# High-p<sub>⊤</sub> correlations at RHIC

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## Outline:

- Motivation
- Ridge+conical emission vs triangular flow in A+A collisions
   ... a bit of history and new emerging concepts
- Correlations with identified trigger particles
- Correlations at forward rapidities in d+Au collisions

... probing the initial conditions

- γ-hadron correlations
- Summary

# Probing QCD matter with high-p<sub>T</sub> particles



p+p



# Probing QCD matter with high-p<sub>T</sub> particles

Au+Au





What happens to high- $p_T$  particles/jets which pass through the medium? Are they similar to p+p or modified by the medium?

#### Tools:

- inclusive p<sub>T</sub> spectra
- di-hadron correlations
- multi-hadron correlations
- γ-hadron correlations
- jets (γ-jets)
- jet-hadron correlations

this talk

# "Jet-like" correlations: the method



Azimuthal correlations of high- $p_{T}$ particles suggested to study jet and its interaction with medium on a statistical basis.

Correlated yield is related to ratio of di-hadron to single hadron "fragmentation functions":

$$D^{h_1h_2}(z_T, p_T^{\text{trig}}) = p_T^{\text{trig}} \frac{d\sigma_{AA}^{h_1h_2}/dp_T^{\text{trig}}dp_T}{d\sigma_{AA}^{h_1}/dp_T^{\text{trig}}}$$

 $R_{AA} \longrightarrow I_{AA} = \frac{D_{AA}(z_T, p_T^{\text{trig}})}{D_{nn}(z_T, p_T^{\text{trig}})} \qquad z_T = p_{T,assoc}/p_{T,trig}$ 

• A+A collisions: subtraction of v<sub>2</sub> needed

Contributions of higher Fourier harmonics  $v_n$ ? ... From slide 19 ...

# Run 2: Jet-like correlations at intermediate p<sub>T</sub>



#### Central Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV:

- intermediate p<sub>T</sub>: disappearance of away-side correlations, but d+Au and p+p correlations are similar -> jet suppression is a final state effect
- lowering p<sub>T</sub> threshold: resurrects correlated yield at away side
  - near/away-side yields are enhanced and away-side peak modified relative to p+p/d+Au

# Run 4 : Jet-like correlations at high-p<sub>T</sub>



Central Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV from Run 4 (more statistics):

- near side yield: no suppression
- away-side yield is suppressed:  $R_{AA} \sim I_{AA}$
- suppression without angular broadening or medium modification

seeing those partons that fragment in vacuum? HPHD 2011, France

## Conical emission in A+A collisions?



### $\Delta \phi - \Delta \phi$ correlations



Cartoons of 3-particle  $\Delta \phi$  correlations (1 trigger + 2 associated particles)

# $\Delta \phi - \Delta \phi$ correlations



Subtraction of  $v_2v_2v_4$  terms using  $v_2 = 0.06$ 

Subtraction of  $v_2v_2v_4$  term using  $v_2 = 0.12$ 

Note: large and complicated backgrounds!

Jet+flow background method:

STAR, PRL102, 052302 (2009)

- model dependent
- evidence for conical emission

#### Cumulant method:

- model independent

C. Pruneau (STAR), J.Phys.G34 (667), 2007;

C. Pruneau, PRC 74 (2006) 064910

- strength and shape of away-side structures depend on magnitude of  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  coefficients
- improved analysis with rotated EP shows conical structures
- Momentum conservation effects estimated to be small for p<sub>T</sub><sup>trig</sup>~3-4 GeV/c

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### A closer look at the near-side peak ...



Additional near-side correlation in pseudorapidity ( $\Delta \eta$ ) observed in central Au+Au collisions at RHIC!

- this structure is not present in p+p or d+Au collisions

Jet-medium interaction?

parton recombination, momentum kick, gluon radiation+longitudinal flow ... Initial state fluctuations and hydrodynamic flow? glasma flux tubes, participant fluctuations (triangular flow ) ...

