



Light Flavor Production in the ALICE Experiment

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And now for something completely different...



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A rich "Zoo"

π

d

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π , K, p transverse momentum distributions



- Reference for energy loss studies in Pb-Pb
- Monte Carlo tuning
- pQCD studies and constraints for Fragmentation Functions





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Nuclei

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Color Super-

conductor?

Net Baryon Density

Neutron stars































Low: p_T < 3 GeV/c

Bulk properties and collective expansion, hadrochemistry

Intermediate: $3 < p_T < 7 \text{ GeV/c}$

Coalescence and anomalous baryon enhancement

High: $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV/c}$

"Jet Quenching": Search for medium modification of fragmentation functions

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Isotropic (radial) flow

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Transverse momentum distributions





- Clear evolution of spectra with centrality.
- Central collisions: flat at low p_T, nearly exponential at high p_T
 - Indication for collective radial expansion

Comparison to Hydro Models





Hydro models give a very satisfactory description! Requires interactions in the hadronic phase?

Anisotropic flow





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Azimuthal anisotropy: early thermalization Mass ordering: occurs naturally in hydro Details: interactions in hadronic medium, hadronization mechanism





Alice results: π , K, p, ϕ , Λ , Ξ , Ω

Overall features reproduced by Hydro+ Hadronic cascade

Role of hadronic phase?

- Needed to describe protons
- Spoils mass ordering

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Hints for flow in p-A collisions?





Spectra and **correlation** measurements show hints of collective behavior in p-Pb collisions

- Evolution with multiplicity
- Azimuthal anisotropy
- Mass ordering

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ALICE, PLB 728 25 (2014) ALICE, PLB 726 164 (2013)

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Baryonic chemical potential (MeV)

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PHENIX

△ BRAHMS

T=164 MeV.

Model. x²/N, =31.6/12

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10⁻¹

Anomalous p/π ratio at the LHC





Is it only protons or all baryons? Why?! (NB with these 3 species, it would be enough to lower T ~ 140 MeV)

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PRL 113, 072001 (2014) arXiv:1405.7298

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Crucial to distinguish different scenarios:

 \Rightarrow detailed understanding of **collision dynamics**

 \Rightarrow window in the **deconfined phase**

Deuteron in p-Pb



Deuteron enhancement in p-Pb Production mechanism of Nuclei Hint for coalescence?

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Intermediate pr







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B/M ratios: φ/p





The φ meson has the same shape as p: mass ordering (as expected from radial flow)?

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High p_T suppression





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Suppression of high p⊤ particles





Studied through "nuclear modification factor"

$$R_{AA} = \frac{AA}{\text{rescaled pp}} = \frac{d^2 N_{AA}/dp_{\rm T} dy}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle d^2 N_{pp}/dp_{\rm T} dy}$$

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p-Pb results: no modifications at high p_T ! (di)Jet results consistent with this picture (see also ATLAS and CMS results)

A puzzle in p-Pb?





Atlas and CMS hint at an increase at high pt

Not explained by nPDF modifications (shadowing)

Consistent with jet *R_{pA}*? Origin?

→ J. Harris, Fri 5th

Largest **difference among experiments**: pp reference Low statistics: need new data in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 5$ TeV!



Identified light-flavor measurements crucial to constrain bulk properties of the matter created in HI collisions

Several observables suggest formation of a "collective medium" already in high multiplicity p-Pb (and pp) collisions

- LHC still close to hydrodynamic limit for (semi) central collisions
 - Very strong radial and anisotropic flow,
 - Hydrodynamic models describe data qualitatively
 - Collective behavior in p-Pb collisions? → pp studies at high multiplicity
- Equilibrium thermal model challenged by the data: puzzle still open
- "Baryon anomaly" is a bulk effect, strong constraints for coalescence models
 - Seems to be driven by mass rather than meson/baryon
- No (light) flavor dependence of the R_{AA} at high p_T
- Enhanced R_{pA} at high p_T ?
 - Need reference data

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Backup

Analysis in the relativistic rise





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Description of the late stages of the fireball needed? Not expected to work in peripheral collisions

Early kinetic freezeout of ϕ , Ξ , Ω ?





Sequential freezeout (smaller hadronic cross-section)?



a) Correlation



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Intermediate p_T in the bulk and in the jet



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Pb-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.76TeV, 0-10% central

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The ALICE detector





Barrel PID & Tracking $|\eta|$ <0.8 **Forward** (V0) event activity selection, **2.8(-3.7)** $\leq \eta \leq$ **5.1(-1.7)**



Tracking and Particle Identification



Particle identification (many different techniques) Extremely low-mass tracker ~ 10% of X₀ Excellent vertexing capability Efficient low-momentum tracking – down to ~ 100 MeV/c

Flavor dependence of RAA?

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- Quark jets vs gluon jets
- Color exchange with the medium



• Heavy flavor? (dead cone effect)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Delta E_{quark} < \Delta E_{gluon} &, \quad \Delta E_{massive \; quark} < \Delta E_{light \; quark} \\ & \downarrow \\ & R_{AA}(B) > R_{AA}(D) > R_{AA}(\pi) \end{array}$$

Wiedemann et al, EPJC 55, 293–302





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Nuclei v₂ in AuAu:

R. Haque, STAR, Mon 19

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Non equilibrium fits vs \s and system size





Uniformity of fireball freeze-out parameters across energy and centrality

Strangeness/entropy smaller than at RHIC?

Rafelski, HIF CERN, March 20, 2014 Rafelski et al, A. Phys.Pol. B. Supp 7 35

Incomplete hadron spectrum





Using assumptions on Hagedorn states, p/π reproduced

J. Noronha-Hostler, arXiv:0906.3960 (RHIC)

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Correction factors now computed for **all centrality bins Back-reaction neglected**, effect estimated to be small (but no rigorous estimate yet)

Flavor hierarchy in the QCD phase transition





Lattice: indication of a **flavor hierarchy** at freeze-out?

Pre-hadronic bound states: strangeness above T_C?

Connection to experiment:

higher order moments of net charges? (related to susceptibilities ratios of conserved charges) **Caveats**: needs strange baryons, limited phase space, baryons vs protons ...

Bellwied et al, PRL 111 202302 Ratti et al PRD85 014004 F. Karsh, Cent. Eur. J. Phys., 10 1234

Higher moments: HRG and STAR





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- Physical picture of non-equilibrium models: supercooled quark-gluon plasma undergoes sudden hadronization → no further re-interaction

Strangeness production in p-Pb collisions





Strangeness enhancement in p-Pb collisions!

- Ξ reaches the Pb-Pb (GC?) value
- Ω not yet

Origin of the tension?

Anomalous p/π ratio at the LHC





T = 137.7 MeV, $\gamma_q \sim 1.6$, $\gamma_s \sim 2.75$ Hadronization pressure P = 82 MeV/fm³ Rafelski, Letessier, PRC 83, 054909 (2011) Non equilibrium model prediction

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Excluding protons or pions





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