sQGP – A theorist's point of view

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What is sQGP?

- Conventional wisdom: strongly coupled QGP
- Best Evidence: $\eta/s \sim 1/4\pi$ (Calc. by Schenke, Jeon and Gale)





Running Coupling constant



 S. Bethke Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 58 (2007) 351-386. 4-loop β function.

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$$\alpha_{\mathcal{S}} pprox$$
 0.5 when $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{O}(1 \, ext{GeV})$

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$$\alpha_S \approx$$
 0.1 when $Q = O(200 \, {\rm GeV})$

• For thermal QCD, relevant coupling constant range is $0.2 \lesssim g/2\pi \lesssim 0.4$

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It's not easy to cover all relevant topics.

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Where do *g*'s appear? (perturbatively)

- CGC: Strong color field $A_{\mu} = O(1/g)$
- $\epsilon/\epsilon_{SB} = 1 \#(g/2\pi)^2 + \#(g/2\pi)^3 + \cdots$: Equation of state
- Thermal QCD Debye mass: $m_D = \#gT$
- Elastic scattering mean-free-path: $I_{\rm mfp} \propto 1/\alpha_{\cal S} T$
- Jet radiational loss rate: $\Gamma\propto \alpha_S^2$
- Viscosity $\sim O(1/[\alpha_S^2 \ln(1/\alpha_S)])$
- CGC (Glasma) and thermal QCD: Power counting in g or $\sqrt{\alpha_S/\pi} = g/(2\pi)$ not in α_S
- $\alpha_{\mathcal{S}} pprox \mathbf{0.1}
 ightarrow g/2\pi pprox \mathbf{0.16}$
- $\alpha_S \approx 0.3 \rightarrow g/2\pi \approx 0.32$
- $\alpha_S \approx 0.5 \rightarrow g/2\pi \approx 0.4$

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Some theoretical test possible for

- Equation of state (AdS/QCD vs. Lattice vs. pQCD)
- Viscosity (AdS/QCD vs. Lattice vs. pQCD)

Experimental tests available for

- Viscosity, EoS via flow coefficients
- Scattering rates via Jet Quenching

Pressure in thermal QCD





- J.O. Andersen, E. Braaten and M. Strickland, PRD 61, 074016
- Perturbative F and HTL F
- At $T/T_c = 5$, $F/F_{ideal} \approx 0.8$
- With $Q = 2\pi T$

- F. Karsch, J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 46 (2006) 122-131
- $\mathcal{P}_{LQCD}/\mathcal{P}_{SB}\approx 0.8$
- AdS/CFT: F = (3/4)F_{SB}

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LQCD α_S



Cnsistent with pQCD running coupling. [Blossier, Boucaud, Brinet, De Soto, Du, Morénas, Pène, Petrov, and Rodríguez-Quintero, arXiv:1210.1053]

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- Moving on to η/s ...

Interaction Strength and Viscosity

Weak coupling allows rapid momentum diffusion



Large η/s : $u_{\mu}(x)$ changes due to pressure gradient and diffusion

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Interaction Strength and Viscosity

Strong coupling *does not* allow momentum diffusion



Small η/s : $u_{\mu}(x)$ changes due to pressure gradient only

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Kinetic Theory estimate



• Rough estimate (fluid rest frame, or $u_z(x) = 0$)

The momentum density: T_{0z} = (ε + P)u₀u_z diffuses in the x direction with v_x = u_x/u₀. Net change:

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle \epsilon + \mathcal{P} \rangle \left| v_{x} \right| u_{0} (u_{z} (x - l_{\mathrm{mfp}}) - u_{z} (x + l_{\mathrm{mfp}})) \\ \approx -2 \left\langle \epsilon + \mathcal{P} \right\rangle \left| v_{x} \right| u_{0} l_{\mathrm{mfp}} \partial_{x} u_{z} (x) \\ \sim -\eta u_{0} \partial_{x} u_{z} \end{array}$$

