# Q C D @ W O R K - LECCE, June 27th, 2022 Measuring QCD in its extremes at ATLAS

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# Extreme QCD happens at the LHC

In high multiplicity pp, p+Pb, and Pb+Pb collisions — little bangs producing big bang matter



One of the first Heavy Ion collisions seen in ATLAS in November 2015

[More Event Displays]

# A Toroidal LHC Apparatus (ATLAS)

Designed to discover the Higgs boson



 $z = \pm 140 \text{ m}, |\eta| > 8.3$ Tungsten plates, quartz rods (Measure spectator neutrons)

**Muon Spectrometer** 

# The Extreme QCD Programme of ATLAS

- Probes of the Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) and precision tests of the Standard Model



# Today: A Cross-Section of Recent Results

8 extreme QCD results from the Heavy Ion and Standard Model groups



A non-exhaustive list – see all public results here.

# *def.* Centrality Intervals A detector-level measure of nuclear overlap





UCC: Ultracentral Collisions trigger UCC-1: total FCal  $E_T > 4.21$  TeV UCC-2: total FCal  $E_T > 4.54$  TeV

Strong monotonic correlation with collision impact parameter

## **Two-Particle Azimuthal Correlations** [PRC 104 (2021), 014903] A classic measurement in Heavy Ion physics, for the first time in UPC

Initial-state non-uniformities 'flow' by rescattering into final-state momentum anisotropies parameterised as Fourier coefficients  $v_2$  (ellipticity),  $v_3$  (triangularity), up to fourth order



Collective behaviour is seen in large (Pb+Pb) and small (p+Pb, pp) systems ...but does it persist to even smaller systems like γ+Pb? Measure v<sub>2</sub> and v<sub>3</sub> to find out



### Near-side peak $(\Delta \phi, \Delta \eta) \approx (0, 0)$

From correlations between jet fragments (non-flow and truncated to show other structures)

### Footnote: the exact parameterisation

Sum of an azimuthally-modulated pedestal function and a non-flow component templated from Low Multiplicity (LM) events

$$Y^{\rm HM}(\Delta\phi) = FY^{\rm LM}(\Delta\phi) + G\left\{1 + 2\sum_{n=2}^{4} v_{n,n}\cos(n\Delta\phi)\right\}$$

# **Two-Particle Azimuthal Correlations** [PRC 104 (2021), 014903] Observation of non-zero flow parameters $v_2$ and $v_3$

Measurement performed in 2018 Minimum-Bias and High-Multiplicity photonuclear events with rapidity gaps, assuming factorisation of the two-particle flow coefficients into single-particle coefficients



### First observation of significant non-zero flow coefficients in UPC

Caveat: factorisation only demonstrated in  $v_2$  in 0.4 <  $p_T$  < 2 GeV — violation at high  $p_T$  (negative  $v_n$ ...)? Otherwise, consistency with other collision systems (within large uncertainties)

# Cross-Sections of Dijet Production in UPC [CONF-2022-021]

Towards precise limits on nuclear PDFs



# Z Boson-Hadron Correlations[PRC 126 (2021), 072301]Pb+Pb medium-induced modifications to Z-tagged charged-particle yields

### Z boson does not interact with the QGP

Use it to deduce the initial kinematics of the hard-scattered partons in Z+jet events without bias



Systematic modification of the per-Z yields in Pb+Pb collisions

Due to interactions between the QGP and parton shower — but what is the mechanism of energy loss?

# Y(nS) production[(Submitted to PRC)]Footage of the Quark Gluon Plasma in Pb+Pb collisions



Bottom quarks are produced early in the formation of the Quark Gluon Plasma — and can be used to probe its full evolution

(Extract Y yields by fitting  $m_{\mu\mu}$ spectrum.)

# $\Upsilon(nS) production$ Suppression of Pb+Pb vs pp and $\Upsilon(nS)$ vs $\Upsilon(1S)$



### Nuclear modification factor

Suppression of all states across entire range of centrality No  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$  or  $y^{\mu\mu}$  dependence  $\Upsilon$ (2S) and  $\Upsilon$ (2S+3S) more suppressed

$$\rho_{AA}^{\Upsilon(\mathrm{nS})/\Upsilon(\mathrm{1S})} = R_{AA}(\Upsilon(\mathrm{nS}))/R_{AA}(\Upsilon(\mathrm{1S}))$$

### Excited-to-ground state double ratios

All smaller than one – sequential suppression Compared to various predictions...

