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Pb+Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV photon + multijet event $\Sigma E_T^{FCal} = 4.06$ TeV

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Heavy ion "concordance model"









Initial gluon emissionHydrodynamicfrom saturated nucleiEvolutionRapidHadronizationThermalizationHadronization

- Initial particle production from strong gluon fields (saturated) in the incident nuclei.
- Created particles rapidly (τ < ~1 fm/c) thermalize into a strongly coupled QGP.
- QGP evolves hydrodynamically with an η /s ratio close to AdS/CFT lower bound (1/4 π).

Physics overview





How well do we understand "hydrodynamics"?
 – controlling uncertainties re: initial state
 – persistence in small systems?



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 >EM probes??



Constraining the initial state

- Probing the parton distributions in nuclei

- origin of "ridge" in small systems?



Using Data

- 2.76 and 5.02 TeV Pb+Pb collisions
- 2.76 and 5.02 TeV pp collisions
- 5.02 TeV p+Pb collisions
- 5.44 TeV Xe+Xe collisions (short run 2017)

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- Extract
- ⇒# of colliding nucleons or "participants" (N_{part})
- \Rightarrow # of collisions (N_{coll})
- ⇒T_{AA} (nucleon luminosity)

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Collective dynamics in nucleus-nucleus (Pb+Pb, Xe+Xe) collisions

Collective dynamics: overview

- Initial-state (transverse) anisotropies of QGP
- due to geometry + initial-state fluctuations
- Get imprinted on azimuthal angle (φ) distributions of produced particles

-by hydrodynamic evolution of the QGP



 Characterize by relative Fourier coefficients, v_n, and phase angles, ψ_n:

$$\Rightarrow rac{dN}{d\Delta\phi} = \left\langle rac{dN}{d\Delta\phi}
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angle \left(1 + 2\sum_n v_n \cos\left[n\left(\phi - \psi_n
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Pb+Pb vn measurements



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- ⇒similar modeling of initial state but different results from hydrodynamic evolution



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Small systems: template fits

 Assume 2-particle correlation is a super-position of "intrinsic" (hard?) correlation + sinusoidal harmonics
 – intrinsic measured in low-multiplicity (peripheral) events

 $Y^{ ext{templ}} = FY^{ ext{templ}}_{ ext{periph}} + G\left(1+2\sum v_{n,n}\cos\left[n\left(\Delta\phi
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pp

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Small systems: template fits, results

- Observe non-zero v₂,
 v₃, v₄ in both pp, p+Pb
 - different multiplicity dependence
 - ⇒pp v_n's ~ constant
 - » vs N_{ch} and \sqrt{s}
 - \Rightarrow p+Pb v_n's rise with N_{ch}
- geometry different
 between pp and p+Pb
- Observe similar p_T dependence for v₂
- uncertainties on v₃, v₄
 too large to judge



v₂ p_T dependence



When re-scaled to match maximum v₂

- and mean p_T (for p+Pb \Leftrightarrow Pb+Pb)
 - \Rightarrow p_T dependence of v_n's ~ same for Pb+Pb, p+Pb, pp

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$$v_n{4} = \sqrt[4]{-c_n{4}}$$

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Z-tagged pp 2-particle correlations

- Do we really understand the origin of the ridge?
- e.g. is there any correlation/connection with hard processes?
- ⇒study in pp collisions containing Z boson
- similar analysis as above but @ high luminosity
- ⇒correct for pileup background

• Result:

- \Rightarrow similar to minimum-bias pp but 8±6% larger v₂ values
- Likely a result of larger hadron <pT> in Z-tagged events





Hard scattering and Jet Quenching
Jet probes of the quark gluon plasma

 Use jets from hard scattering processes to directly probe the quark gluon plasma (QGP)



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Key experimental question:

 How do parton showers in quark gluon plasma differ from those in vacuum?
 ⇒important: not all jets the same (q/g/c/b)

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⇒observe substantial suppression out to ~ 900 GeV \Rightarrow pT dependence from interplay between ΔE , spectrum

Jet RAA: rapidity dependence

- With increasing rapidity, the jet spectrum becomes steeper @ high p_T
- Expect energy loss to yield greater suppression at larger y & higher p_T
- ⇒ can now observe this effect using high-statistics Pb+Pb and pp data



Jet RAA, theory comparisons

- Jet R_{AA} measurements are (now) providing stringent tests of jet quenching calculations
 - only the LBT model describes full p_T dependence



Pb+Pb Jet Fragmentation



$$egin{aligned} D(z) &= rac{1}{N_{jet}} rac{dN_{chg}}{dz} \ z &= ec{p}_{chg} \cdot ec{p}_{jet} / \left|ec{p}_{jet}
ight|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Measure D(z) in Pb+Pb – Take ratio w/ pp R_{D(z)} ⇒ Versus centrality, jet p_T



jet p₁

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- An analysis of 2.76 TeV data by BAC and Spousta:
 - Iarge-z behavior may result from change in quark/gluon fraction
 - ⇒ But not all the mid-z suppression and not the enhanced production @ low z.
 - » How do the modifications vary with jet p_T ?



