Heavy Ion Physics



Dijet p+Pb event

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The ATLAS Experiment

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Colliders' Basic Features (1)

All collider experiments employ a right-handed coordinate system with z axis along the beam line







"x–y"; "θ–φ" transverse plane

Colliders' Basic Features (2)

The **pseudorapidity**, η , of a particle relates to its longitudinal motion

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Nucleons have constituents, each carrying a fraction of the nucleon's longitudinal momentum. This has important consequences from the experimental point of view.

What do we know about the initial state of the collision?

★ **Transverse momentum**, $\mathbf{p}_{T} = \mathbf{0} =>$ in the detector $\sum_{i} \mathbf{p}_{Ti} = \mathbf{0}$; any deviation is called **missing** \mathbf{p}_{T} (e.g., \mathbf{p}_{T} carried by neutrinos)

★ Longitudinal momentum, p_L = ? (usually not 0)

★ Total energy
$$\leq 2xE_{beam} = E_{cms}$$

History of the Universe





Heavy Ion Physics

Systematic study of a hot, dense and strongly coupling systems

Extending our understanding of Quantum ChromoDynamics by studying distinct phases of matter: hadronic vs. partonic deconfined system (Plasma of Quarks and Gluons)



Quark Gluon Plasma formation at the LHC



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★ Correlation between particles; collective motion.



Collisions' "Centrality"



HI collision's dynamics controlled by impact parameter "b"



Transverse energy, E_T, deposited in Forward Calorimeter.

Azimuthal anisotropy - "flow"



Nuclear overlap (simulation)



Azimuthal anisotropy - "flow"



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Azimuthal anisotropy - "flow"



Nuclear overlap (cartoon)



Intitial state spatial anisotropies are transferred into final state momentum anisotropies due to pressure gradients → "flow" of the Quark Gluon Plasma

In the detector:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\phi} \propto 1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos n(\phi - \Phi_n)$$

2-dim particle correlations

2<p_{_{_{_{_{}}}}}^{a,b}<3 GeV

60-70%

-2

0



Peripheral collisions



2-dim particle correlations



Peripheral collisions



$$C(\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta) = \frac{S(\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta)}{B(\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta)}$$

$$\varphi_{i} - \varphi_{j}, \eta_{i} - \eta_{j}$$

S(Δ η, Δ φ) is correlation in the same-event pair **B**(Δ η, Δ φ) is the combinatorial background pair

Short range structures: e.g. particles within the same jet, high-pT resonances Long range structures: dijets, low p_T resonances,

momentum conservation

2-dim particle correlations



Peripheral collisions



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Central collisions



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Central collisions

Projection in $\Delta \phi$





Fourier decomposition:

$$\frac{dN_{\text{pairs}}}{d\Delta\phi} \propto 1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_{n,n}(p_{\text{T}}^{\text{a}}, p_{\text{T}}^{\text{b}})\cos n\Delta\phi$$

Shape of $C(\Delta \phi)$ is well described by the sum of $v_{n,n}$ 2-6 harmonics

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 $\mathbf{V_2}$ is associated with elliptic shape of nuclear overlap. Higher order coefficients are associated with fluctuations of nucleon positions in the overlap.



Elliptic flow $v_2(p_T)$ as a function of p_T for eight 10% centrality intervals, for p_T from 0.5 to 20 GeV, and for $|\eta| < 1$. Error bars show statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature.



Anisotropic flow: initial state and QGP expansion

ALC-PERL-320900



v₂ of deuterons

Even nuclei flow !

ALICE Preliminary)-Pb √sյա = 5.02 Te\

> ວ 6 *p_* (GeV/c)

Mass-dependence of v₂ measures flow velocity

Tests hydrodynamical description, freeze-out models

Recent highlights from ALICE, EPS-HEP 2019, Ghent

Marco van Leeuwen (Nikhef)

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Jets



Jets are "sprays" of collimated particles that emerge from the collisions.

Jets in p+p – a baseline for Pb+Pb

The common picture (p+p):





Jets produced in p+p collisions are well understood and constitute a reliable baseline to study the behaviour in Pb+Pb collisions

Jets Produced in p+p Collisions



Well balanced jet:

 Leading jet :
 $p_T = 1.3 \text{ TeV}, \eta = 0.2, \varphi = -0.5$

 Sub-leading jet:
 $p_T = 1.2 \text{ TeV}, \eta = 0.0, \varphi = 2.8$

Jets as probes of hot matter

How do parton showers in the hot and dense medium differ from those in vacuum?



What is expected:



Partons lose energy, resulting in jet "quenching".

Jets probe the very first phase of the collision \rightarrow they carry relevant information about the QGP .

Jets Produced in Pb+Pb Peripheral Collisions



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Jets Produced in Pb+Pb Central Collisions



Jet Reconstruction in the Detector

- Jets are reconstructed by computational algorithms that group "towers" of energy deposited in the calorimeters.
- The Underlying Event ("background") is estimated event-by-event, excluding the jet and subtracted.



