Nuclear Many-Body Physics at High Energies: from Fixed Target Experiments to the EIC



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Outline of the Talk

Motivation

- Theoretical underpinnings of nuclear effects at high energy
- Importance and experimental opportunities

Initial-state interactions and cold nuclear matter energy loss

- A formalism to address many-body scattering in nuclear matter
- Radiative energy loss in large nuclei: important regimes
- Applications to DY, shortest radiation length in nature

Final-state interactions and medium induced photons

- Induced photons, coherence effects, differences from gluons
- Numerical results, smallness of the gluon bremsstrahlung
- Other final-state effects. Jets in SDIS?

Conclusions

I. The Origin of Nuclear Effects

 A number of cold nuclear matter effects observed as modification of the experimentally measured inclusive cross sections



 Two schools of thought: parameterize (universal), compute (process-dependent).

Dynamical Generation of Nuclear Effects

Туре	Effect
IS broadening	Cronin
Coherent FS	Shadowing
IS E-loss	Forward x _F suppression
FS E-loss	Quenching of jets, inclusive spectra



DY O SDIS

 An example illustrating the importance of these effects is the forward rapidity π⁰ suppression at RHIC

II. Parton Energy Loss (Early Work)

Focused on soft multiplicities and the incoherent regime $\Delta E^{rad} = c_2 EL$

 Essential physics is the transverse dynamics of the gluon and the color excitation of the quark

Challenges (2 of them)



G. Bertsch et al, PRD (1982)









 $\frac{\omega dN^g}{d\omega d^2 k_\perp} = \left\langle \frac{C_R \alpha_s}{\pi^2} \frac{q_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2 (k_\perp - q_\perp)^2} \right\rangle$

"Medium induced" part

An operator approach to multiple scattering in QCD



Leading Particle Quenching

Nuclear modification factor



• Predictions of this formalism tested vs particle momentum, C.M. energy, centrality



A Note on PQCD Energy Loss Regimes in CNM

 IS and FS E-losses are different

 $\frac{\omega dN^{soft}}{d\omega d^2 k_{\perp}} \sim \frac{q_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2 (k_{\perp} - q_{\perp})^2} \qquad \frac{\omega dN^{hard}}{d\omega d^2 k_{\perp}} \sim \frac{1}{k_{\perp}^2}$

- Initial vs Final BC

- CNM energy loss for quarks can be O(5%-10%) in a large (W, Au, Pb...) nucleus
- For E<100 GeV IS and FS E-loss are quite similar. DY and SDIS - complementary





CNM Quenching, Absorption, e.c.t.

- Design parameters of EIC center of mass energies:
 20 GeV 100 GeV
- Reasonable reach for jets (high enough E_T)



Jet Cross Section and Jet Shapes

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Phenomenological approaches focus exclusively on 1 point

IV, S. Wicks, B.-W. Zhang, JHEP (2008)

Direct access to the characteristics of the in-medium parton interactions



Jets in A+A at RHIC

R_{AA} for jet cross sections with CNM and final-state parton energy loss effect are calculated for different R
 CNM effect contribute ~¹/₂ R_{AA jet} at the high E_T at RHIC



 $\sigma(R_1)/\sigma(R_2)$ in p+p – R dependence in p+p

IV, B.W. Zhang, PRL (2010)

III. Motivation to Study Photon Emission

 Strong interest, a number of interesting effects predicted: strong enhancement of photon production, negative photon ellipic flow, ...



Photon vs Gluon Emission



- Without three-gluon vertex, is photon emission a simple exercise ?
- Gluon radiative amplitude for single scattering of a fast on-shell quark:

$$\mathcal{M}_{rad}(k) \propto 2ig_s \epsilon_{\perp} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2} - \frac{(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})_{\perp}}{(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})_{\perp}^2}\right) e^{i\frac{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}{2k^+}z^+} [T^c, T^a]$$

 Theoretical approaches developed to describe gluon emission cannot be directly generalized to photon radiation

Derivation of Photon Emission



$$\mathcal{M}_{rad}(k,\{i\}) = e\left(\frac{\epsilon \cdot p_f}{k \cdot p_f} - \frac{\epsilon \cdot p_i}{k \cdot p_i}\right) e^{iz_i^+ k^-} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{M}_{rad}^V(k) \approx 0$$

