

# Overview

- Jet quenching in a nutshell
  - Partons lose energy in the medium-
  - This lost energy makes jets broader and softer
- Towards quantitative understanding
  - Measurement details matter
  - Cold nuclear matter effects?





### Jets – the cartoon



Want a probe which traveled through the medium QGP is short lived  $\rightarrow$  need a probe created in the collision We expect the medium to be dense  $\rightarrow$  absorb/modify probe

# Quenched jets: what we're trying to study



- Softer constituents
- Broader radius

Figure from Nucl.Phys. A827 (2009) 356C-364C arXiv:0902.2488 [nucl-ex]

# Ways to study jets

- Single particle
- Di-hadron (multi-hadron) correlations
- Fully reconstructed jets





# Nuclear modification factor

- Measure spectra of probe (jets) and compare to those in p+p collisions or peripheral A+A collisions
- If high-p<sub>T</sub> probes (jets) are suppressed, this is evidence of jet quenching



# Nuclear modification factor R RHIC LHC



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Quantifying  $\hat{q}$ Phys. Rev. C 90, 014909 (2014)



 $\hat{q} = Q^2 / L$  Q = Momentum transfer from parton to medium L = path length

## p+Pb as a control



# Di-jet asymmetry



## Di-jet asymmetry



Au+Au di-jets more imbalanced than p+p for p<sub>Tcut</sub>>2 GeV/c Au+Au A<sub>J</sub> ~ p+p A<sub>J</sub> for matched di-jets (R=0.4)

## Fragmentation functions



## Dihadron correlations



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# Dihadron correlations



# What is a jet? A jet is what a jet finder finds.

# Jets in principle



- Jet measures
  partons
- Hadronic degrees of freedom are integrated out
- Algorithms are infrared and colinear safe

OK

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BAD: 2 jets

are merged

in one



Hadronization is important even in pp collisions!

# Jet finding algorithms



- Any list of objects works as input
- Use the same algorithm on theory & experiment
- Output only as good as input



M. Cacciari, G. P. Salam, G.Soyez, JHEP 0804:063,2008

## **Bias & Background**



### p+p di-jet event in STAR

# Signal

- Harder
- Correlated with rxn plane
- Low p<sub>T</sub> modifications
- Flavor modifications?

### Central Au+Au collision in STAR

# Background

- Softer
- Correlated with rxn plane
- Large fluctuations/hot spots
- Combinatorial background
- Degraded energy resolution

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### Bias

- Modified jets probably look more like the medium
- Quark jets are narrower, have fewer tracks, fragment harder [Z Phys C 68, 179-201 (1995), Z Phys C 70, 179-196 (1996), ]
- Gluon jets reconstructed with k<sub>T</sub> algorithm have more particles than jets reconstructed with anti-k<sub>T</sub> algorithm [Phys. Rev. D 45, 1448 (1992)]
- Gluon jets fragment into more baryons [EPJC 8, 241-254, 1998]

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# What you see depends on where you look



# Focus on high $p_{T}$

- Pros:
  - Reduces combinatorial background
- Cons:
  - Cuts signal where we expect modifications
  - Could bias towards partons which have not interacted
  - Biases sample towards quarks







# Focus on smaller angles

- Pros
  - Background is smaller
  - Background fluctuations smaller
- Cons:
  - Modifications expected at higher R
  - Biases sample towards quarks



# ALICE/STAR

### **Combinatorial "jets"**

•Estimate combinatorial jet contributions and its fluctuations from data

•Require leading track  $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV/c}$ 

- Suppresses combinatorial "jets"
- Biases fragmentation

No threshold on constituents

Limited to small R

Measured spectra:





### CMS: Iterative Pile-Up Event Background Subtraction

Background is estimated - for each calorimeter ring of constant n

- subtracted before jet finding

- re-iterated after excluding the jets found in the first iteration



Fake Jets: After the background subtraction, some local<br/>fluctuations remain!Fluctuations will deteriorate the jet resolution in central<br/>events.Sevil Salur

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# ATLAS

- Iterative procedure
  - Calorimeter jets: Reconstruct jets with R=0.2. v<sub>2</sub> modulated <Bkgd> estimated by energy in calorimeters excluding jets with at least one tower with

 $E_{tower}$  > < $E_{tower}$  > **Track jets:** Use tracks with  $p_{T}$  >4 GeV/c

- Calorimeter jets from above with E>25 GeV and track jets with p<sub>T</sub>>10 GeV/c used to estimate background again.
- Calorimeter tracks matching one track with p<sub>T</sub>>7 GeV/c or containing a high energy cluster E >7 GeV are used for analysis down to E<sub>iet</sub> = 20 GeV



Phys. Lett. B 719 (2013) 220-241



# Event mixing

### Peripheral



- Reference spectrum: peripheral collisions
- Much less combinatorial background compared to most central data
- Excellent signal/background ratio down to 3 GeV/c
- Requires normalization at low  $p_{T}$
- All physical correlations treated like jets

### Alex Schmah, Hard Probes 2015

# Cold Nuclear Matter effects



- No indication of modified jet structure in cold nuclear matter (d+Au and p+Pb collisions) [Phys.Rev.C73:054903,2006, Phys.Rev.Lett.96:222301,2006]
- Minimum bias R<sub>pPb</sub>, R<sub>dAu</sub> for charged particles, jets consistent with 1 [Phys.Rev.Lett.98:172302,2007,Phys.Rev.C81:064904,2010,Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013) 082302, arXiv:1605.06436]
- Indications of modification at forward rapidities from dihadron correlations [Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 172301 (2011)]
- Centrality dependence observed [PLB 748 (2015) 392-413, Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 122301 (2016)]

## Conclusions

- What to remember
  - A jet is not a parton
  - All jet measurements are biased
  - Background subtraction/suppression methods are important
  - Beware Cold Nuclear Matter effects!
- Challenges to the field
  - Cross check between experiments using the same method
  - Experimentalists: explain method/measurement to theorists!
  - Theorists: don't ignore the method!

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