Jet evolution in a dense QCD medium

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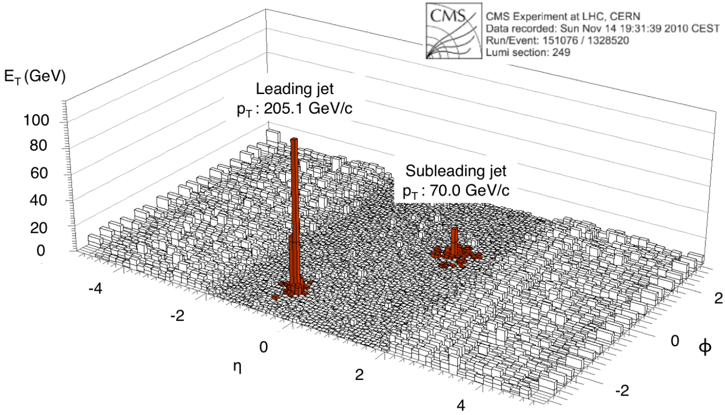
- *the medium: a quark gluon plasma created in a heavy ion collision*
- *the jet: a collimated spray of particles generated via successive branchings of a parton with high energy produced in the collision*

Structure of presentation:

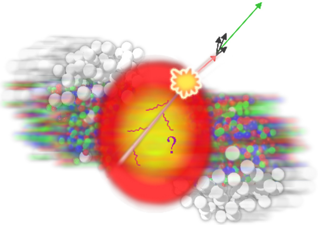
- Context
- Physical picture
- Markov process
- Monte Carlo simulation

Heavy ion collisions, quark gluon plasma and jets, what we observe:

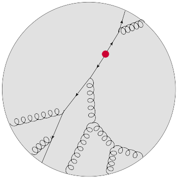


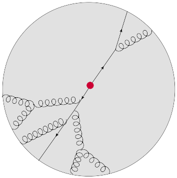
Di-jet asymmetry. Missing energy found among soft hadrons propagating at large angles ⇒ different from in vacuum jet evolution.

Heavy ion collisions, quark gluon plasma and jets, the stereotypical picture:



Implicit assumption: small energy fluctuations.





We need a model that answers:

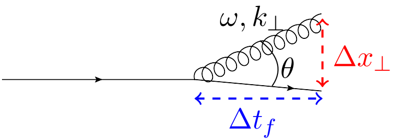
- How can the lost energy end up at such large angles?
- How large are the energy fluctuations?

Physical picture

In a medium, scattering triggers emissions:

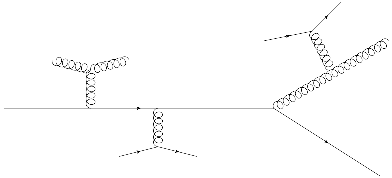
- Destroys quantum coherence
- Gives broadening of transverse momentum

Formation time: $\lambda_\perp < \Delta x_\perp \Rightarrow \frac{1}{k_\perp} < \frac{k_\perp}{\omega}\Delta t_f$.



Note: we have mostly gluon emissions so we consider only these.

$\Delta t_f \gg$ mean free path $\gg$ Debye length $\Rightarrow$ multiple scatterings lead to one emission and scattering centers are independent $\Rightarrow$ random walk $\Rightarrow \langle k_\perp^2 \rangle \sim \hat{q}\Delta t$.



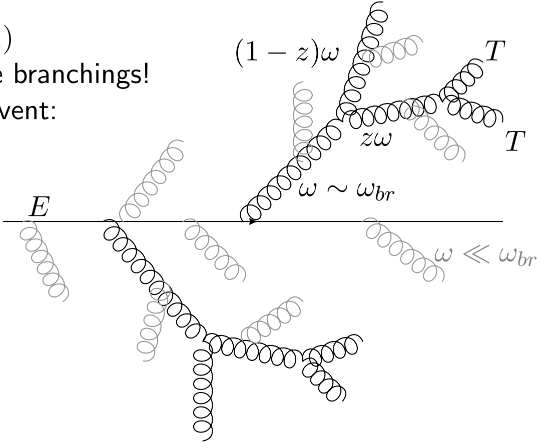
All together: $\Delta t_f \sim \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$ and $\theta_f = \left(\frac{\hat{q}}{\omega^3}\right)^{1/4}$

