# Parton interactions in the medium: theory

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# Some QCD in the vacuum



# Why do we have jets?



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The result is:

$$P_g \approx \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \ln^2 \frac{\omega_1}{Q_0} + \mathcal{O}\left(\alpha_s \ln \frac{\omega_1}{Q_0}\right)$$
 This is a double-logarithm!  
 $\alpha_s \log^2 \frac{\omega_1}{Q_0} \sim 1$  It can be large: resummation



q  $\bar{q}$ 



 $\frac{q}{\bar{q}}$ 









#### What are jets?



Defined through a clustering algorithm



Jets are proxies of the quarks and gluons produced in the hard scattering



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#### Jets in heavy-ion collisions

• Hard probes/jets ( $Q \sim p_{\rm T}$ ) are **produced** in the **initial hard scattering** 

$$\tau_{\rm p} \sim \frac{1}{Q} \ll \tau_{\rm hydro} \sim 1 \,{\rm fm/c}$$



• They **interact with the medium** through the strong interaction

#### Jets are extended objects: ideal to probe the medium at different times and resolution scales

#### Jets in p-p vs. A-A



#### Jet quenching in A-A





#### Dijet in p-p

#### Dijet in Pb-Pb



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• The gluon is emitted at small angles and  $\mu \ll k, p \ll \omega, E$ 

• The radiation is due to elastic scatterings mediated by gluons



• The interactions are instantaneous. The medium is seen as recoilless background field

#### In-medium parton propagation

#### Color rotation



Color rotation + *p*-broadening

Brownian motion

$$p^{+} \equiv E > p \gg \mu$$
  

$$G(t_{2}, \boldsymbol{x_{2}}; t_{1}, \boldsymbol{x_{1}} | E) = \mathscr{P} \int \mathscr{D}\boldsymbol{r}(t) \exp\left\{i\frac{E}{2}\int dt \left[\frac{d\boldsymbol{r}}{dt}\right]^{2} + ig_{s}\int dt A^{-}(t, \boldsymbol{x})\right\}$$

• Emission of a soft gluon off a high energy quark:  $\omega \ll E$ BDMPS-Z formalism (1990's)

$$\omega \frac{dI^{\text{med}}}{d\omega d^2 \boldsymbol{k}} = \frac{2\alpha_s C_R}{(2\pi)^2 \omega^2} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^\infty dt' \int_0^{t'} dt \int_{\boldsymbol{pq}} \boldsymbol{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{q} \ \widetilde{\mathcal{K}}(t', \boldsymbol{q}; t, \boldsymbol{p}) \mathcal{P}(\infty, \boldsymbol{k}; t', \boldsymbol{q})$$

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#### Medium averages

• Medium average:

 $\langle A^{a,-}(t, \mathbf{x}) A^{b,-\dagger}(t', \mathbf{y}) \rangle = \delta^{ab} \delta(t - t') \gamma(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$ 



Broadening and Kernel

$$\mathscr{P}(\boldsymbol{x},t;\boldsymbol{y},t') = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\int_{t}^{t'} ds \, n(s) \, \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})\right\} \qquad \overset{1}{\mathcal{K}}\left(t',\boldsymbol{z};t,\boldsymbol{y}\right) = \int_{\boldsymbol{r}(t)=\boldsymbol{y}}^{\boldsymbol{r}(t')=\boldsymbol{z}} \mathcal{D}\boldsymbol{r} \exp\left[\int_{t}^{t'} ds \, \left(\frac{i\omega}{2}\dot{\boldsymbol{r}}^{2} - \frac{1}{2}n(s)\sigma(\boldsymbol{r})\right)\right]$$

• In practice, solved for some approximations

- **Opacity expansion** in the number of scatterings N = 1: GLV Gyulassy, Levai, Vitev (2000)
- Harmonic oscillator (HO): multiple <u>soft</u> scatterings (Gaussian approximation)  $n\sigma(r) \approx \frac{1}{2}\hat{q}r^2$
- AMY: <u>infinite length</u> medium Arnold, Moore, Yaffe (2002)
- Recent approaches going beyond these approximations  $\gamma(q) \propto \frac{1}{q^4}$ 
  - Improved opacity expansion Semi-analytical expansion around the HO
  - Fully resummed spectrum

Kernel as a time dependent Schrödinger equation

Mehtar-Tani, Barata, Soto-Ontoso, Tywoniuk, <u>1903.00506</u>, <u>2004.02323</u>, <u>2106.07402</u>

