#### **Jets at RHIC** What have we learned from jet reconstruction and correlation measurements?

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#### Jets at RHIC

- Hard-scattered partons fragment into collimated "jets" of hadrons
- By studying jets we can investigate interactions of the high-p<sub>T</sub> partons with the Quark Gluon Plasma
- We look for...
  - Suppression of the number of jets (compared to p+p or p+A)
  - Modification of the  $p_T$  or angular distributions of jet fragments



# High- $p_T$ suppression

 Single-particle inclusive measurements

 $\rightarrow$  suppression of high-p<sub>T</sub> hadrons in central Au+Au events

- Correlations w.r.t. high-p<sub>T</sub> hadrons
  - $\rightarrow$  suppression of particles associated with jet peak





# Jet Reconstruction Algorithms

- The goal: Find clusters of particles, determine the direction and energy of the original parton
- Several options: k<sub>T</sub>, anti-k<sub>T</sub>, Gaussian filter, etc.
- Main challenge: subtracting the combinatoric heavy ion background, accounting for fluctuations



## Jet Spectra at RHIC

- For the first time  $\rightarrow$  Full jet reconstruction in a heavy ion environment
- Different methods of jet reconstruction, background subtraction, fakejet rejection



# Jet R<sub>AA</sub> at RHIC

Reconstructed jets demonstrate suppression



 Need to use similar techniques for direct comparison, further work is necessary to understand background fluctuations

## Jet Spectra at the LHC

- ALICE, CMS, and ATLAS have produced jet spectra for 30 < p<sub>T</sub><sup>jet</sup> < 300 GeV/c</li>
- Jet R<sub>AA</sub> shows suppression for wide range in jet p<sub>T</sub>



## **Dihadron Correlations**



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# γ-hadron Correlations



- $\gamma$ -jet pairs produced in  $q+g \rightarrow q+\gamma$
- Photons do not lose energy in the medium, therefore  $p_T^{photon} \approx p_T^{parton}$

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# Awayside hadron yields



 $I_{AA} = \frac{\text{yield in Au} + Au}{\text{yield in p} + p}$  $\xi = \ln(1/z_T)$  $z_T = p_T^{\text{hadron}}/p_T^{\text{photon}}$ 

- Modified fragmentation function
  in Au+Au compared to p+p
- In narrow cone  $(|\Delta \phi \pi| < \pi/6)$ : suppression  $(I_{AA} < 1)$  of high- $z_T$ hadrons, no corresponding enhancement at low  $z_T$
- When integration region is expanded ( $|\Delta \phi \pi| < \pi/2$ ), low-z<sub>T</sub> enhancement is observed

high z<sub>T</sub>

low z<sub>T</sub>

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#### Jets at the LHC

• CMS result  $\rightarrow$  Energy is distributed to very wide angles  $(\Delta R > 0.8 \sim \pi/4)$ 



- Similar conclusions for CMS A<sub>J</sub> and PHENIX γ-jet measurements
- Where does the "missing" energy go?

#### **Jet-hadron Correlations**



 Jet-hadron correlations have increased kinematic reach compared to dihadron correlations, allow for more precise determination of parent parton energy

# **Jet-hadron Correlations**

- Intentionally impose a bias towards unmodified trigger jets! (surface bias?)
  - $E_T > 6$  GeV in a single BEMC tower ( $\Delta \phi \times \Delta \eta = 0.05 \times 0.05$ )
  - Anti-k<sub>T</sub> (R = 0.4) using tracks/towers with p<sub>T</sub> > 2 GeV/c
- HT trigger requirement and constituent  $p_T$  cut
  - Reduce effects of background fluctuations
  - Comparison to p+p is more straightforward
- Trigger (nearside) jet population is highlybiased
  - Used to assign uncertainties to shape of background (v<sub>2</sub> and v<sub>3</sub>) and trigger jet energy scale
- Recoil (awayside) jet fragmentation is unbiased





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# Awayside Gaussian Widths



- Awayside widths suggest jet broadening to large angles at low- $p_T$  (but highly-dependent on assumed  $v_3$  modulation)
- Further information is needed about v<sub>2</sub><sup>jet</sup>, v<sub>3</sub><sup>jet</sup> (possible correlation of jets with reaction plane / participant planes)...