Here I_{mfp} : Mean free path

• Recall thermo. id.: $\langle \epsilon + \mathcal{P} \rangle = \mathbf{s} T$

 $\eta \sim \langle \epsilon + \mathcal{P} \rangle \ \textit{I}_{mfp} \ \langle |\textit{v}_{\textit{x}}| \rangle \sim \text{s T } \textit{I}_{mfp} \ \langle |\textit{v}_{\textit{x}}|
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Perturbative estimate

High Temperature limit: $\langle |v_x| \rangle = O(1)$ • $\eta/s \approx T I_{mfp} \approx \frac{T}{n\sigma} \sim \frac{1}{T^2\sigma}$ • The only energy scale: T

$$\sigma \sim \frac{(\text{coupling constant})^{\#}}{T^2}$$

Hence

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \sim \frac{1}{(\text{coupling constant})^{\#}}$$

• Perturbative QCD partonic 2-2 cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\rm el}}{dt} = C \frac{2\pi\alpha_{\rm S}^2}{t^2} \left(1 + \frac{u^2}{s^2}\right)$$

Naively expect

$$\eta/\mathrm{s} \sim \frac{1}{\alpha_s^2}$$

• Coulomb enhancement (cut-off by m_D) leads to

$$\eta/\mathrm{s} \sim rac{1}{lpha_{s}^{2}\ln(1/lpha_{s})}$$

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QCD η calc

Relevant processes



Use kinetic theory

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \mathcal{C}_{2\leftrightarrow 2} + \mathcal{C}_{1\leftrightarrow 2}$$

Complication: 1 \leftrightarrow 2 process needs resummation (LPM effect, AMY)

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QCD Estimates of η/s

- Danielewicz and Gyulassy [PRD 31, 53 (1985)]:
 - η/s bound from the kinetic theory: Recall: $\eta \sim s T I_{mfp} \langle |v_x| \rangle$ Use $I_{mfp} \langle |v_x| \rangle \sim \Delta x \Delta p/m$ to get

$$rac{\eta}{s} \gtrsim rac{1}{12} pprox 0.08 pprox (1/4\pi)$$

• QCD estimate in the small α_S limit with $N_f = 2$ and $2 \rightarrow 2$ only (min. at $\alpha_S = 0.6$):

$$\eta pprox rac{T}{\sigma_\eta} pprox rac{0.57 T^3}{lpha_S^2 \ln(1/lpha_S)} \gtrsim rac{0.2 s}{lpha_S} pprox (2.5/4\pi) s$$

Baym, Monien, Pethick and Ravenhall [PRL 64, 1867 (1990)]

$$\eta pprox rac{1.16 T^3}{lpha_S^2 \ln(1/lpha_S)} \gtrsim 0.4 s pprox (5/4\pi) s$$

• M. Thoma [PLB 269, 144 (1991)]

$$\eta pprox rac{1.02 \, T^3}{lpha_{\mathcal{S}}^2 \ln(1/lpha_{\mathcal{S}})} \gtrsim 0.4 s pprox (5/4\pi) s$$

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Full leading order calculation of η/s

Arnold-Moore-Yaffe (JHEP 0305, 051 (2003)) [Plots: Guy]:



Shear viscosity in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

Son, Starinets, Policastro, Kovtun, Buchel, Liu, ...

- Strong coupling limit, 4 ingredients
 - Kubo formula

$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \to 0} \frac{1}{2\omega} \int dt \, d^3x \, e^{i\omega t} \, \langle [T_{xy}(x), T_{xy}(0)] \rangle$$

Gauge-Gravity duality

$$\sigma_{
m abs}(\omega) = rac{8\pi G}{\omega} \int dt \, d^3x \, e^{i\omega t} \, \left< [T_{xy}(x), T_{xy}(0)] \right>$$

- $\lim_{\omega \to 0} \sigma_{abs}(\omega) = A_{blackhole}$
- Entropy of the BH : $s = A_{\text{blackhole}}/4G$

Therefore, (including the first order correction)

$$\frac{\eta}{\rm s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(1 + \frac{7.12}{(g^2 N_c)^{3/2}} \right)$$

Correction is small if $g \gg 1$ (10% at g = 2.4).

