





A Large Ion Collider Experiment

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Outlook

- Motivation
- ALICE detector
- ALICE installation and commissioning
- First physics with ALICE
- ALICE trigger (= UK contribution)
- Summary

ALICE physics

- **p-p**
- reference to AA
- minimum bias physics => soft QCD (underlying event)
- unique pp physics with Alice (baryon transport, charm cross section)
- A-A (macroscopic QCD)
- equation of state
- phase diagram
- kinetic coefficients (viscosity)

The ALICE collaboration



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ALICE Acceptance

- <u>central barrel</u> $-0.9 < \eta < 0.9$
 - -2π tracking, PID
 - single arm **RICH** (HMPID)
 - single arm em. calo (PHOS)
 - jet calorimeter (proposed)
- forward muon arm $2.4 < \eta < 4$
 - absorber, 3 Tm dipole magnet
 10 tracking + 4 trigger chambers
- <u>multiplicity</u> $-5.4 < \eta < 3$
 - including photon counting in
 PMD
- trigger & timing dets
 - **T0:** ring of quartz window PMT's
 - V0: ring of scint. Paddles



ALICE detector

ALICE unique features:

- \bigcirc acceptance at low $p_T (\sim 0.2 GeV/c)$
 - \Rightarrow relatively low field (0.5T)
 - \Rightarrow low material budget (total X/X0=7%)
- **©** excellent PID capabilities
 - \Rightarrow dE/dx (TPC/ITS), TRD,
 - TOF, HMPID, PHOS, (EMCAL)
- **©** limited in luminosity







Tracking Challenge



Inner Tracking System ITS

Three different Silicon detector technologies; two layers each
 – Pixels (SPD), Drift (SDD), Strips (SSD)

Detector	Acceptance (η, ϕ)	Position (m)	Dimension (m ²)	N. of channels
ITS				
SPD	$\pm 2, \pm 1.4$	0.039, 0.076	0.21	9.8 M
SDD	± 0.9	0.150, 0.239	0.42, 0.89	133 000
SSD	$\pm 0.97, \pm 0.97$	0.38, 0.43	5.0	2.6 M

Status: installed; being commissioned

- $\Delta(r\phi)$ resolution: 12 (SPD), 38 (SDD), 20 (SSD) μm
- Total material traversed at perpendicular incidence: $7 \% X_0$

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Inner Silicon Tracker



1st muon in SPD: Feb 17, 2008



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TPC Field Cage











pad

Momentum resolution



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individual (groups of) detectors 'in situ' from the ACR

1) individual detector operation (LV, HV, gas, cooling, FEE)

- 2) integration with online systems (DAQ/HLT/Trigger/DCS/ECS)
- 3) operation of several detectors together
 - 'global commissioning' with cosmics
 - 10-21 Dec, 4 weeks in February, April, ...







Alice Control Room



Start-up configuration 2008

- complete fully installed & commissioned
 - ITS, TPC, TOF, HMPID, MUONS, PMD, V0, T0, FMD, ZDC, ACORDE, DAQ
- partially completed
 - TRD (25%) to be completed by 2009
 - PHOS (60%) to be completed by 2010
 - HLT (30%) to be completed by 2009
 - EMCAL (0%) to be completed by 2010/11
- at start-up full hadron and muon capabilities
- partial electron and photon capabilities

Statistics for pp physics analysis

- First ALICE physics is not limited by luminosity nor by acquisition period
 - event rate is above the normal acquisition rate (100 Hz)
 - sufficient statistics will be collected very fast:

 \Rightarrow **20k events** in 3 minutes

(20k is the statistics needed for ITS alignment)

 \Rightarrow **70M events** in 3 weeks (8 days)

(70M is the statistics needed for final TPC gain calibration)

 \Rightarrow 10⁹ collisions in 10⁷ secs ~ 115 days (nominal run)

- Fast physics output is rather limited by analysis speed
 - all necessary tools and analysis have to be prepared in advance
- Different physics studies will necessitate different accuracy in
 - geometrical alignment
 - detector calibration
 - particle identification calibration

First 3 minutes



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$dN/d\eta$ at $\eta=0$

- Feynman (1969): $N_{tot} = a + b*ln(s)$ $dN/d\eta = const$
- ISR(1977): $dN/d\eta = a + b*ln(s)$
- SppS (1981): $dN/d\eta = a + b* ln(s) + c* ln(s)^2$



Model discrimination/tuning

- Pythia and Phojet predictions different => First measurements will be able to distinguish Eur. Phys. J. C 50, 435–466 (2007)
- Colour glass condensate Nucl.Phys.A747:609-629(2005)



Multiplicity measurement



Multiplicity distribution





Fig. 28. Charged multiplicity distribution for NSD pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=14$ TeV. Predictions generated by PYTHIA6.214-tuned and PHOJET1.12

