

Measurement of charm mesons on ALICE

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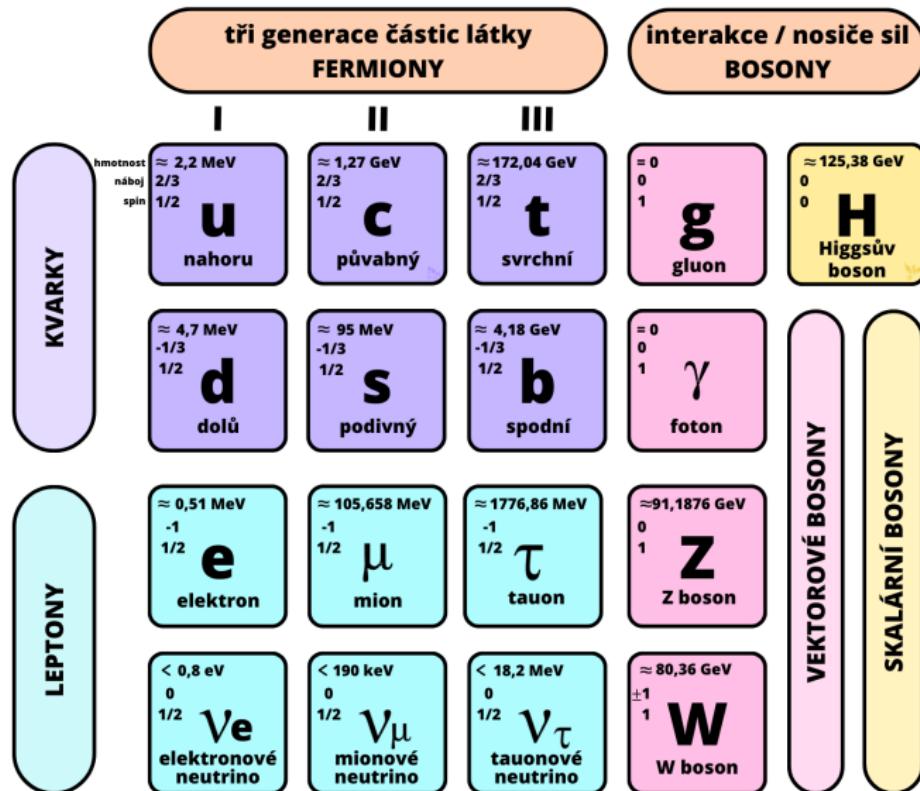
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Standard model of elementary particles



Ultra relativistic heavy ion collisions

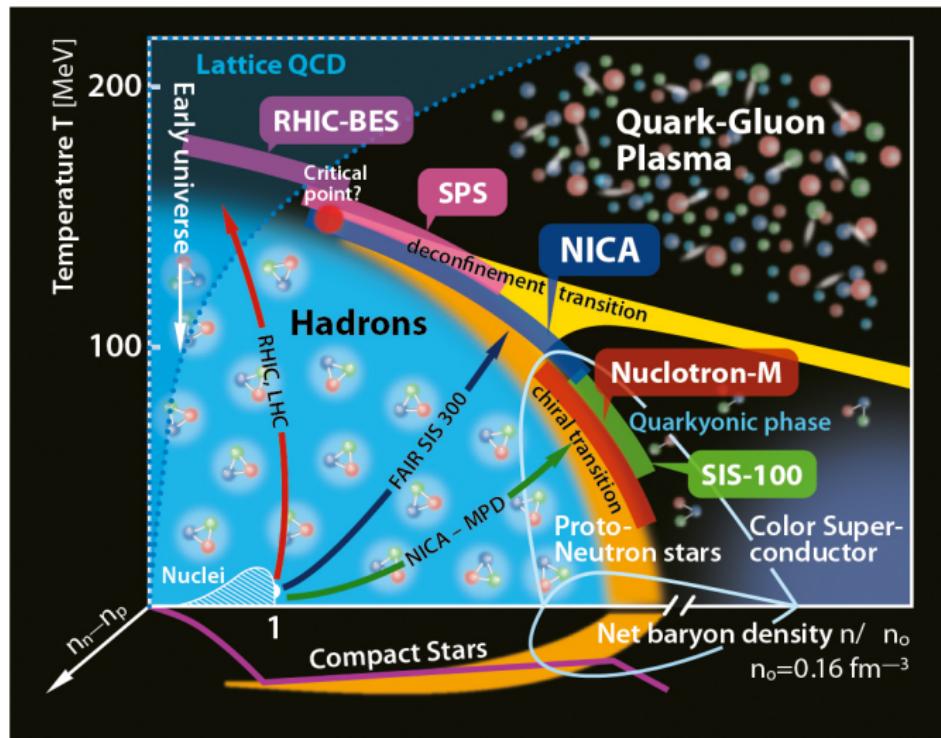
Quark-gluon plasma (QGP)

