# Charged particle yield evolution in particle multiplicity in pp, p–Pb and Pb–Pb



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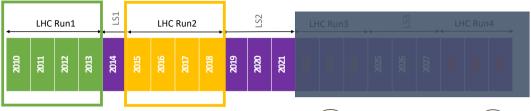
Study interplay between soft and hard QCD

AA collisions	pp collisions
• Direct relation to the initial $\epsilon$ of QGP $\epsilon = \frac{dE_{\rm T}/dy}{\tau_0 \pi R^2} \approx \frac{3}{2} \langle m_{\rm T} \rangle \frac{dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta}{\tau_0 \pi R^2} > 1 \text{GeV/fm}^3$	<ul> <li>Reference data for nuclear effect</li> <li>Study MPI in high N<sub>ch</sub> collisions</li> </ul>

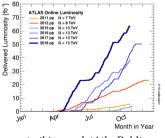
### p–Pb collisions

- Discriminate between FSR in AA and ISR of nuclei themselves
- ► QGP-like effects even in pp and p–Pb collisions at LHC energies proton (A=1) — p–Pb — Xe (A=129) — Pb (A=208)
- System size and  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle \rightarrow$  starting of the story

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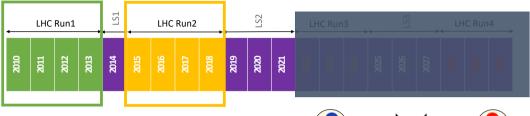




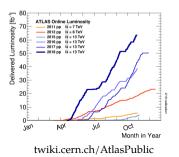


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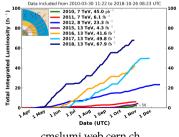
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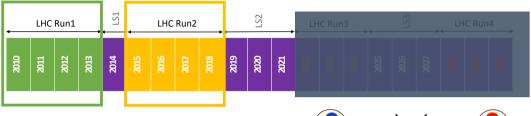


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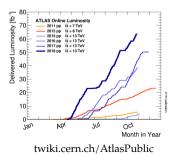


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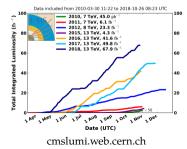
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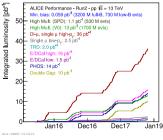






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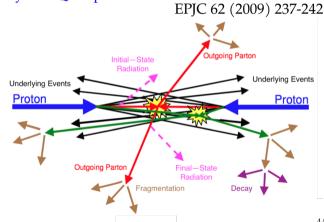
# Soft **QCD** in PP collisions

At LHC energy  $\rightarrow$  more contributions from hard-processes

► Multi Parton Interactions (MPI) : more than one hard scattering

Still particle production dominated by Soft-QCD processes

- ISR + FSR
   (gluon-strahlung)
- colour-connected beam remnant
- ► infrared MPI (not primary)
  - $p_{\rm T} \sim \text{few GeV}$
  - non perturbative
  - ► phenomenology
  - ► modelling



### A LARGE ION COLLIDER EXPERIMENT

### V0 (Scintillator hodoscopes)

- triggers forward activity
- multiplicity & centrality estimation

#### FMD (Forward Multiplicity Detector)

- Three sets of Si strip sensors
- close to V0 detectors

### SPD (Silicon Pixel Detector)

- 6-layer silicon detector
- innermost tracking at mid rapidity

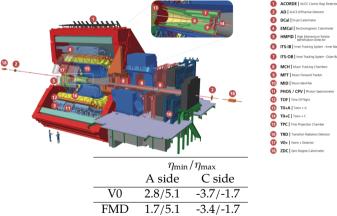
### TPC (Time Projection Chamber)

- Large cylindrical detector
- designed upto  $dN_{ch}/d\eta \sim 8000$

- ▶ 18 detectors, sensitivity at low *p*<sub>T</sub>, excellent PID
- Optimized for soft QCD physics