See talk by C. Y. Wong on ridge models HPHD 2011, France 11

### What is the near-side ridge?



- persists to p<sub>T</sub> trigger ~ 7 GeV/c
   → higher statistics needed to confirm this observation
- increases with N<sub>part</sub> BUT
- ridge/jet ratio consistent between 200 and 62 GeV data <u>Medium modified jet?</u>
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0.4 E 62 200 0.35 Cu+Cu 0.3 Au+Au ອີອິ0.25 0.15 0.1 0.05 0 10<sup>2</sup> 10 <N<sub>part</sub>> **AR** Preliminary 62 200 200  $3.0 < p_T^{\text{trigger}} 6.0 \text{ GeV/c};$ Cu+Cu  $1.5 < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < p_T^{\text{trigger}}$ Ridge<sup>/</sup>Y<sub>Jet</sub> Au+Au 0.5  $10^{2}$ 10 <N<sub>part</sub>> Nattrass (STAR), Eur.Phys.J.C62:265-269,2009

**AR** Preliminary

## Ridge properties: bulk-like



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### Ridge at forward rapidity at RHIC



### Long-range near-side angular correlations in p+p collisions @ 7 TeV

Intermediate  $p_T=1-3$  GeV/c

(d) N>110, 1.0GeV/c<p\_<3.0GeV/c



Large multiplicity p+p collisions at 7 TeV: pronounced long-range pseudorapidity structure at small  $\Delta \phi$ and at intermediate p<sub>T</sub> observed by CMS.

# Is the ridge a multiplicity/density effect?

STAR: Cu+Cu @ 200 GeV, multiplicity~N<sub>ch</sub>(CMS<sub>p+p</sub>@7TeV)



J. Putschke et al, (STAR), Hard Probes, 2010

The near-side peak in Cu+Cu collisions at RHIC with similar multiplicity as measured by CMS in p+p collisions at 7 TeV is mainly dominated by elliptic flow.

# Leading PID triggered di-hadron correlations



## **PID triggered correlations:** $\Delta\eta$ **projection**





jet-like yield: larger for  $\pi$  triggers than for p+K triggers in both d+Au and Au+Au.

ridge yield: smaller for  $\pi$  triggers than p+K triggers.

#### Can we explain the near-side ridge and away-side conical structure by one physics scenario?



# Triangular flow $V_3$

• Fourier decomposition of particle distribution relative to reaction plane:

$$\frac{\mathrm{dN}}{\mathrm{d}(\varphi - \Psi_{\mathrm{R}})} = \mathrm{A}\left[1 + \sum_{\mathrm{n}} 2\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}} \cos(\mathrm{n}(\varphi - \Psi_{\mathrm{R}}))\right]$$

- symmetric system: odd  $v_n$  coefficients = 0
- initial state fluctuations, hotspots ...
   → odd v<sub>n</sub> coefficients are ≠ 0!





Mishra, Mohapatra, Saumia, Srivastava, PRC77, 064902 (2008) Sorensen, WWND, arXiv:0808.0503 (2008); J. Phys. G37: 094011, 2010 Alver, Roland, PRC 81, 054905 (2010) Takahashi et al., PRL 103 , 242301 (2009) Petersen, Qin, Bass, Mueller, PRC 82, 041901(R) (2010) Alver, Gombeaud,Luzum, Ollitrault, PRC 82, 034913 (2010) Kowalski, Lappi and Venugopalan, Phys.Rev.Lett. 100, 022303 (2010) Holopainen, Niemi, Eskola, PRC83, 034901 (2011) Schenke, Jeon, Gale, PRL 106, 042301 (2011) Qiu, Heinz, arXiv:1104.0650

... and many others ...

# $v_2 vs v_3$ in Au+Au collisions

PHENIX, arXiv:1105.3928, S. Esumi , R. Lacey (PHENIX) QM2011



Weak centrality dependence of  $v_3$  observed  $\rightarrow$  points toward fluctuations origin of  $v_3$ .

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### Centrality dependence of $v_2$ and $v_3$



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## Evidence for v<sub>3</sub> from correlations

 $v_3$  is largest at intermediate  $p_T$  and for central collisions where the overlap geometry is most symmetric.



0-1% centrality: n=3 double hump is present on the away-side without  $v_2$  subtraction.

### Correlations with identified particles

K. Kauder (STAR) QM2011

S. Esumi (PHENIX) QM2011



- double-hump away-side structure for non-pion triggers at large  $\Delta\eta$  (no bkg. subtraction)
- need PID measurements of  $v_3$  at intermediate  $p_T$

## Di-hadron correlations: central - forward $\eta$



# v<sub>3</sub> and the conical structure



We need precision measurements to see what is left for "jet-medium" modification.Jana Bielcikova (STAR)HPHD 2011, France

## Di-hadron correlations relative to event plane



# Probing the initial conditions ...

#### Low-x and Color Glass Condensate



#### low-x = large gluon densities

 → recombination becomes important
 → necessary to include non-linear contributions to evolution

