PROBING THE QUARK-GLUON PLASMA WITH HARD PROBES

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QCD matter under extreme conditions



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The Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)



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In (2+1) lattice-QCD calculations: $T_c = (154 \pm 9) \text{ MeV}, \epsilon_c = (0.34 \pm 0.16) \text{ GeV/fm}^3$, Ordinary matter: $\epsilon_{nuclear matter} \simeq 0.15 \text{ GeV/fm}^3, \epsilon_{nucleon} \simeq 0.45 \text{ GeV/fm}^3 \text{ if } R_{nucleon} \simeq 0.8 \text{ fm}$

[Bazavov et al, Phys.Rev.D 90 (2014) 094503; Ding et al, Quark-Gluon Plasma 5 (2015)]

Hard probes in heavy-ion collisions

- Hard (large Q²) probes production in vacuum is well controlled experimentally and theoretically (pQCD)
- **Produced early** (short formation time t~1/Q~0.1fm/c), before the QGP is formed, they experience the full evolution of the system
- "tomographic" probes of the hottest and densest phase of the collision



Hard probes as control experiment.

A look at W and Z boson production.



E. Masson talk later (photons)

W/Z as medium-blind references

- The standard model allows precise calculations involving electroweak bosons,
 - sensitive to quark (u,d,s) PDF
 - large enough abondance at the LHC
- Medium-blind references in a QGP:
 - they do not interact strongly, allow binary scaling test
 - bremsstrahlung of their decay leptons by interaction with the medium is negligible
 - sensitive to nuclear Parton Distribution Functions (nPDFs)

$$R_i^A(x,\mu_f) = \frac{f_i^A(x,\mu_f)}{A f_i^{nucleon}(x,\mu_f)}, \quad f_i = q, \bar{q}, g$$



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W/Z in pPb collisions



Good sensitivity to quark nPDFs

ALICE, JHEP 02 (2017) 077 CMS, Phys. Lett. B 759 (2016) 36, PLB 750

- Z results show some tension appearing at large rapidities
- W-decay lepton charge asymmetry: deviation from expectations, scaling properties
 - Excess of W- in backwards hemisphere (Pb-going): well beyond EPS09.
 - Requires weakening of assumed isospin symmetry?

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Including W/Z pPb LHC data on nPDFs



W boson y distribution from CMS

- Reweighting procedure used to include W/Z pPb data on nCTEQ15
 - Improvements after reweighting
 - However, strange PDF not fitted independently in nCTEQ15
 - Need to include data in global analysis and open up strange PDF
- W/Z data are sensitive to the heavier quark flavours (specially s PDF)
 ⇒ information on flavour decomposition
- Improving the nuclear corrections with heavy-ion data can help to reduce proton PDF uncertainties (flavours)



Constraints from PbPb data?



Hard probes as medium sensitive observables.

A look at charged-particle and heavy-flavour production.



R. Katz talk later (quarkonia)

Parton energy loss in the QGP

- In heavy-ion collisions, partons that traverse the QGP can lose energy in the QGP:
 - radiative energy loss
 - collisional energy loss
- Medium-induced gluon radiation
 - Depends on:
 - Casimir (colour) coupling factor: 4/3 for quarks, 3 for gluons
 - Medium transport coefficient

 gluon density and momenta
 - In-medium path length
 - Dead cone (mass) effect: Debye in vacuum, gluon radiation suppressed at θ < m_Q/E_Q



 $\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \alpha_{\rm s} C_{\rm R} \hat{q} L^2$

Cassimir factor, transport coefficient [R.Baier et al(BDMPS), Nucl. Phys. B483 (1997) 291.]

$$\hat{q} \equiv m_D^2 / \lambda = m_D^2 \, \rho \, \sigma$$

Debye mass ~ gT, ρ medium density, σ cross section



[Dokshitzer and Kharzeev, Phys. Lett. B519 (2001) 199]

Parton energy loss is:

- Sensitive to the energy density of the system
- Different partons may have different energy loss
 - $\cdot \quad \Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$

Jet quenching

- Hard probes (high momentum particles, jets, heavy flavours) originate from the fragmentation of high momentum partons (large Q²) produced by the initial hard scatterings
 - well controlled experimentally & theoretically (pQCD),
 - back-to-back correlation in vacuum.
- In a QGP: jet quenching:
 - Suppression of high momentum hadrons,
 - Color and mass dependent suppression (look at different species), QCD
 - Modification of azimuthal correlations; jets escape only if they are produced near the edge and are directed outwards.





Probing the QGP with hard probes

Suppression of high-p_T hadrons at RHIC



Suppression of high-p_T hadrons



- Larger suppression at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV than at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- Characteristic p_T dependence reproduced by models (fragmentation, relative energy loss)
- Evidence for parton energy loss and large medium density at the LHC

Suppression of back-to-back jets



Constraining transport properties



JET, Phys. Rev. C 90, 014909 (2014)

- Five different models considered (CUJET, MARTINI, McGill-AMY, HT-M, HT-BW)
- RHIC and LHC data on single hadron suppression constrain energy loss models
- For the highest temperatures (most central collisions)

- Consistent results with LO pQCD and NLO AdS/CFT SYM results
- Full MonteCarlo (hydro, quenching...) and a systematic comparison with all observables is required

Colour dependence of parton energy loss



- Strong suppression of high-p_T D-meson (increasing with centrality)
- Very similar D-meson and charged-particle R_{AA} from $p_T{\sim}8$ to 100 GeV/c
 - Similar rise above 10 GeV/c
- Consistent with colour charge dependence of parton energy loss

Mass dependence of parton energy loss



In central collisions, for $p_T>6$ GeV, non-prompt J/ ψ (CMS) are less suppressed than prompt D mesons, albeit the difference on the b/c average p_T .