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TPC



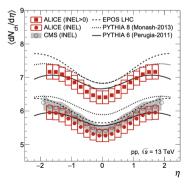
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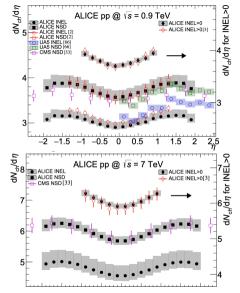
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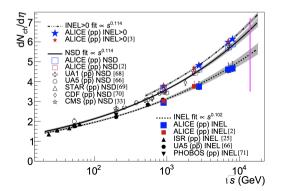
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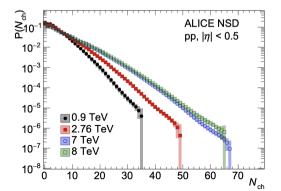


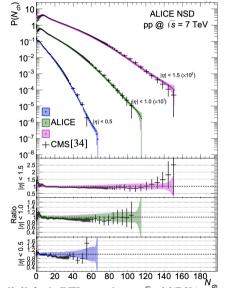
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angle \propto s^{\Delta}$ 

- ► A power law of *s*
- ► *s*: squared centre-of-mass energy
- Δ: Pomeron trajectory intercept parameter
- Above LHC energy: the power-law broken because of the unitarity

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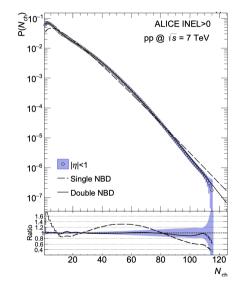
 Traditional parametrisation of particle multiplicity

$$P_{\text{NBD}}(n, \langle n \rangle, k) = \frac{\Gamma(n+k)}{\Gamma(k)\Gamma(n+1)} \left[\frac{\langle n \rangle}{\langle n \rangle + k}\right]^n \times \left[\frac{k}{\langle n \rangle + k}\right]^k$$

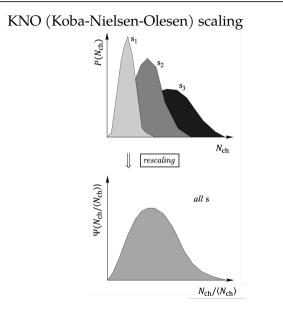
Single NBD fit overestimates the data at LHC

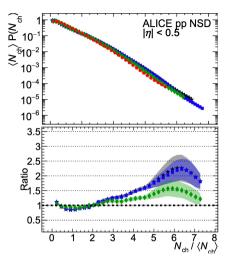
### Double NBD fit

- ► Weighted sum of two NBD functions
  - $P(n) = \lambda \left[ \alpha P_{\text{NBD}}(n, \langle n_1 \rangle, k_1) + (1 \alpha) P_{\text{NBD}}(n, \langle n_2 \rangle, k_2) \right]$ 
    - $\alpha$  : soft and MPI (not primary)
    - $1 \alpha$  : hard scattering
- Describes the data better  $\rightarrow$  some hints of MPI

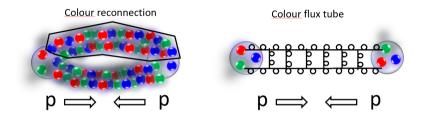


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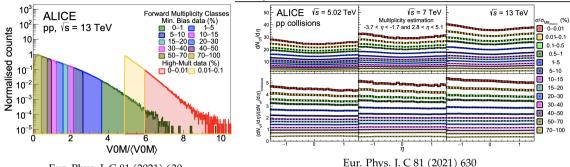


### MPI REGULATION SCENARIOS



- Colour reconnection (PYTHIA 8 Monash)
  - clour strings from two hard scatterings are connected
  - two hard scatterings start to dependent in high mul pp collisions
  - the rise of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  with multiplicity like flow boost
- ► Core & corona (EPOS-LHC)
  - multiparton scattering froms a coulur-flux tube (Pomeron ladder)
  - ► Tube's high density region → thermalised as a flow-like(core)
  - ► Tube's edge region → hadronised as conventional