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# Awayside Energy Balance

$$D_{AA}(p_T^{assoc}) = Y_{AuAu}(p_T^{assoc}) \cdot \langle p_T^{assoc} \rangle_{AuAu} - Y_{pp}(p_T^{assoc}) \cdot \langle p_T^{assoc} \rangle_{pp}$$

$$\Delta B = \sum_{p_T^{assoc} \text{ bins}} D_{AA}(p_T^{assoc})$$

 $\Delta B$ 

+0.2

-0.2

+0.3

-0.3

+0.1

-0.8

-0.5

+1.0

-0.0

+1.2

-0.1

+2.3

-0.0

+1.9

-0.0

+0.3

-0.0



Uncertainties due to: detector effects  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ jet energy scale

Suppression of high- $p_{T}$  associated hadron yield is in large part balanced by low- $p_{T}$  enhancement.

#### From Qualitative Consistency to Quantitative Conclusions

Need to assess biases in measurements at RHIC and the LHC...

- Dihadron correlations: high- $p_T$  hadron  $\rightarrow$  hard fragmentation
- γ-hadron correlations: no geometrical bias?
- Jet-hadron correlations: HT trigger and high- $p_T$  constituent cut  $\rightarrow$  hard fragmentation
- CMS A<sub>J</sub>: Two reconstructed jets with high energy
- Need to do the same measurements at each experiment
  - A<sub>J</sub> at RHIC
  - Jet-hadron correlations at LHC

# 2+1 Correlations

 Select events containing pairs of back-to-back high-p<sub>T</sub> hadrons (likely due to dijet production)



Investigate distributions of associated hadrons with respect to both trigger hadrons



- No significant difference between Au+Au and d+Au
- No significant difference between near-side and away-side.
- Are we sampling surface-biased/unmodified dijets? Or dijets in which both jets lose similar amounts of energy?

# **Asymmetric Triggers**



- Still no large shape difference between near- and away-sides, or between Au+Au and d+Au.
- Energy imbalance indicates slight softening of awayside peak
- Compare/contrast to dihadron and jet-hadron results.

### Jet-Hadron and 2+1 Correlations



• Require a high- $p_T$  hadron ~180° away from reconstructed trigger jet

## Jet-Hadron and 2+1 Correlations



• Select unmodified jets with  $p_T^{hadron} > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$  requirement.

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## Jet v<sub>2</sub> at STAR

Correlation between jet axis and event plane



- Jet v<sub>2</sub>{FTPC EP} is non-zero
  - $\rightarrow$  more jets reconstructed in-plane than out-of-plane
  - $\rightarrow$  evidence of pathlength-dependence of parton energy loss
- Jet v<sub>2</sub> ≈ HT v<sub>2</sub> → bias towards unmodified jets largely driven by HT requirement

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- Jet  $v_2$  measured for 45 <  $p_T^{jet}$  < 210 GeV/*c*, R = 0.2
- Also observed  $v_2^{jet} > 0$
- Different kinematic range and biases than STAR measurement
  - $\rightarrow$  different trend with  $p_T^{jet}$

# **RHIC/LHC Complementarity**

- RHIC + LHC can cover a huge kinematic range of jets...
  - ~5-10 GeV γ-jets in PHENIX
  - ~10-40 GeV reconstructed jets in STAR
  - ~30-100 GeV jets in ALICE
  - ~50-350 GeV jets in CMS/ATLAS
- STAR is working to improve their jet p<sub>T</sub> spectrum measurement
  - Recent advancements in understanding the details of jet reconstruction
  - Similar methods as ALICE for direct comparison
  - A new high-statistics dataset → jets beyond 50 GeV
- sPHENIX upgrade will allow additional reach



# **Conclusions & Final Thoughts**

- Complementary analyses demonstrate jet quenching at RHIC & LHC
  - Softening and broadening of jets which traverse the medium in heavy ion collisions compared to p+p collisions
- It is necessary to understand biases present in analyses
  - At RHIC energies, a p<sub>T</sub> > 4 GeV/c hadron requirement selects mostly unmodified jets
  - What about at LHC energies?
- Necessary to do similar measurements with similar techniques among RHIC experiments and at the LHC
- Complementarity between RHIC and LHC measurements provide information about parton energy loss over a wide kinematic range





#### Jets

- Hard-scatterings occur in the early stages of the collision
- Recoiling partons fragment into clusters of hadrons, known as "jets."