N = 4 SYM



 Perturbative calculation and the strong coupling calculation behave very differently

S. Carno-Huot, S. Jeon and G. D. Moore, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 172303 (2007)

Experimental Evidence for $\eta/s \sim 1/4\pi$

- Theoretical situation:
 - Perturbative calculations: $\eta/s \ge 7.5/(4\pi)$
 - AdS/CFT in the infinite coupling limit: $\eta/s = 1/(4\pi)$
 - Roughly an order of magnitude difference \implies Testable!
- A relativistic heavy ion collision produces a complicated system
 Need a hydrodynamics simulation suite
- We use MUSIC (3+1D e-by-e viscous hydrodynamics)
- Viscosity measurement is through the flow coefficients

$$\frac{dN}{dyd^2p_T} = \frac{dN}{2\pi dyp_T dp_T} \left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos(n(\phi - \psi_n))\right)$$

• v_n is a translation of the eccentricities ϵ_n via pressure gradient

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Effect of viscosity



The relative velocity of the two layers does not change.



The velocities eventually become the same.

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Effect of viscosity



- η = 0 means u₁ < u₂ < u₃ is maintained for a long time
- η ≠ 0 means that u₁ ≃ u₂ ≃ u₃ is achieved more quickly
- Shear viscosity smears out flow differences (it's a diffusion)
- Shear Viscosity reduces non-sphericity



This causes elliptic flow. It is harder to destroy this than

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MUScl for Ion Collisions

MUSCL: Monotone Upstream-centered Schemes for Conservation Laws



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- Sangyong Jeon (McGill)
- Björn Schenke (Formerly McGill, now BNL)
- Clint Young (Formerly McGill, now UMN)
- Gabriel Denicol (McGill)
- Matt Luzum (McGill/LBL)
- Sangwook Ryu (McGill)
- Gojko Vujanovic (McGill)
- Jean-Francois Paquet (McGill)
- Michael Richard (McGill)
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MUSIC

3+1D Event-by-Event Viscous Hydrodynamics

- 3+1D parallel implementation of new *Kurganov-Tadmor Scheme* in (τ, η) with an additional baryon current (No need for a Riemann Solver. Semi-discrete method.)
- Ideal and Viscous Hydro
- Event-by-Event fluctuating initial condition
- Sophisticated Freeze-out surface construction
- Full resonance decay (3+1D version of Kolb and Heinz)
- Many different equation of states including the newest from Huovinen and Petreczky
- New Development: Glasma Initial Conditions & UrQMD after-burner

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Fluctuating Initial Condition

Each event is *not* symmetric: Fluctuating initial condition \implies All v_n are non-zero.





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Ideal vs. Viscous



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- Magnitude of higher harmonics, v₃, v₄, ···, (almost) independent of centrality – Local fluctuations dominate
- Higher harmonics are easier to destroy that *v*₂ which is a *global* distortion Viscosity effect.
- To get a good handle on flow: Both fluctuations and viscosity are essential

E-by-E MUSIC vs LHC Data

[Schenke, Jeon and Gale, Phys. Rev. C 85, 024901 (2012)] Best value $\eta/s = 0.16 = 2/(4\pi)$.



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New Development 1: Glasma Initial Condition

[Gale, Jeon, Schenke, Tribedy and Venugopalan, arXiv:1209.6330] Best value $\eta/s = 0.2 = 2.5/(4\pi)$. More on this in Björn's talk.



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New Development 2: UrQMD Afterburner

*v*₂ at RHIC (Midrapidity). In each centrality class: 100 UrQMD times 100 MUSIC events. [Ryu, Jeon, Gale, Schenke and Young, arXiv:1210.4558]





 Using previous MUSIC parameters that were tuned to reproduce PHENIX vn

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LHC Spectra

In each centrality class: 100 MUSIC times 10 UrQMD events. $\eta/s = 2/(4\pi)$. ALICE data from QM12.



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LHC Flows

In each centrality class: 100 MUSIC times 10 UrQMD events



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- Strong flows: Strongest evidence that η/s has to be small
- η/s much larger than 0.2 cannot be accommodated within current understanding of the system.
- Perturbative result of $\eta/s = 0.4 0.6$ is out.
- Using the LQCD EoS.
- LQCD estimate $(\eta + 3\zeta/4)/s \approx 0.20 0.26$ between 1.58 $T_c - 2.32T_c$. [H. Meyer, Eur.Phys.J.A47:86,2011]
- Does this mean very large coupling?