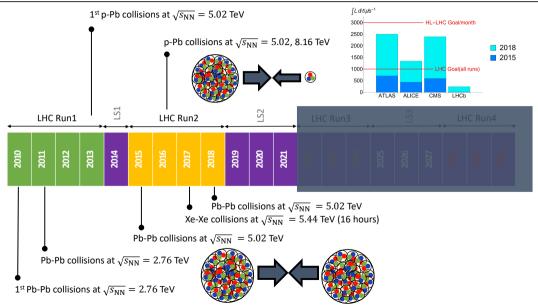
Multiplicity dependent  ${
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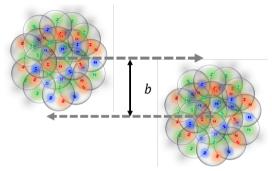
- Measurements provide input for the tuning of perturbative and soft QCD models
- Colour reconnection and core-corona models describe particle production in high-multiplicity within 10%
- Reference data for all multiplicity dependent studies in pp collisions

### $P\!\!-\!PB$ and $PB\!-\!PB$ collisions in LHC Run1 and Run2



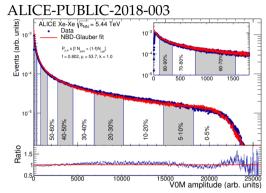
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	p–Pb 5.02	Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013)				
	p–Pb 8.16	Eur. Phys. J. C (2019) 79: 307				
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## CENTRALITY ESTIMATION



Impact parameter (b)

- The degree of geometrical overlap
- Centrality : fraction of geometrical cross-section
- $N_{\text{part}}, N_{\text{coll}}$

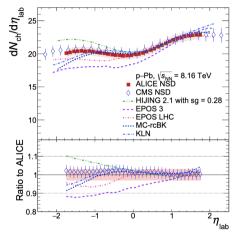


Centrality estimation for Xe-Xe

- Deformation of the nuclear density considered
- Multiplicity with the V0 detector
- NBD Glauber fit coupled to a two component model

### $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta angle$ in p-Pb collisions

Eur. Phys. J. C (2019) 79: 307



All models lie within 15% of data

### HIJING (Phys. Rev. C86 (2012) 051901)

- strong b dependence of parton shadowing
- combines pQCD and soft QCD
- reproduces magnitude and shape for Pb-going side

#### EPOS LHC (Phys. Rev. C92 (2015) 034906)

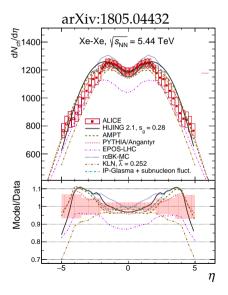
- collective effects like flow included
- reproduces Pb-going side

#### EPOS 3 (Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 064903)

includes a full viscous hydrodynamical simulationonly the most forward part in the Pb-going side

#### rc-BK (Nucl. Phys. A897 (2013) 1-27) KLN (Phys. Rev. C85 (2012) 044920)

- saturation based models
- perform better in  $\eta_{\text{lab}} > -1.3$



#### HIJING

Good match in mid, overestimate at forward  $\eta$  (due to large value of  $s_g)$ 

#### AMPT and PYTHIA/Angantyr

fairly good, slight overestimate at forward  $\eta$ 

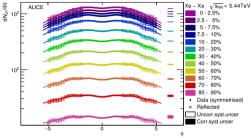
#### EPOS LHC

underestimate data overall

rcBK-MC: overall overestimation KLN: matches in mid  $\eta$ , not true for forward  $\eta$  IP-Glasma: wider than data

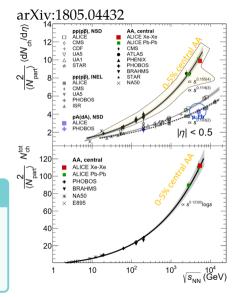
### $\langle \mathrm{d}N_{\mathrm{ch}}/\mathrm{d}\eta angle$ and $N_{\mathrm{ch}}^{\mathrm{tot}}$ in $\mathrm{Pb}-\mathrm{Pb}$ and $\mathrm{Xe}-\mathrm{Xe}$ collisions

arXiv:1805.04432

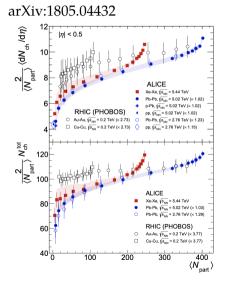


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- ► for the most 5% central collisions
- ► Xe-Xe result is in agreement with the trend
- A stronger rise w.r.t  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  than for pp
- At  $|\eta| < 0.5$  p–Pb fits with INEL pp points

