Scanning the phases of QCD with CMS



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Low and high X physics

It is possible that low momentum gluons in large nuclei form a classical colored field. However the sources of this field are the high momentum valence quarks. Therefore it is essential to study the correlations between low and high X.















Hit counting in the first pixel layer
Needs few events O(1000)
Few seconds of data taking

Bulk Properties

Charged Particle Multiplicities

- Predictions vary by a factor of 4!
- dN/dy ~ 1200 7000
- (RHIC extrapolation vs. HIJING)



Forward detectors for pp, pA & AA

Hermetic calorimetry up to |η|<7 plus zero degree neutral energy. T1 and T2 are multiplicity detectors Physics: Centrality, Low-x, Limiting fragmentation, strangelets, DCC





How much energy is available for particle production?

CASTOR covers 5.3< η<6.9







Large η range helps us avoid auto-correlations with other measurements.



$\sigma = 0.1$ radians









Jets in Heavy Ion Collisions

- Hard partons and their energy loss probe the medium.
- High p_T particles & particle correlations
- Jet rates: single jets, multi-jets
- Jet fragmentation and shape
- Jets originating from heavy quarks (b, c)

Comparison to pp and pA is essential

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Subtract average pileup
 Find jets with sliding window
 Build a cone around maximum E_T
 Recalculate pileup outside cone
 Recalculate jet energy







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Data Acquisition and Trigger



Level 1 hardware trigger

- Muon track segments
- Calorimetric towers
- No tracker data
- Output rate (Pb+Pb): 1-2 kHz comparable to collision rate

High level trigger

- -Full event information available
- -Every event accepted by L1 sent to an online farm of 2000 PCs
- -Output rate (Pb+Pb): $\sim 40 Hz$
- -Trigger algorithm same or similar to offline reconstruction





Conclusions

LHC will extend \sqrt{S} , low x and p_T reach of HI physics. CMS strengths:

- Excellent rapidity & azimuthal coverage including ZDC, CASTOR & TOTEM in forward region
- High resolution tracking, calorimetry, muon identification
- Quarkonia, photons and Z_0
- Jets
- Essentially no modification to the core detector hardware
- New High Level Trigger algorithms specific for A+A
- Heavy-Ion program is well integrated into the overall CMS Physics Program