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7-200 GeV/A Au+Au, d+Au, Cu+Cu 32-500 GeV p+p, ...

PHENIX



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The Big Picture

 We know that strong interactions are well described by the QCD Lagrangian:

 $L_{QCD} = -rac{1}{4}F^a_{\mu
u}F^{\mu
u}_a - \sum_n ar{\psi}_n \left(\partial - ig\gamma^\mu A^a_\mu t_a - m_n
ight) \psi_n$

⇒Perturbative limit well studied

- Nuclear collisions provide a laboratory for studying QCD outside the large Q² regime:
 - Deconfined matter (quark gluon plasma)
 - ⇒"Emergent" physics not manifest in L_{QCD}
 - \Rightarrow Strong coupling \Rightarrow AdS/QCD (?)
 - High gluon field strength, saturation
 - ⇒ Unitarity in fundamental field theory

• Only non-Abelian FT whose phase transition & multi-particle behavior we can study in lab.

QCD Thermodynamics on Lattice

Energy Density or pressure

Thermodynamic trace anomaly



Lattice thermodynamics from hotQCD group
 – Cross-over transition at ~ 170 MeV

 \Rightarrow to "quark-gluon plasma"

Trace anomaly (ε-3p)/T⁴ an interaction measure

– Strong coupling already evident near T_c .

 \Rightarrow Confirmed experimentally (QGP \rightarrow sQGP)

Jet Quenching



 $\underbrace{M_{5,1,10}}_{t_0} \underbrace{t_1 \ t}_{q_1,a_1} \underbrace{t_2 \ t_3 \ t_4 \ t_5}_{q_2,a_2} p_{q_3,a_3} \underbrace{t_4 \ t_5}_{q_4,a_4} \underbrace{t_5}_{q_5,a_5} p_{k,c}$

Opacity expansion diagram for medium induced gluon radiation Direct measurement of interaction of colored particle(s) with sQGP

•Key questions:

- How do parton showers in sQGP differ from those in vacuum?
- Do partons in the shower have weakly or strongly coupled interactions with the sQGP?

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Signs of progress ...



Indirect dijet measurement via dihadron correlations



STAR, Phys. Rev. C82 (2010) 024912

 Through very detailed measurements from STAR and PHENIX we've learned that most of this has little to do with high-p_T physics, though it is very interesting

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Single π^0 and η suppression but no photon suppression:

Requires large unscreened color charge density

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{GLV: } dN_g/dy \ > 1000 \ (\pm ?) \\ \epsilon \geq 10 \ (\pm ?) \ GeV/fm^3 \ 9 \end{array}$

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PHENIX Collaboration Phys. Rev. Lett. 105 (2010) 142301

Theory calculations referenced on slide 16



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- Characterize by amplitude of Δφ modulation:





 $rac{dN}{d\phi} = C \left[1 + 2 v_2 \cos \left(2 \Delta \phi
ight)
ight]$



Calculations:
Wicks *et al.*, NPA784, 426
Marquet, Renk, PLB685, 270
Drees, Feng, Jia, PRC71, 034909
Jia, Wei, arXiv: 1005.0645

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ATLAS: Charged particle v₂(p_T)



Surprising agreement between RHIC and LHC v₂(p_T), but beware "apples and oranges"

 Charged (ATLAS, STAR), π⁰ (PHENIX)

 Weak coupling energy loss OK for p_T > 10?!

 Do we understand geometry of quenching?
 Or is PHENIX measurement contaminated by underlying event modulation?

Heavy quark suppression



 Measure heavy quark production via semileptonic decays (B+D) to electrons

See suppression comparable to light mesons
 Unexpected due to mass suppression of radiative contributions, especially for b quark.

More evidence for strong coupling?
 ⇒ Not clear.

Heavy quark: b contribution



STAR, PRL 105 (2010) 202301

(Unquenched) b contribution to electron spectrum consistent with pQCD

 heavy quark suppression results cannot be "explained" by small b contribution

Heavy Q quenching: pQCD vs AdS/CFT

Gyulassy and Horowitz, J. Phys. G G35 (2008) 104152



Use c&b together to test strong/weak coupling.

 Motivation to push heavy quark measurements at RHIC to higher p_T & separate b, c.

 Goal of silicon detector upgrades for both PHENIX (underway) and STAR (starting)

First step towards jets: y-hadron



 Measure jet fragmentation using γ-jet events but measuring "jet" via single hadrons

 Compare to measurements from TASSO
 ⇒Good agreement

First step towards jets: y-hadron (2)



 Observe suppression in yield of large z (small ξ) fragments in (central) Au+Au collisions

- Red curve shows medium-modified MLLA calculations by Borghini and Wiedemann.

p-p jet measurements: STAR



• From H. Caines Quark Matter 2011 plenary talk.

Au+Au jet measurements: STAR



- STAR central Au+Au R_{AA} ~ 0.4
 - but consistent with 1
 within syst. errors
- Ratio of R = 0.2, 0.4 yields differs between p-p, Au+Au. Physics?