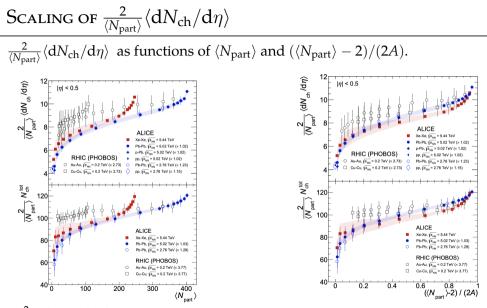


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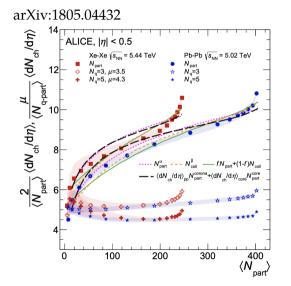
Data are scaled to  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.44$  TeV (prev.) to match with Xe–Xe results.

- ALICE data decreasing by 2 from the most central to the peripheral
- smoothly connect to pp and p–Pb
- Xe-Xe shapes exceed Pb-Pb at similar (Npart) for the top 10 % central collisions
  - RHIC data show hint of same behaviour



 $\frac{2}{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle} \langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  depends on centrality rather than on the size of collision systems

Scaling of  $rac{2}{\langle N_{
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Different scalings for particle production

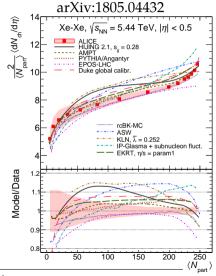
- 1. Power law function
- 2. Two component model
- 3. Core and corona model (Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 (2007) 152301))

### 4. Quark-Glauber parametrisation

(Phys. Rev. C67 (2003) 064905 , Phys.Rev. C94 no. 2, (2016) 024914)

- using wounded constituent quarks
- $N_q = 3$  and 5
- A scaling violation for the 0–5% centrality range in Xe–Xe collisions (0-1-2-3-4-5% binning)

# $rac{2}{\langle N_{ m part} angle}\langle dN_{ m ch}/d\eta angle$ and models in Xe - Xe collisions



#### AMPT (Phys. Rev. C72 (2005) 064901)

- initial state by HIJING
- and then hydrodynamical evolution

#### PYTHIA/Angantyr (JHEP 10 (2016) 139)

performing each nucleon-pair (parton level)Lund strings hadronised as an ensemble

# Duke global (Phys. Rev. C92 no. 1, (2015) 011901

– viscous hydrodynamics coupled to a hadronic cascade model

#### rc-BK, KLN, ASW<sup>1</sup>, IP-Glasma<sup>2</sup> and EKRT<sup>3</sup>

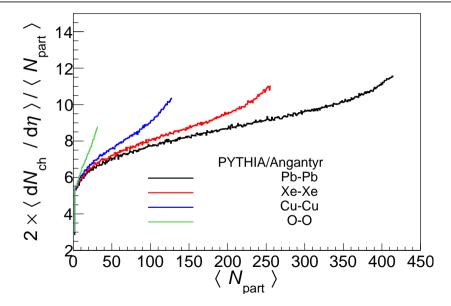
- saturation-inspired models to limit N<sub>parton</sub>

All models describe data within  $\pm 20\%$ 

<sup>0</sup>1. Phys. Rev. Lett. 94 (2005) 022002, 2. Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 252301, 3. Phys. Rev. C97 no. 3, (2018) 034911

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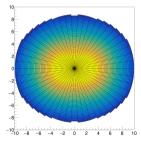
- Charged particle production mechanism at LHC has greatly been studied for the last 10 years in various collision systems and at center-of-mass energies
  - pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.76, 7, 8$  and 13 TeV
  - p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 5.02, 8.16$  TeV
  - Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 2.76$  and 5.02 TeV
  - Xe-Xe collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 5.44$  TeV
- $\sqrt{s}$  behaviour of  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  established
- Evidence for MPI from various measurements in pp collisions and some mechanisms introduced to regulate particle production and explain some collective effects in high-multiplicity events
- ► Medium-sized Xe-ion acts like a heavy ion → lighter ions? (OO, p-O) in LHC Run3
- Models have been tuned but still need more constraints



