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Context

Activity triggered and supported by the networking activity HF-QGP of the STRONG-2020 project (concluded in July this year)

- Strict collaboration with theory groups:
 - V. Greco et al. (Catania)
 - □ J. Aichelin et al. (Nantes)

Analyses steered in dedicated meetings of the ALICE 3 HF WP convened by D.Chinellato and A.Uras

- https://indico.cern.ch/event/1355218/
- https://indico.cern.ch/event/1366560/
- https://indico.cern.ch/event/1395234/
- https://indico.cern.ch/event/1430997/

Motivations

Lighter systems like Ar-Ar, Kr-Kr or Xe-Xe

- smaller size and shorter lifetime of the QGP
 - can offer nice opportunities, e.g.:
 - Study the approach of HF quarks to thermal equilibration with lighter partons of the QGP
 - Emergence of decoherence in DDbar angular correlation
 - test-bench for hadronization mechanisms
 - Multi-charmed baryons, B_C, strange HF hadrons
- Very light system like O-O
 - Bridge between pp (and p-Pb) and heavy ions
 - onset of energy-loss effects in small colliding systems, which has not been observed yet
 - □ Signatures from the glasma?
- Better experimental conditions

→ Discussed since long, see e.g. arXiv:1812.06772

Focus on two HF observables

Azimuthal angular correlations between fully reconstructed D and Dbar mesons



Multi-charmed baryon production

- $\Box \qquad \Xi_{cc}^{++} \rightarrow \Xi_{c}^{+} \pi^{+} \rightarrow \Xi^{-} \pi^{+} \pi^{+} \pi^{+}$
- $\Box \qquad \Omega_{cc}^{+} \rightarrow \Omega_{c}^{0} \pi^{+} \rightarrow \Omega^{-} \pi^{+} \pi^{+}$
- Ω_{ccc} studies ongoing





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Pb-Pb @ 2.76 TeV, LO only → Initial distrib.: Δφ=π



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Glasma impact on angular $Q\bar{Q}$



D. Avramescu, V. Greco et al., arXiv:2409.10565 [hep-ph]

large decorellation in only 0.2 fm/c Significant effect of glasma on HQ!



pA (and OO) collisions should keep memory of it especially correlating with R_{AA} , v_n :

- Identify Glasma phase

- quantify in medium Eloss $D_s(T)$
- solve the puzzle of $R_{pA} \sim 1$ and v_2 large

Calculation in SU(3) +longitudinal expansion

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Multi-charmed baryons

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Regular Article - Theoretical Physics

Multi-charmed and singled charmed hadrons from coalescence: yields and ratios in different collision systems at LHC

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Then V. Greco in March 2022 link to agenda

Multicharm production in different systems



Observation of a new particles quite relevant in itself
 Understand HQ in medium hadronization:

[pure recombination , no fragmentation]

 $\succ \Omega_{ccc}$ very sensitive (to cubic power) to dN_{charm}/dp_T A system size scanning is like looking to see ΔE vs. L → dE/dx



Yields in Pb-Pb from coalescence vs SHM



*Makes a I order of magnitude difference depending on degree of equilibirum, while very small effect on D, Λ_c also due to charm # conservation & confinement

$\Omega_{ccc}\,p_{T}$ evolution from PbPb to OO

Minissale et al., EPJC84(2024)



Deviation from scaling $N_c \left(\frac{N_c}{V}\right)^2$ due to different final p_T-charm distribution wrt PbPb

 Ω_{ccc} p_T spectrum evolution with system size unveil direct information of charm dN_c/dp_T with much larger sensitivity w.r.t. D⁰ or $\Lambda_c \rightarrow$ precise info on interaction D_s(T)

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First estimates for ALICE 3

Estimate in signal gain with basic scaling assumptions

		0–0	Ar–Ar	Ca–Ca	Kr–Kr	Xe–Xe	Pb–Pb
	Α	16	40	40	78	129	208
	$L_{\rm int}({\rm nb}^{-1}/{\rm month})$	1600	340	310	84	26	5.6
	$\sigma_{ m inel}$	1.41	2.6	2.6	4.06	5.67	7.8
	G events/month	2250	880	810	340	150	44
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Ω_{ccx}	S_{AA}/S_{PbPb} for $A^{8/3}$ scaling	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.3	1



Other assumption (very conservative): same selection efficiency of signal as for Pb-Pb in the ALICE 3 LOI

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Ξ^{++}_{cc} : performance in 0-10% Pb-Pb collisions



 Ξ^{++}_{cc} significance in 0-10% Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} =$ 5.52 TeV with a 2.0 T field, studied as a function of p_T with ML techniques + strangeness tracking

LOI https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.02491

Ξ^{++}_{cc} : performarmance in smaller collision systems

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 $=^{++}$ _{CC} significance in smaller collision systems:

- relative to the integrated luminosity of one month of data taking
- and to detailed Pb-Pb performance studies as a function ot p_T.