Caveats: <p_T> B/D hadrons ≠ b/c quarks fragmentation of b/c ⇒ Need models

non-prompt J/ψ with b-Eloss non-prompt J/ψ with c-Eloss D mesons with c-Eloss

With this selection: •B <p_T> ~ 11 GeV •D <p_T> ~ 10 GeV Energy loss mass dependence, $\Delta E_b < \Delta E_c$?

[BAMPS: J. Phys. G 38 (2011) 124152; Phys. Lett. B 717 (2012) 430] [WHDG: J. Phys. G 38 (2011) 124114] [Vitev: R. Sharma, I. Vitev and B. W. Zhang, Phys. Rev. C80 (2009) 054902; Y. He, I. Vitev and B. -W. Zhang, Phys. Lett. B 713 (2012) 224]

Consistent with the expectations of mass dependent parton energy loss

[Djordjevic: private comm (ALICE)]

Azimuthal anisotropy



$$E\frac{d^3N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{d^2N}{p_t dp_t dy}\left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\boldsymbol{v_n}}{\cos\left(n\left(\phi - \Phi_{RP}\right)\right)}\right)$$

Elliptic flow = $v_2 = 2^{nd}$ Fourier component

- Boosted momentum emission wrt. reaction plane
- Gases explode into vacuum uniformly in all directions.
- Liquids flow violently along the short axis and gently along the long axis.
- We can observe the medium and understand if it is more liquid-like (non-zero v_2) or gas-like.

Azimuthal anisotropy at the LHC



 Charged particle vn have the potential to constrain initial-state fluctuations, transport parameters and path-length dependence of parton energy loss at high pT.

The significant magnitude of anisotropic flow is interpreted as evidence of the formation of a strongly-coupled system, which can effectively be described as a fluid with very **low** shear viscosity to entropy-density ratio (ŋ/s)

Positive D-meson v₂ in mid-central Pb-Pb collisions indicates participation of charm quark in the collective motion



ALICE Charged pions JHEP 1809 (2018) 006 Charged particles JHEP 07 (2018) 103

Hadronisation via coalescence



- Influence of hadronisation via coalescence:
 - modify the momentum distribution of heavy-flavour hadrons (radial flow 'bump')
 - enhance the elliptic flow (light-parton contribution)
 - modify the hadrochemistry: D_s , Λ_c enhancement

Strange / non-strange charmed hadrons



- A hint of a higher D_{s^+} (c,s-bar) / D^0 (c,u-bar) ratio in Pb-Pb (0-10% and 30-50%) than in pp collisions up to $p_T = 6 \text{ GeV/c}$.
- Similar p_T trend as predicted by theoretical models of charm-quark transport in a hydrodynamically expanding medium

TAMU: Phys. Lett. B 735, 445 (2014) Catania: Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78: 348 PHSD: Phys. Rev. C 93, 034906 (2016)

Baryon-to-meson ratio



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Charm meson vs. models



Charm meson vs. models



- Models able to reproduce v₂ favour diffusion coefficient $2\pi ID_s(I)$ in the range 1.5-7 at T_c with a corresponding thermalisation time τ_{charm} =3-14 fm/c.
- Powerful constraints by considering complementary observables (R_{AA} and v₂ of non-strange D and D_s⁺) over wide p_T ranges and in different centrality classes.
- Efforts ongoing from theorists and experimentalists to infer medium properties.

Summary

- Hard (large Q²) probes: "tomographic" probes of the hottest and densest phase of the collision.
- W/Z production are sensitive to the flavour composition of (n)PDFs.
 - In Pb-Pb collisions: average integrated yield per nucleon collision well described considering nPDFs (not with only PDFs).
 - More precise data required to constrain the nPDF (in particular at large y and the impact parameter dependence).
- Charged particle production:
 - Evidence for parton energy loss and large medium density at the LHC.
 - Evidence of the formation of a strongly-coupled system, which can effectively be described as a fluid with very low shear viscosity to entropy-density ratio (η/s).
- Heavy flavours:
 - Both 'collisional' and radiative energy loss play a role.
 - Measurements consistent with a dependence of the radiative energy loss with the **parton colour and mass**.
 - Low p_T charm quarks participate to the **collective motion** of the system.
 - **Coalescence** also seems to play a role at the hadronisation stage in the heavy flavour sector.
- Powerful constraints by considering complementary observables (RAA, V2,... of different particle species) over wide pT ranges and in different centrality classes.
- Many interesting results from run-II data, awaiting for the larger luminosity run-III.

Disclaimer

- Only a (biased) selection of results has been shown... and focused on measurements in Pb-Pb collisions.
- But there're many interesting results in pp and p-Pb data as well.
 In particular, recent measurements in small systems show intriguing features, that in Pb-Pb collisions are interpreted as a signature of the QGP.

S. Porteboeuf plenary talk Wednesday

Thanks for your attention!!