A Large Ion Collider Experiment

## Report on JINR-ALICE team activity in 2023







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### The ALICE Collaboration





### JINR-ALICE group:

- ✓ 12 physicists (5 analysis, 7 PHOS)
- ✓ 1 PhD student
- ✓ 1 expert for ROOT software upgrade and GRID computing management

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Peru, 5, 0% Pakistan, 37, 2%

Norway, 40, 2%

Mexico, 53, 3%

Malta, 8, 0%

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Italy, 222, 11%

Indonesia, 16, 1%

### Activities of JINR-ALICE group



- ✓ Ultra-peripheral p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions: study of vector meson photoproduction
- ✓ Development of the thermal model of particle production in pp and A-A collisions
- ✓ GRID computing and software activities
- ✓ Participation in the ALICE maintenance and operation tasks
- ✓ PHOS upgrade

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### ALICE detector



#### Actual (Run 3) configuration: ✓ Tracking and vertex: $\circ$ TPC ACORDE | ALICE Cosmic Rays Detector o ITS AD | ALICE Diffractive Detector DCal Di-jet Calorimeter • MCH, MFT EMCal | Electromagnetic Calorimeter ✓ Particle identification: HMPID High Momentum Particle Identification Detector ITS-IB Inner Tracking System - Inner Barrel o TPC ITS-OB | Inner Tracking System - Outer Barrel 18 o TOF MCH | Muon Tracking Chambers MFT | Muon Forward Tracker Centrality determination $\checkmark$ MID | Muon Identifier PHOS / CPV | Photon Spectrometer or veto: TOF | Time Of Flight T0+A | Tzero + A $\circ$ V0 T0+C Tzero + C TPC | Time Projection Chamber o ZDC TRD | Transition Radiation Detector Veto: V0+ Vzero + Detector ZDC Zero Degree Calorimeter o AD

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## Femtoscopic K<sup>+</sup>K<sup>-</sup> correlation analysis in p-Pb at 5.02 TeV



### $C = FSI \cdot \lambda + PHI + 1$

- √ λ=1 (and test λ(K+K-)=λ(K±K±)~0.3)
   ✓ FSI Lednický-Lyuboshits model with radius from identical charged kaon study
   ✓ PHI φ peak: convolution of Gaussian (2 MeV) and Breit-Wigner scaled to height of peak in experimental CF
  - ✓ Small sizes → check the Lednický-Lyuboshits model

- ✓ First results for  $K^+K^-$  CF in p-Pb at 5.02 TeV.
- ✓ Significant contribution of the φ peak in the region of the strong and Coulomb FSI in comparison to the Pb-Pb data at 2.76 TeV [Phys.Rev.C107 (2023) 054904].
- $\checkmark$  Wide Coulomb FSI in comparison to the Pb-Pb analysis.
- ✓ Description looks better for  $\lambda = 1$ .

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### Vector meson photoproduction in UPC p-Pb at 8.16 TeV

Exclusive J/ $\psi$  photoproduction cross section off protons measured as a function of the centre-of-mass energy of the photon-proton system  $W_{\gamma p}$ :

- Measurements by ALICE are compatible with the values measured by HERA and LHCb.
- ✓ No deviation from a power law is observed up to about 700 GeV.
- ✓ Future UPC measurements by ALICE will explore the higher W<sub>p</sub> range.

### ✓ Published in [ALICE, Phys.Rev.D108 (2023) 11, 112004].



- Measurements by ALICE are compatible with the values measured by HERA.
- ✓ At high W<sub>p</sub>, where the gluon saturation regime is expected, the models predict that the ratio vanishes.



# Ratio of dissociative to exclusive $J/\psi$ photoproduction cross sections:



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### Thermal model of particle production in pp and A-A collisions



Modification of the previous model [S.Grigoryan, Eur.Phys.J.A57 (2021) 12, 328].

#### Model consists of 3 components:

- 1) Boltzmann-Gibbs thermal distribution  $\xrightarrow{\text{for}}$  flow effect
- 2) Tsallis distribution  $\xrightarrow{\text{for}}$  resonance decays
- 3) power-law form  $\xrightarrow{\text{for}}$  QCD hard processes

 $N_{\text{part}}$  - number of the participant nucleons, calculated in the Glauber model

#### A - atomic number

- Calculations are in a very good agreement with experimental (ALICE and lower energy) data.
- ✓ Limited value of each curve at  $x=(N_{part}-2)/2A=0$  is equal to the charged particle multiplicity density at midrapidity in pp collisions at the corresponding energy.

#### S.Grigoryan

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### GRID computing and software activities



The JINR ALICE GRID is a part of 7 Russian ALICE GRID Tier 2 Centers (RDIG – Russian Data Intensive Grid).

The resources of JINR GRID Farm:
✓ 13500 cores CPU (40% of the RDIG)
✓ 2000 Tb Disk-SE (64% of the RDIG)

JINR provides and increases storage (Tb) and computing (CPU cores) resources for ALICE.

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### Conferences





 $\checkmark$  V.Pozdnyakov, "Exclusive and dissociative J/ $\psi$  photoproduction off protons with ALICE", XXX International Workshop on Deep-Inelastic Scattering and Related Subjects, Michigan SU, USA, March 27-31, 2023.



