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ALICE @ LHC





ALICE

- The LHC experiment devoted to the study of heavy ion collisions
- Designed to track and identify the thousands of particles down to the lowest p_T





Quark Gluon Plasma





Heavy ion collisions



Studies of the created medium

- Bulk properties
 - How does the medium behave

- Probing the medium
 - How does a probe react to the medium





The LHC and its features

- Large energy step (RHIC x30)
 - A QGP that will be
 - hotter,
 - bigger,
 - longer lived,
 - earlier thermalized.
 - Large hard probe production cross-sections



		SPS 17 GeV	<i>RHIC</i> 200 Ge	eV	<i>LHC</i> 5.5 TeV	
initia	IT ~	200 MeV	~ 300 N	1eV >	600 MeV	
volur	ne	10 ³ fm ^{3 -}	10 ⁴ fm ³		10 ⁵ fm ³	
lifetir	ne	< 2 fm/c	2-4 fm/c		> 10 fm/c	
	SPS PbPb Cent	RHIC AuAu Cent	LHC pp	LHC pPb	LHC PbPb Cent	
СС	0.2	10	0.2	1	115	
bb	-	0.05	0.007	0.03	5	

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- Physics motivations
- ALICE @ LHC
- First Pb-Pb run
- Properties of the medium
- Probing the medium
- Conclusions







First heavy ion run @ LHC – 2010





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- Pb-Pb collisions are classified in centrality classes, corresponding to percentiles of the inelastic cross section
- Glauber-model fits to several estimators (hit/track multiplicities + zero degree calorimeter signals)

- Glauber fit: $N_{ch} \sim f \times N_{part} + (1-f) \times N_{coll}$



central

collision



Charged Particle Multiplicity

- Central Pb-Pb (from pixels): $dN_{ch}/d\eta = 1584\pm76$ (syst) – growth with \sqrt{s} faster in A-A than in p-p
- Energy density $\approx 3 \times \text{RHIC}$ (at same time τ_0) $\varepsilon(\tau_0) = \frac{E}{V} = \frac{1}{\tau_0 A} \frac{dN}{dy} < m_t > 1$
 - lower limit, likely $\tau_0(LHC) < \tau_0(RHIC)$





- dN_{ch}/dη as function of centrality

 normalized to 'overlap volume' ~ N_{participants}
- Sensitive to degree of gluon saturation in the initial state
- Same trend as at RHIC

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 - · fails to describe the data
 - HIJING MC
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 Assess the space-time extension of the system that emits particles in Pb-Pb collisions (homogeneity volume)





out

 p_2

side



 τ_{f} (fm/c)

6

2

0

Space-time evolution – decoupling time

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(from collision to

hadron freeze-out)

PLB 696, 328 (2011)

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 $\langle dN / d\eta \rangle^{1/3}$

10

8

 Assess the space-time extension of the system that emits particles in Pb-Pb collisions (homogeneity volume)

long

side

• τ_f(LHC) = 10-11 fm/c ~ ×1.4 τ_f(RHIC)

2

Decoupling time

E895 2.7, 3.3, 3.8, 4.3 GeV

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NA49 8.7, 12.5, 17.3 GeV

CERES 17.3 GeV STAR 62.4, 200 GeV PHOBOS 62.4, 200 GeV

ALICE 2760 GeV

4

14

out

 p_2



Space-time evolution – multiplicity dependence

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pairs side p_1 out k_T out k_T for p_2 out p_2

HBT radii scale with multiplicity^{1/3} in pp and PbPb, but different slope!
HBT radii in PbPb vs. trend from lower energy AA:

-R_{long}: perfectly agree

-R_{side}: reasonably agree

-R_{out}: clearly below the trend

•Behaviour of all 3 radii in qualitative agreement with hydro expectations

–R_{out}/R_{side} decreases with √s due to higher initial temperature



Identified particle spectra



Extract particle yields from a fit to the p_T spectra





Particle composition defined from a Grand Canonical ensemble with:

- A chemical freeze-out temperature T_{ch}
- A baryo-chemical potential μ_b
- A strangeness saturation factor γ_s





