Experimental Results on Two & Three Particle Correlations

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Goal: Jet Tomography

use a calibrated probe to study matter created in heavy ion collisions

- we need to understand the probe, jets
 - p+p & d+Au collisions
- we need to understand the interaction of the probe and the matter
- we need to understand geometrical biases in the measurements



Unmodified Jets



away side jet: smeared in Δη partonic kinematics

The Jet Landscape: Au+Au











4 distinct structures: ridge & shoulder unique to heavy ion collisions

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The Plan

- The Shoulder
- Comparing the Shoulder and the Ridge
- High pT: Di-jets
- Particle Ratios and "Medium Response"
- Some New Measurements





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shoulder doesn't move or disappear with trigger p_T



increasing trigger Рт

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Shoulder is Conical



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The Shoulder

- Shoulder is unlikely to be an artifact of the background subtraction, v₂ values or anything else, since those change radically from SPS to RHIC, as a function geometry, N_{part}, etc...
- What does it mean that this structure doesn't change from SPS energies to RHIC energies?
 - the data favor Mach Cone scenarios: is the speed of sound the same everywhere?
 - is there a ridge at the SPS?

Ridge vs Shoulder



ridge & shoulder: similar centrality & p⊤ dependence -both sensitive to medium properties?

J. Chen Tuesday parallel

Correlations are Softer at Low pt





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8 < рт, trig < I5GeV/с Au+Au, 20-40% Au+Au, 0-5% Near side, $I\Delta \phi I < 0.63$ Away side, $I\Delta \phi - \pi I < 0.63$ d+Au Assoc. yield per trigger ω 0.3 ۸ $3 < p_{\tau}(assoc) < 4$ (×1.5) 0 p_r(assoc) < $4 < p_{\perp}(assoc) < 6$ 0.2 $p_{(assoc)} > 6 \text{ GeV/c}$ Δ 0.1 - Q ÷ 4 0.1 ÷ 0.2 4 ۸ Þ Ō. φ 0.15 p_T(assoc) ф ф $\frac{1}{N_{trig}}\frac{dN}{d(\Delta \phi)}$ ф φ ¥ ¥ 0.1 ¥ 0.05 Ł ۸ ł ¥ ₫ റ Ł 0.1 p_T(assoc) > 0.01 0 100 200 300 100 0 N_{Part} 0.05 σ no significant centrality dependence on the near side 0 $\Delta \phi (rad)^{\pi}$ 0 π π

> suppression with increasing centrality on the away side

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N_{Part}

2+1 Correlations



T1: p_T>5 GeV/*c*, T2: p_T>4 GeV/*c*, A: p_T>1.5 GeV/*c*

next step: cone around di-jet axis, lower trigger p_T (or assoc. p_T), ridge? shoulder?

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baryons

PRL 91 172301 (2003)



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what does this have to do with hard scattering?

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baryon excess in the ridge!

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baryons in the away side



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enhanced baryon/meson ratio in shoulder/di-jet region

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another connection between ridge & shoulder!

p & p are correlated



these correlations look pretty jet-like, how does this all fit together?

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electrons from heavy flavor

- energy loss similar to that of π₀ for electrons from both D and B decay
- electrons from heavy flavor also flow
- what do the correlations look like?



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correlations of heavy flavor

0 - 20%: 3 < p_{τ}^{trig} < 6 GeV/c & 0.15 < p_{τ}^{asso} < 0.5 GeV/c (

eV/c Cu+Cu, 200GeV



- difficult measurement since electrons from conversions and Dalitz decays will carry the shoulder signal
- hadrons associated with electrons from D/B decay also show shoulder structure

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fragmentation photons: p+p

Integrated near side h - γ yield

- ask how many times you have a small angle hadron-photon correlation
- tag and subtract photons from π⁰ & η decay



A. Hanks, Thursday

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~5-10% of inclusive photons fragmentation!

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- consistent with fragmentation photon measurement via isolation cuts
- establishes baseline for future Au+Au measurements

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beyond ZYAM



- ZYAM: assume there is a $\Delta \phi$ region without signal:
 - over-subtracts, especially for:
 - wide jets
 - small signal/combinatoric background
 - absolute subtraction: background from convolution of single particle rates nucl-ex/ 0702007)
 - background determination independent of signal shape
 - methods agree well (PHENIX, PRL98 232302 (2007)) with moderate statistics
 - with high precision measurements, ZYAM is a significant bias

Where Next?

- controlling the geometry:
 - more 2+1 correlations: can we see the shoulder and ridge grow?
 - reaction plane dependence: does the shoulder show a threshold with a given path length?
- connections between heavy and light quarks
- fragmentation functions: gamma-hadron, jet reconstruction
- what is the ridge?
- d+Au (new large data set on tape): saturation effects?