Theoretical overview of high-pt in heavy ion collisions

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ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions

- Pb-Pb collisions at s^{1/2} = 2.76 TeV/nucleon pair [ALICE, CMS, ATLAS]
 - \hookrightarrow largest jump in energy in collider history [RHIC: $s^{1/2} = 200 \text{ GeV/nucleon pair}$]
 - access to an extended kinematic range
 - access to new high-pt observables [e.g. fully reconstructed jets]
 - ← the collision creates a hot and dense QCD medium [the Quark-Gluon Plasma ?] resulting in
 - collective behaviour :: see J.-Y. Ollitrault's talk later in the week
 - modified QCD dynamics due to medium presence :: this talk



the main objective of the LHC heavy ion experimental programme is to unveil the properties of the created medium

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this talk focus on only those issues for which there has been, in my opinion, significant theoretical and phenomenological progress triggered by LHC heavy ion data.

consequently, many omissions ...





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 - -O AdS/CFT based approaches elucidating on the effect of strongly coupled medium

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Abreu, Apolinário, Casalderrey-Solana, Milhano [in progress]

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←→ calculations generalized for massive case Armesto, Ma, Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk [2011]

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parton energy loss calculations insufficient, by construction, to address fully reconstructed jets

early lessons from LHC data

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going beyond parton energy loss :: dynamics of radiated quanta ::

transport of soft quanta away from jet

--- all jet components accumulate an average transverse momentum [Brownian motion]

$$\langle k_{\perp} \rangle \sim \sqrt{\hat{q}L}$$

-o in the presence of a medium soft modes are formed early

$$\tau \sim \frac{\omega}{k_{\perp}^2} \xrightarrow[\langle k_{\perp}^2 \rangle \sim \hat{q}\tau]{} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$$

—o sufficiently soft modes are completely decorrelated from the jet direction

$$\omega \le \sqrt{\hat{q}L}$$

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Casalderrey-Solana, Milhano, Wiedemann [2010] Qin, Muller [2010] Young, Schenke, Jeon, Gale [2011] :: MARTINI

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←→ in-medium hadronization, but still with unmodified jet fragmentation within a specific model Loshaj,Kharzeev[2011]

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- also, colour exchanges open new 'anomalous' channels for baryon production

Aurenche, Zakharov [2011]

more than ever exp-ph/th crosstalk essential for significant progress