

Hard Probes in A-A collisions: jet-quenching

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Outline

- The QCD lagrangian
- QCD in elementary collisions: soft-gluon radiation
- QCD in A-A collisions: medium-induced gluon radiation and jet-quenching

The QCD Lagrangian: construction

Let us start from the *free quark Lagrangian* (diagonal in flavor!)

$$\mathcal{L}_q^{\text{free}} = \bar{q}_f(x)[i\not{\partial} - m_f]q_f(x).$$

The *quark field* is actually a *vector in color space* ($N_c=3$):

$$\text{e.g. for an up quark} \quad u^T(x) = [u_r(x), u_g(x), u_b(x)]$$

The free quark Lagrangian is invariant under *global* $SU(3)$ (i.e. $V^\dagger V=1$ and $\det(V)=1$) color transformations, namely:

$$q(x) \longrightarrow V q(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{q}(x) \longrightarrow \bar{q}(x) V^\dagger,$$

with

$$V = \exp[i\theta^a t^a] \quad \text{and} \quad [t^a, t^b] = i f^{abc} t^c \quad (a=1, \dots, N_c^2-1).$$

f^{abc} : real, antisymmetric *structure constants* of the $su(3)$ algebra.

We want to **build a lagrangian invariant under local color transformations**:

$$q(x) \longrightarrow V(x) q(x) \quad \bar{q}(x) \longrightarrow \bar{q}(x) V^\dagger(x),$$

where now $V(x) = \exp[i\theta^a(x) t^a]$.

Due to the derivative term, $\mathcal{L}_q^{\text{free}}$ is not invariant under local $SU(N_c)$ transformations:

$$\mathcal{L}_q^{\text{free}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}'_q^{\text{free}} = \mathcal{L}_q^{\text{free}} + \bar{q}(x) V^\dagger(x) [i \not{\partial} V(x)] q(x) \quad (1)$$

The solution is to **couple the quarks to the gauge field** $A_\mu \equiv A_\mu^a t^a$ **through the covariant derivative**

$$\partial_\mu \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_\mu(x) \equiv \partial_\mu - ig A_\mu(x),$$

getting:

$$\mathcal{L}_q = \bar{q}(x) [i \not{\mathcal{D}}(x) - m] q(x) = \mathcal{L}_q^{\text{free}} + g \bar{q}(x) \not{A}(x) q(x).$$

The transformation of A_μ under local $SU(N_c)$ must be such to compensate the extra term in Eq. (1):

$$A_\mu \longrightarrow A'_\mu = V A_\mu V^\dagger - \frac{i}{g} (\partial_\mu V) V^\dagger.$$

Exercise: verify that \mathcal{L}_q is now invariant under local $SU(N_c)$ transformations. In particular:

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu q \longrightarrow V \mathcal{D}_\mu q \implies \mathcal{D}_\mu \longrightarrow V \mathcal{D}_\mu V^\dagger \quad (2)$$

We must now construct the lagrangian for the gauge-field A_μ

Remember the ($U(1)$ invariant) **QED lagrangian of the e.m. field**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}^{QED} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu.$$

The field-strength $F_{\mu\nu}$ can be expressed through the covariant derivative

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu + ieA_\mu \quad \longrightarrow \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{-i}{e} [\mathcal{D}_\mu, \mathcal{D}_\nu]$$

The **generalization to QCD** is now straightforward:

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g} [\mathcal{D}_\mu, \mathcal{D}_\nu] \quad \longrightarrow \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig [A_\mu, A_\nu].$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + gf^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \quad (\text{verify!})$$

From the transformation of the covariant derivative in Eq. (2) one has

$$F_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow VF_{\mu\nu}V^\dagger, \quad \text{not invariant!}$$

so that the proper $SU(N_c)$ -invariant generation of the QED lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}^{QCD} = -\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}) = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a}$$

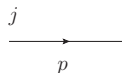
where we have used $\text{Tr}(t^a t^b) = (1/2)\delta^{ab}$.

The QCD Lagrangian and Feynman rules

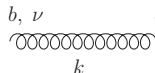
The final form of the QCD Lagrangian is then

$$\mathcal{L}^{QCD} = \sum_f \bar{q}_f [i\not{D} - m_f] q_f - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a},$$

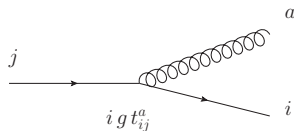
leading to the following Feynman rules (ex: derive them!)



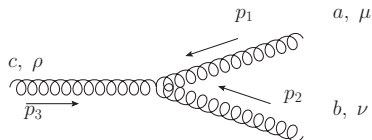
$$\delta_{ij} \frac{i(p_\mu \gamma^\mu + m)}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$



$$\delta_{ab} \frac{i(-g^{\mu\nu} + \dots)}{k^2 + i\epsilon}$$



$$i g t_{ij}^a$$



$$g f^{abc} [g^{\mu\nu}(p_1 - p_2)^\rho + g^{\nu\rho}(p_2 - p_3)^\mu + g^{\rho\mu}(p_3 - p_1)^\nu]$$

Some color algebra...

Quark rotation in color-space is described by the $N_c \times N_c$ matrices t^a in the *fundamental representation* of $SU(N_c)$.