► Xe ion (deformed)

$$\rho(r, \vartheta) = \rho_0 \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{r - R(\vartheta)}{a}\right)}$$

- $\rho_0$  : the nucleon density
- The nuclear skin thickness  $a = 0.59 \pm 0.07$  fm<sup>-1</sup> Nuclear radius  $R(\vartheta) = R_0 [1 + \beta_2 Y_{20}(\vartheta)]$

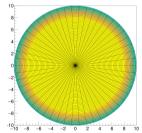


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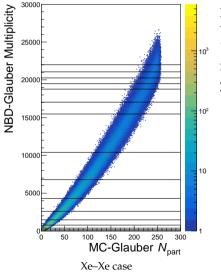
▶ Pb ion (spherical)

$$\rho(r, \vartheta) = \rho_0 \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{r-R}{a}\right)}$$

- $ho_0$  : the nucleon density The nuclear skin thickness  $a=0.546\pm0.01$  fm
- Nuclear radius  $R = 6.62 \pm 0.06$  fm

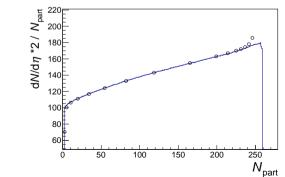


### MULTIPLICITY FLUCTUATION?



NBD-Glauber Multiplicity (fitted to V0M) and MC-Glauber  $\langle N_{part} \rangle$  filled on left

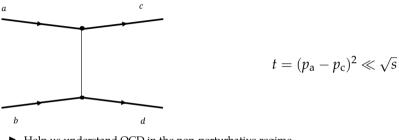
1. When sliced by centrality (0-1-2-3-4-5-7.5-10-20-...) and measured  $\frac{2}{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle} \langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  vs  $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$ . (open circle) 2. When projected on  $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$ -axis then measured  $\frac{2}{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle} \langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  vs  $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$ (blue line)



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### Diffraction

When the squared momentum transfer is much less than  $\sqrt{s}$ 

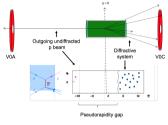


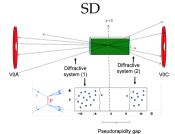
- Help us understand QCD in the non-perturbative regime  $(t \sim 0 \text{ or } q^2 < \Lambda_{QCD}^2)$
- ► By Regge theory <sup>1 2 3</sup>, diffraction proceeds via the exchange of Pomerons (gg<sub>leading order</sub> + ggg<sub>next leading order</sub> + ···)

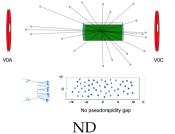
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<sup>3</sup>V. Barone, E. Predazzi, High-Energy Particle Diffraction ,Springer, Berlin, 200

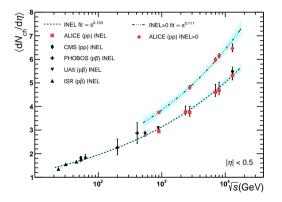
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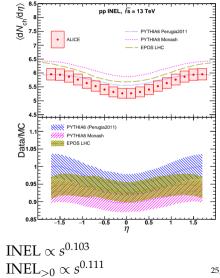


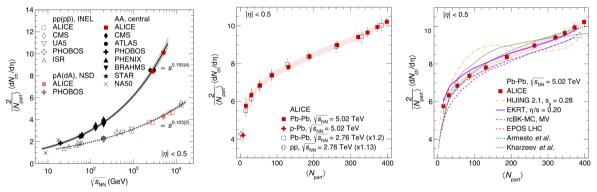




# $N_{\rm ch}$ in pp collisions







- HIJING using gluon shadowing parameter s<sub>g</sub> = 0.28
- ► EPOS based on Gribov-Regge theory incorporated with collected effect
- ► Saturation-inspired models : rcBK-MC, Armesto, Kharzeev and EKRT

Published multiplicity papers

Туре	$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	paper
10.10	0.9, 2.76, 7 and 8	Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 33
pp	13	Phys. Lett. B 753 (2016) 319-329