#### Color Glass Condensate (CGC)

- semi-classical effective field theory to compute low-x gluons in nuclei
- predicts suppression of awayside correlations at forward rapidity ('monojets')

Saturation: low-x, large √s, large y, large A

## Mid-forward rapidity correlations at RHIC





• high pedestal in d+Au: multi-parton interactions? Strikman, Vogelsang, PRD 83, 034029 (2011)

 no significant broadening from p+p to d+Au observed

• no hints of away-side peak disappearance

### Forward-forward rapidity correlations: p+p/d+Au



$$\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$$
 = 200 GeV, d+Au, p+p  $\rightarrow$  Cluster +  $\pi^0$ ; 3.0 <  $\eta_{_{clus}}$ ,  $\eta_{_{\pi0}}$  < 3.8



Near-side correlations: p+p~d+Au

Away-side correlations: p<sub>T</sub> and centrality dependent broadening and suppression observed in d+Au.

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Di-hadron suppression at low-x qualitatively consistent with CGC BUT: Does it prove CGC? What about shadowing, initial state energy loss, MPI?

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# γ-hadron correlations

### γ-hadron correlations



• a "golden probe" of parton energy loss in the medium

•precise measurement of the in-medium modification of fragmentation function

p+p, Au+Au collisions: statistical method

$$egin{array}{rcl} Y_{direct} &=& rac{R_{\gamma} Y_{incl} - Y_{decay}}{R_{\gamma} - 1} \ R_{\gamma} &=& rac{N_{incl}}{N_{decay}} \end{array}$$

#### p+p collisions: isolation cut

$$E_{cone} = \sum_{\text{tracks}} p_T + \sum_{\text{clusters}} E$$
$$E_{cone} < 10\% E_{\gamma}$$
$$R_{cone} = 0.3$$

## γ-hadron correlations in p+p: cross-check of methods



Over a wide  $p_T$  range both methods agree well. A clear away-side peak observed.

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PHENIX, PRD 82, 072001 (2010)

# $\gamma$ -hadron: fragmenation function (PHENIX)

$$\xi = -\ln\left(\frac{p_T^h}{p_T^{\gamma}}\right)$$

#### FF in Au+Au collisions:

measured down to high ξ ~3 (= low z: p<sub>T,h</sub> =0.5-1GeV/c)
good agreement with MLLA





- $\bullet$  strong suppression of  $I_{AA}$  observed
- $I_{AA}(\xi)$  consistent with a constant

 $<I_{AA}> = 0.598 \ 0.095$  $\chi^2/NDF=4.85/4$ 

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# $\gamma$ -hadron: fragmenation function, $I_{AA}$ (STAR)



•  $D(z_T)$  :  $\pi^0 - h > \gamma_{dir} - h$ 

This is expected as  $\gamma_{dir}$  carries the total scattered constituent momentum, while  $\pi^0$  only its fraction

•  $I_{AA}$ : is  $z_T$  independent and similar for  $\pi^0$  –h and  $\gamma_{dir}$ -h

#### Model comparison: Zhang (no fragm. photons), Qin (fragm. photons included), Renk-ASW:

describe data well

#### Renk-YaJEM:

- overpredicts data at small z
- lost energy redistributed through medium to very low p<sub>T</sub> and large angles?

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# Summary

- Strong modification of correlation patterns in central A+A collisions at RHIC observed and described in terms of "ridge" and "conical emission" in the past 7 years.
- Recent theoretical developments and data analysis indicate presence of higher Fourier flow components (triangular flow) which is consistent with initial density fluctuation models.
- Detailed studies of correlation functions are needed to quantify the magnitude of the remaining jet-medium modification.
- Suppression of away-side correlation at forward rapidity observed in d+Au collisions which is qualitatively consistent with CGC. Further studies needed to evaluate contribution of other effects.
- Ongoing and future studies at RHIC with large statistics and improved PID capabilities are coming:  $\gamma$ -jets, heavy quarks ...

### **Backup slides**

# 3-particle $\Delta \eta x \Delta \eta$ correlations



1) Jet fragmentation

- In medium radiated gluons diffused in η
- In medium radiated gluons collimated by longitudinal flow
- Combination of jet fragmentation and diffused gluons





Uniform overall excess of associated particles observed at intermediate  $p_T$ 

- more data needed
- studies at higher p<sub>T</sub><sup>assoc</sup>
   and p<sub>T</sub><sup>trigger</sup>

Note: Involves complicated background subtraction