Jet Reconstruction performance



As the centrality decreases, the performance improves

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The predictions of Jet Quenching

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Energy Loss of Energetic Partons in Quark-Gluon Plasma: Possible Extinction of High p_T Jets in Hadron-Hadron Collisions. FERMILAB-PUB-82-059-J. D. BJORKEN J. D. BJORKEN Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory P.O. Box 500, Batavia, Illinois 60510

Abstract

High energy quarks and gluons propagating through quark-gluon plasma suffer differential energy loss via elastic scattering from quanta in the plasma. This mechanism is very similar in structure to ionization loss of charged particles in ordinary matter. The dE/dx is roughly proportional to the square of the plasma temperature. For hadron-hadron collisions with high associated multiplicity and with

The Predictions of Jet Quenching

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transverse energy $dE_{T}^{}/dy$ in excess of 10 GeV per unit rapidity, it is possible that quark-gluon plasma is produced in the collision. If so, a produced secondary high-p_T quark or gluon might lose tens of GeV of its initial transverse momentum while plowing through quark-gluon plasma produced in its local environment. High energy hadron jet experiments should be analysed as function of associated multiplicity to search for this effect. An interesting signature may be events in which the hard collision occurs near the edge of the overlap region, with one jet escaping without absorption and the other fully absorbed.

Monojet!



Monojet!



Dijet Asymmetry Analysis

Dijet asymmetry ($\mathbf{x}_{J} = \mathbf{p}_{T2} / \mathbf{p}_{T1}$) measures differences between the

- "quenching" of the two jets.
- **Event selection:**
- ***** "leading" jet- defined as the jet with largest transverse momentum.

★ "sub-leading" jet – defined as the jet with largest transverse momentum in the opposite hemisphere.

Quantification of the imbalance: $\mathbf{x}_{J} = \mathbf{p}_{T2} / \mathbf{p}_{T1}$

 \rightarrow simple, but robust variable; most of the systematic errors cancel out.

$x_{J} = p_{T2} / p_{T1}$



Dijet asymmetry in peripheral
collisions is well compatible with pp
collisions (no QGP formation)
The asymmetry increases with
collision centrality

Bjorken's prediction is confirmed!



The ATLAS (Fastest) Publication

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A Pb-Pb collision event in the ATLAS detector at the LHC with a highly asymmetric pair of jets. One of the jets lost energy as it traversed the hot, dense medium produced in the collision. Selected for an Editors' Suggestion and a Viewpoint in *Physics*.

From the article: Observation of a Centrality-Dependent Dijet Asymmetry in Lead-Lead Collisions at

$\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}$ = 2.76 TeV with the ATLAS Detector at the LHC

G. Aad et al. (ATLAS Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 252303 (2010) 3

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15 days after the first observation of jet "quenching". Still today one of the top cited papers.





Backup

Particle Detectors



The struture of matter



Large Hadron Collider

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Large Hadron Collider

A machine of extreme numbers

Ring of 27 km at 100 m deep
9300 magnets (to curve and focus)
7600 km of supercondutor cables
Temperature: -271.3 °C, colder than space
Almost perfect vacuum (10⁻¹³ atm)
Packages of 100 billion protons collide at

99.9999991% of the spped of light Cost: 3.1 billion euros (less than a war machine) + cost of the detectors

Collisions' "Centrality"

Centrality range	$\langle N_{\rm part} \rangle$	$\langle T_{\rm AA} \rangle \ [1/{\rm mb}]$
7080%	15.4 ± 1.0	0.22 ± 0.02
60–70%	30.6 ± 1.6	0.57 ± 0.04
$50 extsf{}60\%$	53.9 ± 1.9	1.27 ± 0.07
40–50%	87.0 ± 2.3	2.63 ± 0.11
$30 extrm{-}40\%$	131.4 ± 2.6	4.94 ± 0.15
2030%	189.1 ± 2.7	8.63 ± 0.17
10 - 20%	264.0 ± 2.8	14.33 ± 0.17
$0 ext{}10\%$	358.8 ± 2.3	23.35 ± 0.20



HI collision's dynamics controlled by impact parameter "*b*"



Transverse energy, E_T, deposited in Forward Calorimeter.

The nuclear thickness function, T_{AA} , and number of participants in a collision, N_{part} , for each centrality interval is estimated using a theoretical model.

Summary Plot



Compilation of results for the nuclear modification factor R_{AA} vs. number of participating nucleons, Npart, in different channels from Pb+Pb and pp data.

Jets Produced in Pb+Pb Peripheral Collisions



Jet Reconstruction performance



Example of response matrices. Pb+Pb central (0–10%) and Pb+Pb peripheral (70–80%).

Direct Photons as a Function of p_T



Direct photons as a function of p_{τ} divided by JETPHOX predictions for pp collisions

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Electroweak Probes



W/Z, photons, are not supposed to interact with QGP. The same applies to W/Z leptonic decays.

- Can be used as benchmarks for in-medium effects.
- Can also be used to check models of collision geometry (Glauber). Their production is expected to scale with number of nucleon-nucleon collisions.

