

on the initial jet energy Q . It gives an estimate for the time scale $\tau_0 \propto L_0$ of the global conversion process, and comes out rather long, namely for $L_c = 0.6 \text{ fm}$ we get $\tau_0 \approx 8.5$ (21) fm for $Q = 10$ (100) GeV, whilst for $L_c = 0.8 \text{ fm}$ the time scale is $\tau_0 \approx 10$ (26) fm for $Q = 10$ (100) GeV.

Immediate consequences of the values for B and χ_0 in (79) are the “critical temperature” for the phase transition in finite-temperature QCD,

$$T_c \equiv \left(\frac{9B}{4\pi^2} \right)^{1/4} = \begin{cases} 160 \text{ MeV} & \text{for } L_c = 0.6 \text{ fm} \text{ } (B^{1/4} = 230 \text{ MeV}) \\ 125 \text{ MeV} & \text{for } L_c = 0.8 \text{ fm} \text{ } (B^{1/4} = 180 \text{ MeV}) \end{cases}, \quad (85)$$

the characteristic mass scale of the lightest scalar glueball, given by [14]

$$m_\chi \equiv \sqrt{\left. \frac{\partial^2 V(\chi, 0)}{\partial \chi^2} \right|_{\chi=\chi_0}} = 4 \frac{\sqrt{B}}{\chi_0} = \begin{cases} 1.05 \text{ GeV} & \text{for } L_c = 0.6 \text{ fm} \\ 1.30 \text{ GeV} & \text{for } L_c = 0.8 \text{ fm} \end{cases}, \quad (86)$$

and, the estimate for the value of the gluon condensate (23),

$$G_0 = \frac{32}{9} B = \begin{cases} 1.25 \text{ GeV fm}^{-3} & \text{for } L_c = 0.6 \text{ fm} \\ 0.50 \text{ GeV fm}^{-3} & \text{for } L_c = 0.8 \text{ fm} \end{cases}. \quad (87)$$

The parameter values obtained above are summarized in Table 1. Both choices (79) of $B^{1/4}$ and χ_0 give reasonable results that are in the range of commonly-accepted phenomenology.

5.2 Cluster distributions and hadron spectra

Using the parametrizations of Table 1, we have investigated more quantitatively a number of typical features of the jet evolution, which we discuss now.

In Fig. 9 we show the total transverse momentum generated during the time evolution of the system in the center-of-mass of the initial jet pair:

$$p_\perp^{(\alpha)}(t) \equiv \int d^3r \int dx dp^2 dp_\perp^2 p_\perp F_\alpha(t, \vec{r}; x, p_\perp^2, p^2), \quad (88)$$

where α labels ‘partons’ or ‘clusters’, and $p_\perp \equiv \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$. As before, we compare the cases $Q = 10$ (100) GeV and $L_c = 0.6$ (0.8) fm . At $t = 0$ we start with $p_\perp^{(\alpha)}(0) = 0$, because the two initial partons recede back-to-back along the z axis. Then, with progressing time, the jet evolution can roughly be divided into four stages: (i) a very short *hard stage* ($\lesssim 0.02$