# Y (3S) not shown because peak is statistically insignificant in this dataset

[(Submitted to PRC)]



# Summary of Jet Quenching Measurements Mass matters – but it isn't the only thing

### (For completeness [Heavy Ion Summary R<sub>AA</sub> plots, 2022])



### $\Rightarrow$ R = 0.2 inclusive vs b-jets

Heavy jets less suppressed than inclusive jets Suggests a role for mass and colour in energy loss (Submitted to EPJC)

### 📋 Also: dijets

Increased fraction of imbalanced jets compared to in pp Subleading jets significantly more suppressed (Submitted to PRC)

## **Jet Quenching** Or a lack thereof (?) in p+Pb collisions



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### ⇒ Severe constraint on the amount of jet quenching in p+Pb collisions

[(Submitted to PRL)]

# Latest in Photon-Fusion The observation of $Pb(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau)Pb$

### [(Submitted to PRL)]

Pb PbPb Pb Pb Pb  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Apr 2022 arXiv:2204.13478 Pb Pb  $\mathbf{Pb}$ Pb PbPb  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee$ ue-SR µ1T-SR µ3T-SR Apr 2022 ATLAS-CONF-2022-025 Profile-likelihood fits  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Signal strength: **OPAL 1998** Jul 2019  $\mu_{\tau\tau} = 1.04^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$  (tot) L3 1998 JHEP 03 (2021) 243 DELPHI 2004 PRL 123 (2019), 052001 ATLAS Nat. Phys. 13, 852-858 (2017) Pb+Pb vs<sub>NN</sub>=5.02 TeV, 1.44 nb<sup>-1</sup> Constraints on the tau lepton's μ1T-SR anomalous magnetic moment, Best-fit value 68% CL μ3T-SR  $a_{\tau} = (g_{\tau} - 2)/2$  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ 95% CL μe-SR Nov 2018 Combined PRL 121 (2018), 212301 Expected PRC 104 (2021), 024906 -0.05 0.05 0.1 -0.1 0 a<sub>τ</sub>

# Next-Level QCD

### [JHEP 11 (2021) 169]

### Prompt production of photon pairs in 13 TeV pp collisions



# **Next-Level QCD** Estimation of the {yj, jy, jj, ee, pileup} backgrounds

#### 2x2D side-bands method Events/1000 4500 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Data [A technique from diphoton analyses] $\gamma \gamma$ signal ATLAS 4000 - Define 15 background-enriched control regions Yİ 3500 - Extrapolate using a profile likelihood fit 3000 electron 2500 yy pile-up 2000 $\chi^2$ /NDF = 4.5/2 Leading candidate isolation Prob. = 0.11 1500 Pass Fail Pass Fail 1000 Sub-leading candidate identification 8 16 6 14 Fail Sub-leading candidate isolation 500 Fail 0 13 PP 12 FF 14 PF 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10 11 15 16 Pass 5 7 13 15 FP PF PP FP FF PP PF FP FF PP PF FP FF Region index and isolation status Pass-Pass id. Pass-Fail id. Fail-Pass id. Fail-Fail id. Diphoton identification region 2 10 12 Fail 4 Pass Unravel Pass 3 9 11 Signal region Fail Pass Leading candidate identification Unfolding to particle-level Using an iterative technique based on Bayes' theorem.

To compare with theory predictions without detector effects.

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# Next-Level QCD

### Results: differential and integrated cross-sections



(Expected) Failure of fixed-order predictions

\*(Also  $p_{T,\gamma}$ ,  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ,  $|\cos \theta^*|^{(CS)}$  (scattering angle in Collins–Soper frame),  $\phi_{\eta}^*$ ,  $\pi - \Delta \phi_{\gamma\gamma}$  (acoplanarity),  $a_{T,\gamma\gamma}$  ( $p_T$  transverse to thrust axis))