Jet fragmentation vs jet pt



Compare results from different jet p_T intervals

- versus z or p_T
- \Rightarrow large-z enhancement depends on z
- \Rightarrow low-z enhancement depends on p_T, not z

Jet fragmentation: theory comparisons⁴⁹



Two of the most studied models of jet quenching:

- Strong/weak coupling hybrid and SCET
- cannot simultaneously describe both the low-z and high-z modifications to the fragmentation function

Dijet balance

- ATLAS has measured dijet balance in 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb unfolded for jet response
- not shown here for brevity
- Xe+Xe data sufficient for low-statistics measurement
- distributions of dijet x_J $\Rightarrow x_J \equiv p_{T_2}/p_{T_1}$
- not unfolded for jet response
- here for $100 < p_{\mathrm{T}1} < 126~\mathrm{GeV}$
- compared to 5.02 TeV pp
- ⇒ see shift of xJ distributions similar to first ATLAS result



Dijet balance



Photon-jet balance



Measure p_T distribution of jets opposite prompt photons

- inclusive, not just the leading jet
- <u>unfolded for jet response</u>
- here for photons having $~79.6 < p_{
 m T}^{\gamma} < 100~{
 m GeV}$
- balance expressed in terms of $~x_{{
 m J}\gamma}\equiv p_{
 m T}^{
 m jet}/p_{
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- ⇒observe centrality-dependent shift of jets to lower xJ

Photon-jet balance, theory comparisons⁵³

pp

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SCET and hybrid weak/strong coupling models do best
 but hybrid model does not describe lower-x_J part of spectrum
 in pp or Pb+Pb

Probing the initial state with electromagnetic processes

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- » probe nuclear PDFs





Nucleus breaks up Multiple neutrons



- Preliminary measurement of γ+A→di-/multi-jets:
 - tagged w/ forward neutron (ZDC) and forward gap requirement
 - uncorrected for jet response
 - compared to Pythia
 - ⇒agreement → proof of principle





kinematic coverage in (x, Q²) 60

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 - ⇒ good agreement with STARLIGHT model (nuclear photon flux + LO QED)





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 - » few % QED & incoherent





Non-UPC $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}$

- The tight alignment of γγ→μ⁺μ⁻ pairs makes detection possible in non-UPC Pb+Pb collisions
- Background from heavy flavor decays subtracted
- other physics backgrounds (Drell-Yan, dissociative) ~ flat over the measured acoplanarity range.
- Plot acoplanarity (lpha) and asymmetry, $A\equiv \left|rac{p_{
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⇒observe a centrality-dependent acoplanarity broadening!



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• Fit α distributions to Gaussians to quantify broadening

- estimate momentum scale for broadening:
- two different fit methods
- ⇒use simple Gaussian fits
- \Rightarrow convolute over $p_{T_{avg}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(p_T^+ + p_T^- \right)$
- use >80% to determine $\langle \alpha^2 \rangle_0$
- Plot RMS k_T vs N_{part}
 - ⇒slow growth with N_{part}
 - » from ~30 MeV to ~70 MeV
 - ⇒Asymmetry resolution too poor to see such effects

$$M_{\text{N}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$$

$$M_{\text{Pb}+\text{Pb}, 0.49 \text{ nb}^{-1}}$$

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Summary

- Measurements of collectivity in A+A collisions
 - e.g. using new Xe+Xe data to help disentangle initial state modeling from hydrodynamics
- Measurements of collectivity (?) in small systems
 - 2 particle correlations
 - 4 particle correlations
- HBT measurements of production geometry
- Z-tagged pp collisions
- all empirical evidence points to presence of collective/ strong-coupling dynamics in small systems (even pp!)

Jet quenching

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 - ⇒just a subset of available measurements probing our understanding of jet quenching physics
 - high-statistics data from LHC now allowing us to study the quark gluon plasma with probe energies varying by ~ x100

Initial state

- using γ+A→di-/multi-jets (e.g.) to probe nuclear PDFs
- \Rightarrow just the start of a long program
- calibrating photon fluxes using di-leptons

• Surprise:

 \Rightarrow Non-UPC $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ processe provide EM probe of plasma?


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p+Pb 2-pion HBT analysis

• Observe dependence of radii on pair k_{T}

⇒ characteristic of collectivity/hydrodynamics



From recent talk by S. Bysiak at 2018 Workshop on Particle Correlations and Femtoscopy

⇒ hydrodynamics qualitatively describes trends in data



Δφ dependent HBT measurement: p+Pb

Perform HBT measurements as a function of pair angle relative to the elliptic event plane

- Measure event plane angle, ψ_2 , and flow vector magnitude, q_2 , using calorimeters, $\Delta \phi \equiv \phi_k - \psi_2$
- In highest 1% of multiplicity dist.
- C_2 corrected for ψ_2 resolution
- observe pattern of radii modulation similar to that seen in A+A collisions



⇒ (qualitatively) consistent with collectivity



Calibrating Pb+Pb hard-scattering rates



Use vector bosons e.g. Z → μ⁺μ⁻ – easily measured even in Pb+Pb collisions ⇒Z R_{AA} equal to unity within uncertainties

p+Pb 2-pion HBT: hydro comparisons

Out-long cross-term:



Can be non-zero in p+Pb collisions
 ⇒ due to rapidity asymmetry
 Observed in ATLAS data

⇒ well described by hydro





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 Pb+Pb spectra divided by T_{AA} (nucleon luminosity)
 ⇒ suppressed compared to pp

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 R_{AA} vs p_T for (subset) of measured centrality bins
 ⇒ in spite of different b/c energy loss & p_T-dependent b/c ratio?

