Investigation of initial state effects in *p*+Pb collisions at ATLAS via measurement of the centrality dependence of the dijet yield



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Details of the Measurement

• Measurement uses anti- $k_t R = 0.4$ jets at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$ TeV in p+Pb collisions with 165 nb⁻¹ of p+Pb data collected in 2016.

6.5 TeV 2.56 TeV/A Pb ion

 $p_{T,1} > 40 \text{ GeV}, p_{T,2} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \text{ and } -2.8 < \eta < 4.5$

• Chosen kinematic variables allow for full characterization of the partonic scattering system:



The ATLAS Calorimeter System

The ATLAS [1] calorimeter system consists of a liquid-argon (LAr) electromagnetic calorimeter, a steel sampling hadronic calorimeter, a LAr hadronic end-cap calorimeter, and two LAr forward calorimeters. The entire system has coverage out to $|\eta| < 4.9$.







- Expand upon prior successful 5.02 TeV *p*+Pb analysis [2]
 - 2D (p_{T} , y^{CM}), single jet, can't fully constrain hard-scattering.
 - A scaling with E_{iet} was observed for the R_{CP} suppression
 - Interpreted as a manifestation of color fluctuations [3] (example of **color transparency**).
 - p containing high-x partons are associated with small configurations, characterized by reduced interaction strength, leading to less UE activity and, therefore, a centrality bias.
- Further investigate effects observed in previous, less differential, dijet analyses [5]





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p transverse size *x*-dependence [4]

R_{CP} vs Hard Scattering Kinematics

The parton-level kinematics can be approximated by using the average value of $y_{\rm b}$ and y^* in each kinematic bin, and the midpoint of each $p_{T,Avg}$ bin.



Central-to-Peripheral Ratio, R_{CP}

The central-to-peripheral ratio of the per-event

$$R_{\rm CP}(p_{\rm T,Avg}, y_{\rm b}, y^*) = \frac{\frac{1}{\langle T_{\rm AB}^{0-10\%} \rangle} \frac{1}{N_{\rm evt}^{0-10\%}} \frac{d^3 N_{\rm dijet}^{0-10\%}}{dp_{\rm T,Avg} dy_{\rm b} dy^*}}{\frac{1}{\langle T_{\rm AB}^{60-90\%} \rangle} \frac{1}{N_{\rm evt}^{60-90\%}} \frac{d^3 N_{\rm dijet}^{60-90\%}}{dp_{\rm T,Avg} dy_{\rm b} dy^*}}$$

- larger forward boost and by scatterings at higher hard-scale $p_{T,Avg}$.



- ATLAS $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 8.16 \,{\rm TeV}, \,165 \,{\rm nb}^{-1}$ anti- $k_{+} R = 0.4, p+Pb$ 1 4×10⁻⁴ 10⁻³ 2×10⁻³ 4×10⁻⁴ 10⁻³ 2×10⁻³ 10⁻² 2×10⁻² 10⁻¹ 2×10⁻¹ 10⁻² 2×10⁻² 10⁻¹ 2×10⁻ $\langle x_p \rangle \sim (2/\sqrt{s_{NN}}) \times p_{T,Avg} \times e^{\langle y_b \rangle} \cosh(\langle y^* \rangle)$ $\langle x_{\rm Pb} \rangle \sim (2/\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}) \times p_{\rm T,Avg} \times e^{-\langle y_{\rm b} \rangle} \cosh(\langle y^* \rangle)$
- Strong log-linear x_p-scaling observed when moving toward the proton's valence **dominance region.** This trend breaks down when approaching low- x_p (\leftrightarrow high x_{Pb}).
- No monotonic scaling observed as a function of decreasing x_{Pb} , suggesting gluon saturation is not the dominant source of the effect.

Direct link to 5.02 TeV inclusive jet results [2] achievable thanks to Feynman- $x(x_{\rm F})$ variable



 $\langle x_{\rm F} \rangle \times 4080 \,[{\rm GeV}] \sim p_{\rm T} \times \cosh(\langle y^{\rm CM} \rangle) \,[{\rm GeV}]$

 $-\langle x_{\rm F} \rangle \times 4080 \,[{\rm GeV}] \sim p_{\rm T} \times \cosh(\langle y^{\rm CM} \rangle) \,[{\rm GeV}]$

• Striking agreement between dijet and inclusive jet results for positive y_b and y^{CM}. • Demonstration that the physics mechanism responsible for the R_{CP} suppression in this kinematic region is the same in the two analyses, and the **scaling behavior** observed at 5.02 TeV with the jet energy is effectively governed by the proton configuration in the initial state.

• Agreement progressively worsens at negative $y_{\rm b}$ and $y^{\rm CM}$, corresponding to average proton configurations and to the high-*x* region for the parton originating from the Pb nucleus.

• New fundamental input to parameterize color fluctuation effects in p+A collisions.

[2] ATLAS Collaboration, PLB 748 (2015) 392–413. [1] ATLAS Collaboration, JINST 3 (2008) S08003. [3] Alvioli et al., PRD 98, 071502(R) (2018). [4] Brodsky et al., Physics 2022, 4, 633–646 [5] CMS Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014) 2951

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