

Highlights from the ALICE experiment and why this is not (only) a heavy-ion talk



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Supported by 3 decades of measurements and theoretical research! [J. Stachel, today] **New challenges** and **opportunities** from recent results in pp and p-Pb











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This is a talk about **multiparticle production** in hadronic collisions and emergent properties of QCD

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Hadronization, particle spectra and abundances

Strangeness Enhancement



- Strangeness enhancement considered defining feature of heavy-ions
 - Now also seen in high-multiplicity pp / p–Pb!
- Not reproduced by traditional soft QCD models (e.g. Pythia)
 - Challenges universality and factorization of fragmentation Fischer, Sjostrand, JHEP01(2017)140
 - Study of hadronization mechanisms
- Multiple Parton Interactions lead to densely packed strings in the transverse plane (e.g. EPOS and DIPSY)

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• Smooth evolution of particle ratios with multiplicity









New results on strange particle production in **Pb–Pb collisions at** $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

In Pb–Pb, hadrons produced in apparent (near) thermal and chemical equilibrium: $dN/dy(m) \simeq e^{-m/T}$ (+ conservation laws, feed down, degeneracy) **Same language** used successfully in some **pp models** (e.g. EPOS) Shed light on dynamic origin of equilibrium? Will pp ratios converge to Pb-Pb values?

[P. Kalinak, 6/7 16:45]





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[J. Crkovska, 6/7 10:30]





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Charmed baryons in pp/p-Pb

First cross section measurement of Ξ_c^0 in pp and Λ_c^+ in p-Pb (and mid-y pp) at LHC

Ratio of charm baryons to D mesons not reproduced in event generators Important constraints on charm hadronization and nuclear effects!



[[]A. De Caro, 6/7 11:45] [C. Terrevoli, 6/7 15:45]



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One of the most precise measurement of ³/_A **H lifetime**!

[S. Trogolo, 6/7 17:30]



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High precision results from Run 2



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Run 2: identified particles in pp





Measurements of common light-flavor species in minimum bias collisions well advanced Studies as a **function of multiplicity** (MB & HM triggers) in progress Reach to Pb–Pb–like multiplicity [G. Bencedi, 6/7 9:00] ALICE Highlights – EPS-HEP 2017







[M. Nguyen, today]

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Anisotropic particle density







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[See also P. Romatschke, 7/7 9:00]

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Charm Flow



Significant v_2 of D mesons and J/ψ measured with Run 2 Pb-Pb data! Indicates participation of low p_{T} charm to **collective motion** in the QGP New results also on $D_{\rm S}$ (R. Arnaldi, next talk)



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[R. Arnaldi, today] ALICE Highlights – EPS-HEP 2017 [I. Das, 6/7 9:30]









Hard Processes

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[R. Arnaldi, today] [M. Nguyen, today]

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Agreement PYTHIA / Pb-Pb data: no mass modifications, lack of intrajet broadening Hint for slightly more collimated jets (see also other jet shapes)

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No evidence for suppression in p-Pb (so far)

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ALICE Upgrade

TPC:

Main ALICE Tracker 4-GEM stack for endcaps (suppress ion back flow with continuous operations)

[C. Lippmann, 8/7 10:00]

Inner Tracker:

Low p_{T} tracking Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors, very low material budget (0.3%-1%) X₀

+ online/offline system, trigger and readout upgrades CERN-LHCC-2013-019; CERN-LHCC-2013-020 CERN-LHCC-2013-024 CERN-LHCC-2015-001 CERN-LHCC-2015-002 CERN-LHCC-2015-006 ALICE Highlights – EPS-HEP 2017

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Goals: study rare low p_T probes (heavy flavor, low mass dielectrons, nuclei): Cannot be triggered! ⇒ Continuous readout and data reduction via (semi)online reconstruction **Several** detector, electronics and computing **upgrades** Deployment: LS2 (2019-2020), Data taking: Run 3-4 (2021-2029)

Forward detectors:

FIT for trigger and centrality, Silicon in the forward region to add vertexing to the muon arm

Other Results

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- ALICE specialities!
- More to come with the upgrade: high Pb-Pb luminosity and improved tracking

These programs require good low and high p_{T} tracking and particle identification:

Thermal Radiation

A long-lived, interacting, (thermalized) system emits thermal radiation Seen as virtual photons producing (excess) dilepton pairs Relevant *p*_T ~ mass ~*T* = O(100 MeV)

Very challenging measurement, see ALICE upgrade (also in Pb–Pb, also addresses chiral symmetry restoration at high temperature)

Low-mass dileptons in HM events consistent with expectations from hadronic sources

5x more data available in the 2016 data sample + Machine-Learning based analysis

Ultra-peripheral collisions

- Very clean signature two or four tracks in an otherwise empty detector
- Decay channels:
 - $\rho^{o} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$
 - $J/\psi \to l^+ l^-$
 - □ ψ(2S) -> l+ l-
 - ψ(2S) -> J/ψ π⁺ π⁻

Central J/ $\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Quarkonia R_{pPb}

R_{pPb} also affected by initial-state **nuclear effects** (e.g. nPDF) Difference in R_{pPb} of J/psi and $\psi(2s)$

Not expected from initial production \Rightarrow Indication of final state effects?

New 8 TeV results allow more detailed studies!

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