

ALICE early results

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Turkey and ALICE

- Nizam ERDURAN and Engin ARIK promoted the idea of Istanbul University joining ALICE – I met Engin both at CERN (she was interested in n_TOF) and in Istanbul.
- I remember very well my visit here in 2003, and the discussions and dinner with Engin.
- Ozgur Cobanoglu (DAQ), Birkan Belin (HMPID) worked with us for sometime.
- Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, became an associate member of the ALICE Collaboration (Team Leader: Prof. Metin SUBASI)
- Ayben Karasu, Metin's student, defended successfully, at the beginning of June, her Ph.D. thesis on the production of Δ⁺⁺/Δ⁻⁻ in pp collisions with ALICE. Ozgur Akcali (postdoc).
- ICFA Instrumentation School organized here by current spokesperson of ALICE (Paolo GIUBELLINO) in 1999 and 2002.

With Turkey joining CERN, my wish is to have soon a Turkish group as full member of ALICE.







Particle identification capability



- hadrons (π^{\pm} , K[±], p[±]) down to 100 MeV/c
 - dE/dx in silicon (ITS) and gas (TPC) + time-of-flight (TOF) + Cherenkov (HMPID)
- muons ($p \ge 4$ GeV/c) muon spectrometer; π^0 , γ in PHOS, EMCAL; electrons TRD & TPC: 1 GeV/c
- K^0 , K^{\pm} (kink), Δ^{++} , Λ ????, Ξ^{\pm} , Ω^{\pm} ?? D^{\pm} , D^0 , π^0 , η , etc., through decay topology)
- γ also through conversions jpr/Istanbul/Jun.2011

See A. Karasu, "short lived resonances"

Particle identification in PbPb



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Anti-⁴He production in Pb-Pb collisions

Combine tracking (R), Time of flight (velocity) and dE/dx information:



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Momentum resolution

- Best measurement from combined ITS and TPC fit in |η|< 0.8
- Resolution checked from track residuals, cosmics, and reconstructed decays widths and position (absolute)
- Resolution in Pb-Pb collisions approaching that of pp collisions
- Expected to be improved with better modelling of TPC corrections



Charged particle p_T spectra (pp)



Particle identification with TOF

• Time of flight signal – signal for (p) mass hypothesis in extreme conditions with PbPb collisions



Particle identification with TOF



Reconstruction of weak decays

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Data, pions

Data, kaons

• MC, pions

MC. kaons

△ MC, protons

Data, protons

p [GeV/c]

Resolution on the impact parameter (d_0) crucial to the reconstruction of weak decays of D-mesons





Same dca precision in pp and Pb-Pb, well described by MC, incl. particle dep.

Decay length $(c\tau)$:

– 300-500 μm (D^{+,-})

– 124 μm (D⁰)

70 μm resolution at 1 GeV/c

ALICE upgrade aiming for a factor 2-3 better

π^0 , η and photon reconstruction

 Three independent measurements: PHOS, EmCal, and conversions



π^0 reconstruction in EmCal



Preliminary EmCal resolution ~ 7%

π^0 and η from conversions





Proton-antiproton ratio





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√s [GeV]

* BRAHMS PHENIX

PHOBOS

10³

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ALICE data summary

Beam	Energy (TeV)	Events		Status
рр	0.9	300 k		2009 / Analysis completed
рр	0.9	7.4 M		2010 / Partially analysed
рр	2.36	40 k		2009 / ITS only; dN _{ch} /dŋ
рр	7	800 M (MB) 100 M (muons) 20 M (High Mult.)		2010
PbPb*	2.76/NN	30 M (MB)		2010 (9.5μb ⁻¹)
рр	2.76	70 M (MB) 20 nb ⁻¹ (rare triggers)		2011
* First PbPb jpr/l	collisions Noverr	ber 7, 2010	Presently	collecting pp data at 7 TeV

PP physics in ALICE

- **Comparison data** for heavy ion program
 - many signals measured 'relative' to pp
- Systematic study of MB event properties at LHC:
 - transition between perturbative and non-perturbative regimes of QCD
 - tuning of Monte Carlo generators
- High multiplicity pp events
 - $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ reaching energy density of HI collisions at RHIC





Charged particle production vs Vs

- Increase with energy significantly stronger in data than in MC's
- ALICE & CMS agree to within 1 σ (< 3%) [NSD at 2.36 TeV]
- $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ increase with Vs well described by a power law



Multiplicity Distributions



For instance, PHOJET OK at 900 GeV not at 7 TeV, ...