- matter of quasi-free quarks and gluons at extreme densities and temperatures
- $T_c = 150$ MeV
- Big Bang
- produced in central ultra relativistic ion collisions
- study of strong interaction properties

Particle collisions

- LHC \rightarrow pp, pA, AA

Phase diagram of QGP



Charm mesons

D meson

- c quark/antiquark
- $D^+ (c\bar{d}), D^0 (c\bar{u}), D_s^+ (c\bar{s})$
 - $M(D^0) = 1864,75 \pm 0,15 \pm 0,11 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 - $M(D^+) = 1869,51 \pm 0,12 \pm 0,07 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 - $M(D_s^+) = 1968,19 \pm 0,20 \pm 0,14 \pm 0,08 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- prompt: primary vertex
- unprompted: $B^+ \rightarrow D^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
- hard probes

Current measurements of D mesons on ALICE

Fragmentation of c quark

- ALICE in pp collisions measured production of D^0 , D^+ , D_s^+ , Λ_c^+ , Ξ_c^0 , D^{*+}
- possible to determine the fragmentation ratio $f(c \rightarrow H_c)$
- difference between ee, ep and pp systems

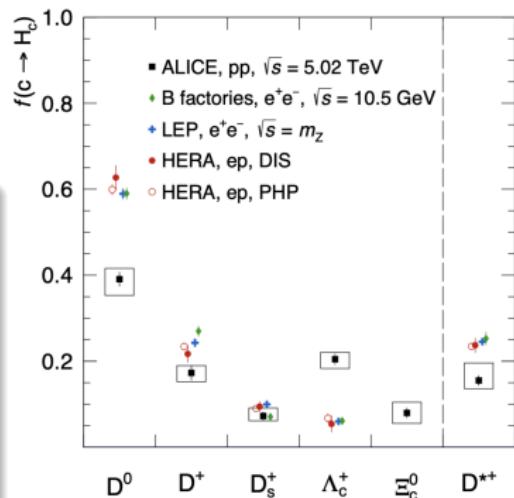


Figure: [1].