Basic assumptions, based on simple N_{ch} scaling:

$$\mathrm{B/ev} \sim (\mathrm{dN_{ch}/dy})^4 \sim \mathrm{A}^4 \, \Xi \, \mathrm{S/ev} \sim \mathrm{A}^{4/3} \, \Xi$$

Significance relative to Pb–Pb	0–0	Ar–Ar	Ca–Ca	Kr⊢Kr	Xe–Xe	Pb–Pb
$per \sqrt{N_{ev}}$	5.5	3.0	3.0	1.9	1.5	1
per month	39.7	13.6	13.0	5.4	2.5	1

Ξ^{++}_{cc} : performance in smaller collision systems





- □ Signal scaling \rightarrow N_{coll} from Glauber MC
- \Box Bkg scaling \rightarrow dN_{ch}/d η from PYTHIA Angantyr simulations

$$Bkg/evt \propto N_{ch}^4 \qquad \Xi_{cc}^{++} \to \Xi_c^+ \pi^+ \to \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+$$

Interpolation of σ_{INEL} (input for Glauber MC)





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□ Signal scaling → N_{coll} from Glauber MC & $S = 14.47 \times 10^{-8} \times \langle N_{coll} \rangle^{1.437}$ □ Bkg scaling → $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ from PYTHIA Angantyr simulations

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DDbar correlations in different systems

Two source of bkg: (i) true D from a different hard scattering and (ii) fake D

- Pythia simulations (FONLL parameterization) with proper N_{coll} to obtain true signal and background from different hard scattering component (the largest contribution to bkg)
 - Signal → Number of D mesons from FONLL scaled according TAA and L_{int} foreseen for smaller systems
- - $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ obtained from $\frac{2}{N_{part}}\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta}$ VS $\sqrt{S_{NN}}$,
 - □ e.g. $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ in O-O for 0-10% (0-5%) with N_{part} = 23.5 (25.6) is ~ 132 (140)

FIG. 2D invariant mass distribution of

D0, D0bar candidates

Tot combinatorial: sig-bkg / bkg-sig / bkg-bkg , where bkg=true D_diff hard scat. + fake D

DDbar correlations in different systems



DDbar azimuthal correlation distribution in central (0-10%) O-O, Ar-Ar and Xe-Xe were obtained with the described recipe and compared with MB Pb-Pb (from LOI studies)

DDbar correlations in different systems



Gain in statistical precision with lighter system as expected

main observable: modification of the properties of correlation-peak wrt pp collisions.

-> eventually milder modification for lighter colliding nuclei

Conclusions and outlook

- Preliminary studies in lighter colliding systems completed with reasonable scaling assumptions for \(\mathcal{E}_{cc}\) production and DDbar correlation
 - Assumption of same selection efficiency as in Pb-Pb very conservatice for Ξ_{cc} , quite ok for DDbar correlation
- □ This work has stimulated interest by theoretical groups
- □ Machinery for on-the-fly simulation developed → Hyperloop MGEN
 - Optimization of selection criteria (ML training) for different systems



From ALICE 3 LOI

Quantity	рр	0-0	Ar–Ar	Ca–Ca	Kr–Kr	In–In	Xe–Xe	Pb-Pb
$\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}$ (TeV)	14.00	7.00	6.30	7.00	6.46	5.97	5.86	5.52
$L_{\rm AA}~({\rm cm}^{-2}{\rm s}^{-1})$	3.0×10^{32}	1.5×10^{30}	3.2×10^{29}	2.8×10^{29}	8.5×10^{28}	5.0×10^{28}	3.3×10^{28}	1.2×10^{28}
$\langle L_{AA} \rangle$ (cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.0×10^{32}	9.5×10^{29}	2.0×10^{29}	1.9×10^{29}	5.0×10^{28}	2.3×10^{28}	1.6×10^{28}	3.3×10^{27}
\mathscr{L}_{AA}^{month} (nb ⁻¹)	5.1×10^5	1.6×10^3	$3.4 imes 10^2$	3.1×10^2	8.4×10^1	$3.9 imes 10^1$	$2.6 imes 10^1$	5.6
\mathscr{L}_{NN}^{month} (pb ⁻¹)	505	409	550	500	510	512	434	242
$R_{\rm max}(\rm kHz)$	24 000	2169	821	734	344	260	187	93
μ	1.2	0.21	0.08	0.07	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01
$dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ (MB)	7	70	151	152	275	400	434	682

