NLO Heavy Quark Energy Loss in Strongly-Coupled Quark-Gluon Plasmas

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What Are We Interested In?

 Discover emergent, manybody physics of **QGP** through consistent theoretical description of experimental data



Long Range Plan, 2008



Big Bang vs. Little Bang



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Learning about QCD

- Use heavy ion collisions as testbed
 - T_{QGP} ~ 1 trillion degrees, 10,000 times hotter than center of Sun
 - Macroscopic collision energies:
 - RHIC ~ two mosquitoes colliding mid-air
- Various observables
 - Two large classes (non-exhaustive):
 - Low- p_T and High- p_T
- Low-p_T: see, e.g., Ulrich Heinz's excellent overview of th. & exp. collective effects



$\textbf{High-}p_{T}\textbf{ Observables}$

Learn about E-loss mechanism
Most direct probe of DOF

AdQ.CIFP Petanere



Tools for Studying QCD

Lattice

- Requires imaginary time correlators

- Difficult to compute quantities such as viscosity
- pQCD
 - Requires large momentum scale
- AdS/CFT
 - Requires Maldacena conjecture, theory with a dual







Why AdS at High- p_T ?

- Perturbatively, 3 couplings for rad E-loss
 Not known at which scale(s) couplings run
- $T_{QGP} \sim \Lambda_{QCD} \Rightarrow g(2\pi T) \sim 2$
 - Always "small" scale in problem
 - Perhaps low-Q² plasma physics dominates over high-Q² in E-loss physics?

Factorization not proven in AA

- Work here assumes all couplings strong
 Cf, e.g., Casalderrey-Solana et al. for
- alternative

Failure of Naïve LO AdS: Light High-p_T

Assume all couplings large



- Thermalization time very short
- In AdS setup, probe & gluon cloud indistinguishable from medium
 - Only makes sense to compare to jets, not single particles

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LO AdS for Heavy High- p_T

Assume all couplings large



Very different from usual pQCD and LPM $dp_T/dt \sim -LT^3 \log(p_T/M_q)$

Failure of LO AdS for Heavy High- p_T

Constrained by RHIC, oversuppresses LHC





Missing Physics?

- Lights:
 - Better jet prescription
 - Renormalized R_{AA}
 - Razieh Morad, Wed 3:30pm
 - Improved IC
 - Ben Meiring, Thurs 2:30pm
- Heavies:
 - Within limits of calculation?
 - Higher order corrections?







Improved AdS Jet Prescription?

- All approximations to a full $T^{\mu\nu}$ calc.
- Original jet defined by spatial proximity
- New suggestion: separation by E scale



AdS: No-nucleus Suppression

 Original proposed IC => anomalous vacuum suppression!



Suggests oversuppression artifact of string IC

See B Meiring parallel for work to more realistic IC

AdS: Exciting Renormalization

– Can we capture diff. btwn. naïve AdS pp & AA?

Define renormalized R_{AdS} = "R_{AA} / R_{pp}"; cf CMS

– Use reasonable λ = 12 <=> α_s = 0.3: **no fitting**



Limits on Heavy Flavor AdS Setup



numerically smaller

Trailing String "Brachistochrone" "~" **D3 Black Brane**



HQ p_T Limits



WAH, PhD Thesis, arXiv:1011.4316



Including Fluctuations in AdS HF

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\eta_D + F_i^L + F_i^T$$
$$\langle F_i^L(t_1)F_j^L(t_2)\rangle = \kappa_L \,\hat{p}_i \hat{p}_j \,g(t_1 - t_2)$$
$$\langle F_i^T(t_1)F_j^T(t_2)\rangle = \kappa_T \left(\delta_{ij} - \hat{p}_i \hat{p}_j\right)g(t_1 - t_2)$$
$$\kappa_T = \pi \sqrt{g^2 N_c} T^3 \sqrt{\gamma}; \qquad \kappa_L = \pi \sqrt{g^2 N_c} T^3 \gamma^{5/2}$$

Gubser, NPB790 (2008)

- Obeys Einstein's relations only at v = 0
- Multiplicative Langevin problem!
 - Results depend on time within timestep kicks are evaluated
 - Ito, Stratonovich, Hänggi-Klimontovich
- Non-Markovian:
 - Colored (not white) noise
 - Momentum kicks have a memory