Jet Quenching

• Fact: Jets lose energy (ATLAS images).



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 Collisional energy loss rate [Wicks, Horowitz, Djordjevic and Gyulassy, NPA 784, 426 (2007), Qin, Gale, Moore, Jeon and Ruppert, Eur. Phys. J. C 61, 819 (2009)]:

$$\frac{dE}{dx} \approx C_1 \pi \alpha_S^2 T^2 \left[\log \left(\frac{E_p}{\alpha_S T} \right) + C_2 \right]$$

 $C_{1,2}$: Depends on the process. O(1).

• Radiational $\propto \alpha_{\rm S}^2$ (Arnold, Moore, Yaffe, JHEP 0206, 030 (2002))



What we want to get at

What α_S do we need for these?



Radiational (Inelastic) Energy Loss – Qualitative understanding

Coherent scattering can be important

Following BDMPS



• What we need to calculate R_{AA} : Differential gluon radiation rate $\omega \frac{dN_g}{d\omega dz}$

Medium dependence comes through a scattering length scale

$$\omega \frac{dN_g}{d\omega dz} \approx \frac{1}{I} \omega \left. \frac{dN_g}{d\omega} \right|_{\rm BH}$$

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Following BDMPS



• If all scatterings are incoherent $(I_{mfp} > I_{coh})$,

$$I = I_{\rm mfp} = 1/\rho\sigma$$



• If $I_{coh} \ge I_{mfp} \implies$ LPM effect:

All scatterings within *l*_{coh} effectively count as a single scattering.

• $I = I_{\rm coh}$

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Mean free path (textbook definition)

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where

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Estimation of Imfp



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• With thermal $\rho(k)$, this yields

$$\frac{1}{I_{\rm mfp}} \sim \int d^3 k \rho(k) \int_{m_D^2}^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\alpha_S^2}{q^4} \sim T^3 \alpha_S^2 / m_D^2 \sim \alpha_S T$$

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Estimation of $I_{\rm coh}$



• $E \gg \omega_g \gg \mu$

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Estimation of Icoh



- ω « E ⇒ The radiated gluon random walks away from the original parton. Original parton's trajectory is less affected.
- From the geometry $\frac{\omega_g}{k_T^g} \approx \frac{I_{\rm coh}}{I_T}$
- Separation condition: I_T is longer than the transverse size of the radiated gluon. $I_T \approx 1/k_T^g$
- Putting together,

$$J_{
m coh} pprox rac{\omega_g}{(k_T^g)^2}$$

Estimation of Icoh



• Putting together,

$$I_{\rm coh} \approx rac{\omega_g}{(k_T^g)^2}$$

• After suffering *N*_{coh} collisions (random walk),

$$\left\langle (k_T^g)^2 \right\rangle = N_{\rm coh} \mu^2 = \frac{I_{\rm coh}}{I_{\rm mfp}} \mu^2$$

• Becomes, with $\hat{q} = \mu^2 / I_{\rm mfp}$ and $E_{\rm LPM} = \mu^2 I_{\rm mfp}$,

$$I_{\rm coh} \approx I_{\rm mfp} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_g}{E_{\rm LPM}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_g}{C_{\rm coh}}}$$

Estimation of μ^2

Debye mass



- Second row: Physical forward scattering with particles in the medium
- The last term is easiest to calculate:

$$m_D^2 \propto g^2 \int rac{d^3k}{E_k} f(k) \propto g^2 T^2$$

● Effectively add m²_DA²₀ ⇒ NOT gauge invariant ⇒ Gauge invariant formulation: Hard Thermal Loops

Rough Idea – Multiple Emission (Poisson ansatz)

