



# **ALICE Experimental Results**

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# Outline

#### Motivation

- Experimental apparatus
- Centrality determination
- Bulk properties from Pb-Pb collisions
  - □ Multiplicity
  - Particle production
  - Chemical (kinetic) freezeout temperature
  - Collective expansion
- News from p-Pb collisions
  - Double ridge structure
  - Identified particles spectra
  - Barion to meson ratio
- Jet quenching
  - Charged hadrons
  - Identified particles
    - Light flavours
    - Open and hidden charm
  - Reconstructed jets
- Summary

# Motivation

- Investigate properties of nuclear matter at high temperature and density
- Important input for the understanding confinement and chiral symmetry restoration (transition from quark to hadronic matter)
- < 10<sup>-6</sup> s after Big Bang
- Explore QCD in unknown regimes → study QCD phase diagram
- We should search for QGP phase and measure its properties
- LHC gives us the great opportunity via heavy ion collisions



### Observables

### Global observables

- □ Flow, temperature
- □ Measures bulk properties

### Hard probes

- □ high p<sub>T</sub> hadrons, heavy flavour, jets
- □ Produced early in collision
- Probe partonic energy loss in the medium





### Tracking in ALICE



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### **Particle Identification**



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#### Centrality estimation in Pb-Pb Phys. Rev. C 88, 044909 (2013)

- Centrality observables
  - Charge particle multiplicity in VZERO
  - □ Forward energy in ZDC
  - SPD for systematics
- Number of particle sources
  - $f \times N_{part} + (1 f) \times N_{coll}$
- Number of particles produced by each source given by Negative Binomial Distribution ( $\mu$ ,  $\kappa$ )
- Glauber model fits to cross-section
  - 100% trigger efficiency
  - Background is negligible
  - $\rightarrow$  ~ 90% of total cross-section

with  $\sigma_{\text{INEL}}^{\text{NN}} = 64 \pm 5 \text{ mb}$ 

<1% agreement (0-70%) N<sub>part</sub> with Glauber fit 3.5 % for peripheral (>70%)

Define centrality classes corresponding to fractions of the inelastic Pb-Pb cross-section



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VZERO amplitude (a.u.)

1000

## "Centrality" in p-Pb

#### Estimator: V0A

- In p-Pb: multiplicity in Pb hemisphere
- Multiplicity  $\rightarrow$  geometry (Glauber)
  - □ Number of binary collisions
- Bias in binary scaling for multiplicity classes







Correlation between geometry and multiplicity is very weak! For p-Pb we present results in V0A multiplicity intervals

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# **Bulk properties**



#### Pb-Pb: Global properties I

### Particle multiplicity and system size



For  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =2.76 TeV Pb+Pb, 0-5% central,  $|\eta|$ <0.5

#### $2 \text{ dNch/d} / \langle \text{Npart} \rangle = 8.3 \pm 0.4 \text{ (sys.)}$

for the most central collisions: ~ 1600 charged particles per unit of  $\eta$ 

log extrapolation fails

Multiplicity ~ 2 x N<sub>RHIC</sub> Energy density ~  $3 \times \epsilon_{RHIC}$ 



Volume at freeze out  $(2\pi)^{3/2} R_{out} R_{side} R_{long} \sim 5000 \text{ fm}^3$ Lifetime from collision to freeze out extracted from  $R_{long} \sim 10 \text{ fm/c}$ 

Volume ~ 2 x  $V_{RHIC}$ Lifetime ~ 20 % longer than at RHIC

#### Pb-Pb: Global properties II

## Direct photon spectrum and particle species



- For 0-40% Pb-Pb at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$
- Exponential fit for p<sub>T</sub> < 2.2 GeV/c</li>
- $\Rightarrow$  inv. slope T = 304 ± 51 MeV
- $\Rightarrow$  Initial temperature T<sub>init</sub> = 500-600 MeV
- "temperature" ~ 300 MeV  $\rightarrow$  largest ever man-made
- PHENIX: T = 221±19±19 MeV for 0-20% Au-Au at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  = 200 GeV



- Hadron species abundances described by thermal model
- But "tension" for protons
- Proton yield does not follow the results from statistical hadronization model when assuming a common chemical freeze-out temperature

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## Flow

- Spatial asymmetry → pressure gradients
  → momentum anisotropy
- To quantify the asymmetry:

 $\rightarrow$  Fourier expansion of the angular distribution:

 $\frac{d^2 N}{dp_r d\varphi} \approx 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\varphi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\varphi) + \dots$ in the central detector region (~ 90°)  $\rightarrow$  v<sub>1</sub> ~ 0  $\rightarrow$  asymmetry quantified with v<sub>2</sub> 0.08 ק 0.06 **€** ₩ 105 0.04 0.02 ALICE ☆ STAR 252302 <mark>۲</mark> PHOBOS □ PHENIX -0.02 NA49 **O** CERES -0.04 + E877 (2010 20% - 30% × EOS -0.06 ▲ E895 centrality class ▼ FOPI -0.08 10<sup>2</sup>  $10^{3}$ 10 10<sup>4</sup> √s<sub>NN</sub> (GeV) 8-10 January 2014, XX Cracow Epiphany Conference

Larger flow than at RHIC For anisotropic flow: larger  $p_T$  integrated  $v_2$  For radial flow: 10% larger expansion velocity



#### Pb-Pb: Global properties IV

# Identified particle v<sub>n</sub>

PLB 719,18 (2013)



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- Identified particle elliptic flow
  - Mass ordering at low pT described by hydrodynamics
  - Particle species dependence persists up to p<sub>T</sub>=8 GeV/c
- Small increase of flow in comparison to RHIC