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Multiplicity distributions



Unfolding (measured \Rightarrow true) is not a simple problem.

see: Anykeev et al, Nucl. Instr. Meth.A303, 350 (1991)d'Agostini, DESY 94-099, June 1994.C. Jorgensen, talk at ALICE p+p meeting, Oct 7, 2005

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Multiplicity Unfolding

Unfolding by X² minimization

- Sum of differences between measured and guess µ smeared with response (Rij = P(i|j))
- Regularization term $R(\mu)$ adds "smoothness"
- Minuit used for minimization

X² calculation

$$\chi^2(\vec{\mu}) =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_{meas}} \frac{(n_i - \sum_{j=1}^{n_{true}} R_{ij} \mu_j)^2}{n_i} + \mathcal{R}(\vec{\mu})$$

Bayesian unfolding

- Iterative method using Bayes theorem
 - 1) P(j|i) is calculated assuming prior P₀
 - 2) Guess is calculated from P(j|i) and measured
 - 3) Prior is updated (set to normalized guess)
 - 4) Go to 1

(d'Agostini, DESY 94-099, June 1994)



Multiplicity unfolding

- Unfolded spectrum within 5-10% of generated.
- Consistency between the two methods.
- Stable
 - varying statistics
 - varying true distribution





Initial multiplicity reach

- With $2x10^4$ minimum bias pp events we will have statistics up to multiplicity $\sim 150 - 10$ times the average (30 events beyond)
- We plan to use also multiplicity trigger (with silicon pixel detector) – to enrich the high-multiplicity
- Energy density in high-multiplicity pp events can reach the one in heavy-ion collision (according Bjorken formula), however, in much smaller volume



High-multiplicity trigger

Silicon pixel detector

- fast-OR trigger at Level-0 OR signal from each pixel chip
- two layers of pixel detectors 400 chips layer 1; 800 layer 2
- trigger on chip-multiplicity per layer

Sector: 4 (outer) + 2 (inner) staves



Fired chips vs. true multiplicity (in η of layer)

SPD: 10 sectors (1200 chips)



Few trigger thresholds

- tuned with different downscaling factors
- maximum threshold determined by

event rate background double interactions

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fired chips

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multiplicity in layer

High-multiplicity trigger – example

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Example of threshold tuning:

MB and 3 high-mult. triggers

250 kHz collision rate recording rate 100 Hz MB 60%

3 HM triggers: 40%

trigger rate Hz	scaling	raw rate	threshold layer 1
60.0	4167	250000	min. bias
13.3	259	3453.3	114
13.3	16	213.3	145
13.3 ALI	CE, Edi þ burgh	13.3	165



p-p high multiplicity

- Can one separate the 'soft' from the 'hard' component
- (e.g with offline veto on jets)? CDF (Phys.Rev.D65:072005,2002,STAR (Phys.Rev.D74:032006,2006)
- Comparison between pp and AA at same dN/dy
 - pt spectra, strangeness



Fig1. The mean transverse momentum $\langle P_T \rangle$ dependence on the multiplicity Nch in minimum bias, soft and hard events. The errors bars are statistical errors only. The STAR acceptance is extended from $|\eta| < 0.5$ to $|\eta| < 1.0$ by HJING to compare the results with CDF.



FIG. 12: $\langle p_T \rangle$ vs charged multiplicity for K⁺, K⁻, K⁰_S, $\Lambda + \overline{\Lambda}$, and $\Xi + \overline{\Xi}$. The points for $\Xi + \overline{\Xi}$ have been determined using

p_T spectra results

Check made with map (from Pythia) and independent Pythia sample



Systematic errors

 (some studies shown in last p+p meeting, Oct 2005)
 Normalization to cross section (σ = vs σ =)

• Normalization to cross section (σ_{inel} vs σ_{ND})
Initial transverse momentum reach

- With 20k events, we can reach 10 GeV/c (~30 events beyond)
- With 70M events, we can reach 50 GeV/c



First three weeks

- Strange particles
- Resonances

First strange particle studies

- based on Pythia for LHC
- significant samples of strange particles in 70 million minimum bias events:
- $K^0: 7x10^6$
- **Λ: 10**⁶
- \Box **Ξ:** 2x10⁴
- Ω: 270
- detailed study of flavour composition

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Φ physics in pp Interactions (work carried out at B'ham)



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First three months

- Jets
- Heavy flavours

Jets rates at LHC



Heavy flavours

- Test QCD at large Q² and small Bjorken x (down to 10⁻⁵)
- Baseline for p-A and AA





$D^{0\rightarrow}K\pi$ channel

- cτ=123 μm
- High precision vertexing, better than 100 µm (ITS)
- High precision tracking (ITS+TPC)
- K and/or π identification (TOF)





ALIC reach up to 11.5 - 14 GeV/c with 7×10^7 evts



Minimum bias trigger

MB: Pixels & VZERO.OR & ¬VZERO.BEAMGAS

How efficient is the MB trigger ?