After each collision, there is a finite probability to emit



Number of effective collisions

- Let the emission probability be p
- Total number of *effective* collisions N_{trial} taking into account of I_{mfp} and I_{coh}.
- Average number of emissions $\langle n \rangle = N_{\text{trial}} p$
- Probability to emit *n* gluons

$$P(n) = \frac{N_{\text{trial}}!}{n!(N_{\text{trial}}-n)!} p^n (1-\rho)^{N_{\text{trial}}-n}$$

Rough Idea – Multiple Emission (Poisson ansatz)

• Poisson probability: Limit of binary process as $\lim_{N_{trial} \to \infty} N_{trial} p \to \langle n \rangle$

$$P(n) = e^{-\langle n
angle} rac{\langle n
angle^n}{n!}$$

• Average number of gluons emitted up to $t_i < t$

$$\langle n \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{E} d\omega \int_{t_{i}}^{t} dz \frac{dN}{dzd\omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{E} d\omega \frac{dN}{d\omega}(t)$$

• Probability to lose ϵ amount of energy by emitting *n* gluons:

$$\langle n \rangle^{n} \rightarrow D(\epsilon, t)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{E} d\omega_{1} \frac{dN}{d\omega_{1}} \int_{-\infty}^{E} d\omega_{2} \frac{dN}{d\omega_{2}} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{E} d\omega_{n} \frac{dN}{d\omega_{n}} \delta(\epsilon - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \omega_{k})$$

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Rough Idea – Multiple Emission (Poisson ansatz)

Parton spectrum at t

$$P(p,t) = \int d\epsilon D(\epsilon,t) P_0(p+\epsilon)$$

where

$$D(\epsilon, t) = e^{-\int d\omega \frac{dN}{d\omega}(\omega, t)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left[\prod_{i=1}^{n} \int d\omega_i \frac{dN}{d\omega_i}(\omega_i, t) \right] \delta\left(\epsilon - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i\right)$$

Can easily show that this Poisson ansatz solves:

$$\frac{dP(p,t)}{dt} = \int d\omega \, \frac{dN_{\text{Poiss.}}}{d\omega dt}(\omega) P(p+\omega,t) - P(p,t) \int d\omega \, \frac{dN_{\text{Poiss.}}}{d\omega dt}(\omega)$$

with the p (jet energy) independent rate

$$\frac{dN}{d\omega}(\omega,t) = \int_{t_0}^t dt' \, \frac{dN_{\text{Poiss.}}}{d\omega dt}(\omega,t')$$

Rough Idea - The behavior of R_{AA}

Use $P_0(p + \epsilon)/P_0(p) \approx 1/(1 + \epsilon/p)^n \approx e^{-n\epsilon/p}$ when $n \gg 1$. Include gain by absoprtion or $\omega < 0$:

$${\cal R}_{AA}(p)=rac{P(p)}{P_0(p)}pprox \exp\left(-\int_{-\infty}^p d\omega\,\int_0^t dt'\,(dN_{
m inel+el}/d\omega dt)(1-e^{-\omega n/p})
ight)$$

For the radiation rate, use simple estimates

$$\begin{split} \frac{dN}{d\omega dt} &\approx \frac{\alpha}{\pi \omega} \frac{N_c}{l_{\rm mfp}} \quad \text{for } 0 < \omega < l_{\rm mfp} \mu^2 \\ \frac{dN}{d\omega dt} &\approx \frac{\alpha}{\pi \omega} N_c \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{l_{\rm mfp}\omega}} \quad \text{for } l_{\rm mfp} \mu^2 < \omega < l_{\rm mfp} \mu^2 (L/l_{\rm mfp})^2 \\ \frac{dN}{d\omega dt} &\approx \frac{\alpha}{\pi \omega} \frac{N_c}{L} \quad \text{for } l_{\rm mfp} \mu^2 (L/l_{\rm mfp})^2 < \omega < E \\ \frac{dN}{d\omega dt} &\approx \frac{\alpha}{\pi |\omega|} \frac{N_c}{l_{\rm mfp}} e^{-|\omega|/T} \quad \text{for } \omega < 0 \end{split}$$

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Rough Idea - The behavior of R_{AA}