### **Charm Quarks Flow**



- D meson v<sub>2</sub>>0
- Similar v<sub>2</sub> as pions
- Charm quarks also flow:
  - At low p<sub>T</sub> due to the initial spatial anisotropy
  - $\Box$  At high  $p_T$  due to energy loss

### p-Pb news

### Hadron-hadron correlations in p-Pb

#### High multiplicity

Low multiplicity



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p-Pb

High – Low multiplicity



### HF decay $e^{\pm}$ – h correlations



Double ridge seen also in the correlation of heavy flavour decay electrons with hadrons

⇒ mechanism responsible for double ridge also works for heavy flavours



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## Barion to meson ratio



- Similar evolution of barion/meson ratio vs. p<sub>T</sub> with multiplicity in Pb-Pb and p-Pb collisions
  - □ Enhancement at intermediate p<sub>T</sub>

PRC 88,044910 (2013)

- Pb-Pb results understood in term of collective radial expansion and hadronization via quark recombination
- Different magnitude of the effect on p-Pb and Pb-Pb
- $\hfill\square$  Medium effect disappears at large  $p_T$
- □ In a given  $p_T$  bin the ratio as a function of  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  follows a power law with the same exponent in p-Pb and Pb-Pb
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## **Nuclear Modification Factor**



### Suppression of $\pi/K/p$



- Equal suppression for pions, kaons and protons for  $p_T > 8$  GeV/c
- $\Rightarrow$  Particle composition at high  $p_{T}$  not affected by the medium

#### Identified hadrons



- Suppression of all prompt D meson yield
- No conclusion on expected enhancement of  $D_S/D$  at low  $p_T$

Consistent with unity 

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Consistent with models that include CNM effects (CGC, shadowing)

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### Hierarchy in energy loss?

- Expectation from radiative energy loss:  $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$
- Could be reflected in hierarchy of  $R_{AA}$ :  $R_{AA}(B) > R_{AA}(D) > R_{AA}(\pi)$







 $R_{AA}(B) > R_{AA}(D)$ (but different fragmentation and  $p_T$  spectra)

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#### Identified hadrons



- J/ψ less suppressed at low p<sub>T</sub> than at high p<sub>T</sub>
- Different p<sub>T</sub> dependence of R<sub>AA</sub> at RHIC and LHC

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- R<sub>pPb</sub> = 1 for Pb going side (backward)
- Suppression observed at forward and mid rapidity
- Rapidity dependence qualitatively described by models
- CGC less favored

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**Reconstructed** jets

# Jet cross-section in pp $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76$

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- Reference for Pb-Pb data
- Ratio is a sensitive observable to jet broadening
- Hadronization is needed to describe data

#### **Reconstructed** jets

### Jets in Pb-Pb

![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

- Unique low p<sub>T</sub> range
- Strong suppression of jet yield in most central collisions
- Ratio of jet cross-sections compatible with fragmentation in vacuum (PYTHIA)
  - □ Sensitive to the profile of jet energy density
  - No evidence of jet shape modification in jet core

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ALI-DER-63814

- Nuclear modification factor consistent with unity within uncertainties
- Jet structure ratio consistent with pp one (different energies)
- No CNM effect observed
- Comparison hadrons to jets
  - $\rightarrow$  Binary scaling holds
  - $\rightarrow$  Apple to pinaple comparison
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# Summary

- Small sample of ALICE results was presented
- Significant progress in QCD matter studies in Pb-Pb collisions
  - □ bulk production shows the expected strongly collective medium similar to RHIC
  - □ Strong suppression for hadrons, heavy flavours and jets observed
  - □ Hints of flavour hierarchy in the QCD transition
  - □ Jet quenching has little effect on hadr-chemistry and jet structure
  - □ Hints of b/c energy loss difference
  - $\Box$  v<sub>2</sub> vs p<sub>T</sub> mass ordering

#### p-Pb

- □ More than just a control experiment
- □ No evidence of quenching, similar effect were found in pp high multiplicity collisions
- □ A symmetric ridge under the jet found in 2 particle correlations
- □ Jets are not quenched and are similar to pp jets
- There are a lot of analysis ongoing

# Thank you!

## BACKUP

#### **Experimental apparatus**

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# ALICE

# p-Pb and Pb-p samples

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# **Centrality in p-Pb ?**

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SPD

# Different bias on binary scaling for different multiplicity estimators

➡ correlations between high p<sub>T</sub> particles in the tracker and measured multiplicity

✓ jet-veto effect at low multiplicity

⇒bias reduced by η gap

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definition of out-side-long axes

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Lisa MA, et al. 2005. Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 55:357–402

standard way to parametrize source size in 3-dim

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### Blast-Wave fit:

### Schnedermann et al., PRC 48, 2462 (1993)

- spectral-shape analysis performed with hydro-inspired model
- allows characterization of ID-spectra with small set of parameters

### EPOS LHC:

### Pierog et al., arXiv:1306.0121 [hep-ph]

- hard/soft scattering contribute to jet/bulk
- bulk matter described with hydro

### Krakow:

### Bozek, PRC 85, 014911 (2012)

- initial conditions from Glauber MC
- viscous hydrodynamic expansion
- statistical hadronization at freeze-out

#### DPMJET:

Roesler et al., arXiv:hep-ph/0012252

- QCD-inspired model
- reproduces dNch/dŋ in NSD p-Pb.

### D meson elliptic flow

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{N_{\text{in-plane}} - N_{\text{out-of-plane}}}{N_{\text{in-plane}} + N_{\text{out-of-plane}}}$$

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### Double ridge structure p-Pb

$$v_n = \sqrt{a_n/b}.$$

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### Identified particle spectra p-Pb

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# $R_{AA}$ in p-Pb

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