Au+Au jet measurements: STAR

- No broadening of di-jet $\Delta \phi$ distribution
 - After accounting for broadening due to Au+Au underlying event
- Di-jet yield obtained using high-tower trigger shows x5 reduced rate
 - Evaluation of UE effects on this measurement not yet available



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PHENIX jet measurements, p-p, Cu-Cu

- Filter Jet: seedless, infrared and collinearly safe algorithm with angular weighting (Lai and Cole arXiv:0806:1499)
- Calculate

$$\tilde{p}_T(\eta,\phi) = \iint d\eta' d\phi' p_T(\eta,\phi) h(\eta,\phi,\eta',\phi')$$

where

$$p_T(\eta,\phi) = \sum_{i \in \text{particles}} p_{T,i}(\eta,\phi)$$

and

$$h(\eta,\phi,\eta',\phi') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\eta-\eta')^2 + (\phi-\phi')^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

Gaussian filter jet finder suited to PHENIX acceptance, large UE
Filter output analogous to energy flow variable
For maxima in p̃_T(η, φ)
good proxy for jet energy





PHENIX jet measurements, p-p, Cu-Cu



 PHENIX observes significant jet suppression in lighter ion collisions

But no modification of the dijet Δφ distribution
 ⇒Consistent story @ RHIC and LHC

 The amount of jet suppression is expected to depend on the jet definition (size)

Jet Suppression: theory

- Calculation of jet R_{AA} at NLO including mediuminduced gluon radiation
 - Medium parameters matched to single hadron suppression
- For radiative quenching,
 - R_{AA} depends on jet size due to out of "cone" radiation.
- With final data from PHENIX, STAR quantitative test of radiative quenching possible

Vitev and Zhang, Phys. Rev. Lett. 104 (2010) 132001



Au+Au jet measurements: STAR



Initial-state effects: forward dijets

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







Suppressed forward dijet yield

di-hadron forward correlations: theory

- Calculation using BFKL evolution to small x
 - But with non-linear term describing gluon recombination

$$egin{aligned} rac{\partial \mathcal{N}(x,r)}{\partial \ln(x_0/x)} &= \int d^2 r_1 \,\, K^{ ext{run}}(r,r_1,r_2) \left[\mathcal{N}(x,r_1)
ight. \ &+ \mathcal{N}(x,r_2) - \mathcal{N}(x,r) - rac{\mathcal{N}(x,r_1) \,\mathcal{N}(x,r_2)
ight] \end{aligned}$$

• Properly:

- Running coupling "BK"evolution
- Approximation to full set of non-linear evolution eqn's.





Initial-state effects: forward dijets



Di-hadron suppression factor

PHENIX, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 172301 (2011)

- See x10 suppression in forward di-jet yield for small impact parameters, x < 10⁻³
 - Strongly suggestive of high parton density effect
 ⇒Also known as "saturation"
 - Very important for understanding initial conditions of heavy ion collisions
 - ⇒Interesting QCD physics in its own right

Summary, conclusions

- Jet quenching, observed indirectly, is well established at RHIC
 - But, unique quantitative explanation not available.
 - Still don't know (for sure) if quenching is weak or strong coupling phenomena.
 - ⇒Likely a mixture depending on virtuality of probe
 - Theoretical approximations still not under control

But, much recent progress

- Understanding the role of azimuthal modulation of the underlying event.
- Photon-hadron measurements (luminosity!).
- heavy quark measurements ⇒ upgrade program
- Full jet measurements, but still all preliminary.
- Insight from LHC measurements.

Summary, conclusions (2)

- May be observing high parton density effects in d+Au collisions via (e.g.) forward jets
 - Within 2 days will have first p+A (p+Pb) data @ LHC
 - Expect to probe higher parton densities -- test!

More Generally:

- If we are to do quantitative science, need to be able to answer questions like:
- "can we see difference between interaction strength at RHIC and LHC QGP temperatures"
 - ⇒Jet quenching still best hope for answering IMHO.



PHENIX upgrade





are discussed in the text.

Both STAR and PHENIX are pursing A+A jet measurements @ RHIC

But, PHENIX detector is not optimal for jets
 ⇒So, PHENIX has proposed major upgrade (sPHENIX) with goal of performing jet measurements a la ATLAS & CMS



Heavy quark suppression

S. Wicks et al., Nucl. Phys. A 784, 426 (2007), A. Adil and I. Vitev, Phys. Lett. B 649, 139 (2007).



• Wicks et al:

 Radiative or radiative + collisional matched to light quark quenching cannot explain heavy quark data.

Adil and Vitev:

– Formation of hadron-like states (short formation time) + dissociation?

Medium modified parton shower

- Described quenching via enhanced gluon emission in MLLA
 - Included in splitting function "by hand"

$$P_{qq}(z) = C_F \, \left(rac{2 \, \left(1 + f_{
m med}
ight)}{(1-z)_+} - (1+z)
ight)$$

- Fit to PHENIX data
- Clearly naive
 - Doesn't "know" about medium scales, path length, etc.
- But, implemented consistent with pQCD

Borghini, Wiedemann





One slide quarkonia summary

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1.2

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2



 J/ψ suppression almost same at all energies Stronger at forward rapidity! **Regeneration?**



Strong CNM effects for Upsilon too

CNM measurements needed **FVTX** upgrade

Shamelessly borrowed from excellent talk by S. Bathe at **RIKEN QCD** workshop

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 - Except for low-momentum gluons which have spatial spread $\Delta z \ge \hbar/p_z$
 - ⇒Gluons from many nucleons overlap



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- Naively, for Q_s >> Λ_{QCD}, perturbative calculations
 ⇒Large occupation #s for
 - $k_T < Q_s \Rightarrow classical fields$
- Saturation a result of unitarity in QCD



