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I Introduction





II Detectors and RHIC



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Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

at the Brookhaven Lab, Long Island, New York, USA



RHIC has been exploring nuclear matter at extreme conditions over the last decade 2000-2011

4 experiments: STAR PHENIX BRAHMS PHOBOS



Colliding systems:

p+p, d+Au, Cu+Cu, Au+Au Cu+Au, U+U Energies A+A : √s_{NN} = 62, 130, 200 GeV and low energy scan 7.7, 11.5, 19.6, 22.4, 27, 39 GeV



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STAR: Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC



Particle identification mainly via

- de/dx in the TPC
- topological decay reconstruction in TPC for strange particles and D mesons
- TOF
- Barrel EMCal (used also as fast online trigger)





PHENIX in 2014

VTX detector

Barrel region

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 $|\eta| < 1.2$, almost 2π in ϕ Pixel sensors at inner 2 layers Strip sensors at outer 2 layers Forward region

1.2<|η|<2.7, 2π in φ
4 layers of mini strips
(50x 2000 to 11000μm)

Strip Pixel

K. Dehmelt, PHENIX, AGS/RHIC user's meeting 2014

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III Selected physics results 1. Direct photons



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Selected recent theoretical findings on direct photons

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range of photon	fraction of total photon yield	
emission	AuAu@RHIC	PbPb@LHC
	$0\mathchar`-20\%$ centr.	0-40% centr.
$T=120\text{-}165\mathrm{MeV}$	17%	15%
$T=165\text{-}250\mathrm{MeV}$	62%	53%
$T>250{\rm MeV}$	21%	32%
$\tau=0.6-2.0{\rm fm/c}$	28.5%	26%
$\tau > 2.0{\rm fm/c}$	71.5%	74%

* Most photons at RHIC and LHC are emitted from time near Tc

* Their effective temperature is enhanced by strong radial flow (effective temperature of hadrons decaying into photons are above Tc due to mass dependence of radial flow).

* However a very high temperature early initial collision stage is required to generate this radial flow

Model conclusions:

- * Photons can be used as a thermometer
- * T>Tc is reached
- * Dynamic model needed to extract the details

Also

* More detailed data important to constraint the models !

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New data from PHENIX on direct photons



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* New analysis extracts direct photons pT distributions and centrality dependence using external conversion to e+e- pairs in the detector material of real photons.

* New method very important check, constraining models even more.

* Agreement with old results

* Extended pT range, centrality study, precision



T (0-20%) = $239 \pm 25 \pm 7$ MeV T (20-40%) = $260 \pm 33 \pm 8$ MeV T (40-60%) = $225 \pm 28 \pm 6$ MeV T (60-92%) = $238 \pm 50 \pm 6$ MeV

* Exponential slopes are centrality independent within errors.

* Direct photons in Au+Au after subtraction of p+p N(coll) scaled green bands (shown in the left plot), in centrality bins with an exponential fit Y~exp(-pT/T).





2. Open Heavy flavor



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PHENIX: Open heavy flavor RAA enhancement in Au+Au at 62 GeV



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* RAA of HF electrons in Au+Au 200 GeV 0-20% centrality, is enhanced above 1

-> Different than Au+Au at 200 GeV

* Flow of heavy quarks in Au+Au at 62 GeV measured

-> PHENIX proposes future high statistics running of p+p and Au+Au at 62 GeV to explore that further

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3. Quarkonia



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Phenix quarkonia in d+Au



Psi' more suppressed than the Psi in d+Au

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4. Jet quenching



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STAR dijet cross section





STAR, Dijet imbalance Au+Au 0-20% R=0.4



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Dijet imbalance with R=0.2, matched



Comparison to LHC: Jet quenching via dijet imbalance



Observation of highly unbalanced dijet events in central PbPb collisions -> evidence for energy loss in medium or "jet quenching"

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Where did the lost energy go?

CMS result from 2011: Look at track-jet correlations

-> RHIC and LHC differ: in LHC lost energy is moved from large to small PT and from small to large angles namely outside the leading and subleading jets cones.