- Heavy flavor muon R_{AA} compared to hadron, D meson
- beware different kinematics for D, μ
- ⇒ less µ suppression → less b suppression



Theory comparisons

- ⇒ TAMU (diffusion + energy loss) describes data well, centrality dependence too weak
- ⇒ DABMod (energy loss) doesn't reproduce p_T dependence



Heavy flavor vn



Measure semi-leptonic muon yield vs angle with respect to ψ_n

- using event plane and scalar product methods
- \Rightarrow v₂, v₃, v₄ (not stat. significant)
- ⇒ data well described by DABmod not by TAMU



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Pileup background

Use mixed events to obtain distribution of # background tracks
 as a function of Z-event (direct) Ntrk
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Apply template fit method using 20 < N_{trk} < 30 (after correction) as peripheral reference
- only v₂ term included in the ridge contribution
⇒ as in inclusive pp collisions @ 5 and 13 TeV, the two-particle correlation function well described by scaled peripheral + cos(2φ) term

Comparison of v₂ obtained from template analysis before and after pileup correction



- Corrected: versus corrected multiplicity

- Uncorrected: versus direct multiplicity
- \Rightarrow essentially no multiplicity dependence to either
- \Rightarrow subtraction reduces v₂ by 20%

Two-particle correlation results

Main physics result:

- v₂ versus corrected N_{trk} compared to previous minimum-bias pp results @ 5 and 13 TeV
 ⇒reminder: no √s dependence observed



 ⇒ Z-tagged p_T-integrated v₂ 8±6% higher than in minimum-bias pp collisions
 ⇒ No multiplicity dependence seen

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- ⇒Use to probe "initial state" of Pb+Pb collisions using γ+A collisions
- ⇒e.g. γ+A→di-/multi-jets » probe nuclear PDFs







Charged hadron suppression, Pb+Pb

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Energy loss of hard-scattered quarks & gluons reduces the yield of high-p_T hadrons

- Measure in Pb+Pb and pp, divide accounting for geometry $\rightarrow R_{AA}$ \Rightarrow observe complicated p_T dependence
 - » collective flow @ low p_T, jet quenching @ high p_T

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- » likely due to isotropic (Xe+Xe) vs anisotropic (Pb+Pb) geometry
- » needs theoretical analysis/confirmation

pp ridge: soft or (semi)hard?

But, what about alternatives:

- glasma, CGC/BEC, MPI+string interactions, ...



More generally, can ask the question:

- Is there any "coupling" between ridge phenomenon and hard or semi-hard processes
 - ⇒ Study using pp events with Z production
 - \Rightarrow Large-Q² process, but without back-to-back jets
- Even if ridge reflects collectivity, does requiring a hard process change the geometry of the initial state?

p+Pb 2-pion HBT: hydro comparisons

• Out-long cross-term:



− Can be non-zero in p+Pb collisions
⇒ due to rapidity asymmetry
• Observed in ATLAS data

⇒ well described by hydro





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Photon-jet balance, high γ pτ



Measure p_T distribution of jets opposite prompt photons

- inclusive, not just the leading jet
- unfolded for jet response
- here for photons having $100 < p_{
 m T}^{\gamma} < 168~{
 m GeV}$
- balance expressed in terms of $~x_{
 m J}{}_{\gamma}\equiv p_{
 m T}^{
 m jet}/p_{
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- ⇒observe similar centrality-dependent shift of jets to lower xJ

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- ATLAS performed first measurement of direct L-by-L
 ⇒ <u>Nature Physics 13 (2017) 852</u>:



Multi-particle correlations: pp, p+Pb

- >2 particle correlations (e.g. 4) important for showing global azimuthal correlations in pp, p+Pb
- but problems with "non-flow" (hard) contamination \Rightarrow positive c₂{4}
- Recent progress using sub-event cumulants
- *a al* J. Jia ()
- \Rightarrow N_{ch} independent c₂{4} and v₂
- » modulo residual non-flow ($N_{ch} < 50$)





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 $v_n{4} = \sqrt[4]{-c_n{4}}$

Pb+Pb vn measurements

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- 60-65% (peripheral): viscous effects and "non-flow"
- \Rightarrow smaller v_ns @ low p_T, "problems" at high p_T

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v₂ p_T dependence



When re-scaled to match maximum v₂

and mean p_T (for p+Pb ↔ Pb+Pb)
⇒p_T dependence of v_n's ~ same for Pb+Pb, p+Pb, pp

Except for pp with p_T > 5 GeV

⇒where away-side peak broadens in increase N_{ch}