 $i\sigma(r)$ 

CA, Apolinario, Martinez, Dominguez, <u>2002.01517</u>, <u>2011.06522</u>

Beyond the soft limit but integrated in  $k_T$ : Caron-Huot and Gale, <u>1006.2379</u>









## Multiple emissions



• Independent emissions:

Jeon, Moore (2005), Blaizot, Dominguez, Iancu, Mehtar-Tani (2014)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}D(x,t) = \frac{1}{t_*}\int \mathrm{d}z\,\mathcal{K}(z)\left[\sqrt{\frac{z}{x}}D\left(\frac{x}{z},t\right) - \frac{z}{\sqrt{x}}D\left(x,t\right)\right]$$

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$$P(\epsilon) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N!} \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left[ \int \mathrm{d}\omega_i \, \frac{\mathrm{d}I}{\mathrm{d}\omega} \right] \, \delta\left(\epsilon - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \omega_i\right) \exp\left[-\int_0^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\omega \frac{\mathrm{d}I}{\mathrm{d}\omega}\right] \qquad \omega_i = x_i E$$

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Inclusive gluon distribution

Gain term

Loss term

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## Hadron suppression





## Understanding the $R_{AA}$





 $p_T^n$ 

At parton level:

$$R_{\rm AA} \sim \int d\varepsilon \, P(\varepsilon) \, \frac{d\sigma^{pp}(p_T + \varepsilon)/dp_T}{d\sigma^{pp}(p_T)/dp_T} = \int d\varepsilon \, P(\varepsilon) \, \frac{p_T^n}{\left(p_T + \varepsilon\right)^n} \approx \int d\varepsilon \, P(\varepsilon) \, \left(1 - \frac{n\varepsilon}{p_T}\right)$$

## Understanding the R<sub>AA</sub>



• Jet p-p spectrum steeper at RHIC than at LHC

•  $R_{AA}$  at RHIC similar to  $R_{AA}$  at LHC

At a given  $p_T$ , do jets at RHIC or at LHC lose more fractional energy?

#### Reconstructed jets



#### **Reconstructed jets are suppressed!**

#### Where does the energy go?



#### At large angles. Soft particles



$$M_{q\bar{q}g} \approx g_s t^a \left( \frac{p_1 \cdot \varepsilon(k)}{p_1 \cdot k} - \frac{p_2 \cdot \varepsilon(k)}{p_2 \cdot k} \right) \bar{u}(p_1) i e \gamma^{\mu} v(p_2)$$





Squaring the amplitude:  

$$\sum_{col} \operatorname{Tr}(t^{a}t^{a}) = C_{F}N_{c} \qquad \sum_{pol} \varepsilon_{\mu}(k)\varepsilon_{\nu}^{*}(k) = -g_{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

$$|M_{q\bar{q}g}|^{2} \approx \frac{1}{N_{c}} \sum_{col,pol} g_{s}^{2} \operatorname{Tr}(t^{a}t^{a}) \left(\frac{p_{1} \cdot \varepsilon(k)}{p_{1} \cdot k} - \frac{p_{2} \cdot \varepsilon(k)}{p_{2} \cdot k}\right)^{2} |M_{q\bar{q}}|^{2} = g_{s}^{2}C_{F} \frac{2p_{1} \cdot p_{2}}{(p_{1} \cdot k)(p_{2} \cdot k)} |M_{q\bar{q}}|^{2}$$







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$$\omega \frac{dN}{d\omega d^2 k} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi^2 \omega^2} \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{q\bar{q}}}{(1 - \cos \theta_{qg})(1 - \cos \theta_{\bar{q}g})}$$

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Integrating over the azimuthal angle: angular ordering



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Harmonic oscillator, static medium

 $\theta_{q\bar{q}} > \theta_c$ : The medium resolves the antenna. Color coherence is broken: **two-independent emitters** 

 $\theta_{q\bar{q}} < \theta_c$ : The medium cannot resolve the antenna. Color coherence maintained. Vacuum-like

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#### Color (de)coherence

Jet constituents are re-clustered (through C/A) and soft/wide angle radiation is rejected in this process





## Color (de)coherence

Use photon-tagged jets



🕂 PbPb

 $p_{\tau}^{\gamma} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ 

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Hybrid elastic, no wake

Hybrid elastic, wake

0.15

Groomed jet radius R

0.1

0.2

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# Thank you!