

1 Semi-inclusive hadron+jet and inclusive jet yield
2 measurements in O+O collisions
3 at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}= 200$ GeV at RHIC-STAR

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5 Studying the quark-gluon plasma (QGP), a novel state of matter made of deconfined
6 quarks and gluons, is essential for understanding the early universe. Jet quenching, modi-
7 fications to the energy and substructure of high-energy parton showers in the QGP, serves
8 as a key experimental tool to probe QGP's properties in relativistic heavy-ion collisions.
9 Although the jet quenching phenomenon has been well established in large collision sys-
10 tems, such as Au+Au and Pb+Pb collisions, it is absent in smaller p+A collisions, either
11 because the medium is not formed, or its temperature or lifetime is too low to cause jets
12 to lose much energy. This highlights the need for studying its system size dependence, and
13 the O+O collisions delivered by RHIC at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV bridge the gap between these
14 small and large systems. In this talk, we present the first measurement of jet yield in 200
15 GeV O+O collisions, utilizing both inclusive jet and semi-inclusive hadron+jet, where the
16 latter only selects events with a trigger hadron. By applying the event mixing technique,
17 picking a random track from each event for the mixed event, we can remove combinatorial
18 background and isolate the jet signal. These results will be compared to similar measure-
19 ments in collision systems of various sizes, providing valuable insight into how the system
20 size affects the QGP properties.