Transverse Sphericity dependence of di-hadron angular correlations in pp collisions with ALICE

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Motivation

Starting from the near side Ridge (in p-p) as "the first surprising result from the LHC"

- It is only visible at high multiplicities
- High background from near side jet peak at low $\Delta \eta$ (ALICE is at a disadvantage)

Could we introduce a way to remove some of the background from jets? (sphericity)

 Possibly enhance the signal in general, and even at lower multiplicities (increasing statistics)





Di-hadron correlations

Correlation function $C(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)$





Trigger particle

$$C(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi) = \frac{S(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)}{B(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)}$$

$$S(\Delta\eta,\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{d^2 N^{same}}{d\Delta\eta \ d\Delta\phi}$$

Same event!

- Sum over all pairs in p_T range
- 2 particle correlation information
- Background from detector + single particle information

$$B(\Delta \eta, \Delta \varphi) = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{d^2 N^{mix}}{d\Delta \eta \, d\Delta \varphi}$$

Different events!

- 1 particle information
- Detector information
- No 2 particle correlation information

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Often main peak is truncated to more clearly show other features





Correlation function structures

Structures in the correlation function are caused by:

- Conservation laws
- Jets
- Bose-Einstein correlations
- Resonances
- Photon conversion
- Gluon strings
- Coulomb interactions
- Flow (elliptic..)
- Ridge



Idea: Selecting/isolating/enhancing certain structures could enable us to study that cause more thoroughly

Event Shape as a variable

On average, events dominated by certain processes responsible for structures in the correlation function should have noticeably different shapes.

Differentiating and isolating events by shape could lead to a purer data sample

Jets

• Inititally a hard process, particle production dominated by jet hadronization, large jet collimation contribution to particle correlations

Spherical events

• Multiple soft processes, non-perturbative QCD production, no collimation contributions to particle correlations and no pair k_T dependence



Transverse sphericity (ST)



• Scalar with values $S_T \in [0,1]$

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Plan: Study the correlation function structures using transverse sphericity.

How correlated are ST and multiplicity? Does it make sense to use ST as a variable when we have mult? Do different definitions of "multiplicity" correlate differently?

Calculate correlation coefficient:

$$r = \frac{n(\sum xy) - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{\left[n\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2\right]\left[n\sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2\right]}}$$

 $0 \leq |r| \leq 1$ depending on how **linearly** correlated the 2 values are

Roughly:

- $0 \le |r| \le 0.3$ no or weak correlation
- $0.3 \le |r| \le 0.7$ moderate correlation
- $0.7 \le |r| \le 1$ strong correlation

Using total number of tracks in event and number of tracks All tracks from $|\eta| < 0.9$, $0.15 < p_t < 10 \frac{GeV}{c}$, charged and filterbits 5+6



Only tracks used in analysis(stricter cuts)



Using VOA and VOC detectors as multiplicity estimators? very similar so not needed!





- All correlations are similar
- Higher mult → (on average) higher St
- Opposite is not true
- Higher St ➡ high multiplicity
- Choosing high ST removes much less statistics than high multiplicity
- Possibly use a combination?



Stability of St with η



- Sphericity $(|\eta| < 0.9)$ Sphericity $(|\eta| < 0.5)$ correlation
- Very high correlation coefficient
- Low dependence of Sphericity on $|\eta|$ cut
- r = 1.00000 (up to accuracy of float)

Measurements

- LHC2010d data set
- 10 Runs 126403-126432
- Proton-proton collisions at 7*TeV*
- $33 \cdot 10^6$ events analysed
- $1 \ GeV/c < p_t < 3 \ GeV/c$ (all particles)
- $|\eta| < 0.8$
- Charged tracks
- Filter bits 5+6



Efficiency plots

generated and reconstructed MC for LHC10f6a, filter bits 5+6



Correlation function in different ST bins

15% of events with the highest and lowest transverse sphericities



- Strange ridges at $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$?
- "you get what you ask for"
- Limited number of ways to get high sphericity with low multiplicity!



26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12 1.5 1 0.5 $\Delta \eta$ 0 3 -0.5 2 $\Delta \phi$ -1 0 -1.5 -1

 Highest sphericity bins must be accompanied by high multiplicity

Simulation



Simulation



Reduction of ridges at $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ with increasing multiplicity

Possibilities of detecting ridge? (d) N>110, 1.0GeV/c<p_<3.0GeV/c

• Cut the most extreme $|\Delta \eta|$ values and make a projection onto $\Delta \phi$

Mean

1.554

• $1.2 < \Delta \phi < 1.5$







Min bias correlation function

- All multiplicities and Sphericites!
- concave shape is observed at $\Delta \phi pprox 0$
- This is the expected shape which given by most simulations



Mid Sphericities

- Multiplicity > 10 and 0.63 < St < 0.795 give a ridge-like shape at $\Delta \phi pprox 0$
- Possibly a way of increasing statistics for observing/studying ridge?





Summary and future plans

- •Sphericity can be a powerful tool for cuts, different from multiplicity
- •Hints of the ridge at $\Delta \phi \approx 0$ for long $\Delta \eta$ range in mid St!

- •Plans:
 - Convert to per-trigger associated yield
 - Run on full set of 7TeV LHC2010d data and some 13 TeV data set (2015/2016)
 - Look at correlation function in all combinations of ST and mult bins
 - Look at projections on to $\Delta\eta$ and $\Delta\phi$ axes for all ST and mult bin combinations
 - Look at $\Delta \phi$ projections with main peak removed (use C_{ZYAM} subtraction)
 - Lowest $\Delta\eta$ cut out
 - Or fit function onto jet peak shape and removed that way
 - or ratio between events bins of different mult/ST
 - Compare everything with MC simulations

Backup



Preliminary measurements

- Proton-proton collisions at 13TeV
- $8 \cdot 10^6$ events analysed
- $1 \, GeV/c < p_t < 3 \, GeV/c$
- $|\eta| < 0.75$



St distribution further leans towards spherical





Sphericity cuts,13TeV proof of concept (coff func error?)











Long and short range correlations



Correlation of particles within a single jet

Short-range correlations Resonances, string or cluster fragmentation