For elastic energy loss,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{AA}^{\mathrm{el}} &\approx & \exp\left(-\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \int_{0}^{t} dt' \, (d\Gamma_{\mathrm{el}}/d\omega dt)(1-e^{-\omega n/p})\right) \\ &\approx & \exp\left(-t\left(\frac{dE}{dt}\frac{K(\omega_{0})}{|\omega_{0}|}\right)\right) \\ &\approx & \exp\left(-t\left(\frac{dE}{dt}\right)\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)\left(1-\frac{nT}{p}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

valid for p > nT and we used

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(\omega_0) &= (1+n_B(|\omega_0|))(1-e^{-|\omega_0|n/p})+n_B(|\omega_0|)(1-e^{|\omega_0|n/p}) \\ &\approx |\omega_0|\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)\left(1-\frac{nT}{p}\right) \quad \text{for small } \omega_0 \end{aligned}$$

where ω_0 is the typical gluon energy

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Elastic scattering rate

Coulombic t-channel dominates



Rough Idea - Elastic energy loss(Following Bjorken)



Mean free path (textbook definition)

$$\frac{1}{I_{\rm mfp}} \equiv \int d^3 k \,\rho(k) \,\int dq^2 \,(1 - \cos\theta_{\rho k}) \frac{d\sigma^{\rm el}}{dq^2}$$

Energy loss per unit length

$$\frac{dE}{dz} = \int d^3k \,\rho(k) \,\int dq^2 \,(1 - \cos\theta_{\rho k}) \Delta E \frac{d\sigma^{\rm el}}{dq^2}$$

where

•
$$\rho(k)$$
: density, $(1 - \cos \theta_{pk}) \Delta E \approx q^2/2k$: flux factor

• Elastic cross-section (Coulombic) $\frac{d\sigma}{da^2} \approx \frac{C_R}{(a^2)^2} \frac{2\pi \alpha_s^2}{(a^2)^2}$

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• With thermal ρ , this yields

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dz}\right)_{\rm coll} \sim \int d^3 k \rho(k)/k \int dq^2 \alpha_S^2/q^2 \sim \alpha_S^2 T^2 \ln(ET/m_D^2)$$

Upper limit determined by

$$q^2=(p-k)^2=p^2+k^2-2pkpprox-2pk\sim ET$$

when $|\mathbf{p}| = E$ (emitter) and $|\mathbf{k}| = O(T)$ (thermal scatterer) Lower limit determined by the Debye mass $m_D = O(gT)$. More precisely,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{2E} \int_{k,k',p'} \delta^4(p+k-p'-k') (E-E') |M|^2 f(E_k) [1 \pm f(E'_k)] \\ = C_r \pi \alpha_s^2 T^2 \left[\ln(ET/m_g^2) + D_r \right]$$

where C_r and D_r are channel dependent O(1) constants.

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Rough Idea - The Dip in RAA



- Upper line: Without elastic
- Lower line: With elastic
- Flat *R* is produced in both cases up to *O*(10 *T*).
- *R* just not that sensitive to *p* in the RHIC-relevant range.

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CMS: Up to $p_T = 100 \text{ GeV}$



No longer flat. Logarithmic rise for $p_T \gtrsim 10 \,\text{GeV}$. Can we understand these features?

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Rough Idea - The Dip in RAA



- Red: Elastic on, thermal absorption on
- Blue: Elastic on, thermal absorption off
- Green: Elastic off, thermal absorption on
- Magenta: Elastic off, thermal absorption off
- Dip, rise, leveling-off roughly reproduced
- No dip if thermal absorption is turned off

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Rising RAA

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Rising RAA

With E = p (original parton energy) and the system size *L* and $(1 - e^{-n\omega/E}) \approx n\omega/E$:

• Then $\ln R_{AA} \approx -n\Delta E/E$

• If
$$E < E_{\text{LPM}} = \mu^2 I_{\text{mfp}}$$
,
In $R_{AA} \approx -L \int_0^E d\omega \frac{dN}{d\omega dt} \left(\frac{n\omega}{E}\right) \approx -\frac{nL}{E} \int_0^E d\omega \omega \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi \omega} \frac{N_c}{I_{\text{mfp}}}\right) \sim \text{Const.}$
Flat R_{AA}