Recoil jets SameEvent-MixedEvent (SE-ME) pT(trig)> 9 GeV

Au+Au background subtracted distributions (SE-ME):

- · Ultimately: Correct to particle level via unfolding of bkgd fluctuations and detector effects
- Currently: Compare to PYTHIA p+p distribution "smeared" by these effects

Dominant sys uncertainty: Tracking eff. → Jet energy scale (JES) uncertainty ~7%





5. Collectivity and d+Au



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* Spatial anisotropy of interaction region -> momentum anisotropy

* Measured as coefficients v_n of the Fourier series (v1 - directed flow, v2 - elliptic flow, ...)

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Phi_n)]$$
$$v_n = < \cos[n(\phi - \Phi_n)] >$$

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Collectivity in small systems





ALICE: Physics Letters B 726 (2013) ATLAS: Phys. Rev. Lett. 110(2013) CMS: Phys. Lett. B 7198(2013

J. Hill, PHENIX, ICNFP2014

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Flow and long range correlations ("ridge") observed in p +Pb at 5.05 TeV at the LHC What about d+Au at RHIC?

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6. Beam energy scan



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Chemical freeze out temperature vs baryochemical potential





Model used for particle ratio fits: THERMUS by J Cleymans et al





Beam energy dependence PHENIX/STAR: HBT



High moments net-protons STAR



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Sensitive to critical point $(\xi \text{ correlation length})$:

$$\left\langle \left(\delta N\right)^2 \right\rangle \approx \xi^2, \left\langle \left(\delta N\right)^3 \right\rangle \approx \xi^{4.5}, \left\langle \left(\delta N\right)^4 \right\rangle \approx \xi^7$$
$$S\sigma \approx \frac{\chi_B^3}{\chi_B^2}, \kappa\sigma^2 \approx \frac{\chi_B^4}{\chi_B^2}$$

Non-monotonic behavior would be indicative of existence of CP Net-proton results:

 Deviations below Poisson for κσ² at all energies. Relatively larger deviation at √s_{NN}~20GeV STAR: PRL112, 32302(2014)

Net-charge results:

- No non-monotonic behavior
- More affected by resonance decays STAR: arXiv: 1402.1558

Higher statistics needed for collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ < 20 GeV

IV Conclusions and outlook



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IV Conclusions and perspectives

- Many exciting STAR and PHENIX new results are coming up and constrain the models, allowing together with the LHC data, the study of the energy dependence of QGP signatures and of the underlying physics.

- In run 15 RHIC plans to take p+p, p+Au and p+Al data.

Exciting prospects for in depth further studies of heavy ion physics at RHIC !



STAR outlook

Heavy Flavor Tracker



Expectations for 2014 run with HFT

Muon Telescope Detector



J/Psi event in p+p 500 GeV

* Both HFT and MTD have been fully installed and took data in 2014 (MTD was already 63% installed in 2013 and took data in 2013).

* Outlook: Heavy flavor program with new upgrades: new results from analysis of run 14 data with full HFT and MTD for Au+Au 200 GeV collisions. Also Au+Au 15 GeV and ^3He+Au.



Phase II of Beam Energy Scan at RHIC (2018-)



The power of RHIC:

Scan the region below $\sqrt{s=20}$ GeV

Supplemented by fixed target program in STAR to reach lower \sqrt{s} down to $\sqrt{s} \sim 3$ GeV

STAR BES II with up to 10 times more luminosity and detector upgrades (+iTPC) will be able to study with precision a large region of the QCD phase diagram

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PHENIX outlook

-Wait for new results from VTX detector on c/b -New results on Au+Au 200 GeV (and 15 GeV and ^3He+Au) from run 14

- sPHENIX moving forward (hadronic and electromagnetci calorimetry)

- Acquired 1.5 Tesla magnet of BaBar



Excitement about Electron-Ion Collider

PHENIX, QM2014

BaBar magnet and sPHENIX calorimetry are excellent foundation for an EIC Detector ! arXiv:1402.1209

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Thank you very much for your attention



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