ALICE Overview

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- ALICE experiment at the LHC
- Collective effects
- Hard probes
 - High *p*_T particles, jets, heavy flavours...
- Small systems (pp and p–Pb collisions)

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The ALICE Experiment





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ALICE Performance



- Efficient low- p_T tracking down to 150 MeV/c
- Excellent particle identification anti-³He observed directly, hadron, lepton and photon identification up to high momenta
- Excellent vertexing capabilities (heavy flavours, V⁰, cascades, conversions)
- Forward muon spectrometer: J/ψ and Y reconstruction down to $p_T = 0$
- Precise event characterization (most central collisions: 0-2.5% centrality class) Hard Probes 2016 **ALICE Overview**



Data Collection

RUN-I milestone (2009 – 2013)

Year	System	Energy √ <i>s</i> _{NN} (TeV)	Integrated Iuminosity (nb ⁻¹)
2010	Pb–Pb	2.76	~ 0.01
2011	Pb–Pb	2.76	~ 0.1
2013	p–Pb	5.02	~ 30

pp collisions at 0.9, 2.76, 7 and 8 TeV, total integrated luminosity up to ~20 pb⁻¹

RUN-II, since 2015

- Pb–Pb at 5.02 TeV: up to 0.5 nb⁻¹
- pp at 13 TeV and 4 days at 5.02 TeV (~100 nb⁻¹)
- Upcoming p–Pb at 5.02 and 8 TeV: 10 times more statistics than in RUN-I
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Charged-Particle Multiplicity



- ALICE: Pb-Pb at 5.02 TeV highest energy so far
 - For 0–5% most central collisions, confirms trend from lower energies
- $<dN_{ch}/d\eta > vs. <N_{part}>$: similar evolution with centrality between 5.02 and 2.76 TeV
 - ~20% increase going from 2.76 to 5.02 TeV
 - Provides further constraints for models

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Azimuthal Anisotropy

- Quantify anisotropy: Fourier decomposition of particle azimuthal distribution relative to the reaction plane (Ψ_{RP}) coefficients v_2 , v_3 , v_4 ... V_n
- Elliptic flow (v₂): spatial anisotropy pressure gradients leads to momentum anisotropy — hydrodynamics
- Higher order flow: bring additional constraints on the initial conditions, η/s, EoS, freeze-out conditions...





Anisotropic Flow



- Anisotropic flow coefficients *v*₂, *v*₃, *v*₄ measurements using two- and multiparticle cumulants
- Similar p_T-differential results at 2.76 and 5.02 TeV
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- *p*_T-integrated values indicate an increase with collision-energy attributed to the increase in <*p*_T>
- Good agreement with hydrodynamical calculations
 - Measurements support a low value for η/s ratio

⁹ Direct Photons in Pb–Pb Collisions

Talk: D. F. Lodato, Jing-Zhou hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 8:30



- Low- p_T : 2.6 σ excess w. r. t. models in 0–20% central thermal contribution
- $T_{\text{eff}} = 304 \pm 11(\text{stat.}) \pm 40$ (syst.) MeV in central Pb–Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV
 - 30% higher than at RHIC (Au–Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =200 GeV)

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Hard Probes: Medium Tomography

- Produced in the early stage of heavy-ion collisions
- Experience the full evolution of the QCD medium, and interact with particles in the medium and loss energy
- Efficient probes for understanding the transport properties of the medium
- Nuclear modification factor, R_{AA} , sensitive to the presence of the medium

$$R_{\rm AA}(p_{\rm T}) = \frac{{\rm d}N_{\rm AA}/{\rm d}p_{\rm T}}{< T_{\rm AA} > {\rm d}\sigma_{\rm pp}/{\rm d}p_{\rm T}} \frac{\rm QCD \ medium}{\rm QCD \ vacuum}$$

- $R_{AA} = 1$, if there is no medium modification
- Shopping list
 - High p_T particles, jets
 - Open heavy flavours
 - Quarkonia (J/ψ, ψ'... Y...)