Experiment ALICE

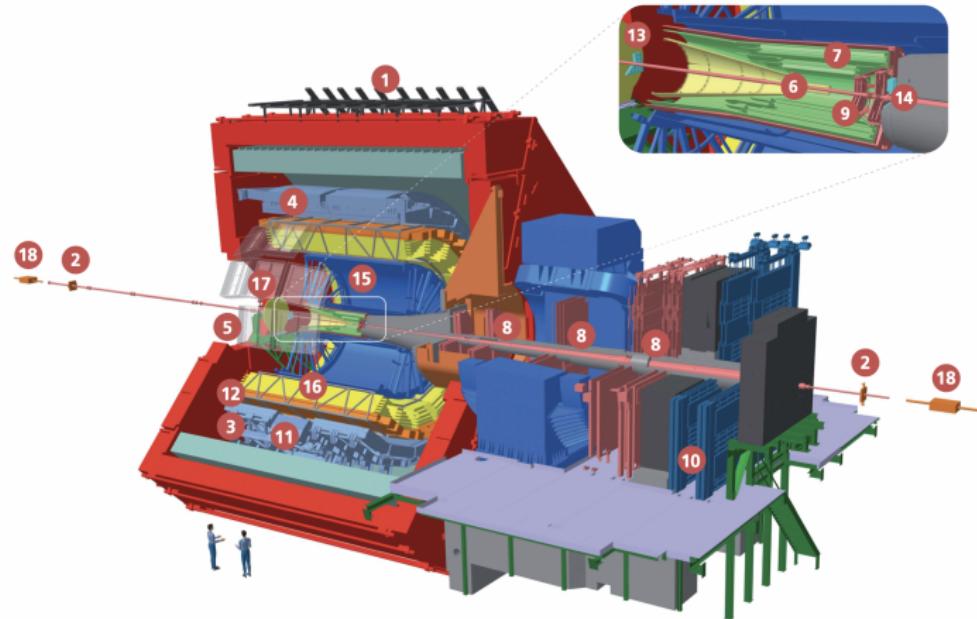


Figure: ITS - 6,7, MFT - 9, TOF - 12, TPC - 15

Run 3

Run 3 (2022-2025)

- new detector MFT
- upgrade of detectors
- continuous read out
- 100times more data compared to Run 1
- new analysis framework: O2Physics



Framework O²

Principle

- Online-Offline
- installation on a local computer
- CERN server

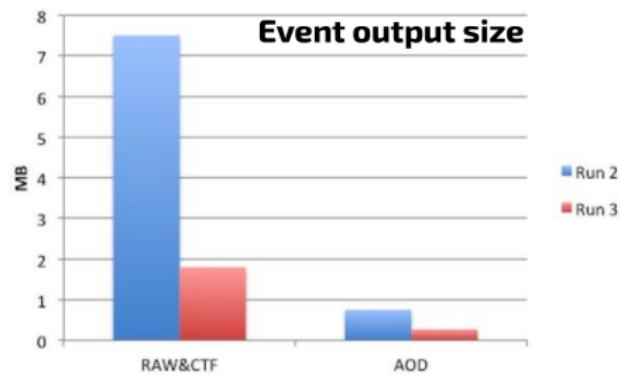
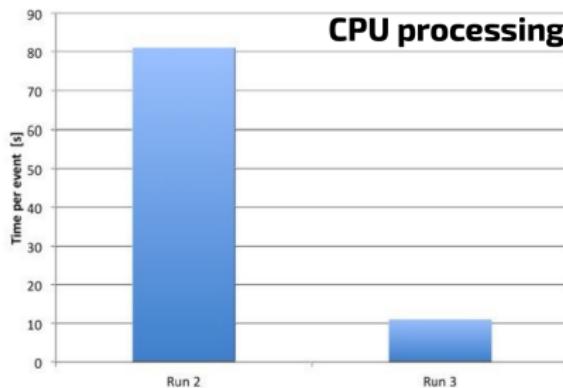
O2Physics

- replace AliPhysics
- collisions and tracks as separate arrays of analysis objects
- flat tables
 - only basic tables saved
 - on-the-fly