Trigger Efficiency Systematic



Systematic uncertainty due to different trigger efficiencies for ND,SD and DD interactions.

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ALICE Central Trigger Processor

ALICE CTP features:

- 3 Levels (L0,L1,L2 ~ 1µs, 6µ, 88µs)
- Partitioning of detectors into independent groups e.g. muon arm and central barrel
- **Pile up (past-future) protection** tens of interactions in TPC drift time

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ALICE trigger software

- Testing
- Configuration
 - trigger logic
 - timing
- Monitoring
 - triggering detectors
 - luminosity
 - dead time

• Offline

- cross section calculation
- trigger corrections

User interface – partition editor



X-⊨ 2:Class SC
Class name: SCclust2
PFs:
opt. inputs:
BCmasks:
All
LOprescaler: 0
Trigger descriptor: SC
X-∺1:Class SC
Class name: SCclust1
PFs:
opt. inputs:
Bûmasks:

All

Trigger descriptor: SC

L0prescaler: 0

Main window = one	partition = list	of classes in	n clusters
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Snapshot memory browser



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Trigger input alignment in time

Alignment: adjusting the trigger input delays to assure that the trigger signals originating from the same bunch crossing reach the CTP in the same clock cycle

Without the beam: Before doing any timing tests, we have information on *expected* timing from tabulated cable lengths.

With the beam methods:

- Oscilloscope/Snapshot (L0,L1,L2 level), if rate and noise are low
- Correlation analysis

Possible data sources for analysis:

- SnapShot
- Interaction record

Trigger inputs alignment



Quark Gluon Plasma

- the phase transition from lattice QCD
 - T/T_c 0.9 -> 1.1 => factor ~2 in ε => factor ~ 9 in \sqrt{s}
 - we <u>need</u> big factors in energy to cover the QCD phase diagram

 $\epsilon \sim T^4$ $\epsilon (\tau=1 \text{ fm/c}) \sim dN/dy \sim \ln(\sqrt{s})$



Heavy-ion physics with ALICE

- \Box early ion scheme (2009)
 - □ 1/20 of nominal luminosity
 - □ ∫Ldt = 5.10²⁵ cm⁻² s⁻¹ x 10⁶ s 0.05 nb⁻¹ for PbPb at 5.5 TeV N_{pp collisions} = 2.10⁸ collisions 400 Hz minimum-bias rate 20 Hz central (5%)
 - □ muon triggers: ~100% efficiency, < 1kHz
 - centrality triggers:
 bandwidth limited
 N_{PbPbminb} = 10⁷ events (10Hz)
 - N_{PbPbcentral} = 10⁷ events (10Hz)

u fully commissioned detector & trigger

- □ alignment, calibration available from pp
- □ first 10⁵ events: global event properties
 - multiplicity, rapidity density
 - **u** elliptic flow
- □ first 10⁶ events: source characteristics
 - particle spectra, resonances
 - □ differential flow analysis
 - □ interferometry
- **Given the set of the**
 - □ jet quenching, heavy-flavour energy loss
 - charmonium production
- **u** yield bulk properties of created medium
 - □ energy density, temperature, pressure
 - heat capacity/entropy, viscosity, sound velocity, opacity
 - □ susceptibilities, order of phase transition

Flow

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Azimuthal asymmetry in the transverse plane:

Eccentricity:

Flow:

X



$$\begin{split} E\frac{\mathrm{d}^3N}{\mathrm{d}^3p} &= \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{\mathrm{d}^2N}{p_{\mathrm{t}}\mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{t}}\mathrm{d}y}[1+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}2v_n\mathrm{cos}(n\phi)]\\ \mathrm{v_1} &= \mathrm{directed\ flow} \quad \mathrm{v_2} = \mathrm{elliptic\ flow} \end{split}$$

 Φ – angle with respect to reaction plane

Relativistic hydrodynamics prediction:v₂/ε=constant

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Is the QGP an ideal fluid ?

LHC?

one of the first 'expected' answers from LHC
 Hydrodynamics: modest rise (Depending on EoS, viscosity, speed of sound
 experimental trend & scaling predicts large increase of flow



Summary & Outlook

- first pp run
 - important pp reference data for heavy ions
 - unique physics to ALICE
 - minimum-bias running
 - fragmentation studies
 - baryon-number transport
 - heavy-flavour cross sections
- first few heavy-ion collisions
 - establish global event characteristics
 - important bulk properties
- first long heavy-ion run
 - quarkonia measurements
 - Jet-suppression studies
 - flavour dependences

<u>Outlook</u>

- high luminosity heavy ion running (1nb⁻¹)
 - dedicated high p_t electron triggers
 - jets > 100 GeV (EMCAL)
 - γ jet correlations
 - Y states
 - ...
- pA & light ion running

We are looking forward to very exciting times

Terra incognita: hic sunt dracones ! Be prepared for anything !