Presently extending measurements to high multiplicities

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<p_T> versus Multiplicity





SD and DD cross sections measurements important for normalization of inclusive measurements to INEL or NSD

PYTHIA and PHOJET tuned to measured ratios and to proper diffracted mass distributions

2.76 TeV

0.9 TeV



Diffractive cross sections $\frac{\sigma_{SD}}{\pm 0.034(syst.)}$

$$\sigma_{Inel} = 0.102 \pm 0.019(syst.)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{SD}^{left}}{\sigma_{Inel}} = 0.100 \pm 0.015(syst.)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{SD}^{right}}{\sigma_{Inel}} = 0.100 \pm 0.015(syst.)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{SD}}{\sigma_{Inel}} = 0.187 \pm 0.054(syst.)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{SD}^{left}}{\sigma_{Inel}} = 0.097 \pm 0.026(syst.)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{SD}^{right}}{\sigma_{Inel}} = 0.090 \pm 0.028(syst.)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{SD}}{\sigma_{Inel}} = 0.201 \pm 0.039(syst.)$$

$$\sigma_{SD}^{left} = -0.101 \pm 0.019(syst.)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{Inel}}{\sigma_{SD}} = 0.101 \pm 0.019(syst.)$$
$$\frac{\sigma_{SD}^{right}}{\sigma_{Inel}} = 0.100 \pm 0.020(syst.)$$

 $\frac{\sigma_{\rm DD}}{\sigma_{\rm Inel}} = 0.113 \pm 0.029$

 $\frac{\sigma_{\rm DD}}{\sigma_{\rm Inel}} = 0.125 \pm 0.052$

$$\frac{\sigma_{_{DD}}}{\sigma_{_{Inel}}} = 0.122 \pm 0.036$$

Inelastic cross sections

 Van der Meer scans were used to measure beam areas



• Preliminary results:

 $\sigma_{INEL} (2.76 \ TeV) = 62.1 \pm 1.6 (\text{model}) \pm 4.3 (\text{lumi}) \ mb$

 σ_{INEL} (7 TeV) = 72.7 ± 1.1(model) ± 5.1(lumi) mb





Quark Matter 2011



Gotsman et al., arXiv:1010.5323, EPJ. C74, 1553 (2011) Kaidalov et al., arXiv:0909.5156, EPJ. C67, 397 (2010) Ostapchenko, arXiv:1010.1869, PR D83 114018 (2011) Khoze et al., EPJ. C60 249 (2009), C71 1617 (2011)

Model predictions: SD \rightarrow M² < 0.05s DD \rightarrow $\Delta \eta$ > 3

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• All spectra fitted by Lévy (Tsalis) function to extrapolation to $p_T = 0$ (10%–20%). and extract dN/dy. $\frac{d^2N}{dydp_T} = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nT[nT+m(n-2)]} \times \frac{dN}{dy} \times p_T \times \left(1 + \frac{m_T - m}{nT}\right)^{-2}$



Monte Carlo tuning



Charmed mesons



Event shape analysis



 N_{ch} ($\vec{p}_{z} \ge 0.5 \text{ GeV/c}$)

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Heavy Ion collisions



Main purpose of ALICE Complex system

- global properties: multiplicities, rapidity distributions
- geometry of the emitting source: Bose-Einstein interferometry, impact parameter via zero-degree energy flow
- early state collective effects: elliptic flow
- chiral symmetry restoration: neutral to charged ratios, resonance decays
- fluctuation phenomena critical behavior: event-by-event particle composition and spectra
- degrees of freedom as a function of T: hadron ratios and spectra, dilepton continuum, direct photons
- deconfinement: charmonium and bottonium spectroscopy
 energy loss of partons in QGP:

jet quenching, high p_t spectra, open charm and open beauty

A challenging environment!



Centrality selection

- In PbPb collisions events can be classified as a function of the collisions impact parameter
- Glauber models needed to define centrality classes to avoids effects of electromagnetically induced reactions overwhelming at low multiplicity (factor 10)



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Particle production in PbPb

 $dN/d\eta|_{n=0} = 1584 \pm 4(stat.) \pm 76$ (syst.) for most central 5% fraction



Charged-particle multiplicity density per participant of most central PbPb collisions increases faster than in pp NSD events (volume effect?) medium effect?)

Charged-particle multiplicity density per participant has similar dependence on N_{part} at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 0.2$ TeV and 2.76 TeV

Size of particle emitting source



Derived from 3D-Bose-Einstein-Interferometry of identical bosons (ππ) •Energy dependence:

- system twice the volume and 30% longer lived w.r.t RHIC

- (decoupling time: 10 fm/c)
- follows the trend of multiplicity

Important constraints on [hydrodynamical] modelling

Hydrodynamic properties of the medium: Azimuthal Anisotropy – Elliptical Flow





Initial spatial anisotropy for non-central collisions



Final momentum anisotropy

Reaction plane defined by "soft" (low p_T) particles $\Delta \varphi = \varphi - \varphi^{Reaction\ Plane}$





- Collective behavior observed in Pb-Pb collisions at LHC (1.3xv2^{RHIC})
 -> ideal fluid behavior
- Testing hydrodynamical evolution of the system
- Goal: precision measurement for viscosity/entropy (η/s) ratio current RHIC limit: η/s < (2-5)x(1/4π)

One of the main highlights at Quark Matter 2011 Cuark Matter 2011

•**Triggered correlations:** choose a particle from one p_T region ("trigger particle") and correlate with particles from another p_T region ("associated particles") where $p_{T,assoc} < p_{T,trig}$ in bins of $p_{T,trig}$ and $p_{T,assoc}$

Lower p_T
 Assess the bulk of the correlations
 Dominated by hydrodynamics and flow
 Ridge

•Higher p_T

•Dominated by jets •Quenching/suppression, broadening



Triggered Azimuthal Correlations



Clean double Hump (Mach Cone?) appears for ultra-central – intriguing but yet to be explained (without any flow subtraction !)