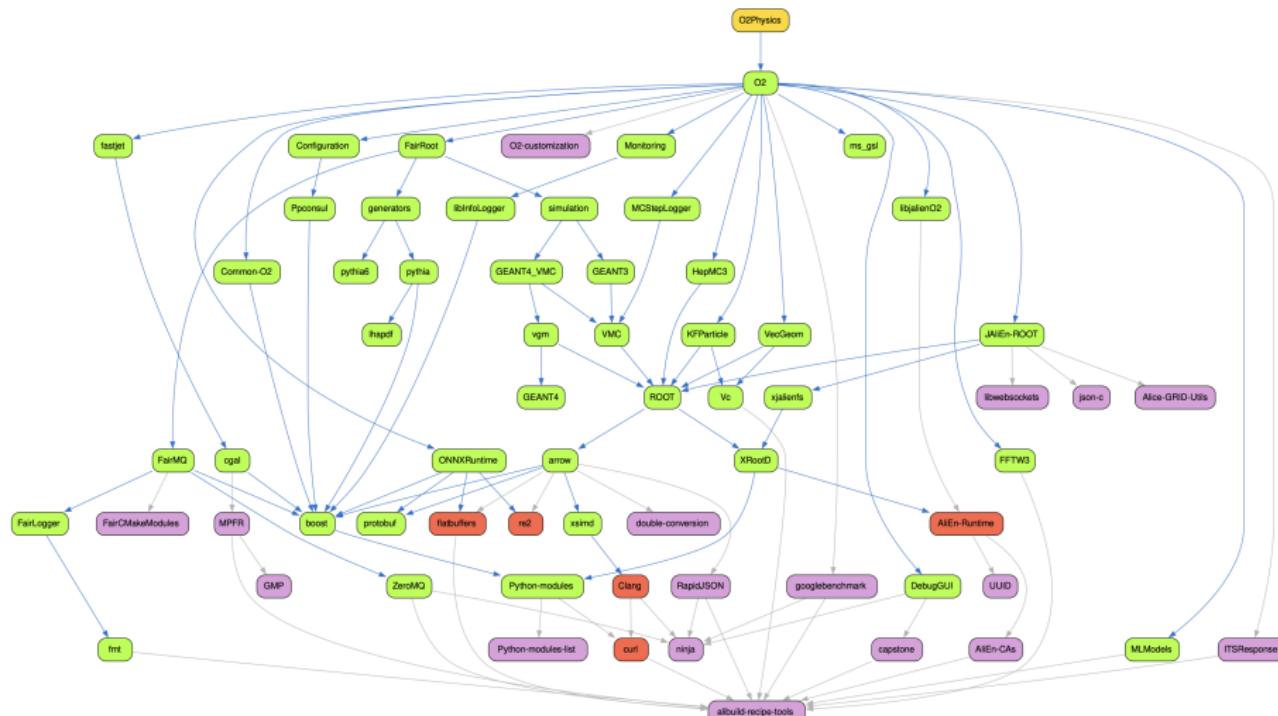
O² framework

Advantages

- Speeding up processing (5x)
- Rapid reduction of data (3x)



O2Physics dependence



Analysis task

Workflow

- tasks created by end users
- helper tasks
- shared memory

Running an analysis

- o2-analysis-my-analysis --aod-file A02D.root
- o2-analysis-my-analysis
--configuration=json://file.json

Heavy Flavour analysis - D^0 meson

Decay channel

$$D^0 \rightarrow K^- + \pi^+$$

1. phase

- Rough selection of tracks of charged particle - K, π (η, p_T, \dots)

2. phase

- reconstruction of the secondary vertex and selection of daughter particle candidates D mesons

3. phase

- fine selection of D meson candidates (topological selection, PID)