 E.Rogochaya, "Studying the size of the emitting source of particles and their strong interaction using femtoscopy", The European Physical Society Conference on High Energy Physics (EPS-HEP), Hamburg, Germany, August 21-25, 2023.



 V.Pozdnyakov, "Vector meson photoproduction in UPC with ALICE", 25th International Spin Symposium (SPIN 2023), Durham, USA, September 24-29, 2023.



## ALICE publications with key contribution from the JINR-ALICE group: ALICE

- ✓ "Investigation of K<sup>+</sup>K<sup>-</sup> interactions via femtoscopy in Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV at the LHC", ALICE Collaboration (S.Acharya et al.), Phys.Rev.C107 (2023) 054904.
- ✓ "Femtoscopic correlations of identical charged pions and kaons in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with event-shape selection.", ALICE Collaboration (S.Acharya et al.), arXiv:2310.07509 [hep-ph].
- ✓ "Photoproduction of K<sup>+</sup>K<sup>-</sup> pairs in ultra-peripheral collisions", ALICE Collaboration (S.Acharya et al.), arXiv:2311.11792 [nucl-ex].
- ✓ "Constraining the KN coupled channel dynamics using femtoscopic correlation at the LHC", ALICE Collaboration (S.Acharya et al.), Eur.Phys.J.C83 (2023) 340.
- "Common femtoscopic hadron-emission source in pp collisions at the LHC", ALICE Collaboration (S.Acharya et al.), 2311.14527 [hep-ph].
- ✓ Exclusive and dissociative J/ $\psi$  photoproduction, and exclusive dimuon production, in p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  = 8.16 TeV, ALICE Collaboration (S.Acharya et al.), Phys.Rev.D108 (2023) 11, 112004.

### Other scientific activities:

- K.Mikhaylov, E.Rogochaya and V.Pozdnyakov participate actively in Internal Review Committees (IRC) of various ALICE publications.
- ✓ JINR Institute Review of one of the ALICE publications.
- ✓ Participation in the ALICE central shifts (73).

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PWO<sub>4</sub> monocrystal and 3-SiPM (Hamamatsu S14160-6015) + 1-SiPM (Hamamatsu MPPC S14160-6010) 2-channel photodetector:



PHOS

Resolution for the difference between time stamps from signals in neighboring crystals:



Voltage dependence of picosecond laser pulse amplitude for irradiated and nonirradiated SiPMs:



- Excellent time resolution of 100 ps was achieved for 2 GeV energy release.
- ✓ Good energy resolution, up to 2%.
- ✓ First test: Chinese NDL SiPM EQR15 11-6060D-S (new technology, 3 times cheaper) compared to Hamamatsu MPPC S14160-6015.
   Irradiation did not change the response of the detectors to light pulses.

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### Summary



### ✓ JINR-ALICE team

- carries out successfully physical analyses of experimental data on femtoscopic correlations in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb
- studies vector meson photoproduction in ultra-peripheral p-Pb and Pb-Pb
- o constantly improves the three-component theoretical model of particle production
- ✓ All analyses results were reported at ALICE meetings and international conferences, and the finished ones were prepared for publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- ✓ JINR ALICE GRID facility continues to provide stable computing operation and steady increase of its capacity.
- ✓ PHOS: Excellent time resolution of  $140 \rightarrow 100$  ps was achieved for 1-2 GeV energy release.

### Plans for 2024

- ✓ Publish paper on 1D and 3D femtoscopic analyses for  $K^{\pm}K^{\pm}$  correlations in Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV.
- ✓ Publish paper on 1D and 3D femtoscopic analyses for  $K^{\pm}K^{\pm}$  correlations in p-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV.
- ✓ Continue 1D femtoscopic analysis for  $K^+K^-$  pairs in p-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV.
- ✓ Finalize the analysis of  $\rho^0$  states in 4-pion coherent photoproduction in ultra-peripheral Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV and prepare a publication.
- ✓ Start the analysis of  $\rho^0$  meson coherent photoproduction in ultra-peripheral p-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV.
- ✓ ALICE GRID support in the JINR computing system.
- ✓ Participate in the ALICE shifts and service tasks.
- ✓ Prepare a publication on the new version of Thermal model of particle production in A-A collisions.
- ✓ Prepare photodetectors and electronics for 30 cells of the PHOS calorimeter and perform measurements on the SPS CERN test electron beam in the range 10-150 GeV of electron energies.





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### Backup: ALICE schedule



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### **Backup: Ultra-Peripheral Collisions**



- ✓ UPC occur when particles/ions collide at impact parameter *b* greater than sum of nuclear radii → UPC are  $\gamma$ -*induced reactions*.
- ✓ Large charges of colliding ion  $\rightarrow$  production of huge  $\gamma$  fluxes.



 $\leftarrow$  elastic J/ $\psi$  production in which the proton stays intact

proton-dissociative  $J/\psi$  production in which the proton dissociates to a low mass excited state with mass  $M_Y > m_p \rightarrow$ 



✓ In *γ*-induced reactions, γ can be represented as a coherent superposition of hadronic fluctuations ( $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\varphi$ , J/ $\psi$ , etc.) that subsequently interact with the target.