Status of Jet Quenching Theory

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High-PT Particle Suppression



- Description of high-pt suppression:
 - E-loss from a single parton
 - Includes radiative and collisional losses
 - Fate of the radiated gluon is not followed
 - Mostly sensitive to longitudinal degradation
- The single gluon emission rate is under theoretical control (at least in certain limits)
 - Multi-gluon emissions described by iteration
 - Sensitive to non-perturbative FF.

Comparison Between Formalisms



- A variety of formalisms all based on the same processes (diagrams)
- TECHQM: differences among formalisms arise from:
 - Different approximations to the emission dynamics
 - Treatment of the regions beyond theoretical control
 - Assumptions made on the medium proved Perturbative in most cases
 Difficult to separate from the formalism

From Single Parton To Jets



Medium induced gluon radiation: effective mechanism suppressing leading hadrons

Jets collect many partons: Degradation of leading parton does not imply jet energy loss!

Parton shower leads to more sources How and when do they loose energy?

Processes which take energy out of cone: Broadening effects, multiple scattering, elastic loss, large angle radiation...

Multi-particle problem which calls for a MC implementation

Monte Carlo Generators



- Based on radiative-loss calculations. Many include elastic losses
- Very different implementation:
 - Different treatment of the vacuum showers
 - Different recipes for MC generation of medium induced rad.
 - Some include modifications of hadronization

The MC procedure is not grounded in well controlled calculations

• A direct comparison is not obvious

Time Structure of the Shower



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Long formation times



- Typical formation time is comparable to medium size
- Sizable uncertainties due to the distribution function
- All jet path length dependence analysis are dependent on this estimate

MC In-medium Showers

• Martini:

Rate equation based on AMY Short formation times and no interference with vac. radiation Incorporates broadening of fragments by multiple scattering

• QPYTHIA (MATTER++)

In-Medium modification of Sudakov Resummation of single inclusive spectrum is assumed All energy and momentum shared into shower partons

• JEWEL ,YAJEM

Momentum transfers increase the virtuality of the QCD shower JEWEL: Initial radiation prior to scattering introduced JEWEL:Well tested algorithm to include LPM interference

All these recipes are only partially supported by explicit calculations

Medium Back-Reaction



- Dynamics of the medium is not described in most models
- Expectation: medium particles correlated to the jet direction
 Observed both at strong and weak coupling
- These soft particles enter in the jet finding. Not a background
- Fragments of few GeV get affected by this effect
 Enhancement of soft particles picked up from the medium
- Can we find a jet definition with little sensitivity to those?

Medium-Resolution





• Analysis of the QCD antenna:

Non-trivial interference pattern between multiple sources

(JCS, Mehtar-Tani, Salgado Tywoniuk)

- A simple recipe to incorporate in Fragments with $r_{\perp} < \Lambda_{med}$ fragments radiate a single object (independent on when fragments are radiated)
- Narrow high energy jets behave mostly like one single emmiter

MC vs data





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What Can We Extract?



• Different implementations depend on different parameters $\alpha_s \quad \frac{dN_g}{dy} \quad \lambda_g \quad \mu_D \quad \hat{q} \quad \hat{e}_1 \quad \hat{e}_2 \quad \dots$

the models have intrinsically a (perturbative) picture of the medium

- Can we find a formalism which makes the least assumptions on the medium? Are the formalism valid if the medium is strongly coupled?
- Can we observed the constituents in some limit? (Rare) large angle deflected jet? Can they be deconvoluted from initial state rad?

Conclusions

- Monte Carlo models are essential for describing HI jet data
- Current Progress in current MC methods still faces difficulties
 - Interface with vacuum shower
 - Time structure
 - Interplay between vacuum and medium
 - Medium back-reaction (soft particles)
 - Inclusion of coherence effects.
 - The assumptions on the medium are intrinsic to the modeling of jet modifications