- Reference data to study nuclear effect
  - ► in nucleus–nucleus
  - ► in proton-nucleus collisions
- ► Big contribution from non-perturbative QCD processes
  - ▶  $INEL^1 : ND + SD + DD + CD ...$
  - ► NSD : ND + DD (to ignore large uncertainty from SD)
  - ► INEL<sub>>0</sub> : INEL + at least one activity in |η| = 1 (effective filter for SD and DD events)

 $^{1}\mathrm{INEL} = \mathrm{ND}(\sim70~\%) + \mathrm{SD}~(\sim20~\%) + \mathrm{DD}~(\sim10~\%) + \mathrm{CD}~(<1~\%)~\mathrm{arXiv:1208.4968}$ 

Published (ongoing) multiplicity papers

Туре	$\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}$ (TeV)	paper
p-Pb	5.02	PRL 110 (2013) 032301
	8.16	preliminary

- Valuable tool to discriminate between
  - ► final state effects in nucleus-nucleus
  - initial state effect of nuclei themselves
- $\blacktriangleright$  N<sub>ch</sub>
  - Discriminate the initial and final state effects
  - A tool to study the various models of gluon saturation<sup>1</sup>
  - Providing constraints to the initial state and small Bjorken-x modeling

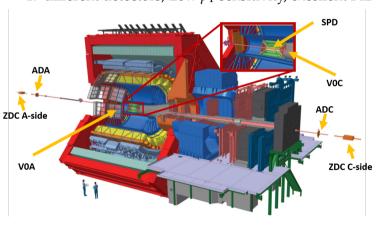
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Different descriptions of the upper limit in growth of the parton density

Published (and ongoing) multiplicity papers

Туре	$\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}$ (TeV)	paper
Pb-Pb	2.76	Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, (2011) 032301
PD-PD	5.02	Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 222302
Xe-Xe	5.44	

- $N_{ch}$  : A key observable in the QGP (initial energy density)
- ► Impact parameter (*b*): The degree of geometrical overlap
- ► Centrality : Experimental proxy of *b*
- $N_{\text{part}}$  : the number of nucleons participating in the collision
- N<sub>coll</sub>: the number of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions among the participant nucleons

# A LARGE ION COLLIDER EXPERIMENT



► 17 different detectors, Low *p*<sub>T</sub> sensitivity, excellent PID

 $\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline Trigger detectors & $$\eta_{min}/\eta_{max}$ \\ \hline $A$ side $C$ side $$ \\ \hline $C$ side $C$ side $C$ side $C$ side $$ \\ \hline $C$ side $C$ side $C$ side $$ \\ \hline $C$ side $C$ side $C$ side $$ \\ \hline $C$ side $C$ side $C$ side $$ \\ \hline \ $C$ side $$ \\ \hline \ $C$ side $$ \\$ 

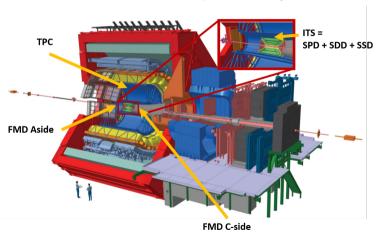
SPD (Silicon Pixel Detector)

- Innermost two-layer silicon detector
- ▶ r = 3.9, 7.6 cm
- Triggers central activity
   V0 (Scintillator hodoscopes)
  - ► Triggers forward activity
  - ► z = -0.9, 3.3 m

AD (Alice Diffraction)

- Scintillation counters
- ▶ *z* = -19.5, 17 m

ZDC :

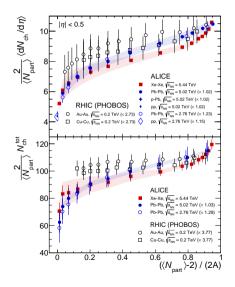


▶ 17 different detectors, Low  $p_{\rm T}$  sensitivity, excellent PID

Data taking detectors							
	$\eta_{ m min}/\eta_{ m max}$						
	A side	C side					
ITS	-1.4	/1.4					
TPC	-0.9	0/0.9					
FMD	1.7/5.1	-3.4/-1.7					
ITS (Inn	er Tracking	g System)					
▶ 6]	layers of Si	detectors					
► Co	ontaining S	PD					
TPC (Ti	me Projecti	on Chamber)					
► La	arge cylind	rical detector					
► -2	50 < z < 250	0 cm					
► 86	r < 250  c	cm					
► 55	8 k readou	t channels					
FMD (Fo	rward Multipl	icity Detector)					

- Two sets of Si strip sensors
- close to V0 detectors

# $rac{2}{\langle N_{ m part} angle}\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta angle$ and $rac{2}{\langle N_{ m part} angle}N_{ch}^{tot}$ as a function of centrality



Data are scaled to  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.44$  TeV (prev.) to match with Xe–Xe results.

