



Heavy Ion Physics Results from CMS



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Heavy Ion Physics



- Hadron deconfinement: quark-gluon 'soup'
 - First microseconds after the Big Bang
 - T > 150-180 MeV/k_B and ϵ > 1GeV/fm³ needed
 - Experimental tool: heavy ion collisions
- First indications at the CERN SPS
 - Charmonium suppression, strangeness enhancement
- Extensive studies at BNL, RHIC
 - Operating since 2000, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =0.2 TeV
 - High p_T hadron suppression, elliptic flow, thermal photons
- At LHC, new energy frontier, new 'probes'
 - jets, Z, W, photons, Y mesons
 - The CMS experiment is well adapted to measure these



Compact Muon Solenoid



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Comprehensive list of topics



- Multiplicity and transverse energy
 - $dN_{ch}/d\eta \approx 1600$ and $dE_T/d\eta \approx 2 \text{ TeV}$!
- Particle correlations
 - Elliptic flow and higher harmonics (*high p_T)
 - Di-hadron correlations (the "ridge")

- Standard candles: Electroweak bosons

- Isolated photons
- $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$ (signal for $Z \rightarrow ee$)
- $W \rightarrow \mu v$
- Quarkonium suppression
 - J/ψ
 - Y ground and excited states
- Jet quenching
 - High p_T particle suppression*
 - Di-jet imbalance
 - Di-jets with momentum dependence*
 - Fragmentation functions

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PAS HIN-10-002 & 11-005 JHEP 07 (2011) 076 arXiv: 1201.3158

arXiv: 1201.3093, acc.PLB PRL 106 (2011) 212301 New preliminary result

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Total multiplicity and transverse energy





- Up to 1600 charged particles per pseudo rapidity unit
- Centrality dependence providing • inputs to (initial state) models

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- Up to 2 TeV per unit of pseudorapidity
- 3 times larger than at RHIC; • 100 times larger than nuclear densities 5



Elliptic flow

Δω



- $v_2 = <\cos 2\phi > =$
 - = 2nd Fourier coefficient of the azimuthal distribution of particles wrt reaction plane
- Modest raise w.r. to lower energy experiments (higher <p_T>)





 In the long range region (2<|Δη|<4), dihadron harmonics shown to factorize and reflect the single particle harmonics

- not for high $p_T v_2$, probably reflecting jet correlations

 The "ridge" in PbPb is well modeled by single particle harmonics and could just reflect collective motion (v₂) and overlap region fluctuations (v_n)



New probes: isolated photons



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New probes: Z bosons



- 39 counts over a negligible background
- No R_{AA} here, but direct comparison to solid theory: no modifications

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New probes: W bosons

- No centrality dependence
 - $R_{AA}(W^+) \approx 0.7$
 - $R_{AA}(W^{-}) \approx 1.3$
 - $R_{AA}(W) = 1.04 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12$
- Due to isospin effect, we expect:
 - $R_{AA}(W^{+}) != R_{AA}(W^{-}) != 1$
- Muon charge asymmetry
 - $(W^+ W^-) / (W^+ + W^-)$
 - Also matching predictions





Quarkonium suppression



- Old predicted signature of the QGP
 - Quarkonia should melt one after the other, depending on their binding energy
 - Recent example of melting temperatures \rightarrow
- SPS/RHIC:
 - no/marginal access to the (yet unresolved) Y family
 - J/ ψ and ψ ' studied in detail
- LHC:







At the LHC, $B \rightarrow J/\psi$ is significant



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 $R_{AA} = 0.20 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$ (central)

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$B \rightarrow J/\psi$ suppression



- First measurement in heavy-ion collisions
- J/ψ coming from B decay are strongly suppressed
- b-quark energy loss / quenching ?



 $R_{AA} = 0.38 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$ (min. bias)







$$\frac{\Upsilon(2S+3S)/\Upsilon(1S)|_{PbPb}}{\Upsilon(2S+3S)/\Upsilon(1S)|_{pp}} = 0.31_{-0.15}^{+0.19} \pm 0.03$$
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Di-jet imbalance



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- sub-leading jet $E_T^2 > 50$ GeV (above background)

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• highly unbalanced $(E_T^1 > E_T^2)$ in central collisions:





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Fragmentation functions



 Surviving jets are essentially unmodified, even the subleading (quenched) one
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p_{T} -dependence of jet quenching



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- v₂ measurement extended up to 60 GeV/c
 - Full 2011 statistics, high-p_T track trigger
- Anisotropy driven by the jet energy loss
 - Gradual decrease, at high p_T compatible with zero in mid-central collisions



Conclusions



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- Photons, Z and W are unmodified by the created medium
- First steps toward γ-jet and Z-jet measurements
 - Photons and Z acting as in-situ calibrators of opposite jet...
 - First time accessible in heavy-ion collisions
- J/ ψ , Y excited states and high p_T charged particles are suppressed
- $B \rightarrow J/\psi$
 - Decays outside the medium, reflects the fate of the b quark
 - B-mesons are also suppressed
 - b-quark energy loss?
- Large imbalance of di-jet energies
 - But, angular correlation is conserved
- Energy imbalance compensated by low p_T particles over a large angle
- Jet fragmentation independent of energy loss

10 submitted papers on PbPb collisions

28th Feb 2012 ~20x more data from 2011 already producing results