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Jet substructure



$$\frac{\min\left(p_{\mathrm{T},i}, p_{\mathrm{T},j}\right)}{p_{\mathrm{T},i} + p_{\mathrm{T},j}} > z_{\mathrm{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta R_{ij}}{R}\right)^{\beta} \qquad z_{\mathrm{g}} = \frac{\min\left(p_{\mathrm{T},1}, p_{\mathrm{T},2}\right)}{p_{\mathrm{T},1} + p_{\mathrm{T},2}}$$



Image: Laura Havener, modified from Andrews et al., J.Phys.G 47 (2020) 6, 065102



Image: Larkoski, Marzani, Thaler, Xue, PRL 119 (2017) 13, 132003

SoftDrop¹ grooming: reduce soft non-perturbative contribution → better theoretical control

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¹Larkoski, Marzani, Soyez, Thaler, JHEP 05 (2014), 146



Multi-dimensional jet substructure



- Carlo (MC) models
- Observe: wider splits are harder. MCs in good agreement.



• Now able to make slices in the Lund Plane \rightarrow more stringent tests of Monte





- Carlo (MC) models
- for narrow splits with high k_T



Now able to make slices in the Lund Plane \rightarrow more stringent tests of Monte

• Observe similarly in ALICE: high- k_T splits are wider. But tension with models







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²Andreassen, Komiske, Metodiev, Nachman, Thaler, Ph.Z 124 (2020) 18, 182001







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Simple scaling in the hadronic and partonic regimes















• STAR more similar to CMS high- p_T (high-x) jets than ALICE or CMS low-p⊤ jets – q vs. g differences







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- Suppression strongly increases with $\langle N_{\rm part} \rangle$











• R_{AA} falls with $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$ independent of collision species (system size)









- R_{AA} falls with $\langle N_{\rm part} \rangle$ independent of collision species (system size), above ~ 20
- Later: for given $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$, how does geometry influence *E*-loss?







- Jet R_{AA} consistent with hadron R_{AA}
- Strong suppression across p_T
- RHIC and LHC jets already have kinematic overlap
 - Similar quenching?







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 - Similar quenching? Absolute, smaller. Relative, *larger!*











Semi-inclusive yield modification in pAu collisions



bars only; however, detector effects cancel in the ratio



• Hot nuclear matter effects in pAu collisions?^{1,2,3,4,5,6,...}

Jet yield suppression, but on both *near* and *away* side \rightarrow not surface bias as typical in AA with high p_T trigger...

 Jet substructure*, dijet p⊤ balance A_J* also unmodified

Anti-correlation of event activity at large rapidity with jet p_T at mid-rapidity* suggests $t \sim 0$ kinematics^{7,8}

*not shown

5,...





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Event plane (EP) dep. of associated hadron yields



STAR, arXiv:2307.13891



- Expectation: high (low)-pT suppression (enhancement) for outof-plane (OOP) vs. in-plane (IP) jets: path-length dependent quenching
- No significant deviation from unity within uncertainties
- Jet energy loss / medium density fluctuations spoiling effect?









Jet v₂

 $v_n(p_{\rm T}, y) = \langle \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_{\rm RP})) \rangle$

- New forward detector at STAR, EPD, gives improved reaction plane (RP) resolution, no autocorrelation with mid-rapidity measurement
- v₂ in this context linked to pathlength dependent quenching, not flow
- Clear v_2 signal, independent of jet R, p_T , in high-statistics isobar data







Event-shape engineering



- mid- p_T of charged track yields, for high vs. low q_2 events



STAR analysis ongoing — without selecting on EP angle, see enhancement at

Interplay between eccentricity/density, elliptic/radial flow. Also observed by ALICE







Future prospects **Energy flows**

- Two-Point Energy Correlator Generalized angularities: less conservative systematic uncertainties, $\frac{d \Sigma^{(1)}}{d\theta}$ extension to jet momentum profile $\rho(r)$ =100 GeV. L=2 ft $\ln \theta$ Jet v₂: extended to OO collisions, studying non-flow contribution

- EECs: higher orders; charge-dependent; in heavy-ion collisions • R_{AA}: analyzing R_{pAu}
- Event shape engineering: event-plane angle dependence study in progress
- Runs 23+25^{1,2}: expected ~3x increase in statistics relative to current AA analyses w/ Run 14 \rightarrow improved uncertainties e.g. for γ_{dir} +jet I_{AA} , and kinematic reach / overlap with LHC





Dominguez, Kunnawalkam Elavavalli, Holguin, Marguet, Moult













Charm quark energy loss, diffusion, fragmentation modification in medium with charmed-jet yields

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Hadrochemistry modification via medium response with *baryon-to-meson ratios*

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Hadronization mechanism with *flavor correlators*

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D⁰-jet spectra, profile, fragmentation



 $D^0 = c\bar{u}$



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Baryon-to-meson ratios Signature of medium response?



- No observed modification of *in-jet* p/π ratio for R = 0.3 jets





Possible sign of parton coalescence in jet: enhanced baryon-to-meson ratio in AA



Future prospects **Constituent identity**

• D^o-jet: adding another dataset to increase statistics; adding generalized angularities; tightening $D^0 p_T$ threshold

• r_c : extension to heavy-ion collisions underway

Herwig tune to RHIC kinematics ongoing







 $R = 0.4, p_T^{jet} > 10 \text{ GeV/}c$





Baryon-to-meson ratios: studying dependence on constituent p_T threshold

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What we've learned

- Precision era of jet substructure: many-dimensional corrections and correlations, systematically mapping the phase space for QCD radiation in vacuum at lower \sqrt{s}
- First measurements of new observables EECs and r_c separate perturbative and nonperturbative physics cleanly for improved theoretical control
- Demonstrated strong dependence of quenching on N_{part} (~similar energy density) across collision species; more energy lost at RHIC than LHC, relative to jet p_T; jet profile broadening, with radiation roughly recovered by ~0.5 radians; and finite jet v₂. No quenching observed in pAu collisions.
- No medium-induced hadrochemistry effect observed. Suppression of jets with hardfragmenting charm hadrons but as yet no observed corresponding enhancement of softfragmented charm jets or diffusion to broader angles



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Precision tracking

Forward jets → different x; q v. g

Unbiased centrality/ EP determination

Etc!









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STAR Zero Degree Calorimeters



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