[Lecture 2]

Heavy lons

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Building collectivity

The traditional direction in High Energy Physics — experimental conditions with the **highest possible degree of simplicity**

All particle content and interactions of the Standard Model discovered using this principle — greatest success of the reductionistic approach in Physics

Also very successful — Complex systems with emerging behavior [Strongly-coupling many body systems; quantum entanglement with many d.o.f...]

The region of transition between these two regimes is, however, largely unknown

QCD — rich dynamical content, with emerging dynamics that happens at scales easy to reach in collider experiments

QCD is the only sector of the SM where the **exploration of the first levels of complexity,** built from fundamental interactions at the quantum level, is **experimentally feasible**

Some of the questions accessible with heavy-ion collisions

nucleus A



Initial State



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First ~10 yoctoseconds

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Initial state Poutonic Jensities Milipatick Production

Processes with large virtualities will probe the inner part of the nucleons as usual — nuclear PDFs — **Dilute regime**

At smaller scales, however, the partons are densely packed — **Dense regime** — this regime **determines the production of the dense system**



Nuclear PDFs extracted from global fits / DGLAP

New constraints from the proton-lead runs at the LHC



Excellent description of pPb data — needed as benchmark for QGP effects

Everything you have learnt with Matteo Cacciari applies here... (with less statistics)

From Dilnk to Denk



Parton Saturation

Cobr Correlation M the transverse plane 2, 1/Quet

Color Glass Condensate -> General fanenak

 $a_{\text{sut}}^{2} \sim \frac{\times_{\mathcal{G}}(\times, Q_{\text{sut}})}{\# \mathcal{D}^{2}} \sim \frac{A^{3}}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$





Glasma picture

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hydrodynamics of the =0 The (e+p) uhu - pgh + viscosity consections (+ Equation of State)

Does not address the question on how thermal equilibrium is reached — Far from equilibrium initial state needs to equilibrate fast (less than 1 fm)

Most of the theoretical progress in the last years:

- Viscosity corrections
- Fluctuations in initial conditions

The golden measurement



Anisotropies in the initial spacial distributions - <u>geometry</u> - translate into anisotropies in the momentum distributions

Impossible with instantaneous, point-like, interactions unless initial- or final-state correlations

Viscosity from data



Higher harmonics

He-Au @ RHIC 4 Fourier decomposition contains odd harmonics 2 [absent in symmetric collisions] y [fm] -2 $\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_{n} V_n \cos n\phi$ -4 4 2 ر 1 [fm] 0 -2 -4 0 2 -2 0 -4 -2 x [fm] x [fm] x [fm]

Higher harmonics



Odd harmonics are direct measurements of the initial state event-by-event fluctuations

The ridge

(d) N>110, 1.0Ge





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Hard Probes

Several different probes in the final state, I will only concentrate on two of them within the hard sector

$$\sigma^{AB \to h} = \left[f_A^i(x_1, Q^2) \otimes f_B^j(x_2, Q^2) \right] \otimes \sigma(ij \to k) \bigotimes D_{k \to h}(z, Q^2) \right]$$

Nuclear PDFs

Hadronization J/Ψ paradigmatic example

Long distance terms modified by the presence of medium

- Nuclear PDFs and new (non-linear) evolution equations (explained before)
- Modification of hadronization probes the medium properties
- EW processes (no hadronization) used as benchmark

Quarkonia suppression

Simple intuitive picture [Matsui & Satz 1986]

Potential screened at high-T

Bound states not possible

Suppression of J/Psi in nuclear collisions

Sequential suppression of excited states



Interpretation of the data traditionally difficult - lot of progress in the last few years



Upsilon suppression



Suppression ordered by binding energy

Quarkonia as a termometer — abundant data (not shown) from all LHC experiments

Remember small systems?

Larger suppression for excited than for ground state charmonia in pPb



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Suppression in 1 plot



Reconstructed jets I

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pp 5.43 pb⁻¹ + PbPb 166 μb⁻¹ (2.76 TeV)

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22 pp 5.43 pb⁻¹ + PbPb 166 µb⁻¹ (2.76 TeV)

Reconstructed jets II

Reconstructed jets III

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Jet collimation

Lessons from experimental data on jet reconstruction

- Suppression similar to inclusive hadrons for similar pT
- Fragmentation functions are mildly modified more in soft
- Jet shapes have mild modifications
- Azimuthal decorrelation of di-jets as in proton-proton
- Energy taken by soft particles at large angles

Fold angles Hand components largely un modified [Casalderrey-Solana, Milhano, Wiedemann 2011]

Coherence and decoherence

A new picture of jet quenching

The parton shower is composed of **un-modified subjets** (vacuum-like)

- With a typical radius given by the medium scale
- For medium-induced radiation each subject is one single emitter

Color coherent sub-jets provide the organizational principle for the in-medium cascade

[Casalderrey-Solana, Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk 2012]

Jet quenching in pPb??

QGP-like effects observed in small systems (pp & pPb)

- □ Hydro behavior
- □ Strangeness enhancement [not shown here, see ALICE: Nature Phys. 13 (2017) 535-539]
- Quarkonia suppression

No sign of jet quenching in present data [also other not shown here]

A yoctosecond chronometer

Can we **more directly measure the space-time** development of the medium with jet observables? - including **late times**

Switch-off the cascade for some time

Use color-singlet configurations

[Apolinario, Milhano, Salam, Salgado 2018]

Boosted tops a possibility

Main limitation: very rare - high statistics needed (HL-LHC & FCC)

Conclusions - lecture 2

Heavy-ion collisions to explore the first levels of complexity in the SM

>20 years program — a hot and dense QCD system created in AA collisions — small viscosity: **a perfect liquid**

We know that the hot system is created, **but how?**

What is the mechanism that so efficiently (less than 10ys) drives the system towards equilibrium

□ Is there thermalization in small systems? (pp & pPb) typical size \sim 1fm or 3ys \Box If there is thermalization, why there is no effect in jet quenching?

Possibility to collide **smaller ions** at the LHC (XeXe this year in a pilot run). Main advantage — **large gain in integrated luminosity for hard processes**

Lot of new experimental tools available to explore the first 10ys of the collision