Transverse radial flow





Collective behaviour – elliptic flow

Non-central collisions



- Non-central collisions
 - Anisotropic overlapping region
 - Stronger pressure gradients in plane than out of plane
 - Anisotropic particle emission
 - Described by hydrodynamic models (viscosity)
- Measured from the particle azimuthal distribution

$$\frac{dN}{p_t dp_t dy d\varphi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dN}{p_t dp_t dy} \left[1 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} 2v_i \cos(i(\varphi - \Phi_R)) \right]$$

v₂ coefficient is called elliptic flow





Two particle correlation



ALICE performance

 $p_{_{T}}$ >0.15 GeV/c

Elliptic flow (as well as other non-flow structures) are clearly visible





- v_2 extracted using 2 and 4 particle correlations
 - methods well established based on RHIC experience
 - non-flow effects estimated from the difference between 2 and 4 particle correlation methods





Elliptic flow (v₂) of charged particles

- Integrated v_2 increases by ~30% from RHIC to LHC
 - in all centrality classes
 - due to increase of $< p_T >$
 - consistent with viscous hydrodynamics
 - very low viscosity (η/s)





- $p_{\rm T}$ dependence at LHC is similar to the one at RHIC (in centrality classes)
- Consistent with expectations from hydro models





Identified particle v₂



- Stronger radial flow \rightarrow more pronounced mass dependence of elliptic flow
 - Hydrodynamics predictions describe well the measured $v_2(p_T)$ for π and K for semi-peripheral (40%-50%) and semi-central (10%-20%) collisions
 - Mismatch for anti-protons in the more central bin
 - Larger radial flow in the data than in the Hydro model
 - Rescatterings in the hadronic phase play an important role (arXiv:1108.5323)



- Fluctuations in the initial nucleon distribution – Event-by-event fluctuation of the symmetry plane Ψ_n w.r.t. Ψ_{RP}
- Odd harmonics are not null
- In particular, v_3 ("triangular") harmonic appears
- Similar $p_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$ dependence for all harmonics





Higher harmonics



- v₃ shows mass splitting expected from hydro flow !
- \bullet Has the magnitude (and p_{T} dependence) expected from geometry fluctuations
- Has larger sensitivity to η /s than v_2
 - stronger constraints to models



- Energy density ×3 RHIC \rightarrow > 15 GeV/fm3 Hotter
- Freeze-out volume ~ 300 fm3 \rightarrow ×2 RHIC Larger
- Decoupling time ~11 fm/c \rightarrow ×1.4 RHIC Longer-lived
- Elliptic flow as expected for close-to-perfect liquid
- Initial state gluon saturation less strong than expected





Hard probes of QCD matter



Hard-scatterings produce 'quasi-free' partons \Rightarrow Initial-state production known from pQCD \Rightarrow Probe medium through energy loss

Use the strength of pQCD to explore QCD matter Sensitive to medium density, transport properties





Probing the medium – parton energy loss





Comparing to theory



Ingredients:

- pQCD production
- Medium density profile tuned to RHIC data, scaled
- Energy loss model

All calculations show increase with p_{T}

Well-known radiative formalisms ASW, WHDG predict too much suppression (HT better?)



Need time to sort out theory uncertainties: More to come!















Clear path length dependence of energy loss Theory calculations ongoing



- In Pb-Pb collisions: probe the properties of the medium
 - created in the hard initial collisions
 - experience the whole collision history
 - possible comparison heavy quarks/light partons
 - energy loss:

 $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$

dead cone effect (mass)

Djordjevic, Gyulassy, Horowitz, Wicks, NPA 783 (2007) 493.

