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Hard Probe Measurements in Cu+Au Collisions at PHENIX: Jets and Leading Particles

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Cu+Au collisions provide a unique system to study hard probes. For example, the collision geometry at a fixed centrality is necessarily different from that of symmetric Cu+Cu and Au+Au collisions. A systematic study of the production of high- p_T particles and jets in systems with different geometry may provide information about the path-length dependence of energy loss in the medium. The PHENIX experiment has measured the p_T distributions and the nuclear modification factors, R_{CuAu} , of jets and leading particles, such as π^0 , in Cu+Au collisions at 200 GeV. The jets are reconstructed with the anti- k_t clustering algorithm with a distance parameter of $R=0.2$, chosen to minimize the contribution of the underlying event. The R_{CuAu} measurements will be presented as a function of p_T and centrality and compared to theoretical calculations.

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