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Fiducial cross section [pb]	$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$	± unc.
SHERPA MEPS@NLO	33.2	+7.7 -5.6
Nnlojet NNLO	29.7	+2.4 -2.0
NLO	19.6	+1.6 -1.3
LO	5.3	$^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$
Diphox NLO	20.8	+3.2 -2.9
Data	31.4	2.4

### **Summary** 8 extreme QCD results



### 1. Two-Particle Azimuthal Correlations

Non-zero  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  flow coefficients observed in p+Pb

2. *Differential Cross-Sections of Dijet Production in UPC* An important step towards precise limits on nuclear PDFs

3. *Z Boson–Hadron Correlations in Pb+Pb* Systematic quenching of the shower

- 4. Suppression of Y(nS) States in Pb+Pb Collisions
- 5. Summary of Jet Quenching Measurements
- 6. Strong Constraints on Jet Quenching in p+Pb

**7.** Observation of Photon-Fusion to τ-Lepton Pairs With interpretation of the τ-lepton's anomalous magnetic moment

8. Verification of NNLO Predictions in y-Pair Production Data

And more to come from ATLAS in Run 3 and beyond

# BACKUP

# Schematic of the Liquid Argon (LAr) Calorimeter



Figure 1-1 Perspective view of one half of the barrel cryostat.

Technical Design Report of the LAr Calorimeter, CERN-LHCC-96-041

# Schematic of the Tile Calorimeter



Technical Design Report of the Tile Calorimeter, CERN-LHCC-96-042

# 'Photonuclear' Collisions



Figure 1: Diagrams representing different types of photonuclear collisions and the general features of their event topologies. *Left:* the direct process, in which the photon itself interacts with the nucleus. *Right:* the resolved process, in which the photon fluctuates into a hadronic state.

[From ATLAS, *Two-Particle Azimuthal Correlations in Photonuclear Ultraperipheral Collisions*, Jul 2021, 2101.10771]

### [2101.10771]

# 'Sum of Gaps' Rapidity Gap



Sum of gaps algorithm: (i) sort tracks and calorimeter clusters in  $\eta$ , (ii) add together contiguous rapidity gaps that are greater than  $\Delta \eta = 0.5$  (so that gaps may be separated by isolated slivers of particle production). This captures *resolved* photonuclear collisions in addition to direct photonuclear collisions.

### [2101.10771]

### **p+Pb Modelling Performance** DPMJET-III γ+Pb vs γ+p vs Pythia 8 γ+p



# Two-Particle Correlations $C(\Delta \phi, \Delta \eta)$

Emphasis on the near-side peak and away-side ridge

$$C(\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta) = \frac{1}{N_a} \left. \frac{d^2 N_{\text{pair}}}{d\Delta\phi d\Delta\eta} \right| \left. \frac{1}{N_{\text{pair}}^{\text{mixed}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{mixed}}}{d\Delta\phi d\Delta\eta} \right|$$

Lower- $p_{\tau}^{a}$ (a)

Pair yields  $d^2 N_{pair}$  corrected for acceptance effects Mixed sample comprises pairs from different events



Due to momentum conservation in the transverse plane; a non-flow contribution. (Truncated to show other structures)

[2101.10771]

## **Non-Flow Subtraction**

### [2101.10771]

To emphasise the azimuthal modulations due to flow contributions





### Correlation function in Low Multiplicity events

Exhibiting no flow, these events are the template to subtract. Free, fourth order Fourier series parameterisation.

# Non-Flow Subtraction

To emphasise the azimuthal modulations due to flow contributions

$$Y^{\text{HM}}(\Delta\phi) = FY^{\text{LM}}(\Delta\phi) + G\left\{1 + 2\sum_{n=2}^{4} v_{n,n}\cos(n\Delta\phi)\right\}$$

Factorisation assumption

Factor out one of the particles of the two-particle flow coefficient to get *single-particle* flow coefficients.

$$v_n(p_T^a) = v_{n,n}(p_T^a, p_T^b) / v_n(p_T^b) = v_{n,n}(p_T^a, p_T^b) / \sqrt{v_{n,n}(p_T^b, p_T^b)}$$

What about negative  $v_n$ ?

