

Recent results from relativistic heavy ion collisions at the LHC

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A 'teaser' talk with very few (though recent) results

LHC Heavy-Ion (HI) Program

Collision systems



Center of mass colliding energy (TeV)

2.76 (2011, 2013) — 2.76 (2010, 2011) 5.02 (2015) 5.02 (2013) 5.02 (2013)

Characterize HI collisions



→ 'Event-activity' characteristics (Data, Monte Carlo)

- ✓ central collisions: small impact parameter collision (high-multiplicity events, large energy deposited in calorimeters, etc)
- ✓ peripheral collision: large impact parameter collision
- At a certain colliding energy, for a certain impact parameter b

 - - Glauber MC calculation

Characterize HI collisions



➡ Particle production

✓ transverse momentum: component perpendicular on the beam axis

 $- p_T = p \cos \theta$

✓ pseudorapidity: angular position in detector $\eta = -ln[tan(\theta/2)]$

LHC vs RHIC

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The charged particle multiplicity per colliding nucleon pair measured at LHC for the most central collisions is

✓ ~2x that measured at RHIC, where the collision energy is factor 14 lower

✓ ~2x that measured at LHC in pp or pPb collisions at similar collision energy

Analyzing HI collisions: 2-particle correlations



Collective motion: 2-particle correlations



2 particles with very different η are "connected"

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Collective motion: 2-particle correlations



Collective motion: pPb



Collective motion everywhere!



LHC: PbPb @ 2.76, 5.02TeV



A) Individual hadrons

B) Reconstructed jets

C) Quarkonia

Questions one addresses with these measurements

- ✓ Is there a difference in how the light partons and heavy (charm and beauty) quarks interact with the medium?
- ✓ What are the properties of the medium created?

Analyzing HI collisions: RAA



Nuclear modification factor:

- ✓ if = 1 no medium effects
- ✓ if < 1 suppression (e.g. energy loss in the medium)
- ✓ if > 1 enhancement (e.g. kT broadening in the incoming nuclei)

Z boson: in-situ reference



Charged hadrons (gluons & u/d/s quarks)



- ➡ Agreement between experiments at 2.76TeV
- ➡ And same suppression at 2.76TeV and 5TeV

CMS-PAS-HIN-15-015

D mesons (charm quarks)

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At high-pT (~4-5GeV/c) light partons (quarks and gluons) and charm quarks 'products' have same R_{AA}

$B(J/\psi X)$ mesons (beauty quark)



Beauty vs Charm vs Light

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Smaller measured suppression between the b-quark products and charm or gluon/light-quarks products

Fully reconstructed jets



... in the kinematic regions where we can

Z+jet: in-situ reference



Central PbPb x_{JZ} distributions shifted to lower values wrt pp at all Z-p_T: the back-parton suffers energy loss in the medium
 ✓ theoretical models: energy loss directly related to the medium density

Beauty vs Light



- ➡ Blue: Inclusive-dijets imbalance increases from peripheral to central PbPb collisions
- ➡ Red: Imbalance of b-dijets measured for the first time
 - ✓ similar to that of inclusive jets (red vs blue)

LHC: the full picture



- ➡ Probes 'blind' to the medium: photons, Z, W
- ➡ Probes affected by the medium:
 - ✓ low-pT: different suppression pattern for b-quark vs c/q/gluon products
 - ✓ high-pT: similar suppression pattern no matter the color of the pattern



- Onia in a deconfined partonic medium: color screening at different medium temperatures for different states (depending on binding energy)
 - sequential melting/destruction of the states
- Onia: thermometer of the medium



Sequential melting (proposed as key proof for existence of a QGP), first experimental proof of color screening picture

Quarkonium phenomena: J/ψ

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Puts back some QQbar

CMS-PAS-HIN-12-014 ⊈ ⊈ 1.4 CMS Preliminary $PbPb\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ 1.2 0.8 Prompt J/ψ 0.6 0.4 0.2 Cent. 0-100% |y| < 2.45 10 15 20 25 30 p_T (GeV/c)

Parton/jet fragmentation and en loss

Destroys and/or shifts the kinematics via partonic/hadronic interactions

➡ Experimental confirmation of (old) theoretical ideas



➡ Sequential patterns also in pp & pPb

 not clear whether it was the "medium" affecting the states (as in PbPb), or the state affecting the "medium"



➡ Decrease of the excited / ground state ratio confirmed at 7TeV

➡ The ratio decreases strongly at lower p_T

✓ in PAS: stronger indications that it is not the state affecting the "medium"

LHC heavy-ions: Summary

- ➡ Precision, Diversity and Surprises
 - ✓ Precision:
 - charged hadrons measured up to 400GeV/c
 - separate measurements of charm & beauty quarks products
 - ✓ Diversity
 - identified hadrons AND fully reconstructed jets

- ✓ Surprises:
 - collectivity also in pPb and pp collisions
 - 'sequential' pattern for onia also observed in pp and pPb collisions

Extra stuff



30 $\langle 4 \rangle \approx \langle \cos \left[n \left(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3 - \phi_4 \right) \right] \rangle$

 $\checkmark c_n\{4\} = \left\langle \left\langle 4 \right\rangle \right\rangle - 2\left\langle \left\langle 2 \right\rangle \right\rangle^2, \qquad v_n\{4\} = \sqrt[4]{-c_n\{4\}}$

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