QGP dileptons and photons: perturbation theory meets the lattice



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In this talk

- In this talk:
 - the *thermal* photon and dilepton rates at NLO in an infinite, equilibrated medium in different kinematical regimes
 - at zero virtuality JG Hong Kurkela Lu Moore Teaney JHEP1305 (2013)
 - at small virtuality JG Moore JHEP1412 (2014)
 - at larger virtuality Ghisoiu Laine JHEP1410 (2014), JG Moore
 - a comparison with lattice data JG Kaczmarek Laine Meyer PRD94 (2016)

Basics of e/m production

- α<1 implies that real/virtual photon production are rare events and that rescatterings and back-reactions are negligible: medium is transparent to/not cooled by EM radation
- At leading order in QED and to all orders in QCD the photon and dilepton rates are given by (in eq.)

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{\gamma}(k)}{d^{3}k} = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi^{2}k} n_{\mathrm{B}}(k^{0}) \rho_{\mathrm{EM}}(k)$$
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thermal distribution x spectral function of the EM current



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AdS/CFT: $\mathcal{N}=4$ action, in and out of equilibrium, weak and strong coupling. Real world: extrapolate to QCD

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- More theoretical motivation: lots of knowledge about perturbative thermodynamics to high orders, not so much about dynamical quantities. Is convergence better/worse?

Kinematics of e/m production



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 A phenomenological motivation: low-mass dileptons as an ersatz real photon measurement (see for instance PHENIX). Is the spectral function smooth approaching the light cone?

Small K² dileptons

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{l+l-}(K)}{dk^0 d^3 k} = -\frac{\alpha^2}{6\pi^3 K^2} \, n_{\rm B}(k^0) \, \rho_{\rm EM}(K) \qquad J^{\mu} = \sum_{q=uds} e_q \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} q : \checkmark$$

- At zeroth order ($\alpha_{\text{EM}} g^0$): $K_{\text{VV}} = \left| \begin{array}{c} K \\ M \end{array} \right|$ Apparently LO, but very small phase space, proportional to $K^2 \sim g^2 T^2$. This is a collinear process.
- As in the real photon case, the calculation is split in the distinct $2 \Leftrightarrow 2$ processes (hard+soft) and collinear processes. Only collinear K - Pprocesses are modified wrt the photon case

$2 \leftrightarrow 2$ processes

• Cut two-loop diagrams ($\alpha_{\rm EM} g^2$)



2⇔2 processes (with crossings and interferences):

 $\int_{\text{ph. space}} \frac{f(p)f(p')(1\pm f(k'))|\mathcal{M}|^2\delta^4(P+P'-K-K')}{\int_{\text{ph. space}} f(p)f(p')(1\pm f(k'))|\mathcal{M}|^2\delta^4(P+P'-K-K')}$

- $1 \leftrightarrow 3$ processes suppressed by small K^2
- Equivalence with kinetic theory: distributions x matrix elements
- IR divergence (Compton) when *t* goes to zero



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• In the end one obtains the result

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{l+l-}(K)}{dk^0 d^3 k} \bigg|_{2\leftrightarrow 2} \propto e^2 g^2 \left[\log \frac{T}{m_{\infty}} + C_{2\leftrightarrow 2} \left(\frac{k}{T} \right) \right]$$

Kapusta Lichard Siebert PRD44 (1991) Baier Nakkagawa Niegawa Redlich ZPC53 (1992)

Collinear processes



- These diagrams contribute to LO if small (g) angle radiation / annihilation Aurenche Gelis Kobes Petitgirard Zaraket 1998-2000
- Virtual photon formation times is then of the same order of the soft scattering rate ⇒ interference: LPM effect
- Requires resummation of infinite number of ladder diagrams $\frac{d\Gamma_{l+l-}}{dk^0d^3k}\Big|_{coll} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

AMY (2001-02), Aurenche Gelis Moore Zaraket (2002), Aurenche Carrington Gynther (2007)

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- New semi-collinear processes: larger angle radiation, NLO in collinear radiation approx. Requires a *"modified qhat"*, relevance for jets too