Casimir factor (colour charge)

$$R_{AA}^{H}(p_{t}) = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle} \frac{dN_{AA}^{H} / dp_{t}}{d\sigma_{pp}^{H} / dp_{t}} \qquad \text{medium density and size} \qquad R_{AA}^{\pi} < R_{AA}^{D} < R_{AA}^{B} < R_{AA}^{B} < R_{AA}^{D} < R_{AA}$$

- In p-p collisions:
 - baseline for Pb-Pb
 - measure charm and beauty cross section
 - compare to pQCD predictions



Charm nuclear modification



- For p_T > 5 GeV/c, significant and genuine hot medium effect.
- For p_T < 5 GeV/c, gluon shadowing (EPS09) can play a role
 - → will need to be measured at LHC via p-A collisions



- Light hadrons R_{AA} systematically lower than charm hadrons
- Need R_{AA} of b quarks





Open Heavy Flavour R_{AA} & R_{CP} - centrality



- Clear centrality dependence for all the probes
- Electron ($|\eta| < 0.8$) R_{AA} and muon (-4.0 < η < -2.5) R_{CP} show a similar trend
- Prompt D mesons R_{AA} seems smaller than lepton R_{AA} (... but uncertainties are large and p_T , y domains differ)



 Inclusive muon spectra dominated by HF decays for p_T above 4 (>85%) - 6 (>90%) GeV/c



D⁰ elliptic flow

300 200 Performance Sgnf(3σ) = 7.5±0.9

- A measurement of charm flow is crucial to determine the degree of thermalization of the QGP medium
- First measurement of $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ elliptic flow using yields in plane vs out of plane
- Results cross-checked with other event plane (EP) methods and Q{2} method







Quarkonia, heavy ions and the QGP?

• A long story...

- 1986, Matsui and Satz: J/ ψ suppression as a QGP signature

- NA38, NA50, NA60 at SPS
- PHENIX, STAR at RHIC
- ... and many open questions
 - similar suppression at RHIC and at SPS
 - larger suppression at larger rapidities
 - cold nuclear matter effect (still) weakly constrained
 - statistical hadronization, recombination?



… and then?? The LHC might enlighten us …





J/ψ cross section

- Inclusive J/ψ cross sections at 7 TeV
 - $-\sigma_{J/\psi} \quad (|y|<0.9) = 10.7 \pm 1.00 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.70 \text{ (syst)} + 1.60 \text{ } (\lambda_{\text{HE}} = +1) 2.30 \text{ } (\lambda_{\text{HE}} = -1) \text{ } \mu\text{b}$
 - $-\sigma_{J/\psi}$ (2.5<y<4) = 6.31 ± 0.25 (stat) ± 0.76 (syst) + 0.95 (λ_{CS} =+1) -1.96 (λ_{CS} =-1) µb
- Inclusive J/ψ cross sections at 2.76 TeV
 - $-\sigma_{J/\psi} \quad (|y|<0.9) = 6.44 \pm 1.42 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.88 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.52 \text{ (lumi)} + 0.64 \text{ } (\lambda_{\text{HE}} = +1) 1.42 \text{ } (\lambda_{\text{HE}} = -1) \text{ } \mu\text{b}$
 - $-\sigma_{J/\psi}$ (2.5<y<4) = 3.46 ± 0.13 (stat) ± 0.32 (syst) ± 0.28 (lumi) + 0.55 (λ_{CS} =+1) -1.11 (λ_{CS} =-1) µb





$J/\psi R_{AA}$

- J/ψ→μ⁺μ⁻
- 2.5 < y < 4.0
 p_T > 0 GeV/c



- Inclusive J/ψ
 - $R_{AA}^{0-80\%} = 0.49 \pm 0.03$ (stat.) ± 0.11 (sys.)
 - Little to no dependence on centrality
- Contribution from B feed-down:
 - ~ 10% from p-p measurement [LHCb arXiv:1103.0423]
 - Rough estimation assuming simple N $_{coll}$ scaling: ~ 11% reduction of $R_{AA}^{0\text{-}80\%}$

Vertical bars: statistical uncertainties Empty boxes: systematic uncertainties Full boxes: scaling uncertainty



- Less suppression observed at LHC than at RHIC (forward rapidity),
 - but cold nuclear matter effects could be quite different (more shadowing at LHC, but less to no nuclear absorption)