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High-p_T Charged-Particle R_{AA}



Talk: M. L. Knichel, Wuhan hall, Sunday, Sep. 25th 8:30

- Strong modification of the spectrum shape in most central collisions
- Minimum at $p_T \approx 6-7 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Strong rise in $6 < p_T < 50 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Strong centrality dependence
- R_{AA} at 5.02 TeV similar to 2.76 TeV
- Further constraints on medium properties



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Jet R_{AA} in Pb–Pb Collisions at 5.02 TeV

Talk: H. Yokoyama, Xiang-Yang hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 8:30
 Jet: a spray of particles from hard parton fragmentation — get closer access

to parton energy



- Out-of-cone radiation: energy loss in jet cone
 - Jet yield suppression, di-jet energy imbalance, jet-jet/hadron-jet acoplanarity...
- In-cone radiation: medium modified fragmentation
 - Jet shape broadening, modification of transverse energy profile...
- Charged-particle jet R_{AA} at 5.02 TeV
- Consistent with *R*_{AA} of charged particles and charged-jet *R*_{AA} at 2.76 TeV



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Jet Structure

Talk: C. Bianchin, Xiang-Yang hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 10:40





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- Jet mass: Pb–Pb distribution is shifted towards smaller masses w. r. t. p–Pb collisions – indicate large angle out-of-cone radiation in the medium
- Radial momentum (g) p_T -weighted jet width
 - g shifted towards lower values in Pb–Pb data relative to PYTHIA — indication of more collimated jet cores in data

14 Near-side Jet Peak Broadening Talk: M. Kofarago, Shi-Yan hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 17:00



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- Hint of strong interaction of jets with the medium

Near-side Jet Peak Broadening¹⁵



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- AMPT without melting but with hadronic scattering describes data better than other options — describes both peak broadening and depletion in data
- Depletion and broadening result from interplay of jets and collective medium, driving factor for depletion and broadening is radial flow
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K_S^0 and Λ Production in Jets

Talk: Y. Zhang, Xiang-Yang hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 15:20



- K_{S⁰} and Λ production in chargedparticle jets in Pb–Pb collisions
- Reference PYTHIA smeared with background fluctuations
- K_S⁰: data consistent with PYTHIA within errors
 - Hint of low- p_T enhancement in data
- A: data significantly higher than PYTHIA at low p_{T}

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 Investigating medium modified fragmentation, effect seems to differ between baryons and mesons — further constraints on reference from data needed

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R_{AA} of D mesons and non-prompt J/ ψ



- $R_{AA}(D) < R_{AA}(J/\psi \leftarrow B)$: $\Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$ mass dependence of HF energy loss
- *R*_{AA}(D)≈*R*_{AA}(π): Δ*E*_c≈Δ*E*_g(?) or different parton *p*_T distributions and fragmentation functions
- Charm hadronization through recombination in medium (?) predicted in models
 hint of R_{AA}(D)<R_{AA}(D_s+) in data to be confirmed with higher precision
 measurements

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Heavy-Flavour Decay Muons

Talk: Z. Zhang, Jing-Zhou hall, Sunday, Sep. 25th 10:40



- R_{AA} of heavy-flavour decay muons
- Large suppression observed in most central collisions
- R_{AA} at 5.02 TeV consistent with that at 2.76 TeV in the overlap p_T region
- v₂ of heavy-flavour decay muons at forward rapidity (2.5<y<4) is compatible with heavy-flavour decay electrons at mid-rapidity (1yl<0.7)
- Observed positive v₂ at intermediate-p_T (3σ effect) similar to the one for D mesons — confirms the significant interaction of heavy quarks with the medium
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Quarkonia Production in Pb–Pb Collisions

Talk: V. Feuillard, Jing-Zhou hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 16:20

Talk: G. Luparello Shi-Yan hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 8:30



Emerick et al.: regeneration + feed-down ± shadowing uncertainty Zhou et al.: CNM effect ± feed-down uncertainty

- Clear J/ ψ suppression with almost no centrality dependence above $N_{\text{part}} \sim 100$
- Suppression insensitive to the collision centrality in semi-central and central collisions indication of regeneration
- Y: comparisons with models centrality dependence is qualitatively reproduced
- Suppression is slightly underestimated when considering regeneration
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Small Systems

- Small systems
 - pp collisions: QCD vacuum, baseline for heavy-ion and p-Pb collisions
 - p–Pb collisions: quantify Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM) effects nuclear modified PDF, k_T-broadening coherent energy loss of partons in nuclear medium...



