

Uncovering the jet wake



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Jet Modification and Hard-Soft Correlations (SoftJet 2024)



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We are discussing two different wakes.

But they are two aspects of the same process: to be successful a model must describe both accurately



Tools: **Substructure modification** Yield modification Correlations Model comparisons



Use jet grooming to isolate hard k_T splittings \rightarrow enhanced rate in Pb+Pb?





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Quasi-particle scattering: enhancement in high-k_T splitting rate



Model calculations:

- Hybrid w/Moliere does not describe data
- dominant effect is energy loss (survivor bias)

Interlude: survivor bias



Figure 1: Schematic diagram of the potential selection bias due to jet energy loss that may occur when selecting jets based on the their $p_{\rm T}$. Broader structures are expected to be more quenched (red line, thicker arrow), whereas narrower structures are expected to be quenched less (blue line, thinner arrow). Combined with the steeply falling jet $p_{\rm T}$ spectrum, this can lead to a preferential selection of narrow jets in a given jet $p_{\rm T}$ interval, as indicated by the vertical rectangular box. The dashed curve represents the jet $p_{\rm T}$ spectrum in the absence of medium-induced jet modifications.

Survivor bias solution: γ/Z +jet?

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Photon-tagged jets



- "Prompt" photons produced at LO in pQCD via
- Compton scattering: $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$
- Quark annihilation: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow g\gamma$
- Compton scattering dominates in pp collisions
- At NLO parton-to-photon fragmentation
 - ⇒can reduced with photon isolation
- Large but reducible background from photonic decays of hadrons, e.g., $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



Benefits for jet quenching studies

- Photon fixes recoiling parton kinematics (prior to jet quenching)
- Relatively pure sample of quark jets

Matthew Nguyen for CMS

Jet shower width & survival bias w/ gamma-jets

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 γ +jet: $x_{J\gamma}$ is not well-approximated by δ -fn \rightarrow spectrum shape variation wrt inclusive is certainly valuable for systematic studies

But γ/Z +jet is not a comprehensive solution to survivor bias for precision measurements

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Survivor bias arises from the imposition of a p_T^{jet} threshold on a falling spectrum (+ energy loss)

ALICE/STAR solution: don't do that.

Rather, use a statistical approach to measure the jet spectrum to (very) low p_T^{jet} , including large R. Then track the modification of observable X with p_T^{jet} .

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What is the "statistical approach"?

Low p_T^{jet} :

- huge background of uncorrelated particles
- large combinatorial (fake) jet rate: low $p_T^{jet} \rightarrow tiny S/B$

Cannot model: correction must be fully data-driven

Example: Mixed Events

- Real event population ("SE") segregated into (thousands of) mixing bins: multiplicity, zvtx, Event Plane,...
- Only mix constituents within the same SE bin
- At most one track from each SE in an ME
- Sum over bins

Destroys all multi-hadronic correlations, including jets Run jet analysis on ME events Correction at the level of distributions



Related approach: h+jet trigger-differential







Statistical correction: remarks

Two distinct corrections: Bkgd yield correction 7 $c_{\text{Ref}} = 0.811 \pm 0.013$ ALICE 0–10 % Pb–Pb, $\sqrt{s_{_{\rm NN}}}$ = 5.02 TeV GeV/ Bkgd yield Ch-particle jets, anti- k_{T} 10 $\Delta \varphi - \pi | < 0.6$ must be entirely data-driven = **0.5.** |*n* implementations: ME, trig-diff TT{5,7} reference p_T-smearing $Integral = 1.079 \pm 0.001$ TT{20.50} signal implementation: unfolding $Integral = 1.077 \pm 0.002$ 10⁻⁸ Some model dependence: Resp Matrix $\rightarrow \Delta_{\text{recoil}}$ (TT{20,50} – TT{5,7}) 10⁻⁹ extensive systematic studies 50 -50 0 100 $p_{_{\mathrm{T,ch\,jet}}}^{\mathrm{reco}}$ ALI-DER-573833 p_{T} smearing correction

Enables corrected jet measurements at large R~0.5 down to very low p_T^{jet} \rightarrow evade survivor bias effects

Uses jet reconstruction phenomenologically

Sof

 \rightarrow no requirement that full p_T^{jet} spectrum is interpretable perturbatively

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(GeV/c)

 \rightarrow track evolution from pert to non-pert regime, reveal e.g. wake effects

Statistical jet background approach: current analyses





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Yield modification



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Semi-inclusive hadron+jet correlations



Energy loss Energy recovery Change in geometric bias (Y.He, HP24)



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R-dependent jet yield ratios: robust jet shape observable



Probes transverse jet structure

• p+p: calculable in pQCD to high perturbative order

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R-dependent yield ratios: pp collisions

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h+jet: $p_T^{jet} < p_T^{trigger} \rightarrow LO$ production suppressed

 \rightarrow QCD-based jet shape engineering

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In-medium jet shape modification: yield(R=0.2)/yield(R=0.5)



Medium-induced jet broadening in multiple channels at RHIC and LHC SoftJet Wo • no survivor bias (zero)



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Semi-incl. jet quenching: angular dependence





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Large medium-induced azimuthal broadening for large-aperture "recoil jets" at low p_T^{jet} (!)

Semi-incl. jet quenching: angular and aperture (R) dependence $I_{AA} = \frac{\Delta_{recoil}(Pb - Pb)}{\Delta_{recoil}(DD)}$



Large medium-induced azimuthal broadening

- only for large-aperture "recoil jets"
- **only** at low p_T^{jet}
- unexpected

Azimuthal broadening in γ/π^0 +jet at RHIC



SoftJet Works STAR sees similar medium-induced azimuthal broadening for large-aperture recoil jets (paper in progress)

Azimuthal broadening: interpretation



Why broadening only for large aperture recoil jets?

not compatible with Rutherford scattering (should also affect small R jets)

Rather: characteristic of diffuse large-angle flow of QGP fluid excited by the passage of an energetic recoil





Conjecture at low p_T^{jet} : not perturbative "jets" but rather only correlated energy/momentum flow of soft particles

$$\rightarrow p_T^{\text{jet}} \sim \mathbb{R}^2$$

 \rightarrow first direct evidence of jet wake in QGP

Acoplanarity: next steps

How do we verify this picture?





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γ/π^0 recoil R=0.2/R=0.5









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Semi-incl. yields:

 Models qualitatively ~OK but miss quantitatively

Acoplanarity:

- most models fail
- only Jewel/recoils-on reproduces observations

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Incl. jet R_{AA} (Nadine's talk)



No current model (?) successfully describes all unbiased measurements of medium-induced modification at low p_T^{jet}

Predictions for other observables (EECs, diffusion wake,...) are compromised?

Summary

Moliere scattering:

- no clear evidence to date
- may be masked by wake effects; no clear path forward for direct observation

Heavy-ion jet measurements: statistical approach to background mitigation

- enables precise jet measurements over the full phase space
- scope expanding beyond coincidence channels: inclusive, sub-structure
 - under discussion: EECs

Multiple measurements of medium-induced jet broadening at low to intermediate p_T^{jet}

Striking medium-induced acoplanarity: phenomena consistent with jet wake

• substructure measurements in progress to verify

No current model incorporating medium response correctly describes all these data

- unclear what predictions of other observables mean
- need to re-assess modeling approaches

Extra slides

Inclusive jets: R_{AA} at very low p_T^{jet}



First application of ME to inclusive jet measurements



Corrected spectrum



Compare to STAR@RHIC



LHC: harder spectrum \rightarrow larger E-loss