Z Production

Z boson rapidity distribution

Centrality dependence of Z yield



Z-boson yield per event in 0-80% centrality interval divided by T_{AA} and differential cross section measured in pp as a function of $|y^{Z}|$

Well compatible with binary scaling (validates Glauber model).

W[±] Production

W[±] rapidity distribution



W-boson yield per event divided by N_{coll} as a function of $|\eta^w|$ compared to NLO order predictions.

Centrality dependence of W $^{\pm}$ yield



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Messages from EW Probes

★ Z and W[±] productions consistent with simple scaling with number of nucleon-nucleon collisions (T_{AA}, N_{coll} and N_{part} proxies).

★ The results validate the Glauber model of nucleon-nucleon collisions

★ EW probes are thus a precious reference for in-medium QCD effects of other observables, as jet suppression.

Particle Detectors



QCD Thermodynamics



Cross-over transition from hadron gas to Quark Gluon Plasma at T \sim 170-190 MeV

$\psi(2S)/\psi$ as a Function of N_{part}



• Prompt $\psi(2S)$ to J/ ψ ratio increases in central collisions, supporting the hypothesis of $\psi(2S)$ being produced by regeneration.

• Non-prompt $\psi(2S)$ to J/ ψ ratio is consistent with unity, suggesting that both mesons originate from b-quarks hadronising outside the QGP.

Quark Gluon Plasma Formation at the LHC



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- ★ Particle distributions; suppression of resonances.
- ★ "Jet quenching": modification of particle showers. The direction of the showers, their composition and how do they transfer energy to the hot and dense medium reveal the properties of the QGP.

★ Correlation between particles; collective motion (not shown today).

Nuclear Modification Factor - R



• Nuclear modification factor quantifies the change of yields, relatively to the production in vacuum.

• Any deviation from unity points to suppression or enhancement of yields.

Di-muon pairs: a robust signature



J/ψ and Upsilon Studies

Quarkonia suppression is predicted by lattice QCD calculations



J/ψ anomalous suppression byDebye colour screening(Matsui and Satz, 1986)

 \rightarrow One of the most striking signatures of the QGP

 \rightarrow A major contribution from LIP group



J/ψ



Modified by colour screening and regeneration in the QGP. **Energy loss of the b-quarks in the QGP.**

Prompt and Non-prompt Charmonia in Pb+Pb

Dimuon invariant mass



Dimuon pseudo-proper time



• 9 < $p_{_{\rm T}}^{\ \mu\mu}$ < 40 GeV

• |y| < 2.0

 $\tau = \frac{L_{xy}m_{\mu\mu}}{p_{\rm T}^{\mu\mu}},$

- 20 50 % centrality shown
- Corrected for acceptance and efficiency
- Signal extracted with two-dimensional fits to mass and pseudo-proper time

J/ψ suppression

Nuclear modification factor, R_{AA} , as a function of the transverse momentum, p_T , for the **prompt J/ψ** (left) and **non-prompt J/ψ** (right).



\star J/ ψ is strongly suppressed in Pb+Pb collisions.

★ Magnitude of the suppression is similar in both production modes (**not** expected).

J/ψ suppression as a function of N



Strong centrality dependence for both prompt and non-prompt J/ψ , with similar suppression pattern.

Di-muon pairs: a robust signature in pp & in PbPb collisions!



PbPb = lead-lead collision

sequential state suppression



quarkonium states as thermometers of the hot medium !

B and **D** mesons: energy loss

B meson decays reconstructed for first time in ion collisions: at the LHC!



probing the QGP with heavy flavor

summary

- dimuons are robust signatures
 - explored in both proton and ion collisions
- b-quark hadron decays are found in ion collisions for first time
 - b-hadrons decay to two muons + other charged tracks in detector
- properties of QGP study by comparing signals
 - in PbPb vs pPb vs PbPb
- hidden flavor(b,anti-b)=Y
 - melt in the QGP due to interactions with quarks and gluons in medium
- open flavor: (anti-b, lights quark)= Bq
 - understand mechanisms of energy dissipation in the QGP
- LIP is actively contributing to these novel studies ! N. Leonardo probing the QGP with heavy flavor

Inclusive jet production in Pb+Pb

Per event jet yields in Pb+Pb collisions, divided by $< T_{AA} >$ (the nuclear thickness function), as a function of jet p_{T} for different centrality intervals.





Inclusive jet production in Pb+Pb

Per event jet yields in Pb+Pb collisions, divided by $\langle T_{AA} \rangle$ as a function of jet p_T for different centrality intervals.





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- change of yields, w.r.t. the production in vacuum.
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suppression or enhancement of yields.

Inclusive jet production in Pb+Pb



Jet R_{AA} as a function of p_{T} for different

$$R_{AA} = \underbrace{N_{AA}}_{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \times \sigma_{pp}}$$
Nuclear thickness
$$\underbrace{N_{AA}}_{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \times \sigma_{pp}}$$

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Jets are suppressed by a factor of two in central Pb+Pb collisions with clear dependence on transverse momentum, $p_{_{\rm T}}$. Peripheral collisions (60 – 70%) show also significant suppression.