Discretizing Langevin

- Discretizing Riemann Calculus trivial
 - Sum converges regardless of bin widths and x* in bin as n increases
- Ambiguity in Ito Calculus

- Results depend on discretization procedure





Discretization Ambiguity and Einstein

• Ex: momentum space distribution of charm



- AdS fluctuations very diff from fluc-diss, which lead to relativistic thermal (Jüttner) distribution
- Huge diff btwn pre-point and mid-point

Resolving the Ambiguity

 $q_{T}(1)$

Saved by colored noise:

- Wong-Zakai Theorem:
 - As autocorrelation => 0, Langevin => Stratonovich

Model Calculations

- Input FONLL c, b production spectra
- Discretized Langevin through VISHNU
 2+1D viscous hydro
- FONLL FFs to B, D, e
- Uncertainty in map from QCD to N = 4 SYM
 - Explore systematics with two reasonable assumptions

•
$$\alpha_s = 0.3$$
, $T_{SYM} = T_{QCD}$

•
$$\lambda = 5.5$$
, $T_{SYM} = T_{QCD}/3^{1/4}$

p+p Baseline

Precision QCD is difficult



Compare to RHIC HF Electrons



- Agreement in sweet spot $p_T \sim 3 4$ GeV/c
 - Below 3 GeV production unreliable
 - Above 4 GeV theory corrections necessary (col. noise, non-const p)
- NB: VISHNU medium hotter than from previous calc => larger LO supp. 2/5/14 Kruger2014



Compare to LHC D Mesons



 Inclusion of fluctuations yields results qualitatively similar to D suppression

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Compare to LHC B => J/ψ



B suppression also in qualitative agreement

Conclusions

- Exciting times in QGP physics
- Very first, all strong-coupling jet R_{AA}
 - No parameter fitting
 - Consistent with preliminary CMS data
- Very first correct inclusion of fluctuations in HQ E-loss
 - No parameter fitting
 - Qualitatively consistent with RHIC, LHC data
- Prospect of consistent, strong-coupling picture of QGP from low- to high- p_T





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Bonus Material



D to B Ratio



 Fluctuations ruin flat, p_T-ind prediction of double ratio from LO AdS/CFT drag

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AdS Jet Suppression Sensitivity



 Stopping distance of light quark extremely sensitive to IC, e.g. virtuality

 Doubly infinite dimensional space of IC mostly unexplored 12/5/14 Kruger2014

LHC is Hard

- pQCD E-loss makes more sense
 - Constrained by RHIC, LO pQCD predictions strikingly similar to LHC data



New WHDG J/ ψ Comparison to CMS

• WHDG B + B => J/ψ decay

- Thanks to Andrea Dainese and Zaida Conesa Del Valle



Strongly Coupled HF and p+A

- Measure open HF in p+A
 - Midrapidity: test production
 - Forward: test CNM HF E-loss



E&M Particle Physics Well Understood

- Lagrangian known: $\mathcal{L}_{EM} = \bar{\psi} \left(i D m \right) \psi \frac{1}{4} F^2$
- QED Vertex:



• Ex. of Precision QED: g - 2



Gabrielse et al., PRL97 (2006)

$g/2 = 1.001\,159\,652\,180\,73(28)$ [0.28 ppt]

Hanneke, Fogwell, and Gabrielse, PRL100 (2008)

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E&M Many Body Physics

Many body physics less well understood



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E&M Many Body Physics (cont'd)



Phase Diagram for Water

High T_c Superconductors



http://for538.wmi.badw-muenchen.de//projects/ P4_crystal_growth/index.htm

http://ch302.cm.utexas.edu/svg302/ phase-diagram-water.svg

QCD Particle Physics

- Lagr. known: $\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum \bar{\psi}_j \left(i \not D m_j \right) \psi_j \frac{1}{4} \left(F^a \right)^2$
- QCD Vertices:





 Quantitative agreement w/ data



Reminder of AdS Successes I

Rapid Thermalization



Reminder of AdS Successes II

- Bulk Properties
 - Leading order results reproduce well:
 - Energy density, entropy, shear viscosity

