Event-by-event picture for medium-induced jet evolution

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- The average picture is by now rather well understood Blaizot, Dominguez, E.I., Mehtar-Tani, B. Wu (2012-15) Apolinário, Armesto, Milhano, Salgado (2014); Kurkela, Wiedemann (2014)
- The importance of fluctuations started being understood only recently *Milhano and Zapp (2015); Escobedo and E.I. (2016)*

"Mono-jets" in Pb+Pb collisions



- Central Pb+Pb: 'mono-jet' events
- The secondary jet can barely be distinguished from the background: $E_{T1} \ge 100$ GeV, $E_{T2} > 25$ GeV

Di–jet asymmetry : $A_{\rm J}$



 Event fraction as a function of the di-jet energy imbalance in p+p (a) and Pb+Pb (b-f) collisions for different bins of centrality

$$A_{\rm J} = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{E_1 + E_2} \qquad (E_i \equiv p_{T,i} = \text{ jet energies})$$

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• N.B. A pronounced asymmetry already in p+p collisions !

• 3-jets events, fluctuations in the branching process

• Central Pb+Pb : the asymmetric events occur more often

Di-jet asymmetry at the LHC



• The 'missing energy' is found in the underlying event:

- many soft ($p_\perp < 2~{\rm GeV})$ hadrons propagating at large angles
- Soft hadrons can be easily deviated towards large angles
 - elastic scatterings with the medium constituents

Di-jet asymmetry at the LHC



- The main question: how is that possible that a significant fraction of the jet energy be carried by its soft constituents ?
- Very different from the usual jet fragmentation pattern in the vacuum
 - bremsstrahlung favors collinear splittings \Rightarrow jets are collimated
 - $\bullet\,$ many soft gluons $\ldots\,$ but energy remains in the few partons at large x

The generally expected picture

• "One jet crosses the medium along a distance longer than the other"



- Implicit assumption: fluctuations in energy loss are small
 - "the energy loss is always the same for a fixed medium size"
- Fluctuations are known to be important for a branching process

The role of fluctuations

• Different path lengths







- Fluctuations in the energy loss are as large as the average value (*M. Escobedo and E.I., arXiv:1601.03629 & 1609.06104*)
- Similar conclusion independently reached by a Monte-Carlo study (*Milhano and Zapp, arXiv:1512.08107, "JEWEL*")
- What is the event-by-event picture of the in-medium jet evolution ?

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- Collisions can have several effects
 - ${\ensuremath{\bullet}}$ broaden the $p_T\ensuremath{-}\ensuremath{\mathsf{distribution}}$ of the jet constituents
 - trigger additional radiation ('medium-induced branching')
 - thermalize the (soft) products of this radiation

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- BDMPS–Z mechanism for medium-induced radiation in pQCD Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigné, Schiff; Zakharov (1996-97) Wiedemann (2000), "Bottom-up" (2001), Arnold, Moore, Yaffe (2002-03) ...
 - gluon emission is linked to transverse momentum broadening

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formation time

$$t_{\rm f} \simeq \frac{1}{\Delta E} \simeq \frac{\omega}{k_{\perp}^2}$$

• During formation, the gluon acquires a momentum $k_{\perp}^2 \sim \hat{q} t_{
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• Soft gluons ($\omega \ll \omega_c$) have short formation times: $t_{\rm f}(\omega) \ll L$

Multiple branchings

• Probability for emitting a gluon with energy $\geq \omega$ during a time L

$$\mathcal{P}(\omega, L) \simeq \alpha_s \, \frac{L}{t_{\rm f}(\omega)} \, \simeq \, \alpha_s \, L \, \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q}}{\omega}}$$

• When $\mathcal{P}(\omega, L) \sim 1$, multiple branching becomes important

$$\omega \lesssim \omega_{\rm br}(L) \equiv \alpha_s^2 \hat{q} L^2 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad L \gtrsim t_{\rm br}(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{\alpha_s} \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$$

• $\omega_{
m br}=lpha_s^2\omega_c$: characteristic energy for the onset of multiple branching



• $t_{\rm br} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{\rm o}} t_{\rm f}$: typical distance between 2 successive branchings



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- ... but this is not our final picture !