D^0 meson data

MonteCarlo simulated data

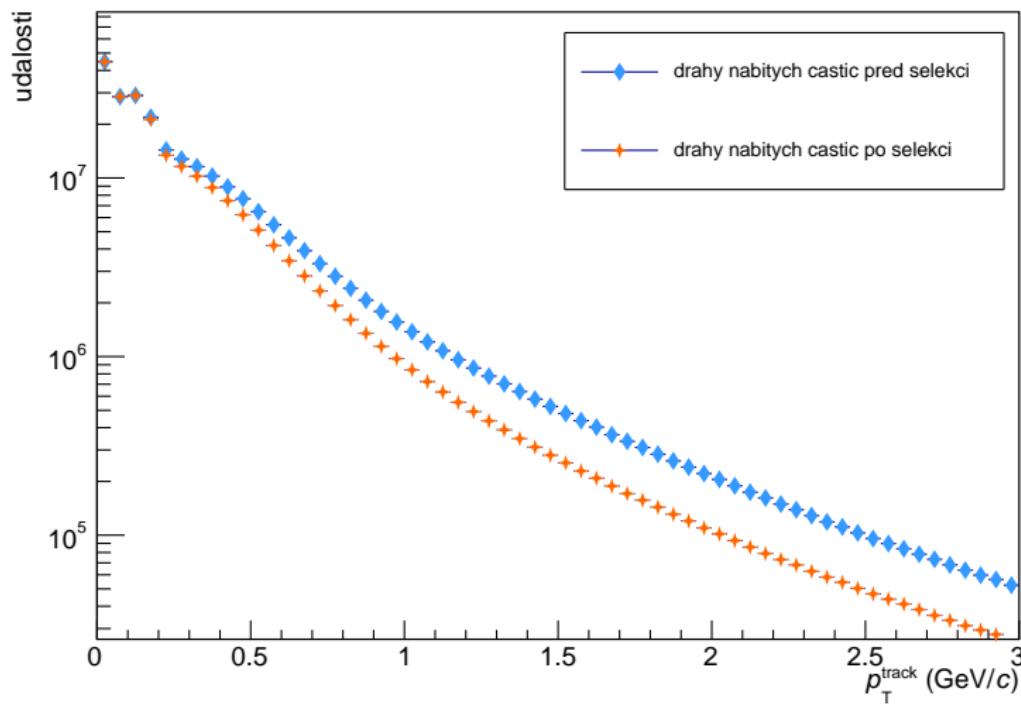
- # collisions = 4 300 436
 - path: /alice/sim/2022/LHC22b1b/302008/AOD/001-051
 - pp, 13.6 TeV - HF triggers

