# γ+Jet Measurements in Heavy-Ion Collisions

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# Jet Suppression in Heavy Ions for almost 20 years



Early measurements at RHIC focused on high  $p_T$  hadrons as the leading particles coming from jets

### We have come a long way.... Suppression measured for fully reconstructed Jets at the LHC



#### We have come a long way.... Modification of the structure of Jets at the LHC



Why do we look at so many different observables? What is the end game in the jet business?

# From the 80's TV show





## From the 80's TV show

We ain't in the coke business, we're in the cash business!

# From Heavy-Ion Physicists

We ain't in the jet business, we're in the QGP business!



# Goal is to extract Properties of QGP

- But this is the hard part!
- To learn more about the nature of the medium, we want to understand how a hard probe interacts with it
- So far, single-hadron suppression measurements have led to estimates of the gluon density and  $\hat{q}$  (JET Collaboration)
- But we are interested in the particles that emerge from such interactions, not just measure the fraction of the ones that survive without much effect
- Is the interaction between a hard parton and the quasi-particle medium perturbative? If Q<sup>2</sup> is large enough
- We know medium is strongly interacting medium
- Medium interaction is handled differently among theory calculations
- LHC has opened up many new possibilities of studying jet structure and the modification of it in the medium
- RHIC is still relevant for exploring the interaction of the "not as hard" partons with the medium – another knob to turn

# $\gamma$ -Jet Motivation

Photon does not interact strongly, so the trigger energy is more directly connected to the recoil parton energy

 $\gamma (E_{initial})$ 



#### Goal:

Measure Recoil Jet Energy vs. Initial Energy of Parton, as approximated by triggerphoton energy

Modified Jet

- At LHC, studied with fully reconstructed jets on the recoil side of trigger photon
- At RHIC, mostly studied with azimuthal correlations of charged particles with trigger photon

#### Comparison of Photon- to Hadron-Triggered "Jets"

Hadron triggers are surface biased, so recoil parton has (on average) more medium to traverse



Recoil parton of photon triggers mostly quark jets, recoil of high-p<sub>T</sub>  $\pi^0$  (at RHIC) are mostly gluon jets (D. de Florian et al., PRD 91, 014035 (2015); T. Kaufmann et al., PRD 92, 054015 (2015))— color factor would result in greater energy loss for  $\pi^0$ -triggered jets

#### Fragmentation Functions via γ-h Correlations at RHIC



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# Suppression of jet-like yields on recoil side of $\pi^0$ triggers vs. $\gamma_{dir}$ triggers

Suppression measured via I<sub>AA</sub> = ratio of per-trigger yields in central Au+Au to minimum-bias p+p collisions

Suppression consistent for hadron triggers and photon triggers within uncertainties Suppression appears to be less significant at low  $z_T$ , low  $p_T^{assoc}$ 

No significant differences seen due to expected effects:

- difference in surface vs.
   volume emission and
- 2) color factor in energy loss

Model calculations in agreement with data

**ZOWW:** H. Zhang et al., PRL 103, 032302 (2009), X.-F. Chen et al., PRC 81, 064908 (2010) **Qin:** G.-Y. Qin et al., PRC 80, 054909 (2009).



# More Recent Model Calculation

 Coupled Linear Boltzmann Transport Hydro model (W. Chen, Phys.Lett. B777 (2018) 86-90)

 Calculation rises at low z<sub>T</sub>, if including transport of medium recoil partons



#### Model Comparison to PHENIX and STAR Data

Same calculation compared to PHENIX data (PHENIX, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 032301)

shows agreement only if including transport of medium recoil partons



# Suppression of recoil-jet yields as a function of $p_T^{assoc}$

- If enhancement occurs at a fixed p<sub>T</sub>, rather than z<sub>T</sub>, should see a stronger effect when I<sub>AA</sub> is viewed as a function of associated charged-particle p<sub>T</sub>.
- Suppression is less significant at low p<sub>T</sub><sup>assoc</sup>
- If enhancement occurs at low p<sub>T</sub>, it must be for p<sub>T</sub> < ~3 GeV/c





#### Recovery of Energy at Large Angles?

- Measurement: Require a (reconstructed) Jet Trigger and quantify yields of the associated charged hadrons on the recoil side
- Results from STAR Jet-hadron correlations (for two different ranges of jet energies) also indicate that the lost energy is recovered only for p<sub>T</sub><sup>assoc</sup> < 2 GeV/c

STAR, Phys.Rev.Lett. 112, 122301 (2014)



# Low-pT Enhancement at LHC at similar $p_T$



- Fragmentation function measured at ATLAS with photon-jet back-to-back pairs in Pb+Pb and p+p collisions
- Ratio of Yields as a function of charged-particle p<sub>T</sub> within the recoil jet
- A modest suppression observed for charged particles with p<sub>T</sub> ≈5-40 GeV/c
- Enhancement for p<sub>T</sub><3-4 GeV/c

