# Positive Progress from Hard Scattering







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#### these are worth understanding both for their own sake and for enabling us to disentangle parton-medium interactions

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Parton Distribution Functions: Measured in Deep Inelastic Scattering

Hard Scattering Cross Section: Calculated with pQCD

> Parton-Medium Interactions & Hadronization



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#### how are we addressing these questions with the data in hand?

### Spectra & Correlations

- one parton leads to many hadrons in the final state
- single and dihadron spectra are in some ways proxies for jets
  - introduce geometrical, energy loss and fragmentation biases
  - their power lies in their extreme simplicity



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### initial state related ridges



- ridge from EPOS flux tube initial conditions
- qualitatively similar to STAR measurements for hard ridge

- CGC flux tubes
- reasonable agreement with hard and soft ridge

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PHENIX arXiv:1002.1077 • ... unless we're just looking at jets that don't interact

### Ridge & Shoulder are similar...to the bulk



### • ridge slightly harder than inclusive, but softer than jet part

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  - radial flow  $\rightarrow$  no gamma-h ridge

### the ridge: a distraction?

- is studying the ridge like studying the underlying event in p+p?
  - important, but mostly so you know how to get rid of it?
  - useful for studying initial state?
- seems too wide to be energy lost by jet or coupling between jet and flow





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- collectivity and suppression
- clearly not energy loss followed by vacuum fragmentation!



#### charm vs. bottom

- suppression large even as electrons become dominated by bottom at high pT
- possibility of novel suppression mechanisms
  - e.g. Adil & Vitev in medium formation/ dissocication



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#### two-source model

combinatoric background =  $b_0(1+2v_{2A}v_{2B}cos(2\Delta \phi))$ 

- it's never been shown to be wrong
  - that doesn't mean it's right
- in principle  $\langle v_{2A}v_{2B} \rangle \neq \langle v_{2A} \rangle \langle v_{2B} \rangle$
- B can be calculated in HI collisions (no fudge factors) from the data (Sickles, McCumber, Adare PRC 81 014908 (2010))
  - depends on the widths of the centrality bins
  - generally very close to ZYAM, however some significant advantages
    - wide jets
    - poor statistics



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- if jet energy is the parton energy then jet reconstruction followed by fragmentation function measurements provide exactly what's needed
- caveats:
  - energy transfer between parton and matter: e.g. collisional energy loss
  - missing energy--no hadronic calorimeters at RHIC
  - soft background will limit jet reconstruction in a very interesting pT range
  - we still have to understand the initial conditions!

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# CGC + radial flow ridge





$$\frac{dN}{dz_T} = Ne^{-bz_T}$$

- p+p: b= 6.89 ± 0.64
  - consistent with quark fragmentation (b=8)
- Au+Au: b = 9.49 ± 1.37