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Open question for strangeness production at the LHC — onset of QCD-phase transition in small system?

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Conclusion

- ALICE LHC RUN-II Pb–Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV
 - The highest collision energy, 5 times higher integrated luminosity than RUN-I
- Heavy-ion collisions in ALICE RUN-I and RUN-II
- Anisotropic flow: support a low value for η/s (~0.2)
- Excess of low- p_T photon: $T_{eff} \approx 304 \text{ MeV} 30\%$ higher than at RHIC
- Jet shapes: more collimated jet core and large angle out-of-cone radiation in the medium, jet peak depletion and broadening interplay of jets and collective medium
- Open heavy flavours: mass dependence of parton in-medium energy loss, collective motion of heavy quarks at both mid- and forward rapidity
- Quarkonia: J/ψ results support a picture of J/psi suppression and regeneration in the medium; strong suppression of Y production observed at forward rapidity
- Small systems
 - Baseline for hard probe production in QCD medium strong suppression observed in central Pb–Pb is due to the QCD medium (high- $p_T R_{pPb} \approx 1$)
- Hints of "QGP-effects" also seen in high-multiplicity pp, p–Pb collisions
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ALICE Contribution List

- D. F. Lodato, Sep 24, Sat, 08:30, Jing-Zhou Hall, Direct photon yield in pp and in Pb-Pb collisions
- T. Okubo, Sep 25, Sun, 9:30, Wuhan Hall, Neutral meson production in pp, p–Pb and Pb–Pb collisions
- T. Gunji, Sep 24, Sat, 11:40, Jing-Zhou Hall, Low mass dielectron measurements in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions
- J. Viinikainen, Sep 24, Sat, 10:40, Shi-Yan Hall, Jet transverse fragmentation momentum from h-h correlations in pp and p–Pb collisions
- M. Kofarago, Sep 24, Sat, 17:00, Shi-Yan Hall, Near-side jet peak broadening in Pb–Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV
- X. Peng, Sep 25, Sun, 8:30, Shi-Yan Hall, pi0-hadron correlations in pp and Pb–Pb collisions and pi0 elliptic flow in Pb–Pb collisions
- M. L. Knichel, Sep 25, Sun, 8:30, Wuhan Hall, Transverse momentum spectra and nuclear modification of charged particles at 5.02 TeV
- O. Busch, Sep 25, Sun, 10:40, Wuhan Hall, Strangeness production and nuclear modification
- H. Yokoyama, Sep 24, Sat, 09:30, Xiang-Yang Hall, Measurement of Inclusive Charged Jet Production in pp and Pb–Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV
- C. Bianchin, Sep 24, Sat, 10:40, Xiang-Yang Hall, Jet mass measurements in Pb–Pb and p–Pb collisions
- Y. Zhang, Sep 24, Sat, 15:20, Xiang-Yang Hall, Baryon to meson ratio in jets and underlying event in Pb–Pb, p–Pb and pp collisions
- G. Luparello, Sep 24, Sat, 08:30, Shi-Yan Hall, Measurements of heavy-flavour production vs. multiplicity and angular correlations in pp and p-Pb collisions
- A. Dubla, Sep 24, Sat, 16:00, Wuhan Hall, Measurements of the suppression and anisotropy of heavy-flavour particles in Pb–Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV
- Z. Zhang, Sep 25, Sun, 10:40, Jing-Zhou Hall, Production of Muons from Heavy-Flavour Hadron Decays in Pb–Pb Collisions at 5.02 TeV
- V. J. Gaston Feuillard, Sep 24, Sat, 16:20, Jing-Zhou Hall, Charmonium production in Pb–Pb collisions
- G. G. Fronze, Sep 25, Sun, 8:30, Jing-Zhou Hall, Upsilon production in p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions

Posters: total 7, Sep 23, Fri, 17:00

- Q. Shou, Measurement of elliptic flow of neutral pions in Pb–Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV
- M. Kim, Particle-yield modification in jet-like azimuthal di-hadron correlations in Pb–Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV
- S. Kar, Measurement of angular correlations between D mesons and charged particles in pp and p-Pb collisions
- A. Festanti, Measurement of the D-meson prompt fraction with a data-driven approach
- A. Silva, Prospects for the measurement of D mesons in jets in Pb–Pb collisions
- R. Hosokawa, Measurement of inclusive charged jet cross section in pp collisions at 5.02 TeV
- D. Sekihata, Analysis of neutral mesons in pp and Pb–Pb collisions with the PHOS detector in the Run2

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Backup



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ALICE Performance





Flow Harmonic Correlations



- It is necessary to look at more than v_n to extract $\eta/s(T)$
- Standard flow measurements are not very sensitive to $\eta/s(T)$
 - At least for central and semi-central collisions



Flow Harmonic Correlations



- New observable: Symmetric Cumulants (SC)
 - Insensitive to non-flow effects due to multiparticle correlations
 - SC(3,2): sensitive to initial conditions
 - SC(4,2): sensitive to both initial conditions and η/s
 - Higher sensitivity to η /s and initial conditions than v_n alone

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- Temperature dependence of η/s
- *T* drops at forward rapidities
 - η/s change
 - the system spend less time in QGP phase
- Shape of v_n(η) largely independent of centrality for the flow harmonics up to fourth order
- The higher harmonics fall off more steeply with increasing lηl.
- Results are not well reproduced by hydro, new challenge to the theory community

30 Anisotropy Flow in Wide Rapidity Range





- Longitudinal scaling:
 - Particle production (multiplicity, v₁, v₂) is energy-independent in in the rest frame of one of the colliding nuclei found at RHIC
 - Still valid up to the LHC energy

η/π^0 Ratio in Pb–Pb Collisions



- η/π^0 ratio in Pb-Pb
 - Consistent with that in pp does not depend on collisions systems
 - Comparison to K^{\pm}/π^{\pm} ratio shows similar behavior
- pQCD NLO calculation at high p_T with energy loss reproduce the data
 - p_T in 4-6 GeV/c sensitive to initial transport coefficient

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Jet Yield Suppression



- Agreement between ALICE and ATLAS
 - Contribution of low momentum jet fragments to jet energy is small
- *R*_{CP} of jets and single hadrons are compatible
- ➡ Indication that the momentum is redistributed to larger angles



- Central collisions (0–5%): null-hypothesis can not be excluded (1.5~ 2σ)
 - ➡ Initial-state fluctuations (?)
- Semi-central collisions (30–50%): non-zero v₂ (3σ effect)
- ➡ Information of path-length dependence of parton in-medium energy loss
- Compatible with single particle and calo-jet v_2 at high p_T (with different energy scales)
 - Large parton energy loss and that is sensitive to the collisions geometry

34 Heavy-Flavour and Quarkonia in QCD Medium

- Open heavy-flavours HF (open charm and beauty hadrons)
- R_{AA}: radiative energy loss vs. collisional energy loss
 - Mass and color charge dependence
 - $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{q \approx c} > \Delta E_b \longrightarrow R_{AA}^h < R_{AA}^D < R_{AA}^B \quad (?)$
 - Models needed to disentangle differences in energy loss vs spectral shape/fragmentation function
- Elliptic flow
 - Low- p_T : initial conditions and degree of thermalization of HF in QGP
 - High-p_T: path-length dependence of HF in-medium energy loss
- Quarkonia (J/ψ and Y families): sequential melting (Debye screening) vs.
 recombination
 - Sensitive to medium temperature





