## Exploring and exploiting various regimes within the jet shower

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Why look at this observable?

## Simple picture of a hard scattering



- Large momentum transfer between constituent parton (quarks/gluons) of the two incoming nuclei
- What happens next to the scattered parsons?
- Lets start with the basics

QCD

## evolution

 equations Gribov, Lipitov Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 15 (1972) 438-450 Altarelli, Parisi, Nucl. Phvs. B126 (1977) 298-318Splitting probabilities
$d P \approx \frac{d \theta}{\theta} \frac{d \omega}{\omega}$



#  <br> $\tau_{f}^{v a c} \cong \frac{\omega}{k_{T}^{2}}=\frac{1}{\theta^{2} \omega}$ 

$0(0.00) \xrightarrow{(131.08,102.77,1942.15,21)}$
13.1 GeV

## Gluon

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$$

Gluon


Sjöstrand, Skands,
Eur. Phys. J. C39 (2005) 129-154

First emission in the parton shower



## Simple picture of jets in pp



Hadronization


How can one connect the two regimes? parton shower to particles

## What do we want to measure?

- We want to translate an intrinsic (and unmeasurable) parton shower to experimentally accessible observables)

This gluon resulted in 6 parton before the hadronization stage in the MC model

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## How do we measure this?

## How to experimentally measure the formation time $\tau_{f}$

Take any two objects - in this case the first two surviving prongs after SoftDrop grooming

Dasgupta et al. Larkowski, et al. JHEP 09 (2013) 029 JHEP 05 (2014) 146

$$
\begin{gathered}
z=\frac{\min \left(\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{T}, 1}, \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{T}, 2}\right)}{p_{T, 1}+p_{T, 2}} \\
E=E_{1}+E_{2}
\end{gathered}
$$



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\theta=\Delta R(1,2)
$$

Apolinario et al.
Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 6, 561
Chen et. al. 2109.15318

## Formation time vs jet mass



## Identifying two regimes

- SoftDrop first split $\tau_{f}$

Expectations:

- happen early in time with the expectation that first splits correspond to partonic splits
- Mostly perturbative in nature

- Leading and subleading ch-particle $\tau_{f}$


Expectations:

- Occur later in time since its calculated using charged particles which occur at the end
- Mostly nonperturbative
- SoftDrop first split $\tau_{f}$


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- NLL calculations (who nonperturbative corrections) matches data at large jet R and high $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{T}}$



## What do these distributions look like in PYTHIA?



- As expected we see a significant shift between the two distributions
- Charged particles generally have a formation time much larger than the first splits


## Connecting the two regimes

- SoftDrop first split $\tau_{f}$
- SoftDrop split (varying $z_{\text {cut }}$ ) resolving the two leading charged particles

- Leading and subleading ch-particle $\tau_{f}$




## Formation times across various regimes within the jet shower

- First measurements of formation time from the jet splitting trees and from charged particles in the jet
- Resolved SD splits show similar shape as the charged particle split at large $\tau_{f}$ values occurring in the predominantly non-perturbative region
- Comparison of the different splits highlights the transition from pQCD to $n p Q C D$


## Studying the plateau




Charged Particle $\tau_{f} \mathrm{fm} / \mathrm{c}$

- Selection on the resolved formation time essentially sculpts the jet mass and opening angles
- Reproduce correlation between later times and smaller masses (virtuality) and narrower opening angles - Important handle on particle production and hadronization


## Where do we go from here? - 1

## Time resolved QGP tomography



- Searching for hard medium induced gluon emissions, medium coherence length etc...
- Scan across emission phasespace leads to first ever spacetime tomography of the QGP


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## Where do we go from here? - 2

Extending the charge-correlations in formation time



- Significant split in the formation times for 3rd particle to be opposite sign - quantitative categorizing of charge conservation in jets vs time
- Emerging as a new avenue that complementary to jet substructure focused on understanding hadronization mechanisms

$\tau_{f}[f m / c]$




## Backup



- Recent studies also show its usefulness from the theoretical POV on isolating regions where calculations are valid
- Fuzzy area, but overall one can separate out 'mostly’ perturbative and 'mostly' non-perturbative regions based on $\tau$


## Comparison with MC



- Jet substructure program at STAR aims at mapping jet evolution at RHIC energies
- Data show a gradual variation in the available phase space
- leading to modifications (e.g. virtuality evolution) in the observed splitting kinematics
- Observe increased probability of significantly harder/symmetric splittings at the third/ narrow split compared to the first and second splits
- Subjets at RHIC allow to disentangle perturbative and non-perturbative dynamics of jet evolution - these third and narrow splits for our low $p_{\mathrm{T}}$ jets end up bein quite close to the $\Lambda_{\mathrm{QCD}}$ scale