- Add soft gluons to soft quarks: nasty all-HTL region
- Analyticity allows us to take a detour in the complex plane away from the nasty region ⇒ compact expression

$$\int \frac{d^2 p_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m_{\infty}^2}{p_{\perp}^2 + m_{\infty}^2} \xrightarrow{\text{NLO}} \int \frac{d^2 p_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m_{\infty}^2 + \delta m_{\infty}^2}{p_{\perp}^2 + m_{\infty}^2 + \delta m_{\infty}^2}$$

JG Hong Kurkela Lu Moore Teaney (2013) for photons JG Moore (2014) for dileptons

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• Before showing any results, let us look at the large-*M* region

$$k^0 + k \sim T \quad k^0 - k \sim T$$



As we have seen, the Born term is proportional to K², which is now large (~T²), so that the Born term is a well defined LO (α_{EM}g⁰)

NLO at large K²

- At NLO, HTL and LPM resummations are no longer necessary
- Very complicated two-loop integrals with intricate kinematics. Interplay of real and virtual corrections with cancellations of IR divergences



Matching small and large K²

- The large-*M* calculation diverges logarithmically for $M \rightarrow 0$
- The small-*M* calculation extrapolates for large *M* to $Q \propto K^2 + T^2$, in violation of OPE results forbidding a T^2 term Caron-Huot PRD79 (2009)
- A procedure has been devised to combine the two calculations. In a nutshell,

 $\rho_{\text{merge}} = \rho_{\text{large }M} + \rho_{\text{LPM}} - \rho_{\text{LPM }K^2 \gg T^2}$

where Q_{LPM} is the LO collinear part. NLO can be added easily.

Ghisoiu Laine **JHEP1410** (2014), JG Moore **JHEP1412** (2014)



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- <u>http://www.laine.itp.unibe.ch/dilepton-lpm/</u> Ghisoiu Laine and JG Moore results on a k⁰,k mesh, ready for pheno. Used by the McGill group and by Burnier Gastaldi PRC93 (2015)
- <u>http://www.laine.itp.unibe.ch/dilepton-lattice/</u> best available pQCD data for the spectral function
 - at finite *k*: Ghisoiu Laine plus JG Moore plus vacuum corrections to the Born term
 - at zero k: transport peak from Moore Robert (2006), k⁰>πT,
 NLO thermal from Aurenche Altherr (1989), vacuum corrections to the Born term. Missing reliable pQCD input in the intermediate region

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A lattice determination



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 It contains a lot of info (full spectral function), but hidden in the convolution. Inversion tricky, discrete dataset with errors

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- Getting the Euclidean correlator from the pQCD results is straightforward. It overshoots the lattice data (hold on).
 Too much spf in the ill-constrained spacelike region?
- Try a fitting Ansatz: pQCD thermal spf above $M \sim \pi T$. 5th degree odd polynomial in ω below $M \sim \pi T$ (3 *coefficients*):

$$\rho_{\rm fit} \equiv \frac{\beta \,\omega^3}{2\omega_0^3} \left(5 - \frac{3\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right) - \frac{\gamma \,\omega^3}{2\omega_0^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right) + \sum_{n \ge 0}^{n_{\rm max}} \frac{\delta_n \omega^{1+2n}}{\omega_0^{1+2n}} \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right)^2$$

 Fix two coefficients by requiring smoothness in spf and first derivative at the matching point ω₀. Fit the remaining coefficient to lattice data. Higher order odd polynomials also examined
 JG Kaczmarek Laine Meyer PRD94 (2016)

 $T = 1.3T_{c}$

- Local discretization of J, with non-perturbatively cloverimproved Wilson fermions
 - Results qualitatively similar at $T = 1.1T_{c}$
 - Lattice continuum extrapolation reliable only from *τT*>0.22

Matching point at $k^0 = k + 1.5T$

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- The fit has a good χ^2 , which also has a local minimum for $M \sim \pi T$ and the spf at the photon point is stable against varying the matching point
- D_{eff} proportional to spf at photon point (hold on), quite stable too