Rough selection of daughter tracks

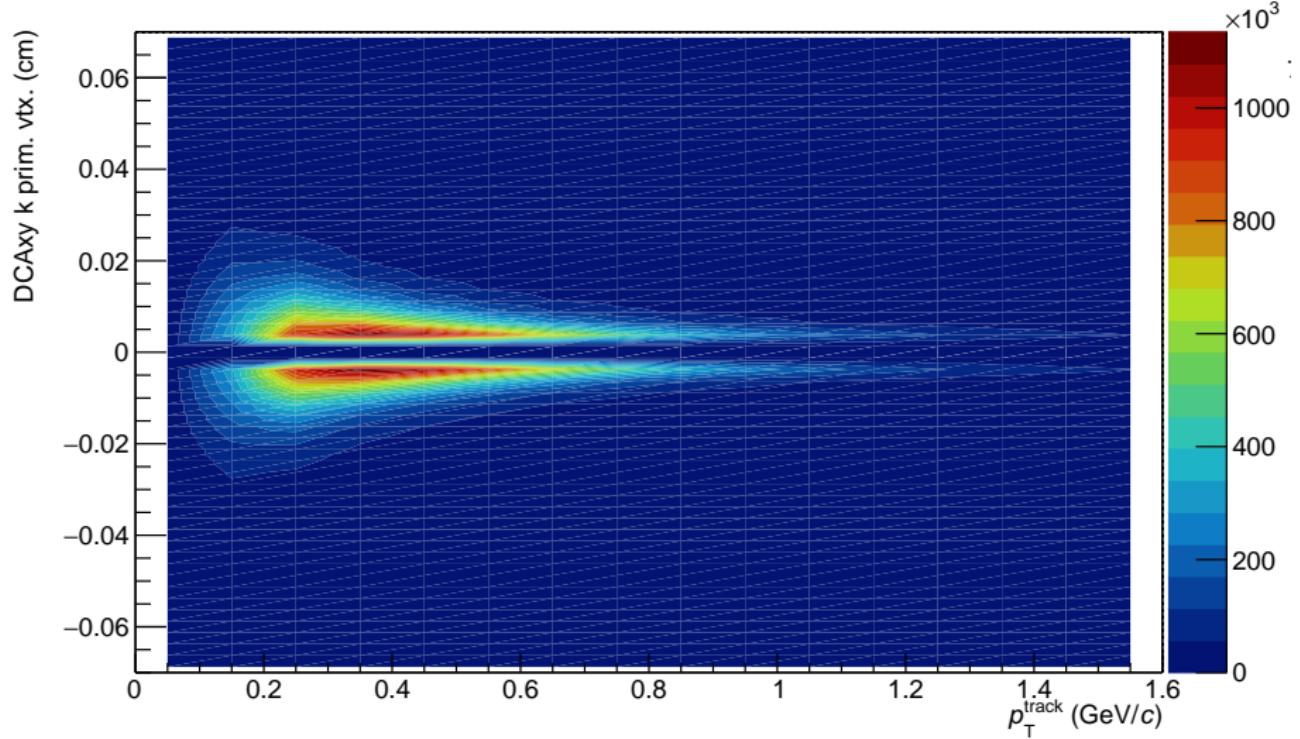
Candidates of daughter tracks

- $p_T > 0$ GeV/c
- $|\eta| < 4$
- $\text{DCA}_{x,y} > 0,0025$ cm

pp, 13,6 TeV - MC data



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Fine selection of candidates

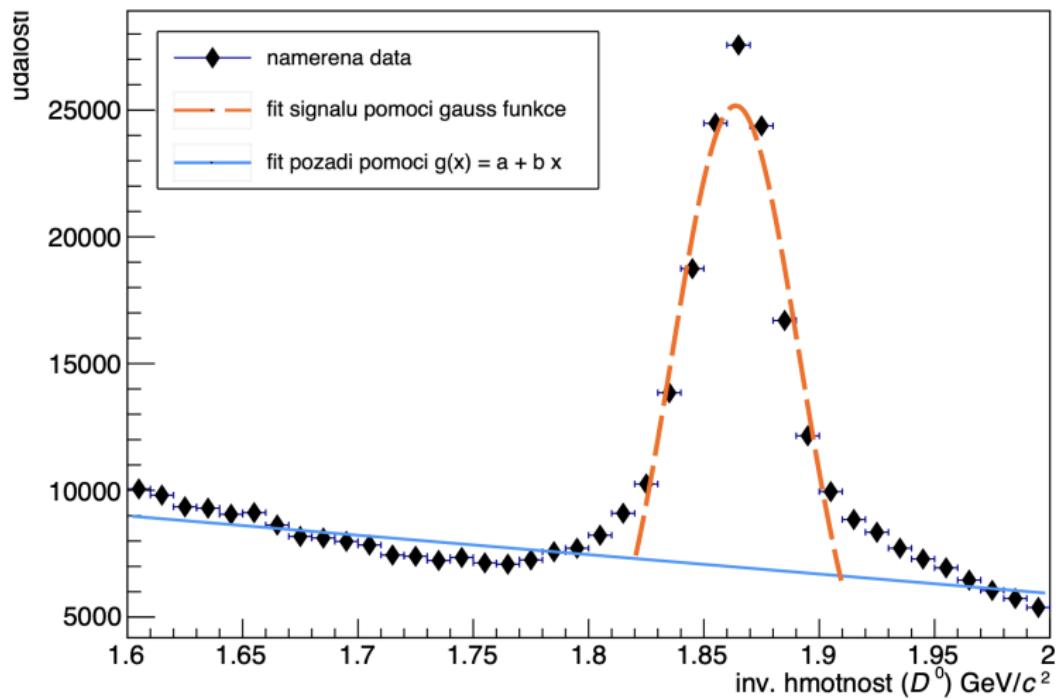
Before

- reconstruction of secondary vertex
- selection of daughter tracks candidates

Candidates of D^0

- $0 < p_T < 50 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $0, 15 < p_{T_{\text{TPC-PID}}} \text{ GeV}/c$
- topological selection
- PID of candidates

D^0 mesons Run 3 - MC



Conclusion

Outcome

- fitted mass from MC data: $M(D^0)_{\text{exp}} = 1860 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- table value: $M(D^0)_{\text{tab}} = 1864, 75 \pm 0, 15 \pm 0, 11 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

Creation od analysis task to identify D^0 mesons in the $D^0 \rightarrow K^- + \pi^+$ channel and analysis of a MC data set.

Outlook

analysis of real data from Run 3



~ THANK YOU ~

References

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