 $J/\psi R_{AA} - CNM$

Cold Nuclear Matter effetcs



- Two production models tested, with (left) and without (right) $k_{\rm T}$ smearing
- Two npdf parametrizations: EKS98 (blue), nDSG (red).
- No absorption cross-section added
- Large uncertainties on the calculation
 - Stronger centrality dependence for CNM than for the data
 - Difference between CNM and data is smaller for more central collisions



$J/\psi R_{\Delta\Delta}$ - models

Hot Nuclear Matter



Statistical hadronization:

- Screening by QGP of all direct J/ψ's
- CNM (shadowing) on open charm
- Charmonium production at phase boundary by statistical combination of uncorrelated charm guarks



- Shadowing effect
- prompt J/w dissociation in QGP
- J/ψ regeneration by charm quark pair recombination
- Feed-down contributions from B





Inclusive J/ψ R_{CP} can also be measured in ALICE at mid-rapidity in the di-electron channel

 $J/\psi R_{CP}$



ATLAS: •|y|<2.5 •80% of J/ψ with

ALICE-μ: •2.5<γ<4

ALICE-e:

•|y|<0.8

•p_T > 0

•p_T > 0

p_T > 6.5 GeV/c

Statistical and systematic uncertainties have not been propagated for ATLAS

 $J/\psi~R_{CP}$ larger for ALICE than for ATLAS in the most central collisions... But different rapidity and p_T coverage



J/ψ elliptic flow

- $J/\psi v_2$ could help to discriminate the production mechanism
- At LHC, if regeneration dominates the $J/\psi\ production$
 - Larger J/ ψ v₂
 - Non trivial p_T dependence





- Several methods being explored
- Shown here
 - J/ψ→μ⁺μ⁻ using event plane from TPC
- Ready for larger data sample of 2011



- LHC and ALICE performed well in the first Pb-Pb run
- Global properties of QCD matter at LHC
 - Highest charged particle density ever reached
 - Its centrality dependence saturates
 - Large volume and long decoupling time of particle emitting source
 - Hadrons flow consistent with hydro description of the medium
- High $p_{\rm T}$ partons lose energy in the medium
 - Light hadrons show same RAA for $p_T > 8$ GeV
 - Smaller R_{AA} for charm quarks?
- $J/\psi R_{AA}$ measured at forward rapidity.
 - It is ~0.5 and
 - shows little to no dependence on centrality
- Expect many exciting results from current Pb-Pb run



Back-Up





Elliptic flow and viscosity

- Spatial eccentricity $e = (y^2-x^2)/(y^2+x^2)$ source
- Anisotropic particle distributions due to pressure gradients:
- Describe by Fourier analysis of the angular distribution $dN/d\phi = 1 + 2 v_2 cos(2\phi)+....$
- Measure coefficients using (two or more) particle correlations
- The second (elliptic flow) coefficient v_2 depends on the eccentricity and the equation of state.
- Viscosity reduces the elliptic flow







RHIC v_2 results indicate that the viscosity of the QGP is very small (less than 4 times the Ads/CFT limit)

 η/s > 1/4 $\pi \approx 0.08\,$ suggested by AdS/CFT





 p_t -integrated v_2 in semi-central increases by 30% wrt RHIC

Large elliptic flow reaches hydro-dynamical limit –strong pressure gradient, system close to full thermalization
Increase with energy larger than predicted for perfect liquid (zero viscosity)

–need viscous corrections (more important at RHIC than LHC)
–closer to perfect liquid at LHC than at RHIC?





Triggered correlations: a particle belonging to a p_T region (= trigger particle) is associated to particles belonging to another p_T region (= associated particles) → 2D histos in $\Delta\eta\Delta\phi$ are then built in bins of $p_{T,trigger}$ and $p_{T,assoc}$ ($p_{T,assoc} < p_{T,trigger}$) p_{τ}^{t} 3-4, p_{τ}^{a} 2-2.5, 0-10% Low p_T region: Soft process $C(\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta) = \frac{N_{mixed}^{AB}}{N_{same}^{AB}} \frac{dN_{same}^{AB}/d\Delta\phi\Delta\eta}{dN_{mixed}^{AB}/d\Delta\phi\Delta\eta}$ (ໄປ 1.05 ບັບ (ຊຸດ) ບັບ ບັບ 1 Collective phenomena. now > Near side ridge ✓ Observed at RHIC ✓ Observed in p-p @ 7 TeV by CMS Away side broad structure p^t₇ 8-15, p^a₇ 6-8, 0-20% High p_{T} region: Hard processes zoomed to Dominated by jets 0 < C(∆¢) < 5 **C**(Δφ, Δη) Suppression of the away side jet: parton interactions in the medium Δn