Suggests the violation of factorisation and non-flow behaviour

[2101.10771]

[2206.01138 (PRL)]

### Jet Quenching Analysis Centrality definition



Figure 1: Distribution of energy measured in the Pb-going side of the zero-degree calorimeter ( $E_{ZN}$ ) in *p*+Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV selected with a minimum-bias trigger. Dashed vertical lines indicate the percentile boundaries between the 0–10%, 10–20%, etc., centrality intervals.

### **Photon Pairs analysis** Relevant features of the theory predictions

Table 4: Overview of the theory predictions and their relevant features. The label 'QCD res.' ('NP effects') stands for QCD resummation (non-perturbative effects).

	Fixed-order accuracy					Fragmentation		QCD	NP	
	γγ	+1 <i>j</i>	+2 <i>j</i>	+3 <i>j</i>	$+ \ge 4j$	$gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	single	double	res.	effects
DIPHOX	NLO	LO	-	-	-	LO	NLO		. <b>—</b>	. <del></del>
Nnlojet	NNLO	NLO	LO	-	-	LO	—	_	_	_
Sherpa	NL	0	LO		PS	LO	ME+PS		PS	$\checkmark$



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(b) Single- and double-fragmentation photons

### (c) Non-prompt photons

(a) Direct photons

# **Photon Pairs analysis** Photon selection

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Selection	Detector level	Particle level	Ŷ	
Photon kinematics	$p_{\mathrm{T},\gamma_{1(2)}} > 40 (30) \mathrm{GeV}$	<i>V</i> , $ \eta_{\gamma}  < 2.37$ excluding $1.37 <  \eta_{\gamma}  < 1.52$		
Photon identification	tight	stable, not from hadron decay		
Photon isolation	$E_{\mathrm{T},\gamma}^{\mathrm{iso},0.2} < 0.05 \cdot p_{\mathrm{T},\gamma}$	$E_{\mathrm{T},\gamma}^{\mathrm{iso,0.2}} < 0.09 \cdot p_{\mathrm{T},\gamma}$		
Diphoton topology	$N_{\gamma} \ge 2,  \Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.4$			

#### \* (Photon kinematics

 $p_{T,\gamma}$  cuts 5 GeV above trigger thresholds — in trigger efficiency plateaus  $\eta_{v}$  cuts to operate in region of high EM Calorimeter granularity && exclude barrel-end-cap transition region

### **Photon Isolation**

Cone of  $\Delta R = 0.2$  around photon momentum should not have too much transverse momentum in it (Pile-up and Underlying Event contributions corrected for)

### **Diphoton topology**

 $\Delta R_{_{\rm VV}}$  cut to prevent overlap between photon isolation cones — reduce correlation between photon isolations)

[2107.09330]

### Photon Pairs analysis Background estimation

For each process  $p \in \{\gamma\gamma, \gamma j, j\gamma, jj, ee, pi|eup\}$ , construct the probability  $f_{p,i}$  that an event goes into region *i* 



$$f_{p,i} = f_{p,i}(\varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{iso}}, \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{iso}}, R_p^{\text{iso}}, \varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{id}}, \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id}}, R_p^{\text{id}}, R_{p,1}^{\text{iso-id}}, R_{p,2}^{\text{iso-id}})$$

$$= \begin{cases} \varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{iso}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{iso}} & \varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{id}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id}} & \text{for } i = 1\\ \varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{iso}} & (1 - \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{iso}}) & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{iso}} R_{p,2}^{\text{iso}} & \varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{id}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id}} & \text{for } i = 2\\ (1 - \varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{iso}}) & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{iso}} R_{p,2}^{\text{iso}} & \varepsilon_{p,1}^{\text{id}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id}} & \varepsilon_{p,2}^{\text{id$$

$$n_{i}^{\exp} = \frac{n_{\gamma\gamma}}{\varepsilon_{\gamma\gamma,1}^{\operatorname{id}} \varepsilon_{\gamma\gamma,1}^{\operatorname{iso}} \varepsilon_{\gamma\gamma,2}^{\operatorname{id}} \varepsilon_{\gamma\gamma,2}^{\operatorname{iso}}} f_{\gamma\gamma,i} + N_{\gamma j} f_{\gamma j,i} + N_{j\gamma} f_{j\gamma,i} + N_{jj} f_{jj,i} + N_{ee} f_{ee,i} + N_{\mathrm{PU}} f_{\mathrm{PU},i}$$

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