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Beavy-Flavour Decay Electrons

Talk: A. Dubla, Wuhan hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 16:00



- First R_{AA} measurement of beauty-decay electron: $R_{AA} < 1$ for $p_T > 3$ GeV/c
 - Consistent with the picture of mass-dependent radiative and collisional energy loss

36 J/ ψ Production in Pb–Pb Collisions

Talk: V. Feuillard, Jing-Zhou hall, Saturday, Sep. 24th 16:20



- Excess in peripheral events is located at low p_{T} photoproduction? ALICE Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 222301
- Suppression insensitive to the collision centrality in semi-central and central collisions — indication of regeneration
- Ratio of *R*_{AA} at 5.02 TeV and 2.76 TeV: data are, within uncertainties, compatible with the theoretical models, and show no clear centrality dependence

Consistent with unity within errors: 1.17 ± 0.04 (stat.) ± 0.2 (syst.) **ALICE Overview** Hard Probes 2016

³⁷ Y(1S) Production in Pb–Pb Collisions

Talk: G. G. Fronze, Jing-Zhou hall, Sunday, Sep. 25th 8:30



Emerick et al.: regeneration + feed-down ± shadowing uncertainty Zhou et al.: CNM effect ± feed-down uncertainty

- R_{AA} at 5.02 TeV and 2.76 TeV are compatible within uncertainties
 - $R_{AA}(5.02 \text{ TeV}, 0-90\%) / R_{AA}(2.76 \text{ TeV}, 0-90\%) = 1.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (syst.)}$
- Comparisons with model predictions: centrality dependence is qualitatively reproduced
- Suppression is slightly underestimated when considering regeneration
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- Increase of the ratio from low multiplicity (peripheral) to high multiplicity (central) collisions seen in pp, p–Pb, and Pb–Pb systems
- In Pb–Pb the enhancement at intermediate p_{T} can be explained by collective flow and/or quark recombination from QGP
- Hard Probes 2016 Same qualitative behavior seen in pp and p-Pb, but with smaller magnitude X. Zhang



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Strangeness Enhancement



Talk: O. Busch, Wuhan hall, Sunday, Sep. 25th 10:40 Study yield-ratios vs. systems size

- Significant enhancement of strange to nonstrange hadron production is observed
- The observed enhancement follows a hierarchy with the number of strange valence quarks
- MC model predictions do not describe satisfactorily the behavior of the data
- Open question for strangeness production at the LHC onset of QCD-phase transition in small





N/K_S⁰ Ratio in Jets

- The enhanced ratio of Λ/K_{S^0} at inter-median p_T of inclusive V⁰s in p–Pb and Pb–Pb collisions relative to pp collisions is not present within the jet region
 - Baryon enhancement does not origin from modified jet fragmentation
 - Results independent on jet radii and disfavor the hard-soft recombination





Charmonia in p–Pb Collisions

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ measured at forward/backward rapidities
- Pb-going direction: different trends for J/ ψ and $\psi(2S) \psi(2S)$ suppressed
- p-going direction: Indication of smaller Q_{pPb} for $\psi(2S)$ relative to J/ψ
- Models with only CNM effects (shadowing, *E* loss) do not describe $\psi(2S)$
- Break-up due to interactions with hadronic resonance gas ("comovers") is a possible explanation for $\psi(2S)$ suppression
- Models with QGP and Hadron Resonance Gas in fair agreement with data



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42 Heavy-Flavour Production vs Multiplicity



- Faster-than-linear increase of self-normalized D-meson and heavy-flavour decay electron yields as a function of the charged-particle multiplicity at mid-rapidity
- Model with hydrodynamics describes fairly data in both pp and p-Pb collisions

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- New Silicon Inner Tracking System
- New or upgraded readout for all detectors to cope with higher rate, new CTP and Trigger Detectors
- New readout chambers for the Time Projection Chamber
- New Silicon Tracker in front of Muon Absorber
- New Data Acquisition System and High Level Trigger to handle continous readout, new Offline system



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