Virtual double scattering corrections vanish

Photon Emission: Analytic Results

$$k^{+} \frac{dN^{\gamma}(k)}{dk^{+} d^{2} \mathbf{k}_{\perp}} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi^{2}} \left\{ \int \frac{d\Delta z_{1}}{\lambda_{q}(z_{1})} \int d^{2} \mathbf{q}_{\perp 1} \frac{1}{\sigma^{\mathrm{el}}} \frac{d^{2} \sigma^{\mathrm{el}}}{d^{2} \mathbf{q}_{\perp 1}} \right.$$
$$\times \left[|\mathcal{M}_{rad}(\{1\})|^{2} + 2\mathcal{M}_{rad}^{*}(\{1\})\mathcal{M}_{rad}(\{0\})\cos(k^{-}\Delta z_{1}^{+}) \right]$$
$$+ \text{ correction }.$$

$$au_f^{-1} pprox k^- = \mathbf{k}^2/2k^+$$
 $k^- \Delta z_i^+ \sim \tau_f^{-1} \lambda$ IV, B.W. Zhang, PLB (2008)

- Two limits; interference is important
- Leading contribution is L-dependence, with non-linear corrections with L

• Number of interactions $\langle n \rangle = L / \lambda_a \approx 2 - 3$

Photon Emission: Incoherent Limit

Recover the known incoherent results

Very collimated emission in the direction of the incoming and outgoing partons

$$k^{+} \frac{dN^{\gamma}(k; \{i\})}{dk^{+} d^{2} \mathbf{k}_{\perp}} = \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^{3}} |\mathcal{M}_{rad}(k, \{i\})|^{2}$$
$$= \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi^{2}} \frac{\left(\frac{k^{+}}{E^{+}}\right)^{2} \mathbf{q}_{\perp i}^{2}}{\left(\mathbf{k}_{\perp} - \frac{k^{+}}{E^{+}} \mathbf{Q}_{\perp i-1}\right)^{2} \left(\mathbf{k}_{\perp} - \frac{k^{+}}{E^{+}} \mathbf{Q}_{\perp i}\right)^{2}}$$

Known double log result

for photon number



J.Qiu ,IV, PLB (2003)

$$N^{\gamma}(\{i\}) \approx 2 \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi} \ln \frac{k_{\max}^+}{k_{\min}^+} \ln \frac{q_{\max}^2}{m^2}$$

Photon Emission: Numerical Results

In the QGP

$$dN^g/dy \simeq 1150, \ g_s = 2.5$$



 $d\bar{N}^{\gamma}/dx = (e/e_q)^2 dN^{\gamma}/dx$

In a cold nucleus. Parameters constrained by shadowing, Cronin, forward Y (x_F) suppression



(Im)Probablity for Medium-Induced Photon Observation





IV, B.W. Zhang, PLB (2008)



Possibly Interesting Features But ...

Suppression of the spectrum implies suppression of the angular distribution



IV, PLB (2005)

N.B. The calculation is for coherent FS gluon emission. Expect similar pattern for γ

- By the same token it is unlikely that mediuminduced photons will be a readily observable in e+A
- Certainly a full calculation is needed to compare to fragmentation photons in SDIS

Summary

- Many-body nuclear effects at high energies can be understood in terms of soft partonic interactions between the projectile and the target: Cronin, shadowing, IS and FS energy loss (forward rapidity, x_F suppression)
- Phenomenologically, these give consistent picture of cold nuclear matter (m.f.p.,momentum transfer)
- Relation between IS and FS energy loss can be explored in DY and SDIS processes. For EIC the physics of jets should become accessible. These provide much more information in comparison to leading particles (already used at RHIC)
- Medium induced photons from FSI derived. BH and LPM regime compared –strong suppression in the production rate, broad conical distribution.
- Unfortunately the induced rate is small (confirmed at RHIC). Studies will be difficult (if at all possible).
 Quantitative studies needed

From the Dead Sea Scrolls

 "In the abode of light are the origins of truth, and from the source of darkness are the origins of error."

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ALL credit for this witty slide goes to my collaborator Ben-Wei Zhang