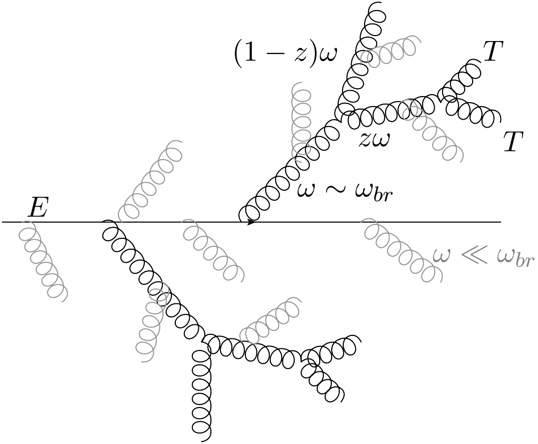
$\Rightarrow$ we favour soft gluons at large angles!

If now ω = energy of parent: $\Delta P(z, \omega, \Delta t) \sim \alpha_s \Delta t / [\Delta t_f(z\omega)]$

- For $z\omega \sim \omega_{br}$, $\Delta P(z, \omega) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ at $\Delta t = L$
- Next, $P(z, \omega_{br}) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ for $\Delta t < L$, even for $z \sim 1/2$

$\Delta P \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$
$\Rightarrow$ multiple branchings!
A typical event:





- A number of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ of primary gluons with $\omega \sim \omega_{br}$ emitted from leading particle.
- They then branch democratically, transporting away all energy.
- Hence both energy loss and its fluctuations on the scale ω_{br}.
- Time between branchings $>$ formation time $\Rightarrow$ branchings are independent $\Rightarrow$ Markov process

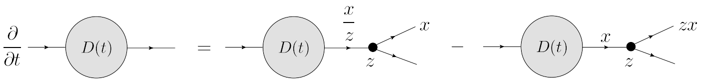
Markov process

Branching rate from BDMPS-Z spectrum:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 P(z,\tau)}{\mathrm{d}z\mathrm{d}\tau} = \frac{K(z)}{2\sqrt{x}} \equiv K(x,z).$$

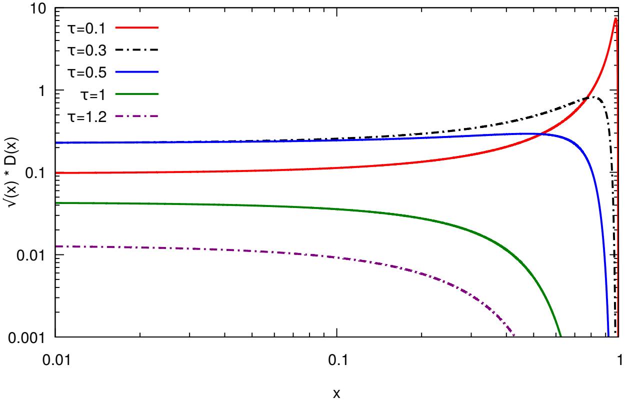
- $\tau =$ time scaled by the time needed for the leading particle to branch democratically.
- Splitting kernel: $K(z) = \frac{[1-z(1-z)]^{5/2}}{[z(1-z)]^{3/2}}$.
  Simplified: $K(z) = \frac{1}{[z(1-z)]^{3/2}}$.

Get equation for the one point function $D(x,\tau) \equiv xn(x,\tau)$



and similarly (but longer) for the two-point function $D^{(2)}(x,x'\tau) \equiv xx'n^{(2)}(x,x',\tau)$.

Simple kernel:



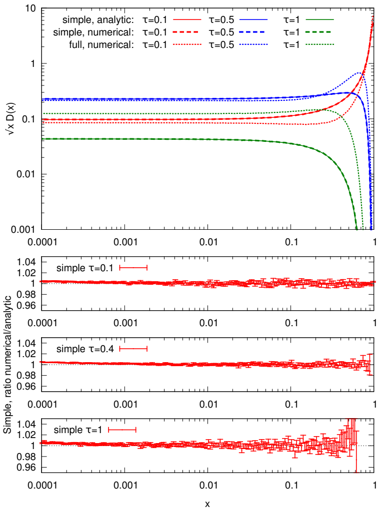
- Energy fraction left in gluon cascade: $\int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x\, D(x,\tau) = e^{-\pi\tau^2} \Rightarrow$ decreasing in time.
- Formally: condensate at $x = 0$. Physically: thermalization.
- At small τ, loss $\simeq \pi\omega_{br}$.
- $D^{(2)}(x, x'\tau)$ used to find fluctuations. To order τ^4:

$$\sigma_\epsilon(\tau) \simeq \langle \epsilon(\tau) \rangle / \sqrt{3}$$

Monte Carlo simulation

Result: full kernel $\Rightarrow$ less efficient branching

$\sqrt{x}D(x)$



Simple splitting kernel, numerical versus analytic:

- Good agreement overall
- Bias at small x (pileup)

Corrections from the full splitting kernel:

- Leading peak still present at $\tau = 0.5$
- Less energy lost at $\tau = 1$

Recall:

Simple $K(z) = \frac{1}{[z(1-z)]^{3/2}}$

Full $K(z) = \frac{[1-z(1-z)]^{5/2}}{[z(1-z)]^{3/2}}$

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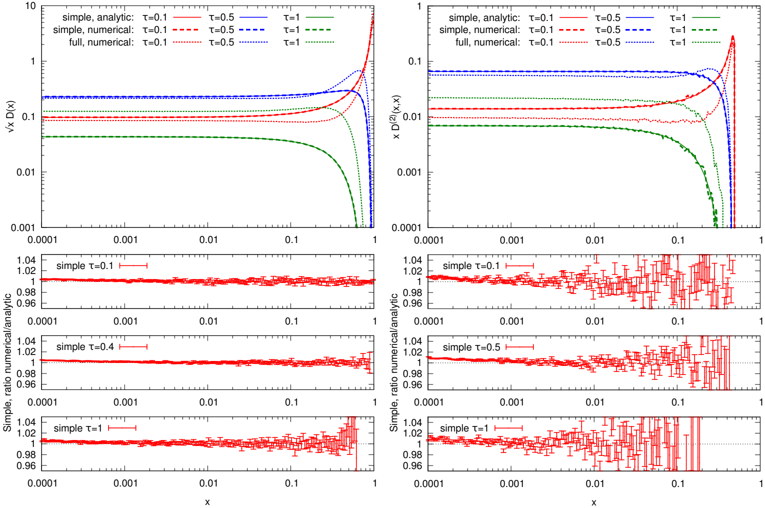
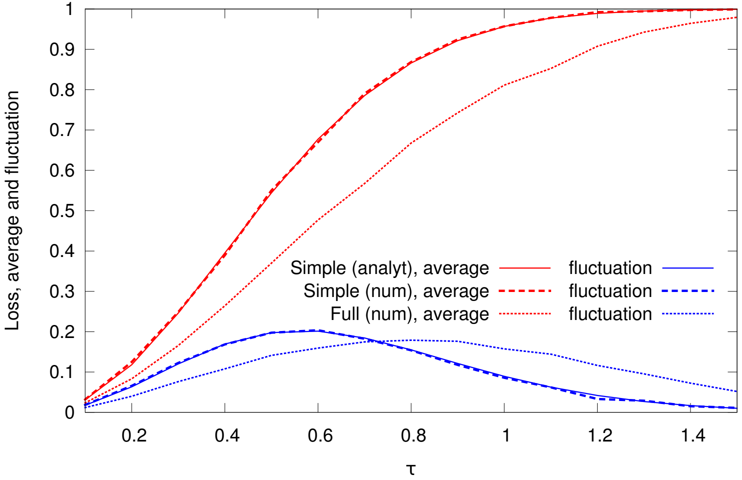
$\sqrt{x}D(x)$ $\qquad$ $xD^2(x,x)$



Energy loss: $1 - \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x\, D(x,\tau)$.



Full kernel $\Rightarrow$ shifted in τ but same qualitative picture.

Summary:

- Democratic branchings $\Rightarrow$ energy found at large angles
- Prediction: large fluctuations in energy loss
- Possible to make Monte Carlo simulation
- Full kernel $\Rightarrow$ less efficient branching
- Full and simple kernel have same behaviour *qualitatively*

THE END

Questions?