• If $E_{\rm LPM} < E < E_L = L^2 \mu^2 / I_{\rm mfp}$,

$$\ln R_{AA} \approx -\frac{nL}{E} \int_{0}^{E_{LPM}} d\omega \omega \left(\frac{\alpha_{S}}{\pi \omega} \frac{N_{c}}{I_{mfp}}\right) - \frac{nL}{E} \int_{E_{LPM}}^{E} d\omega \omega \left(\frac{\alpha_{S}}{\pi \omega} N_{c} \sqrt{\frac{\mu^{2}}{I_{mfp}\omega}}\right)$$
$$= -\frac{nL\alpha_{S}N_{c}}{\pi I_{mfp}} \left(2\sqrt{\frac{E_{LPM}}{E}} - \frac{E_{LPM}}{E}\right)$$

Slowly rising R_{AA}

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Plateau at high p_T

- If $E > E_L = L^2 \mu^2 / \lambda$,

$$\ln R_{AA} \approx -\frac{nL}{E} \int_{0}^{E_{\rm LPM}} d\omega \omega \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm S}}{\pi \omega} \frac{N_{\rm c}}{I_{\rm mfp}}\right) \\ -\frac{nL}{E} \int_{E_{\rm LPM}}^{E_{\rm L}} d\omega \omega \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm S}}{\pi \omega} N_{\rm c} \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{I_{\rm mfp}\omega}}\right) \\ -\frac{nL}{E} \int_{E_{\rm L}}^{E} d\omega \omega \left(\frac{\alpha_{\rm S}}{\pi \omega} \frac{N_{\rm c}}{L}\right) \\ \approx -n \frac{\alpha_{\rm S} N_{\rm c}}{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{E_{\rm L}}{E} (1 - I_{\rm mfp}/L)\right)$$

This is approximately constant for large *E*.

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- Most models use $\alpha_S \approx 1/3$.
- The transport coefficient

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{q}} = rac{\mu^2}{l_{\mathrm{mfp}}} \sim lpha^2 T^3$$

• Can we pin-point \hat{q} ?

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A short detour – Understanding high p_T part of v_2 with energy loss
Understanding high p_T part of v_2



Understanding high p_T part of v_2

Start with an isotropic distribution of high energy particles

• After going through the almond:

$$p_x = E - \Delta E_x$$

 $p_y = E - \Delta E_y$

That is,

$$p_x^2 pprox E^2 - 2\Delta E_x E$$

• Elliptic flow definition:

$$v_{2} = \frac{\langle p_{x}^{2} - p_{y}^{2} \rangle}{\langle p_{x}^{2} + p_{y}^{2} \rangle}$$

$$\sim \frac{2\Delta E_{y} E - 2\Delta E_{x} E}{2E^{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\Delta E_{y} - \Delta E_{x}}{E}\right)$$

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Approx. relationship between R_{AA} and v_2 at high p_T

• BDMPS: If
$$dN/p_T dp_T \approx 1/p_T^n$$
, $\ln R_{AA} \approx -n \frac{\Delta E}{F}$

• If $E < E_{\text{LPM}} = \mu^2 I_{\text{mfp}}$, $\ln R_{AA} \approx -\frac{nL}{E} \frac{\alpha_S N_c}{\pi_{\text{mfp}}}$

$$v_2 \sim \left(rac{\Delta E_y - \Delta E_x}{E}
ight) \propto (L_y - L_x)$$

Flat v₂

• If $E_{\text{LPM}} < E < E_L = L^2 \mu^2 / I_{\text{mfp}}$, In $R_{AA} \sim -\frac{nL\alpha_S N_c}{\pi I_{\text{mfp}}} \left(2\sqrt{\frac{E_{\text{LPM}}}{E}} - \frac{E_{\text{LPM}}}{E} \right)$ $v_2 \sim \left(\frac{\Delta E_y - \Delta E_x}{E} \right) \propto (L_y - L_x) \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q}}{E}}$

