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Heavy ion results from CMS

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Heavy ion laboratory: a 2in1 set



ChatGPT generated drawing

b<2R_A - central collisions

• dense colored matter (QGP) laboratory



b>2R_A - ultra peripheral collisions

 high intensity photon beam laboratory

Heavy ion results from CMS











Impact of QGP on b-quark hadronization:

arXiv:2409.07258 [nucl-ex]

- b-quarks interacts with QGP via elastic collisions and QGP induced radiation \rightarrow

details of b quark transport in QGP need deeper understanding

• QGP has large component of strange quarks \rightarrow B_s mesons are frequently produced

$$R_{AA}(p_{T}) = \frac{1}{T_{AA}} \frac{dN_{PbPb}^{B^+,B_s^0}}{dp_{T}} / \frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{B^+,B_s^0}}{dp_{T}}$$

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- PbPb, 2018 run, 1.7 nb⁻¹ @ 5.02 TeV
- pp, 2017 run, 302 pb⁻¹@ 5.02 TeV







Bottom quark energy loss and hadronization in QGP



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$B^{\scriptscriptstyle +}\,mesons$





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Charged particle correlation with Z boson direction.

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• hard scattering occurs before QGP formation \rightarrow $Z p_T boson indicates hard probe energy before interaction with QGP$

• hard scattered quark interacts with QGP medium \rightarrow induces medium response and recoil

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Event selection:

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- at least two μ with p_T>20 GeV/c 60<m $\mu\mu$ <120 GeV/c²
- Z boson 40<p_T<350 GeV/c
- charged particle track p_T> 300 GeV
- multi parton interaction and underlying event contributions subtracted



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$$\frac{1}{N_Z} \Delta \langle N_{ch} \rangle (\Delta \phi_{ch,Z}, \Delta y_{ch,Z}) = \frac{N_{ch} (\Delta \phi_{ch,Z}, \Delta y_{ch,Z}) - \langle N_{ch} \rangle}{N_Z}$$

$$\frac{1}{N_Z} \Delta \langle N_{ch} \rangle (\Delta \phi_{ch,Z}, \Delta y_{ch,Z}) = S(\Delta \phi_{ch,Z}, \Delta y_{ch,Z}) - B(\Delta \phi_{ch,Z}, \Delta y_{ch,Z})$$

"same event" – contain real and random correlations "mixed events" – contain random correlations only



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QGP medium response to hard probes









High intensity "photon beam":

• energy: $E_{\gamma} = \gamma_{ion\,Lorentz} / R_{ion} \simeq 100 \, \text{GeV}$

• intensity:
$$I \sim Z^5 = 5 \cdot 10^7 I_{p-p}$$

• allows to study rare, photon induced, processes in particular light-by-light (LbL) scattering

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Light-by-light scattering





Light-by-light scattering

Event selection:

- exactly two γ or two e
- $p_{T\gamma\gamma/ee} < 1 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta \varphi_{\gamma\gamma/ee} \pi| < 0.01$
- no charged particle track with p_T> 300 MeV
- no neutral particle deposits in ECAL and HCAL
- no large deposit in the Zero Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

Overall efficiency:

 $C^{\gamma\gamma} = (8.0 \pm 1.1)\%$ $C^{ee} = (4.4 \pm 0.3)\%$





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Dataset: PbPb, 2018 run, 1.65 nb⁻¹ @ 5.02 TeV

$N_{ee}^{DATA} \simeq 20\ 000$ $\sigma_{fid}(\gamma\gamma \to e^+e^-) = \frac{N^{ee,data}}{C^{ee}\mathcal{L}_{int}} = 271.5 \pm 1.9 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 18.3 \,(\text{syst}) \,\mu\text{b}$

 $' \rightarrow ee$

• virtually background free process

• very good data description by Monte Carlo generators





 $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow ee$



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• STARLIGHT generator does not include final state photon radiation correction







Dataset: PbPb, 2018 run, 1.65 nb⁻¹@ 5.02 TeV $N_{\gamma\gamma}^{DATA} \simeq 26$ $\sigma_{fid}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{N^{\gamma\gamma,data} - N^{\gamma\gamma,bkg}}{C^{\gamma\gamma}\mathcal{L}_{int}} = 107 \pm 33 \text{ (stat)} \pm 20 \text{ (syst) nb}$

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 $\gamma \gamma \gamma \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- large background from mismeasured $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow ee$
- good data description by Monte Carlo generators





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• no axion like events excess observed





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- limits on axion- γ coupling consistent with previous results
- some improvement is achieved for $m_a < 10 \text{ GeV/c}^2$





CMS-PAS-HIN-24-011



- $\tau \tau \rightarrow \mu$ + hadrons (1,3 prong) + v $\tau \tau \rightarrow e$ + hadrons (3 prong) + v $\tau \tau \rightarrow \mu$ + e + v
- final state lepton p_T distribution is sensitivity to a_{τ} used to construct likelihood

 $\mathscr{L}(p_{T}|a_{\tau})$





$\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \tau \tau$



- $\mathscr{L}(p_T | a_\tau)$ is not sensitive to a_τ sign
- $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \tau \tau$ cross section is monotonously correlated with τ anomalous magnetic moment







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 a_τ is probed in low ττ invariant mass system probed in opposite to result from p-p

• result consistent with previous measurements





Conclusions



- Heavy ion and proton-ion collisions provide unique opportunity for QCD and QED studies
- Heavy ion physics is like a Darwin's voyage on board the Beagle a long trip of accumulation of evidences and hints for a complicated structure of low momentum, many body, QCD.
- An exhaustive diary of the observations collected so far is given in a recent Overview of high-density QCD studies with the CMS experiment at the LHC arXiv:2405.10785 [nucl-ex]