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ALICE (A Large Ion Collider Experiment) на LHC (часть 1, установка ALICE)

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CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) accelerator complex



LINAC2- BOOSTER-PS-SPS-LHC (the sircle length is 27 km)

p+p @ 13 TeV p+Pb @ 5.02 TeV (for NN) Pb+Pb @ 5.02 TeV (for NN)



















What's the main Physics Questions might be answered at the LHC

- ALICE:
- Quark-gluon plasma;
 - Chiral Symmetry; restoration;
 - Deconfinement;
 - Hadronization;

- ATLAS, CMS, LHCb:
 - Higss mechanism;
 - Supersymmetry;
 - CP violation;

30 Years of Heavy Ions at CERN (from Pb beam at SPS in 1986) CERN Seminar, 09.11.2016

Accelerators using for Heavy-Ion collisions

Acceleratos	Energy (s _{NN}) ^{1/2} (GeV)	Collision systems	Running status
LHC (CERN, Collider)	2760-5020	Pb-Pb	Now
RHIC (Brookhaven, Collider)	20-200	Au-Au	Now
SPS (CERN, Fixed-target)	8-17	Pb-Pb	Now
FAIR (GSI, Fixed-target)	4-8	Au-Au	2020-2021
NICA (Dubna, Collider)	4-11	Au-Au	2020



A Large Ion Collider Experiment

European Organisation for Nuclear Research



ALICE Collaboration



42 countries, 174 institutes, 1800 members

Particle classification using a life time

The stable particles/antiparticles:

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e-(e+), proton/antiproton;
photon(\gamma), neutrino(\nu_e, \nu_u, \nu_\tau)/antineitrino.
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All other particles are unstable (decay to the daughter ones) and are called by a convention of the physicists:

- particles (mean pass lenth > 1 cm): n, μ , π , K^{±0}, Λ , Σ , Ξ , Ω
- long lived resonances : the mean pass length (\geq 100 μ m) may be fixed in the detector (the mean life time τ > 10⁻¹³ s).
- short lived resonances with typical life time \leq 10⁻²² s, the pass can't be detected.

ALICE setup



Length: 26 m, Height: 16 m, Weight: 10,000 tons

The Inner Tracking System:

Primary vertex, Secondary vertex, Particle identification, Standalone reconstruction



The Time Projection Chamber:

Main tracking detector (charged particles) of the ALICE Central Barrel



845 < r < 2466 mmDrift length 2 x 2500 mm Drift gas Ne-CO₂-N₂ (86/9/5) Gas volume 95 m3 557568 readout pads



The Transition Radiation Detector: e - identification



18 supermodules
6 radial layers
5 longitudinal stacks
540 chambers
750m² active area
28m³ of gas

Each chamber: ≈ 1.45 x 1.20m² ≈ 12cm thick (incl.Radiators and electronics)

Transition Radiation Detector Drift Chambers Construction









The High Momentum Particle Id Detector Ring Cherenkov detector (RICH), active surface ~ 11 m² at R ~ 4.7 m

Principal scheme



Installation of HMPID



MWPC with CH₄ with analogue pad r/o (~160×10³ channels), photon conversion on a layer of CsI (Q.E. \approx 25% @ 175 nm)

Photon Spectrometer

PbWO₄ crystal (17920 cristals in total): R_M=2.2 cm, X₀=8.9 mm, ρ =8.28 g/cm³, n=2.16, size: 22×22×180 mm³









Forward Muon Spectromneter



Acceptance on single m: • p>4 GeV/c • - 4.0 < η < - 2.5

> $\Delta M/M \sim 1\%$ at Y- mass

Large Dipole Magnet for Dimuon Spectrometer (850 ton, 9 x 7 x 4.5 m)



Forward Detectors



ALICE Electromagnetic Calorimeter

US + Italy + France contribution



Lead scintillator sampling calorimeter $\Delta \phi = 110^{\circ}$ $|\Delta \eta| = 0.7$ Number of towers is about 13 000

It will enhance the ALICE capabilities for jet measurement. It enables triggering on high energy jets (enhancement factor 10-15), reduces the bias for jet studies and improves the jet energy resolution.

Centrality determination in ALICE



Event by event determination of the centrality : Zero degree hadronic calorimeters (ZDC) + electromagnetic calorimeters (ZEM) EZDC, ZEM → Nspec → Npart → Impact parameter (b)

Charged particle acceptance



• Minimum Bias trigger provided by a coincidence between the V0 counters and the ITS-pixel layers.

η = -ln(tg(θ/2)), θ is polar angle

Particle Identification excellent particle ID up to ~ 50 to 60 GeV/c



Identification short lived particles (hyperons, D/B meson) through secondary vertex detection
Hadrons (dE/dx + ToF), leptons (dE/dx, TOF, transition radiation) and photons (high resolution EM calorimetry, conversions);

Tracking efficiency



For realistic particle densities dN/dy ~ 2000 combined efficiency well above 95% and fake track probability below 5%







Установка ALICE включает набор требуемых детекторов, позволяющих изучать процессы образования различных элементарных частиц и резонансных состояний при взаимодействии самых тяжёлых ядер при рекордно больших энергиях, необходимых при изучении механизма рождения кварк-глюонной плазмы.

Thanks for your attention

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