Measurements of jets in heavy ion collisions

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I do not care about jets.

Paraphrased from Sevil Salur

I want to learn about the QGP.

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Fragmentation

Energy loss

Jet structure Fragmentation

Energy loss

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Nuclear modification factor



- Charged hadrons (colored probes) suppressed in Pb—Pb
- Charged hadrons not suppressed in p—Pb at midrapidity
- Electroweak probes not suppressed in Pb—Pb

Nuclear modification factor R RHIC



- Electromagnetic probes consistent with no modification medium is transparent to them
- Strong probes significant suppression medium is opaque to them - even heavy quarks!



- Jet R_{AA} also demonstrates suppression



Fragmentation

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Fragmentations from γ-hadron correlations



Slight suppression at high z

The invisible gorilla

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A measurement of a jet is a measurement of a parton.

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"I know it when I see it" US Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, Jacobellis v. Ohio

Jet finding in pp collisions

- Jet finder: groups final state particles into jet candidates
 - Anti-k_T algorithm
 JHEP 0804 (2008) 063 [arXiv:0802.118 9]
- Depends on hadronization
 - Ideally
 - Infrared safe
 - Colinear safe

Snowmass Accord: Theoretical calculations and experimental measurements should use the same jet finding algorithm. Otherwise they will not be comparable.

A jet is what a jet finder finds.

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- Combinatorial jet candidates
- Energy smearing from background
 - Sensitive to methods to suppress combinatorial jets and correct energy
 - Focus on narrow/high energy jets

What you see depends on what you're looking for

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Bias & background

- Experimental background subtraction methods: complex, make assumptions, apply biases
- Survivor bias: Modified jets probably look more like the medium
- Quark/Gluon bias:
 - 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_T algorithm have more particles than jets reconstructed with anti-k_T algorithm [Phys. Rev. D 45, 1448 (1992)]
 - Gluon jets fragment into more baryons [EPJC 8, 241-254, 1998]
- Fragmentation bias: Experimental measurements explicitly select jets with hard fragments

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Background is a solved problem. – Unnamed

Wiki: "A **white elephant** is a possession which its owner cannot dispose of and whose cost, particularly that of maintenance, is out of proportion to its usefulness.

Workshop on the Definition of Jets in a Large Background https://www.bnl.gov/jets18/index.php June 25-27

We don't fully understand the background

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Different jets are different. – Rosi Reed

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Jupiter and the Monkey

Jupiter promised a royal reward to the one whose offspring should be deemed the handsomest.

- The monkey came with the rest, and presented a flat-nosed, hairless, ill-featured young monkey.
- A general laugh saluted her on the presentation of her son.
- She resolutely said; "He is at least in the eyes of me, his mother, the dearest, handsomest, and most beautiful of all."

http://aesopsfables.org/F9_Jupiter-and-the-Monkey.html Abbreviated

Blind men and the elephant

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Everything

We don't fully understand the background

We need to look at the whole picture

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- Theoretical calculations sensitive to things we might not have under control.

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The way forward

- Understand bias and background
 - What you see depends on what you look for
 - Listen to the data not what you want to hear
- Make quantitative comparisons to theory
 - Need realistic models where we can apply experimental methods to models
- Make more differential measurements
 - But figure out which observables are most sensitive

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