Slowly falling v2

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$$E > E_L = L^2 \mu^2 / I_{mfp}$$
, $\ln R_{AA} \approx -n \frac{\alpha_S N_c}{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{E_L}{E} (1 - I_{mfp}/L) \right)$
 $v_2 \sim \left(\frac{\Delta E_y - \Delta E_x}{E} \right) \propto (L_y^2 - L_x^2) \frac{\hat{q}}{E}$

Faster falling v₂

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LHC Data



Data: ALICE, 1105.3865v2

- High $p_T v_2$: Flat, then falls like $1/\sqrt{p_T}$ and then $1/p_T$.
- Can understand high p_T data qualitatively although $1/p_T$ behavior may not be visible since this is for $E > E_L$.
- The slope $dv_2/dp_T \propto -\sqrt{\hat{q}}$
- Of course, this is very rough: Viscosity also curves it down and p_T ≥ 3 GeV may not be high enough.

Back to what we want to get at

• What α_S do we need for these?



- Event generator
 - Jet propagation through evolving QGP medium.
- Several on the market. We use MARTINI.



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- Modular Alogorithm for Relativistic Treatment of Heavy IoN Interactions
- Hybrid approach
 - Calculate Hydrodynamic evolution of the soft mode (MUSIC)
 - Propagate jets in the evolving medium according to McGill-AMY



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➡ We understand this process in hadron-hadron collisions.



Hadron-Hadron Jet production scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dt} &= \\ \int_{abcd} f_{a/A}(x_a, Q_f) f_{b/B}(x_b, Q_f) \\ &\times \frac{d\sigma_{ab \to cd}}{dt} D(z_c, Q) \end{aligned}$$

Heavy Ion Collisions



HIC Jet production scheme:

 $\frac{d\sigma_{AB}}{dt} = \int_{\text{geometry}} \int_{abcdc'} \times f_{a/A}(x_a, Q_f) f_{b/B}(x_b, Q_f) \\ \times \frac{d\sigma_{ab \to cd}}{dt} \\ \times \mathcal{P}(x_c \to x'_c | T, u^{\mu}) \\ \times D(z'_c, Q)$

 $\mathcal{P}(x_c \rightarrow x'_c | T, u^{\mu})$: Medium modification of high energy parton property

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 Sample collision geometry using Wood-Saxon

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- PYTHIA 8.1 generates high p_T partons
- Shadowing included
- Shower (Radiation) stops at $Q = \sqrt{p_T/\tau_0}$

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- Hydrodynamic phase (MUSIC)
- AMY evolution MC simulation of the rate equ's.

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Parton propagation

Process include in MARTINI (all of them can be switched on & off):



Photon: emission & conversion

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Parton propagation

Resummation for the inelastic processes included:



- All such graphs are leading order (BDMPS)
- Full leading order SD-Eq (AMY): (Figure from G. Qin)



Parton propagation



An example path in MARTINI. (Figure from B. Schenke)

• While this is happening in the background ...

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Projection on to the longitudinal plane

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Projection onto the transverse plane

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Pion production

[Schenke, Jeon and Gale, Phys. Rev. C 80, 054913 (2009)]



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Photon production

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• Spectra and R_{AA}^{γ}



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• $R_{AA}(p_T, \Delta \phi)$



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MARTINI – LHC dN/dA

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ATLAS, PRL 105 (2010) 252303



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Not the full story

[Clint Young's HP2012 Proceedings]



- R_{AA} For LHC, constant α_S suppresses jets too much.
- Need to incorporate finite length effect (Caron-Huot-Gale) and running α_s . This is with maximum $\alpha_s = 0.27$.
- Don't quite get azimuthal dependence yet. Δφ broadening may be due to the background fluctuations → Need to combine UrQMD background?

Conclusions, Summary and Open questions

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- Where do we stand?
 - Why do pQCD formulas work well when they do? Is $\alpha_S = 0.3$, or g = 2, or $g/2\pi = 0.3$ small enough for perturbation?
 - LQCD seems to measure small η/s → Is it possible that higher order corrections brings η/s ~ 0.2?

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- What else can we do?

- Jets pulling or (pushing) the medium?
- The cross-section defines minimum granularity \implies Big cross-section suppress higher v_n . What's the relationship?
- How can we experimentally get at the thermalization time (hydro τ₀)?