02491 [physics.ins-det]].

ALICE 3 detector concept

Compact all-silicon tracker with high-resolution vertex detector

- Particle identification $\gamma, e^{\pm}, \mu^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, \pi^{\pm}$
 - Over large acceptance ($-4 < \eta < 4$)
 - Down to very low p_T

D.Adamova et al. ArXiv:1902.01211 ALICE CERN-LHCC-2022-009

Observables and detector requirements

- Heavy-flavour hadrons ($p_T \rightarrow 0$, wide η range)
 - \rightarrow Vertexing, tracking, hadron identification
- Quarkonia and Exotica $(p_T \rightarrow 0)$
 - \rightarrow Muon and γ identification
- Nuclei
 - \rightarrow Identification of z > 1 particles

- Dielectrons ($p_{\mathrm{T}} \sim 0.05 3$ GeV/c, $m_{\mathrm{ee}} \sim 0.1$ 4 GeV/c²) \rightarrow Vertexing, tracking, electron identification
- Photons ($E_\gamma \sim$ 0.1 50 GeV/c, wide η range)
- Ultra-soft photons ($1 \le p_T \le 10 \text{ MeV/c}$) → Dedicated Forward Conversion Tracker detector (FCT)

Use Time-of-flight detectors, Ring-imaging Cherenkov detectors, Calorimeters, muon chambers, FCT

→ Photon conversion, electromagnetic calorimeter

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