Use jets as probes of the medium.

 Jets in p+p are well-described by pQCD



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#### Jet Reconstruction

- Anti-k<sub>T</sub> algorithm sequential recombination [PLB 641 (2006) 57]
  - Start with high-p<sub>T</sub> particles
  - For each pair of particles (*i*,*j*), calculate

 $d_{ij} = min(1/p_{Ti}^2, 1/p_{Tj}^2)((\Delta y)_{ij}^2 + (\Delta \phi)_{ij}^2)/R^2$ 

- If  $d_{ij} < 1/p_{T_i}^2$ , merge the particles, else call particle *i* a jet
- Repeat until all particles are clustered
- R is resolution parameter
  - $\rightarrow$  characteristic jet radius



## STAR (Solenoidal Tracker at RHIC)



#### **Jet-Hadron correlations**



# **Dijet Coincidence Rate**

- Similar trigger jet population in Au+Au and p+p due to p<sub>T</sub> cut and HT trigger requirements
- Compare recoil jet spectrum in Au+Au and p+p



Trigger Jet: R = 0.4  $p_{T,cut} = 2 \text{ GeV}/c$  $p_T^{jet} > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$ 

Recoil Jet: R = 0.4 $p_{T,cut} = 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ 

- Suppression of recoil jet in Au+Au
- Due to softening and/or broadening outside of jet cone
- Consistency between correlations and inclusive measurements.





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- Still no significant shape difference between near- and away-sides, or between Au+Au and d+Au.
- Compare/contrast to dihadron and jet-hadron results.



- "Jet  $v_2$ "  $\rightarrow$  correlation between *reconstructed* jets and the reaction plane (or 2<sup>nd</sup> -order participant plane)
- "Jet  $v_2$ "  $\neq$  "Jet flow"

# Artificial Sources of Anisotropy

- Background Fluctuations and the Jet Energy Scale Background particles (with  $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ) with significant  $v_2$  are more likely to be clustered into the jet cone in-plane versus out-of-plane
  - $\rightarrow$  more low-p<sub>T</sub> jets reconstructed with a higher p<sub>T</sub>
  - $\rightarrow$  increased number of in-plane jets in a fixed reconstructed jet  $p_T$  range
- Biased Event Plane

Jet fragments included in event plane calculation  $\rightarrow$  event plane pulled towards jet

# **Background Fluctuations**

- Embed p+p HT jets isotropically into Au+Au minimum bias events
- Reconstruct  $p_T$  of p+p jet before and after embedding
- Correlate reconstructed jet axis with event plane of Au+Au event
- Calculate jet  $v_2$  for a given range in jet  $p_T$



Jet Definition: HT trigger  $E_T > 5.5$  GeV constituent  $p_T^{cut} = 2$  GeV/c

- $\circ$  jet  $p_T$  calculated before embedding
- jet  $p_T$  calculated after embedding
- difference
- Artificial jet  $v_2$  caused by background fluctuations is ~ 4%
- Subtract from measured jet  $v_2$  values.

#### Jet - Event Plane bias



- Calculating the event plane at mid-rapidity leads to significant jet – event plane bias!
- Need to determine event plane at forward rapidities to measure jet v<sub>2</sub> at mid-rapidity...

# Jet $v_2$ vs. Reconstructed Jet $p_T$



- Jet  $V_2$ {FIFC} increases slightly with jet p
- Jet  $v_2$ {FTPC} > Jet  $v_2$ {ZDC-SMD}

→ In single-particle  $v_2$  measurements, this difference is attributed to flow in participant plane vs. reaction plane,  $v_2(PP) > v_2(RP)$ → Jet energy loss sensitive to geometry in participant frame?

#### Does the recoil jet hit the FTPC?



- For pThat > 10 GeV/c, in 2M events, < 10 partons point towards the η region covered by the FTPC
- For pThat > 15 GeV/c, in 2M events, 0 partons point towards the η region covered by the FTPC