

Measuring the groomed shared momentum fraction (z_g) in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$ GeV at STAR using a semi-inclusive approach

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1 Jet quenching is one of the main signals used to investigate the properties of
2 a quark-gluon plasma (QGP). Besides energy loss, jet quenching can also man-
3 ifest in the modification of jet substructure. This work focuses on measuring
4 the substructure observable z_g , a result of SoftDrop grooming, which probes
5 the physics of the first hard splitting of a hard-scattered parton. This anal-
6 ysis employs a semi-inclusive approach, selecting candidate jets found within
7 the recoil region of a high transverse momentum trigger particle. Requiring a
8 high transverse momentum trigger object induces a surface bias on the event
9 selection, potentially causing selected candidate jets in the recoil region to be
10 biased towards having a longer path length within the medium. Consequently,
11 these jets are expected to be more quenched and thus are good candidates to
12 probe for modification of z_g at RHIC energies. In this analysis contribution from
13 combinatorial jets, arising from the large fluctuating background in heavy-ion
14 collisions, is subtracted from the signal at the ensemble level, using a mixed
15 events technique. In this talk we will present the techniques used and the cur-
16 rent preliminary results of z_g in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$ GeV.