Democratic branchings

Blaizot, E. I., Mehtar-Tani, 2013; Kurkela, Wiedemann, 2014

- The primary gluons generate 'mini-jets' via democratic branchings
 - daughter gluons carry comparable energy fractions: $z \sim 1-z \sim 1/2$



• when $\omega \sim \omega_{
m br}$, $\mathcal{P}(z\omega,L) \sim 1$ independently of the value of z

• Very different from usual bremsstrahlung which "likes" $z \ll 1$

CERN, 5th Heavy Ion Jet, Aug. 2017 EbE medium-induced jet evolution

Energy loss by the jet

- A mini-jet with $\omega \lesssim \omega_{
 m br}$ decays over a time $t_{
 m br}(\omega) \lesssim L$
- $\bullet\,$ Via democratic branchings, the energy is successively transmitted to softer and softer gluons, down to $\omega\sim T$
- The soft gluons thermalize via elastic collisions (E.I. and Bin Wu, 2015)
- The energy appears in many soft quanta propagating at large angles



• What is the average energy loss and its fluctuations ?

Probabilistic picture

- Medium-induced jet evolution \approx a Markovien stochastic process
 - successive branchings are non-overlapping: $t_{
 m br} \sim rac{1}{lpha_s} t_{
 m f}$
 - interference phenomena could complicate the picture ... (in the vacuum, they lead to angular ordering)
 - ... but they are suppressed by rescattering in the medium Casalderrey-Solana, E.I. (2011); Blaizot, Dominguez, E.I., Mehtar-Tani (2012) Apolinário, Armesto, Milhano, Salgado (2014)
- Hierarchy of equations for *n*-point correlation functions ($x \equiv \omega/E$)

$$D(x,t) \equiv x \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}x}(t) \right\rangle \,, \qquad D^{(2)}(x,x',t) \equiv xx' \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\mathrm{pair}}}{\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}x'}(t) \right\rangle$$

- Analytic solutions (Blaizot, E. I., Mehtar-Tani, '13; Escobedo, E.I., '16)
- New phenomena: wave turbulence, KNO scaling, large fluctuations

Gluon spectrum: the average energy loss

J.-P. Blaizot, E. I., Y. Mehtar-Tani, 2013

• Kinetic equation for D(x,t) = x(dN/dx): 'gain' - 'loss'



• Exact solution with initial condition $D(x, t = 0) = \delta(x - 1)$

$$D(x,\tau) = \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{x}(1-x)^{3/2}} e^{-\pi \frac{\tau^2}{1-x}}, \qquad x \equiv \frac{\omega}{E}, \ \tau \equiv \frac{t}{t_{\rm br}(E)}$$

• $t_{\rm br}(E)$: the lifetime of the LP until its first democratic branching

- power-law spectrum $D \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ at $x \ll 1$ for any au
- Kolmogorov fixed point: wave turbulence



• Pronounced LP peak at small times $t \ll t_{\rm br}(E)$

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• Increasing t: the LP peaks decreases, broadens, and moves to the left





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- After a time t, the LP loses an energy $\Delta E \sim \omega_{\rm br}(t)$
 - energy loss is controlled by the primary emissions with $\omega\sim\omega_{
 m br}$





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• $\tau \sim 1$, i.e. $t \sim t_{\rm br}(E)$: the LP disappears via a democratic branching

Turbulent energy flow

• The energy contained in the spectrum: $\int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x \, D(x,\tau) = \mathrm{e}^{-\pi\tau^2}$



- Energy flux is independent of x : wave turbulence
- Where does the energy go ?

Turbulent energy flow

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- Formally, it accumulates into a condensate at x = 0
- Physically, it is transmitted to the medium, via thermalization

The average energy loss

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle = E \left(1 - e^{-\pi \tau^2} \right) = E \left[1 - e^{-\pi \frac{\omega_{
m br}}{E}} \right]$$

• LHC: $E \sim 100 \,\text{GeV} \gg \omega_{\text{br}} \sim 5 \div 10 \,\text{GeV}$

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \simeq \pi \omega_{\rm br} = \pi \alpha_s^2 \hat{q} L^2$$

• The energy lost by the LP is also lost by the jet as a whole



• The primary gluons with $\omega \sim \omega_{\rm br}$ disappear via democratic cascades

Fluctuations in the energy loss

M.A. Escobedo and E. I., arXiv:1601.03629, arXiv:1609.06104

- σ^2 \equiv $\langle \Delta E^2 \rangle \langle \Delta E \rangle^2$ is related to the gluon pair density $D^{(2)}(x,x',t)$
- Kinetic equation for $D^{(2)}(x, x', t)$:



• The 1-body density D(x + x', t) acts as a source for the 2-body density

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- Exact solution: correlations due to common ancestors

$$D^{(2)}(x,x',\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{xx'(1-x-x')}} \left[e^{-\frac{\pi\tau^2}{1-x-x'}} - e^{-\frac{4\pi\tau^2}{1-x-x'}} \right]$$

• The 2 measured gluons x and x' have a last common ancestor $x_1 + x_2$



Dispersion in the energy loss

• Small time/high energy $E \gg \omega_{\rm br}$ (LHC) :

$$\sigma^2 \, \equiv \, \langle \Delta E^2
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angle^2 \, \simeq \, rac{\pi^2}{3} \, \omega_{
m br}^2 \, = \, rac{1}{3} \langle \Delta E
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- Fluctuations in the energy loss are comparable with the average value
- Recall: the probability for a primary emission with $\omega \sim \omega_{\rm br}$ is of ${\cal O}(1)$



- the average number of such emissions is of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ (indeed, it is π)
- successive such emissions are quasi-independent $(E \gg \omega_{\rm br})$
- Fluctuations in the number of such emissions must be of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ as well

Di-jet asymmetry from fluctuations



• Event fraction as a function of the di-jet energy imbalance

$$A_{\rm J} = \frac{|E_1 - E_2|}{E_1 + E_2}$$

• Fluctuations cannot cancel since $A_{\rm J}$ is positive-definite, by construction

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• A relatively large value A_J can either correspond to a peripheral di-jet, or (more often) to a large fluctuation in the branching pattern

$$\langle (E_1 - E_2)^2 \rangle - \langle E_1 - E_2 \rangle^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 \propto \langle L_1^4 + L_2^4 \rangle$$

- Fluctuations dominate whenever $L_1 \sim L_2$ (the typical situation)
- Difficult to check: no direct experimental control of L_1 and L_2

Monte-Carlo studies (JEWEL)

(Milhano and Zapp, arXiv:1512.08107)



• Central production $(L_1 = L_2)$ vs. randomly distributed production points ("full geometry") : no significant difference !

Particle multiplicities

• The average multiplicities and their fluctuations are dominated by very soft gluons :

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\omega} = \frac{1}{\omega} D(\omega) \propto \frac{1}{\omega^{3/2}}$$

• Number of gluons with $\omega \geq \omega_0$, where $\omega_0 \ll E$:

$$\langle N(\omega_0) \rangle = \int_{\omega_0}^E \mathrm{d}\omega \, \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\omega} \simeq 1 + 2 \left[\frac{\omega_{\mathrm{br}}}{\omega_0} \right]^{1/2}$$
 (LP + radiation)

- $\langle N(\omega_0) \rangle \simeq 1$ when $\omega_0 \gg \omega_{
 m br}$: just the LP
- $\langle N(\omega_0) \rangle \gg 1$ when $\omega_0 \ll \omega_{\rm br}$: multiple branching
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Koba-Nielsen-Olesen scaling

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$$\frac{\langle N^2 \rangle}{\langle N \rangle^2} \simeq \frac{3}{2}, \qquad \frac{\langle N^p \rangle}{\langle N \rangle^p} \simeq \frac{(p+1)!}{2^p}$$

- KNO scaling : the reduced moments are pure numbers
- A special negative binomial distribution (parameter r = 2)
 - huge fluctuations (say, as compared to a Poissonian distribution)

$$rac{\sigma_N}{\langle N
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• fluctuations are stronger than for jets in the vacuum (r = 3)

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 vs. $\frac{\sigma_N}{\langle N \rangle} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

• Difficult to check against the data: huge backgrounds at soft energies

Conclusions

- Effective theory and physical picture for jet quenching from pQCD
 - democratic branchings leading to wave turbulence
 - $\bullet\,$ thermalization of the soft branching products with $p\sim T$
 - efficient transmission of energy to large angles
 - wide probability distribution, strong fluctuations, KNO scaling
- Di-jet asymmetry : geometry (path length difference) competes with fluctuations
- Qualitative and semi-quantitative agreement with the phenomenology of di-jet asymmetry at the LHC
- Important dynamical information still missing: vacuum-like radiation (parton virtualities), medium expansion ...