Electromagnetic and hard probes to study QGP at RHIC (Recent highlights)

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final detected particle distributions

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Hard probes, *i.e.*, *jets and heavy-flavors*:

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- Produced by hard-scattering (momentum transfer, $Q >> \Lambda_{QCD}$) ullet
- Produced at very early stage of the collisions ($\Delta t \sim 1/Q$) ightarrow

Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collider (RHIC), Brookhaven Nation Laboratory, New York, USA



Center of energy: 7.7 to 200 GeV

QCD medium: Au+Au, Cu+Cu, U+U, Ru+Ru, Zr+Zr, p+Au, d+Au QCD vacuum: p+p

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At RHIC energy,

What is the temperature and property of the medium?

How does an energetic (heavy/light) quark/gluon interact with the finite temperature QCD medium?

What are the underlying mechanisms of jet quenching at RHIC energies?

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Electromagnetic probes *i.e, dileptron and photon:*

Non-prompt direct photon emission in QGP

PHENIX: arXiv:2203.17187





1. High p_T (> 5 GeV/c) : N_{coll}-scaled p+p results and pQCD calculation \rightarrow Prompt direct photon

2. Low p_T (< 5 GeV/c) : Excess yield compared to prompt photon

Being emitted from hot-expanding fireball \rightarrow Non-prompt direct photon

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Temperature of medium: from photon measurements

From non-prompt direct photon measurement

 d^2N

 $\sim A \cdot \exp(-p_T/T_{\text{eff}})$



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Hees, Gale, Rapp: PRC 84 (2011) 054906

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Temperature of medium: from dilepton measurement Dileptons in heavy-ion collisions



- Emitted early in collisions
- Temperature without blueshift effect
 - unlike direct photon
 - thermal rest frame, $T = T_{eff}$
- Accessible through in-medium spectral function



QGP medium temperature with dileptons



STAR preliminary, QM2022



IMR thermal dielectron: $T_{IMR} \sim 320 \text{ MeV}$

First QGP temperature measurement at RHIC

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Hard probes *i.e, Heavy-flavors and jets*

Heavy flavor in QGP



- Heavy flavor
 - $m_Q >> \Lambda_{QCD}$ and T_{QGP}
- Quarkonium (Hidden heavy flavor) $c\bar{c}, b\bar{b}$, etc.
 - Debye screening
 - Effect of temperature
- Vacuum





Quarkonium melting in the QGP

Studying different states of bottomonia provides information of thermal and dynamical properties of QGP



Observed sequential suppression of different $\Upsilon(nS)$ states $[\Upsilon(1S) > \Upsilon(2S) > \Upsilon(3S)]$ 18-31

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Parton energy loss hierarchy in QGP

- Hierarchy depending upon parton mass and color factor
- RHIC Measurement: electrons from semi-leptonic decays of open charm and bottom hadrons (heavy flavor hadron decay electron- HFE)



 R_{AA} of bottom-decay electron less than that of charm-decay $\Delta E(c) > \Delta E(b)$



PHENIX, arXiv:2203.17058

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Hard probes

jets measurement in heavy-ion collisions at RHIC

Jet quenching at RHIC



- Suppression of inclusive charged/neutral hadrons at high-p_T
- No suppression of vector boson (γ) \rightarrow T_{AA} scaling holds
- Away-side jet suppression

Jet quenching consequences:

- 1. Jet energy loss
- 2. Jet shape modification
- 3. Jet substructure modification
- 4. Jet acoplanarity

R-dependence of jet yield: jet shape modification

Vacuums parton shower

Medium-induced gluon radiation



Yacine Mehtar-Tani, arXiv: 1602.01047

Simultaneous effect of vacuum shower and medium-induced gluon radiation

Jet shape: spread of energy inside a jet

Strategy:

- Take jet yield ratio of smaller over large-R in the same system
- And compare with p+p and heavy-ion collisions

$$\Re^{rac{\mathrm{small}-R}{\mathrm{large}-R}} = rac{\mathrm{Y}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet,ch}})^{\mathrm{small}-\mathrm{R}}}{\mathrm{Y}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet,ch}})^{\mathrm{large}-\mathrm{R}}}$$



R-dependence of jet yield: jet shape modification in QGP



First indication of jet shape modification due to medium induced gluon radiations at RHIC

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Physics mechanisms for acoplanarity of γ +jet in heavy-ion collisions

 Rutherford Scattering: Energetic parton resolves microstructure of QGP Large-angle deflection of hard partons off quasi-particles

D'Eramo, Rajagopal, Yin, JHEP 01 (2019) 172; D'Eramo, et. All, JHEP 05 (2013) 031



- Vacuum soft gluon radiation
- Medium effect: multiple scattering and medium induced gluon radiation



Measuring two probes in STAR experiment



Azimuthal correlations between trigger particle and recoil jet: $\Delta \phi = \overline{\phi_{\text{trig}} - \phi_{\text{jet}}}$

Semi-inclusive γ +jet and π^0 +jet azimuthal correlation in Au+Au collisions

 $11 < E_{\rm T}^{\rm trig} < 15 \, {\rm GeV}$ *R*=0.2 *R*=0.5 [GeV/c]⁻¹ [rad]⁻¹ [GeV/c]⁻¹ [rad]⁻¹ **STAR Preliminary** STAR Preliminary Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{_{\rm NN}}}$ = 200 GeV, 0-15% Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV, 0-15% γ+jet γ+jet π⁰+jet 10-— π⁰+jet 10-PYTHIA-8 - PYTHIA-8 dm_{jet} 10⁻² anti-k_T, R=0.2 dp^{ch}_{T,jet}d(Δ φ) dη_{jet} 10⁻² $11 < E_{\tau}^{trig} < 15 \text{ GeV}$ (d ∆ þ) d³N_{jet} $d^3 N_{jet}$ $10 < p_{T,iet}^{ch} < 15 \text{ GeV/c}$ 10^{-3} 10⁻³ $dp_{T,jet}^{ch}$ anti-k_T, R=0.5 10⁻⁴ 10⁻⁴ $11 < E_{\tau}^{trig} < 15 \text{ GeV}$ $10 < p_{T,iet}^{ch} < 15 \text{ GeV/c}$ -Z^{trig} **N** Trig 10⁻⁵ 10⁻⁵ <u>Data</u> <u>РҮТНІА-8</u> Data PYTHIA-8 10 10-1 10⁻¹ 10⁻² 2.5 3 2 $\Delta \phi \ (= \phi_{trig} - \phi_{jet}) \ [rad]$ $\Delta \phi \ (= \phi_{trig} - \phi_{iet}) \ [rad]$

First evidence of significant medium-induced jet acoplanarity in QGP for jets with R=0.5

Medium-induced jet acoplanarity at RHIC and LHC

STAR γ +jet and π^0 +jet

ALICE h+jet



• Jet R=0.5

• Jet R=0.4

Same observation: Medium-induced acoplanarity with jet ($p_T \sim 10 \text{ GeV/c}$) and large R (0.4-0.5) What happened to larger Sudakov broadening at the LHC?

RHIC experiments and future plan (2023-2025) STAR and sPHENIX

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RHIC experiments and future plan



Precision measurements for hard probes to study the properties of QGP

STAR Hard-Probes physics program for Run23+25



It includes Hot-QCD and Cold-QCD STAR programs

- Hot-QCD program: Study the microstructure of the QGP (Precision jet and heavy-flavor measurements)
- Cold-QCD program will help for future EIC program

Variety of physics topics ongoing at RHIC from hot QCD to Cold QCD sides

Upcoming RHIC data taking year2023-2025 will be crucial for RHIC scientific mission (Particularly high precision measurement)

Thank you!