For the heavy-ion programme, the optimal running scenario will depend on the luminosities achievable with the various species. In this letter, we show projections for the most challenging environment, i.e. Pb–Pb collisions. Based on the current luminosity estimates, Xe–Xe could be the better option providing twice the nucleon–nucleon luminosity with a relatively large collision system. Runs with smaller collision systems, as well as p–A runs, are also being considered. The

System	$\mathscr{L}^{\mathrm{month}}$	$\mathscr{L}^{\operatorname{Run5+6}}$
рр	0.5 fb ⁻¹	18 fb ⁻¹
pp reference	100 pb ⁻¹	200 pb ⁻¹
A–A		
Xe–Xe	26 nb ⁻¹	156 nb ⁻¹
PbPb	5.6 nb ⁻¹	33.6 nb ⁻¹

Table 2: Integrated luminosities for different collision systems

DDbar correlations - procedure

Input ingredients

 Amount of expected D0, D0bar signal by FONLL predictions, properly rescaled
 D0, D0bar efficiency and reconstruction performance from HF enriched ALICE 3 MC sample
 D0-D0bar signal Δφ shape from Pythia8 simulations SoftQCD:inelastic, merging <Ncoll>0-100%= 382 collisions

Includes 'signal' contribution from sameHS, and flat (dominant) contribution from uncorrelated HS

Combinatorial background and S/B factor under signal peak from MB ALICE 3 simulation



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A side comment

□ Past experience with the Xe-Xe run

- October the 12th 2017: $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.44$ TeV
 - \sim 1 day operation

1 fill

Very productive physics output: \rightarrow 18 papers (500 in tot) \rightarrow 3.5%



ALICE Xe-Xe publications 1/2

- <u>Event-by-event fluctuation of mean transverse momentum in pp, Xe–Xe and Pb–Pb collisions</u> t o be submitted (round 2 closed 26th of Sept.)
- 2. Exploring nuclear structure with multiparticle azimuthal correlations at the LHC arXiv:2409.04343
- Skewness and kurtosis of mean transverse momentum fluctuations at the LHC energies Phys.Lett.B 850 (2024), 138541
- 4. <u>System size dependence of hadronic rescattering effect at LHC energies</u> Phys. Rev. C 109 (2024), 014911
- 5. <u>Measurement of the production and elliptic flow of (anti)nuclei in Xe-Xe collisions at Vs_NN = 5.44</u> <u>TeV ArXiv:2405.19826</u>
- Pseudorapidity dependence of anisotropic flow and its decorrelations using long-range multiparticle correlations in Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe collisions Phys.Lett.B 850 (2024), 138477, Phys.Lett.B 853 (2024), 138659 (erratum)
- 7. <u>Multiplicity dependence of charged-particle production in pp, p-Pb, Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb collisions at the LHC</u> Phys.Lett.B 845 (2023), 138110
- 8. <u>Characterizing the initial conditions of heavy-ion collisions at the LHC with mean transverse momentum and anisotropic flow correlations</u> Phys. Lett. B 834 (2022) 137393
- 9. <u>Search for the Chiral Magnetic Effect with charge-dependent azimuthal correlations in Xe-Xe collisions at -</u> <u>Vs_NN=5.44 TeV</u> Phys.Lett.B 856 (2024), 138862

ALICE Xe-Xe publications 2/2

- 10. Elliptic flow of charged particles at midrapidity relative to the spectator plane in Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe collisions Phys.Lett.B 846 (2023), 137453
- **11.** <u>Anisotropic flow of identified hadrons in Xe-Xe collisions at Vs_NN = 5.44 TeV</u> JHEP 10 (2021), 152
- **12.** Production of pions, kaons, (anti-)protons and ϕ mesons in Xe-Xe collisions at \sqrt{s} _NN = 5.44 TeV Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021) 7, 584
- First measurement of coherent ρ₀ photoproduction in ultra-peripheral Xe-Xe collisions at √s_NN=5.44 TeV Phys.Lett.B 820 (2021), 136481
- 14. Inclusive heavy-flavour production at central and forward rapidity in Xe-Xe collisions at Vs_NN=5.44 TeV Phys.Lett.B 819 (2021), 136437
- **15.** <u>Centrality and pseudorapidity dependence of the charged-particle multiplicity density in Xe-Xe collisions</u> <u>at vs_NN =5.44TeV</u> Phys.Lett.B 790 (2019), 35-48
- 16. <u>Transverse momentum spectra and nuclear modification factors of charged particles in Xe-Xe collisions at Vs_NN = 5.44 TeV</u> Phys.Lett.B 788 (2019), 166-179
- **17.** Inclusive J/\$\psi\$ production in Xe-Xe collisions at Vs_NN = 5.44 TeV Phys.Lett.B 785 (2018), 419-428
- **18.** <u>Anisotropic flow in Xe-Xe collisions at Vs_NN = 5.44}\$ TeV</u> Phys.Lett.B 784 (2018), 82-95

