Measurements of jets in heavy ion collisions

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Overview

- Jet quenching in a nutshell
 - Partons lose energy in the medium
 - This lost energy makes jets broader and softer
 - See also talks from
 Abhijit Majumder
 Yen-jie Lee
 Justin Frantz
 Laura Havener
 Cesar Luis da Silva
- Towards quantitative understanding





Energy loss

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Fragmentation **Energy loss**





Nuclear modification factor

- Measure spectra of probe (jets) and compare to those in p+p collisions or peripheral A+A collisions
- If high-p_T probes (jets) are suppressed, this is evidence of jet quenching

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Nuclear modification factor

- Charged hadrons (colored probes) suppressed in Pb—Pb
- Charged hadrons not suppressed in p—Pb at midrapidity
- Electroweak probes not suppressed in Pb—Pb

Nuclear modification factor R_{AA} RHIC

- Electromagnetic probes consistent with no modification medium is transparent to them
- Strong probes significant suppression medium is opaque to them - even heavy quarks!

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Fragmentations from γ-hadron correlations

Slight suppression at high z

Jet-hadron correlations vs reaction plane

- No modification of constituents relative to reaction plane
 - → Jet-by-jet fluctuations more important than path length [PLB 735 157(2014)]
 - Also needed to explain high $p_T v_2$ [PRL 116 252301 (2016)]

I do not care about jets.

Paraphrased from Sevil Salur

I want to learn about the QGP.

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- Theoretical calculations sensitive to things we might not have under control.

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A measurement of a jet is a measurement of a parton.

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"I know it when I see it" US Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, Jacobellis v. Ohio

Jet finding in pp collisions

- Jet finder: groups final state particles into jet candidates
 - Anti-k_T algorithm
 JHEP 0804 (2008) 063 [arXiv:0802.118
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- Depends on hadronization
 - Ideally
 - Infrared safe
 - Colinear safe

Snowmass Accord: Theoretical calculations and experimental measurements should use the same jet finding algorithm. Otherwise they will not be comparable.

A jet is what a jet finder finds.

Jet finding in AA collisions

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 - Anti-k_T algorithm
 JHEP 0804 (2008) 063 [arXiv:0802.1189]
- Combinatorial jet candidates
- Energy smearing from background
- Sensitive to methods to suppress combinatorial jets and correct energy
- Focus on narrow/high energy jets

What you see depends on what you're looking for

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Bias & background

- Experimental background subtraction methods: complex, make assumptions, apply biases
- Survivor bias: Modified jets probably look more like the medium
- Quark/Gluon bias:
 - Quark jets are narrower, have fewer tracks, fragment harder [Z Phys C 68, 179-201 (1995), Z Phys C 70, 179-196 (1996),]
 - Gluon jets reconstructed with k_T algorithm have more particles than jets reconstructed with anti-k_T algorithm [Phys. Rev. D 45, 1448 (1992)]
 - Gluon jets fragment into more baryons [EPJC 8, 241-254, 1998]
- Fragmentation bias: Experimental measurements explicitly select jets with hard fragments

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Wiki: "A **white elephant** is a possession which its owner cannot dispose of and whose cost, particularly that of maintenance, is out of proportion to its usefulness.

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ATLAS

1.8

1.6

1.4

1.2

0.8

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Background subtraction method:

- Iterative procedure
 - **Calorimeter jets:** Reconstruct jets with R=0.2. v_2 modulated <Bkgd> estimated by energy in calorimeters excluding jets with at least one tower with $E_{tower} > <E_{tower} >$

Track jets: Use tracks with $p_T > 4$ GeV/c

- Calorimeter jets from above with E>25 GeV and track jets with p_T >10 GeV/c used to estimate background again.
- Calorimeter tracks matching one track with p_T>7 GeV/c or containing a high energy cluster E >7 GeV are used for analysis down to E_{jet} = 20 GeV

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But they do matter down here!

Blind men and the elephant

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Lessons from the Blind men and the elephant Balaji Viswanathan

https://balajiviswanathan.quora.com/Lessons-from-the-Blind-men-and-the-elephant

- Ignore judgment
- Be careful in giving/receiving advice
- Improve your sampling
- Collaborate
- World is complex

Lessons from measurements of jets

- Understand bias it's a tool, not a dirty word
 - What you see depends on what you look for
 - Listen to the data not what you want to hear
- Make quantitative comparisons to theory
 - We should look for new observables... but we should make sure they're sensitive and that we know
 - Need realistic models where we can apply experimental methods to models – Jetscape is coming!

Scott Moreland, Thursday

Abhijit Majumder, Tuesday

- Make more differential measurements
- We need an accord on how to treat background
 - Experimental cuts matter and are unavoidable

Jet mass

- Quenching models (JEWEL, Q-PYTHIA) show a larger mass than pp-like PYTHIA jets
- Pb-Pb measurement can discriminate among these predictions

Modified fragmentation

- Enhancement at low z
- No modification/enhancement at high z?

Au+Au di-jets more imbalanced than p+p for p_{Tcut}>2 GeV/c Au+Au A_J ~ p+p A_J for matched di-jets (R=0.4)

Jet-hadron correlations

- Jets are broader, constituents are softer
- Also seen in:
 - Di-hadron correlations [Lots of papers]
 - Jet shapes [arXiv:1708.09429, arXiv:1512.07882, arXiv:1704.03046]
 - Dijet asymmetry with soft constituents [PRL119 (2017) 62301]