- ALICE data decreasing by 2 from the most central to the peripheral
- smoothly connect to pp and p–Pb

### A LARGE ION COLLIDER EXPERIMENT

V0 (Scintillator hodoscopes)

- triggers forward activity
- -3.7<  $\eta$  <-1.7, 2.8<  $\eta$  <5.1

### SPD (Silicon Pixel Detector)

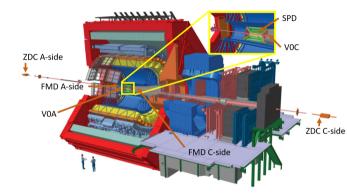
- Two-layer silicon detector
- counting tracklets at mid rapidity
- $\bullet$  -2  $<\eta$   $<\!\!2$

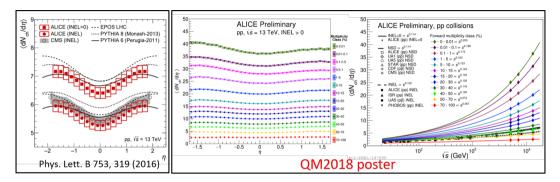
#### FMD (Forward Mult. Detector)

- three sets of Si strip sensors
  counting N<sub>ch</sub> at forward rapidity
- -3.7<  $\eta$  <-1.7, 1.7<  $\eta$  <5.1

#### ZDC (Zero Degree Calorimeter)

• measuring *E* of spectator nucleons •  $n \sim \pm 10$  ▶ 18 detectors, sensitivity at low *p*<sub>T</sub>, excellent PID





- Inclusive study : INEL  $\propto s^{0.102}$ , NSD  $\propto s^{0.114}$  and INEL<sub>>0</sub><sup>1</sup>  $\propto s^{0.114}$
- Multiplicity dependence study<sup>2</sup>
  - $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$  for different multiplicity classes
  - The evolution of  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$  with  $\sqrt{s}$ : steeper for higher multiplicity class (MPI)

 $^1 \mathrm{INEL}$  requiring at least one charged particle in  $|\eta|=1$ 

<sup>2</sup>"Multiplicity dependence study of the  $\eta$ -density distribution of charged particles in pp collisions with ALICE" by Prabhakar Palni

Charged-particle multiplicity density studies on various collision systems and energies in centre of mass

### pp and p–Pb collisions

- Compared to various theoretical models: for p-Pb better agreement with saturation based models
- ▶  $|\eta| < 0.5 \langle dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta \rangle \; (|\eta| < 0.5)$  in p–Pb fits with INEL pp points

### Pb–Pb and Xe–Xe collisions

- ► The high statistics distributions are useful to constrain the available models
- $\frac{2}{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle} \langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  and  $\frac{2}{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle} N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{tot}}$  for the top 5% central Xe–Xe collisions in agreement with the previous AA power-law trend
- ► steep rise of  $\frac{2}{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle} \langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  and  $\frac{2}{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle} N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{tot}}$ , and  $N_{\text{part}}$ -scaling violation for the 0–5% central Xe-Xe

# ► Update of the Xe–Xe paper done by reflecting all comments

- ► New binning Pb–Pb results updated
- Particle production model fitting redone for the new results
- all answers for the referee prepared
- Uptick study on  $\frac{2}{\langle N_{part} \rangle} \langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$  in Pb–Pb and Xe–Xe data
  - The whole effect is global in  $\eta$ , not local.
  - The effect is not relevant to  $\sigma_{NN}$  fluctuation.
  - ► Multiplicity fluctuation for a given (N<sub>part</sub>) and partly artificial effect of the centrality slicing.
  - Contribution from the multiplicity bias (but expected to be small) could be related partially.