ALICE 3: physics performance

 $D^0 - D^0$ azimuthal correlation measure angular (de)correlation direct probe of HF (rad⁻¹) 60 ALICE 3 Study, Lint = 35 nb No auenchina interaction with the QGP PYTHIA 8.2, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}, 0-100\%$ central Full thermalisat $D^0 - \overline{D^0}$ azimuthal correlations, bkg-subtracted dN^{assoc} 50 $p_{T}^{D^{0}} > 4 \text{ GeV}/c, 2 < p_{T}^{\overline{D^{0}}} < 4, |y_{p}| < 4$ dΔb Strongest signal at low p_{T} ND Very challenging 30 measurement: good purity, efficiency Correl. unc. ± 1.8e-04 (indep. c-cbar contrib.) 10 Unc. NS width ± 18.0%, AS width ± 3.8% Unc. NS yield \pm 19.3%, AS yield \pm 3.4% and η coverage Ω $\Delta \phi$ (rad) In heavy-ion collisions doable only with ALICE 3 ALICE 3 LOI arXiv:2211.02491

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Not just p and Pb at the LHC!

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Federico's scalings

The A-dependences I consider are:

- $\sigma \sim A^{5/3}$ bulk processes, such as charged particle production (dN/dy ~ A).
 - $\sigma \sim A^2$ hard processes, such as heavy flavour production (dN/dy ~ $A^{4/3}$). A good approximation also for thermal radiation IN CASE dN/dy ~ $A^{1.4}$
 - $\sigma \sim A^{7/3}$ e.g. double charm hadrons from statistical hadronisation if dN/dy ~ $A^{5/3} = A^{4/3}$ (charm yield) × $A^{1/3}$ (charm to light quark density). For Pb/Kr, that would be about a factor 5 in the yields, consistent with an estimate by pbm et al for the ratio of the X(3872) yields between Pb and Kr in the statistical hadronisation model.
 - σ ~ A^{8/3} e.g. triple charm hadrons if: dN/dy ~ A^{6/3} = A^{4/3} (charm yield) × A^{2/3} (charm to light quark density)²

Federico's scalings vs. dN_{ch}/dh

	рр	0-0	Ar-Ar	Ca-Ca	Kr-Kr	Xe-Xe	Pb-Pb	
Lint/month		1600	340	310	84	26	5.6	
evt/month (10	^9)	2256	884	806	341.04	147.42	43.68	
A/Pb A^5/3		<mark>3.97520657</mark>	<mark>3.890021342</mark>	<mark>3.54678416</mark>	<mark>2.92511788</mark>	<mark>2.09409291</mark>	. 1	
A/Pb A^2		1.69061708	2.245350803	2.04723161	2.109375	1.7858216	5 1	
A/Pb A^7/3		0.71900316	1.29603408	1.18167813	1.52112259	1.52293089) 1	
A/Pb A^8/3		0.30578512	0.748081027	0.68207388	1.0969192	1.29874031	. 1	
dN_ch/deta								
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light particle		<mark>5.30115046</mark>	<mark>4.480868594</mark>	<mark>4.11255411</mark>	<mark>3.14826303</mark>	<mark>2.14772727</mark>	' 1	

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$\Delta\phi > 5\pi/6$	Flavor creation	Flavor excitation	Gluon splitting
$p_{T,D}, p_{T,ar{D}}$ all	13.6%	81.3%	5.1%
$p_{T,D} > 4, 2 < p_{T,\bar{D}} < 4 \ {\rm GeV}$	38.3%	54.6%	7.1%
$p_{T,D}, p_{T,\bar{D}} > 6~{\rm GeV}$	64.3%	30.6%	5.1%
$\Delta\phi<\pi/6$	Flavor creation	Flavor excitation	Gluon splitting
$p_{T,D}, p_{T,\bar{D}}$ all	1.4%	70.8%	27.8%
$p_{T,D} > 4, 2 < p_{T,\bar{D}} < 4 \text{ GeV}$	1.9%	35.9%	62.2%
$p_{T,D}, p_{T,\bar{D}} > 6~{\rm GeV}$	1.9%	23.7%	74.4%

TABLE I. The fractions of $D\bar{D}$ are from different processes when did the selection, $\Delta \phi > 5\pi/6$ and $\Delta \phi < \pi/6$, in p-p collisions with $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 5.02$ TeV.

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FIG. 2. Nuclear modification factor R_{AA} for charm quarks calculated by including only the nuclear PDF effects (nPDF) or interactions in the glasma stage (glasma), or both (nPDF + glasma).

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