Fourier analysis

 \Rightarrow Extract 1D Δφ correlations by integrating the C(Δη,Δφ) in a given Δη range and do a Fourier decomposition





Correlations & collective flow

⇔ If the observed di-hadron correlation comes from the single particle azimuthal anisotropy due to the collective flow, the v_{n,n} extracted from C(Δφ) should be related with the flow coefficients V

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n,n} &= \left\langle \cos(n\Delta\varphi) \right\rangle = \left\langle \cos\left[n\left(\varphi_{trig} - \varphi_{assoc}\right)\right] \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \cos\left[n\left(\varphi_{trig} - \Psi_{n}\right)\right] \right\rangle \left\langle \cos\left[n\left(\varphi_{assoc} - \Psi_{n}\right)\right] \right\rangle = \\ &= v_{n}(p_{t}^{trig}) \cdot v_{n}(p_{t}^{assoc}) \end{aligned}$$

-The two-particle correlation is due to the correlation with a common plane of symmetry

Good description of C($\Delta \phi$) for central collisions at low p_T with the single particle v_n

–Does not hold at high p_T where awayside jet dominates







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 RHIC: Different p/π ratio in central Au+Au
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Full jet reconstruction



- di-jet imbalance observed by ATLAS and CMS
- ALICE: Jet reconstruction with charged tracks from TPC ($|\eta| < 1$)
 - we see qualitatively a similar effect
 - goal: study effect down to low pt, study onset of di-jet imbalance
- ALICE EMCal coverage was limited in 2010, extended for 2011



Outlook: heavy quarks

 Colour charge and mass Quarkonia: suppression or dependence of energy loss regeneration? - Charm - At both mid- and forwardrapidity via D mesons. – Beauty via leptons (e, μ): $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ at forward rapidity, starting from $p_{T} \sim 0$ 3000 Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ =2.76 TeV, 2.1×10⁶ events, 5 < p, < 8 GeV/c $D^0 \rightarrow K^{-}\pi^+$ 800 ق ALICE Performance PbPb √s=2.76 TeV ents/0.05 009/05/00 2000 <u>Li</u>e 2/12/2010 ᇤ Centrality: 0-20% 25/02/2011 $N_{JJw} = 479 \pm 82$ 1500 $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi, D^+ \rightarrow K\pi\pi$ m_{uw}= 3.088 ± 0.015 GeV/c² Significance (3 σ) 5.8 ± 1.4 $\sigma_{v_{ev}} = 0.084 \pm 0.013 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ S (3 σ) 1038 \pm 252 via secondary 1000 500 B (3 σ) 31382 ± 149 Mean = 1.866 ± 0.005 vertex reconstruction 500 400 Sigma = 0.022 ± 0.006 2.05 1.85 1.9 1.95 2 300 1.75 1.8 Invariant Mass (Kπ) [GeV/c²] 250 c Me//a Pb-Pb\sum =2.76 TeV, 1.2 × 107 min. bias events, p > 8 GeV/c 200 $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ∞ 200 ALICE Performance 100 Entries 150 25/02/2011 Centrality: 0-100% 2.6 2.8 3.2 3.4 Expect coverage Mean = 1.865 ± 0.005 100 Sigma = 0.025 ± 0.005 5<pt<15 GeV/c Expect few 1000 J/ψ Significance (3 σ) 5.2 ± 1.1 50 S (3o) 296 ± 63 from full 2010 statistics B (3σ) 2893 ± 44 1.8 1.85 1.9 1.95 2 2.05 1.75 Invariant Mass (Kππ) [GeV/c²]



3.8

3.6

M_{uu} (GeV/c²)