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 $T = 1.3T_{2}$ 2.0 best estimate from pQCD polynomial interpolation AdS/CFT 1.0 $\rho_V\,/\,\omega T$ 0.0 2.0 6.0 0.0 4.0 8.0 ω / T

- At the photon point modest changes from pQCD expectations (below 20% except perhaps at the smallest *ks*, also at 1.1 *T*_c).
 Good for pheno!
- AdS/CFT curve adjusted to asymptote to the bare QCD result (extra symmetries make *T*=0 curve couplingindependent)

JG Kaczmarek Laine Meyer **PRD94** (2016). AdS/CFT: Caron-Huot Kovtun Moore Starinets Yaffe **JHEP0612** (2006)

• Define
$$D_{\text{eff}}(k) \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_{\text{V}}(k, \mathbf{k})}{2\chi_{\text{q}}k} , k > 0\\ \lim_{\omega \to 0^+} \frac{\rho^{ii}(\omega, \mathbf{0})}{3\chi_{\text{q}}\omega} , k = 0 \end{cases}$$



- In the hydro limit $k \ll T$ $D_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow D$ $\sigma = e^2 \sum_{f=1}^{N_{\text{f}}} Q_f^2 \chi_q D$
- Lattice errors from bootstrap samples
- At large momentum excellent agreement with NLO pQCD from before. At finite k>0 this method could be a more controlled approach to the extraction of σ , w/o the large uncertainties associated with the transport peak at k=0.

• Try this for shear?

JG Kaczmarek Laine Meyer **PRD94** (2016). NLO pQCD: JG Hong Kurkela Lu Moore Teaney **JHEP05** (2013)

Recent developments

- Main idea: introduce this spf $\rho_{Mainz}=2\rho_T-2\rho_L$
- Through the Ward identity it agrees with the standard $\rho^{\mu}{}_{\mu}$ at the photon point $\omega = k$ $\rho_{V} = 2\rho_{T} + \rho_{L} \qquad \rho_{L}(\omega = k) = 0$
- The vacuum contribution vanishes identically in this new spf (Lorentz invariance), much better control in the analytical continuation Brandt Francis Harris Meyer Steinberg 1710.07050



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Backus-Gilbert inversion, N_f=2
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New ideas go to beyond this

$$G_E(\boldsymbol{\omega_n}, \boldsymbol{i\omega_n}) = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x J_\mu(\tau, \mathbf{x}) J_\mu(0, 0) e^{\boldsymbol{i\omega_n \tau}} e^{\boldsymbol{\omega_n z}}$$

$$G_E(\boldsymbol{\omega_n}, \boldsymbol{i\omega_n}) - G_E(\boldsymbol{\omega_r}, \boldsymbol{i\omega_r}) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \,\omega \,\rho_V(\omega, \omega) \left[\frac{1}{\omega^2 + \omega_n^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \omega_r^2} \right]$$

H. Meyer **EPJA54** (2018)

Conclusions

- NLO calculations for dileptons are now available over a wide range of invariant masses (at finite *k*)
- In both cases convergence seems reasonable. At small *K*² transition to photon is smooth
- A collection of the best available data has been prepared and is ready for use by pheno/lattice practitioners
- Comparison with lattice with a simple, motivated Ansatz gives a good fit and seems to further suggest stability (at the tens of % level) of the pQCD rates

Backup



LPM resummation

 Quark statistical functions × DGLAP splitting × transverse evolution

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d^3k} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi^2k} \int \frac{dp^+}{2\pi} n_{\rm F}(k+p^+) [1-n_{\rm F}(p^+)] \frac{(p^+)^2 + (p^++k)^2}{2(p^+(p^++k))^2} \lim_{\mathbf{x}_\perp \to 0} 2{\rm Re} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_\perp} \mathbf{f}(x_\perp)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x^+ \gg x_\perp \gg x^- \\ 1/g^2 T \gg 1/gT \gg 1/T \end{array}$$