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Quarkonia physics

p-p @ 14 TeV, L = 3.10³⁰ cm⁻² s⁻¹, t = 10⁷ s, 30/pb

Muon channel: (2.5 <y< 4): 2.9M J/Psi and 27k Y (N.Bastid et al.)



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experimentally we measure baryon – antibaryon asymmetry
largest rapidity gap at LHC (> 9 units)
predicted absolute lvalue for protons ~ 2-7%





Rates



- First jet physics
 - ∗ with TPC up to $E_{T} \approx 100$ GeV in p+p and Pb+Pb
 - Minimum bias data: No high luminosity needed

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Impact parameter precision



For low-multiplicity events (i.e. pp) the contribution from primaryvertex resolution is not negligible Full reconstruction with primary tracks has to be used Impact parameter resolution is crucial for the detection of short-lived particles - charm and beauty mesons and baryons

At least one component has to be better than 100 μ m (c τ for D⁰ meson is 123 μ m)



Particle Identification

• Very good PID over broad momentum range



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Multiplicity reach at 900 GeV



Total cross sections



- Values at 14 TeV:
 - charm 11.3 mb
 - beauty 0.44 mb
- PPR (older PDFs):
 - charm 11.2 mb
 - beauty 0.51 mb
- Ratio 14TeV / 2.4TeV:
 - charm 3.6
 - beauty 5.9

Identified particles yields and spectra

- Data on K/ π in anti-p p interactions show steady (slow) increase with energy and with multiplicity
- Mean pt as a function of multiplicity for different particle types shows different behaviour $< dN_c / d\eta >$





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ALICE Electromagnetic

Calorimeter

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Lead-scintillator sampling calorimeter Shashlik fiber geometry Avalanche photodiode readout

Coverage: $|\eta| < 0.7$, $\Delta \phi = 110^{\circ}$ ~13K towers ($\Delta \eta x \Delta \phi \sim 0.014 x 0.014$) depth~21 X₀ Design resolution: $\sigma_E / E \sim 1\% + 8\% / \sqrt{E}$

- upgrade to ALICE
- ~17 US and European institutions

Current expectations:

- 2009 run: partial installation
- 2010 run: fully installed and commissioned


Jet rate at LHC



$$\frac{d\sigma_{1}/dE_{T1}/d\eta}{d\sigma_{2}/dE_{T2}/d\eta} = f(2E_{T}/\sqrt{s})$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{1}/dE_{T1}/d\eta}{d\sigma_{2}/dE_{T2}/d\eta} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{s_{2}}E_{T2}^{3}}{\sqrt[4]{s_{1}}E_{T1}^{3}}$$

200/14000=0.014 0.014=25.2/1800

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Jet rates at LHC



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Correlation function example



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Multiplicity predictions



ISR







W.Thome et al,: NPB129,365,1077

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p-p nominal run

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\Box \int Ldt = 3 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ x } 10^7 \text{ s}

30 pb<sup>-1</sup> for pp run at 14 TeV

N_{pp \text{ collisions}} = 2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ collisions}

\Box \text{ minimum-bias triggers:}

20 events pile-up (TPC)

N_{pp \text{ minb}} = 10^9 \text{ collisions}
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$\langle \mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{T}} \rangle$ vs. multiplicity



Mean p_T grows with multiplicity

⇒ high p_T jets have higher multiplicity BUT: same behavior in "soft" events events with no jets/clusters with E_T >1.1GeV (CDF: PRD65,072005,2002)

Physics triggers

Trigger inputs:

	L0 pp	L1 pp	L2 pp
1	V0 Minimum bias	PHOS jet low p⊤	
2	V0 Beam Gas	PHOS jet high p⊤	
3	V0 High Multiplicity	TRD unlike e-pair high pt	
4	V0 Beam gas A	TRD like e-pair high pt	
5	V0 Beam gas C	TRD electron	
6	T0 A	TRD hadron low pt	
7	T0 C	TRD hadron high pt	
8	T0 Vertex		
9	PHOS MB		
12	Cosmic		
13	DM like high p_T		
14	DM unlike high p⊤		
15	DM like low p _T		
16	DM unlike low p _T		
17	DM telescope		
18	DM single		
19	TRD pre-trigger		
20	ZDC		
21	TOF MB		
22	pixel trigger		
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- Minimum Bias
- Muons
- Pixels
- Electrons

high-mutiplicity trigger: reserved bandwith ~ 10Hz muon triggers: ~ 100% efficiency, < 1kHz electron trigger: ~ 25% efficiency of TRD L1 14/03/2008