# Summary I

- Suppression of recoil-jet yields ( $I_{AA}$ ) were measured by STAR via  $\gamma$ -triggered vs.  $\pi^0$ -triggered charged-hadron correlations show similar level of suppression for  $p_T^{trig}=12-20$  GeV/c,  $p_T^{assoc}>1.2$  GeV/c.
  - Expected difference in  $\pi^0$  triggered vs.  $\gamma$ -triggered suppression due to surface vs. volume emission and due to the color factor in energy loss is not seen at high  $z_{\tau}$ , where we are only measuring the fraction of jet particles surviving without much medium interaction
  - Suppression is smaller at low  $z_T$  ( $z_T < 0.2$ , corresponding to  $p_T^{assoc} < 2.4 \text{ GeV/c}$ )
- I<sub>AA</sub> measured by PHENIX γ-triggered charged-hadron correlations show suppression at high p<sub>T</sub> (z<sub>T</sub>), but enhancement at lower p<sub>T</sub> (z<sub>T</sub>) for p<sub>T</sub><sup>trig</sup>=5-9 and 9-12 GeV/c
- Comparison with other measurements suggests that recovered energy appears at  $p_T^{assoc} < 2$  GeV/c, independent of  $p_T^{trig}$ .

# Summary II

- Enhancement in PHENIX at low  $\boldsymbol{z}_{T}$  is consistent with this observation
- Model comparison shows enhancement at low  $z_T (p_T)$ , if medium recoil partons are included in transport
- γ-triggered Jet Reconstruction at RHIC coming soon at STAR and with higher precision in the future at sPHENIX...
- Measurements and the theoretical calculations to extract medium properties are complicated and tedious. We need many different measurements (with different biases and kinematics) to test the theory in different aspects!

### $\gamma$ -Jet Measurement in STAR ongoing

STAR, Phys. Rev. C 96 (2017) 24905



Hadron-triggered Recoil Jets measured by STAR using mixed events to measure combinatorial jets



# Backup

# Biases (Selections) in "Jet" Measurements

Single Hadron at High  $p_T$  as proxy for jet (leading particle of jet)

High-p<sub>T</sub> Hadron-Triggered Correlations for measuring jets High-p<sub>T</sub> Photon-Triggered Correlations or Jets for measuring jet modification with unbiased trigger Trigger on High $p_T$  Photon+Recoil Jet with  $p_T$ threshold cut for measuring modified fragmentation function of Jet



# Biases in Jet-Like Correlation Measurements



High-p<sub>T</sub> Photon-Triggered Correlations for measuring jet modification of unbiased trigger



At high  $z_T$ , not much energy loss, i.e.  $I_{AA}$  is just the fraction of recoil jets that made it out without energy loss.

#### **Di-hadron correlations**

High-pT hadrons on away side are surviving hadrons which don't show modification due to medium interaction



#### *R<sub>AA</sub>* vs models – Extracting the "jet" Transport Coefficient



Several **pQCD** formalisms/approximations for parton energy loss exist Allows to determine medium properties, parton transport coefficient for a 10 GeV parton at the center of Au+Au collision

RHIC:
 LHC:
 Cold Nuclear

 
$$\hat{q} = 1.2 \pm 0.3 \ GeV^2/fm$$
 $\hat{q} = 1.9 \pm 0.7 \ GeV^2/fm$ 
 Matter:

 (T=370 MeV)
 (T=470 MeV)
  $\hat{q}_N \approx 0.02 \ GeV^2/fm$ 
 $\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3} = 4.6 \pm 1.2$ 
 $\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3} = 3.7 \pm 1.4$ 

# Charged-Particle Yields Associated with $\pi^0$ Triggers (STAR)

 $p_T^{trig} = 12-20 \text{ GeV/c}, p_T^{assoc} \ge 1.2 \text{ GeV/c}$ 



On the away side, yields in central Au+Au suppressed relative to yields in p+p

On the near side, yields in central Au+Au consistent with yields in p+p

# Hadron Trigger Energy vs. Jet Energy

**STAR** < 20 GeV/c  $\otimes$  p\_-^{assoc} > 1.2 GeV/c 10 (a) Away-Side D Z -•-10 200 GeV (0-12%) 10-2 <del>....|....|....|....</del> Near-Side b 10 -10  $10^{-2}$ 02 0.3 0 5 .6 0.7 0.8 0 0 4 ZT

We can estimate the fraction of the parton energy carried by the  $\pi^0$  trigger by summing the additional energy carried by the associated charged particles on the near side

Integrating  $z_{\tau}$  times a function fit to the near-side  $D(z_{\tau})$  distribution results in Int=0.17  $\pm$  0.04. This means that  $1/(1+Int)=p_{\tau}^{trig}/(p_{\tau}^{trig}+\Sigma p_{\tau}^{assoc})=85\pm3\%$ 

Since the associated particles are charged particles only, we repeat analysis in PYTHIA, find agreement for charged-particle result, then extend it to include neutral energy:  $p_{\tau}^{trig}/p_{\tau}^{jet}=80\pm5\%$ 

# Away-side yields in p+p collisions as a function of "true" $z_T$



#### Recovery of Energy at Large Angles?

Compare away-side yields within  $\pm 35^{\circ}$  vs.  $\pm 80^{\circ}$ 

No significant effect seen, except in lowest  $z_T$  bin for  $\pi^0$  triggers



PHENIX reported effect for  $z_T < 0.4$ , but  $p_T^{trig} = 5-9$  GeV/c  $\rightarrow p_T^{assoc} < 2$  GeV/c (PHENIX, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 032301 (2013))