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• Transverse diffusion and Wilson-loop correlators evolve the transverse density **f** *along the spacetime light-cone*

$$-2i\nabla\delta^2(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = \left[\frac{ik}{2p^+(k+p^+)}\left(m_{\infty}^2 - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{\perp}}^2\right) + \mathcal{C}(x_{\perp})\right]\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp})$$



Zakharov 1996-98 AMY 2001-02

LPM resummation: two inputs

- Asymptotic mass $m_{\infty}^2 = 2g^2 C_R \left(\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{n_B(p)}{p} + \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{n_F(p)}{p} \right)$
- Light-cone Wilson loop, related to \hat{q}





$$\propto e^{\mathcal{C}(x_{\perp})L}$$

BDMPS-Z, Wiedemann, Casalderrey-Solana Salgado, D'Eramo Liu Rajagopal, Benzke Brambilla Escobedo Vairo

 Soft contribution becomes Euclidean! Caron-Huot PRD79 (2008), can be "easily" computed in perturbation theory Possible lattice measurements Laine Rothkopf JHEP1307 (2013) Panero Rummukainen Schäfer 1307.5850 talk by Panero

The semi-collinear region

Seemingly different processes boiling down to wider-angle radiation



 Evaluation: introduce "modified q" that keep tracks of the changes in the small light-cone component p- of the quarks

"standard"
$$\frac{\hat{q}}{g^2 C_R} \equiv \frac{1}{g^2 C_R} \int \frac{d^2 q_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} q_\perp^2 \mathcal{C}(q_\perp) \propto \int d^4 Q \langle F^{+\mu}(Q) F^+_{\ \mu}(-Q) \rangle_{q^-=0}$$

"modified"
$$\frac{\hat{q}(\delta E)}{g^2 C_R} \propto \int d^4 Q \langle F^{+\mu}(Q) F^+_{\ \mu}(-Q) \rangle_{q^-=\delta E}$$

• The "modified \hat{q} " can also be evaluated in EQCD

Euclideanization of light-cone soft physics

For $v = x_z/t = \infty$ correlators (such as propagators) are the equal time Euclidean correlators. $G^>(t = 0, \mathbf{x}) = \oint G_E(\omega_n, p) e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$

- Causality: retarded functions analytic for positive imaginary parts of all *timelike* and *lightlike* variables: the above result can be extended to the lightcone $G^{>}(t = x_z, \mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = \oint G_E(\omega_n, p_{\perp}, p_z + i\omega_n)e^{i(\mathbf{p}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{\perp} + p_z x_z)}$
- The sums are dominated by the zero mode for soft physics=>EQCD!
- Equivalent to sum rules Caron-Huot PRD79 (2009)

Summary

• LO rate

$$(2\pi)^3 \frac{d\Gamma}{d^3 k} \Big|_{\rm LO} = \mathcal{A}(k) \left[\log \frac{T}{m_{\infty}} + C_{2\to 2}(k) + C_{\rm coll}(k) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{A}(k) = \alpha_{\rm EM} g^2 C_F T^2 \frac{n_{\rm F}(k)}{2k} \sum_f Q_f^2 d_f$$

NLO correction

$$(2\pi)^{3} \frac{d\delta\Gamma}{d^{3}k}\Big|_{\rm NLO} = \mathcal{A}(k) \underbrace{\left[\underbrace{\frac{\delta m_{\infty}^{2}}{m_{\infty}^{2}}\log\frac{\sqrt{2Tm_{D}}}{m_{\infty}} + \frac{\delta m_{\infty}^{2}}{m_{\infty}^{2}}C_{\rm soft+sc}(k) + \underbrace{\frac{\delta m_{\infty}^{2}}{m_{\infty}^{2}}C_{\rm coll}^{\delta m}(k) + \frac{g^{2}C_{A}T}{m_{D}}C_{\rm coll}^{\delta \mathcal{C}}(k)}_{\delta C_{\rm coll}(k)}\right]}_{\delta C_{\rm soft+sc}(k)}$$

Fits available in the paper
 JG Hong Kurkela Lu Moore Teaney JHEP0513 (2013)