Full correlation structure described by Fourier Coefficients v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5 (for $|\eta| > 0.8$) v3 very visible, indeed, v3 \approx v2 for very central

'Mach Cone' & 'Near Side Ridge' shapes evolve smoothly with the magnitude of v_2 and v_3 $\,^{40}$ $_{\rm jpr/Istanbul/Jun.2011}$

Charged Particle R_{AA}

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{(1/N_{evt}^{AA}) d^2 N_{ch}^{AA} / d\eta dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle (1/N_{evt}^{pp}) d^2 N_{ch}^{pp} / d\eta dp_T}$$



Hard scattered partons probe medium properties

- R_{AA}: spectacular medium induced modification:
- change of slope beyond $p_T>30-40$ GeV
- decreasing dependence on centrality and
- on \boldsymbol{p}_{T} with increasing \boldsymbol{p}_{T}
- similar behavior as at RHIC, minimum R_{AA}

lower than at RHIC



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Heavy Quark R_{AA}: D-Mesons



Interesting issue!

J/Ψ Suppression: Ingredients



$J/\Psi R_{AA}$



- Relatively small suppression for inclusive J/ψ production
- little centrality dependence

Another interesting issue! 25 years after the article of H. Satz and Matsui!

Inclusive J/ ψ R_{AA}^{0-80%} = 0.49 ± 0.03 (stat.) ± 0.08 (sys.)

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Future plans

- 2011
 - Large pp MB sample at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV (pp physics + reference data for PbPb)
 - Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV, at higher luminosity (~10²⁶ cm⁻²s⁻¹)
 - Feasibility test for p-Pb running
- 2012
 - Either p-Pb/Pb-p or further Pb-Pb running
- 2013/14
 - Shutdown
- pp, p-Pb and PbPb at new energy (pp: Vs = 14 TeV; PbPb: Vs = 5.5TeV)

Shutdown

d-Pb and lighter ions

Conclusion

- The ALICE Detector is performing according to specifications
- Many signs that pp collisions are not yet well understood (All current MC generators need tuning):
 - Global event properties (Multiplicity, p_T spectra, sphericity, etc.)
 - − Vs dependence of multiplicity
 - Identified particle production
- pp reference data are well measured (Vs = 2.76 TeV)
- The first PbPb collisions brought a wealth of results:
 - Fireball at LHC larger and longer-lived compared to RHIC
 - Confirmed very low viscosity of QGP (next step is determination of shear viscosity $\eta/s)$
 - Strong leading hadron suppression found out to very large p_T
 - Charm quark energy loss similar to that of light partons

ALICE publications in pp collisions

- Mostly on large cross-section phenomena:
 - Multiplicity density and distributions of charged particles
 - 900 GeV:
 - 900 GeV, 2.36 TeV:
 - **7** TeV:
 - ratio (900 GeV & 7 TeV)
 - Momentum distributions (900 GeV)
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 - Bose-Einstein correlations (900 GeV)
 - Strangeness production (900 GeV)

- EPJC: Vol. 65 (2010) 111 EPJC: Vol. 68 (2010) 89 EPJC: Vol. 68 (2010) 345 PRL: Vol. 105 (2010) 072002 PL B: Vol. 693 (2010)
- PRD: Vol. 82 (2010) 052001
- EPJC: Vol. 71, (2011) 1594
- Identified charged particle spectra (900 GeV)
 - <u>http://arxiv.org/abs/1101.4110</u> accepted by EPJC
- Pion Bose-Einstein correlations at 0.9 and 7 TeV
 - <u>http://arxiv.org/abs/1101.3665v1</u> submitted to Phys. Rev. D
- J/ Ψ production at 7 TeV :
 - <u>http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1105.0380</u> submitted to Phys. Lett. B

ALICE publications in PbPb collisions

- Higher harmonic anisotropic flow measurements of charged particles in Pb-Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV, arXiv:1105.3865v1 [nucl-ex], to be published in Physical Review Letters
- Two-pion Bose-Einstein correlations in central PbPb collisions at sqrt(s_NN) = 2.76 TeV, Phys.Lett.B 696:328-337,2011 DOI:10.1016/j.physletb.2010.12.053
- Centrality dependence of the charged-particle multiplicity density at mid-rapidity in Pb-Pb collisions at sqrt(sNN) = 2.76 TeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 032301 (2011), DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.106.032301
- Suppression of Charged Particle Production at Large Transverse Momentum in Central Pb-Pb Collisions at VsNN = 2.76 TeV, Phys. Lett. B 696 (2011) 30-39, DOI:10.1016/j.physletb.2010.12.020
- Elliptic flow of charged particles in Pb-Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 252302 (2010), DOI:10.1103/PhysRevLett.105.2523
- Charged-particle multiplicity density at mid-rapidity in central Pb-Pb collisions at sqrt(sNN) = 2.76 TeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 252301 (2010), DOI:10.1103/PhysRevLett.105.252301