Color rotation of gluons is described by the $(N_c^2 - 1) \times (N_c^2 - 1)$ matrices T^a of the *adjoint representation*

- Matrix elements of the adjoint representation are given by the structure constants of the algebra:

$$(T^a)_{cd} = if^{cad}$$

- One can verify (try!) that this choice satisfies the $su(3)$ algebra

$$[T^a, T^b]_{ce} = if^{abd}(T^d)_{ce}$$

Suggestion: exploit the relation among the structure constants

$$f^{abd}f^{dce} + f^{bcd}f^{dae} + f^{cad}f^{dbe} = 0,$$

coming from the (trivial) Jacobi identity

$$[[t^a, t^b], t^c] + [[t^b, t^c], t^a] + [[t^c, t^a], t^b] = 0$$

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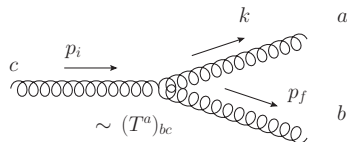
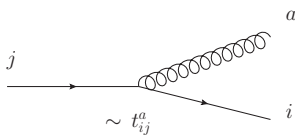
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- This allows us to reinterpret the $g \rightarrow gg$ Feynman diagram



Color-flow in QCD processes

Graphical shortcuts (exact in the *large- N_c limit*) allows one to follow the color-flow in QCD processes and to evaluate color factors:

- Quark and gluons are represented as



- The radiation vertexes are given by

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of } q \rightarrow qg \text{ vertex} \end{array} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ - \\ \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \right)$$

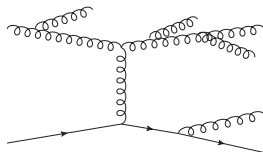
$q \rightarrow qg$ $\bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q}g$

- Rad. prob. involves the factor $T_R^a T_R^a = C_F$ ($C_F = (N_c^2 - 1)/2N_c$ and $C_A = N_c$): $d\sigma_g^{\text{rad}} \approx 2d\sigma_q^{\text{rad}}$ (gluon can radiate from 2 colored lines!)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of gluon self-energy loop} \end{array} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} N_c = \frac{N_c}{2} \approx C_F$$

QCD in elementary collisions

In elementary collisions (e^+e^- , pp , $p\bar{p}$...) QCD allows one



- to calculate the hard-process ($qg \rightarrow qg$, $gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$...) in which high- p_T partons are produced;
- to resum the (mostly soft and collinear) **gluons radiated by the accelerated color charges**.

We will **focus on the last item**, which – in a second stage – we will generalize to deal with the **additional radiation induced by the presence of a medium**

Notation

It will be convenient, depending on the cases, to employ different coordinate systems:

- **Minkowski** coordinates (more transparent physical meaning)

$$a = (a^0, \vec{a}), \quad b = (b^0, \vec{b}), \quad \text{with} \quad a \cdot b = a^0 b^0 - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

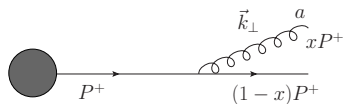
- **Light-cone** coordinates (calculations ~ 10 times easier)

$$a = [a^+, a^-, \vec{a}_\perp], \quad b = [b^+, b^-, \vec{b}_\perp], \quad \text{with} \quad a \cdot b = a^+ b^- + a^- b^+ - \vec{a}_\perp \cdot \vec{b}_\perp$$

where $a^\pm \equiv [a^0 \pm a^z]/\sqrt{2}$ (verify the consistency!).

Soft gluon radiation off hard partons

A hard parton with $p_i \equiv [p^+, Q^2/2p^+, \mathbf{0}]$ loses its virtuality Q through gluon-radiation. In *light-cone coordinates*, with $p^\pm \equiv [E \pm p_z]/\sqrt{2}$:



$$k \equiv \left[xp^+, \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2xp^+}, \mathbf{k} \right] \quad \epsilon_g = \left[0, \frac{\epsilon_g \cdot \mathbf{k}}{xp^+}, \epsilon_g \right]$$

$$p_f = \left[(1-x)p^+, \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2(1-x)p^+}, -\mathbf{k} \right]$$

Let us evaluate the radiation amplitude (notice that $\epsilon_g \cdot k = 0$)

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{rad}} = \bar{u}(p_f)(igt^a)\not{\epsilon}_g^* \frac{i(\not{p}_f + \not{k})}{(p_f + k)^2} \mathcal{M}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{hard}} \approx \bar{u}(p_f)(igt^a)\not{\epsilon}_g^* \frac{i\not{p}_f}{2p_f \cdot k} \mathcal{M}^{\text{hard}}$$

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \not{\epsilon}_g^* \not{p}_f = 2p_f \cdot \epsilon_g^* - \not{p}_f \not{\epsilon}_g^* = 2p_f \cdot \epsilon_g^* \quad (\text{since } \bar{u}(p_f)\not{p}_f = 0)$$

The amplitude for **soft** ($x \ll 1$) **gluon radiation** reads then

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{rad}} \underset{x \ll 1}{\sim} g \left(\frac{p_f \cdot \epsilon_g^*}{p_f \cdot k} \right) t^a \mathcal{M}^{\text{hard}} \quad (3)$$

- Notice that the **soft-gluon radiation** amplitude

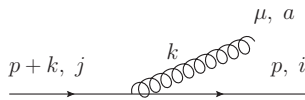
$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{rad}} \underset{x \ll 1}{\sim} g \left(\frac{p_f \cdot \epsilon_g^*}{p_f \cdot k} \right) t^a \mathcal{M}^{\text{hard}}$$

does not depend on the spin of the radiator, but only on its color charge (in the case of a gluon $t^a \rightarrow T^a$)

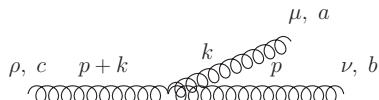
- One can derive *effective radiation vertexes* treating the quarks as complex scalar fields, getting rid of the Dirac algebra:

$$\mathcal{L}_{SQCD} = (\mathcal{D}_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (\mathcal{D}^\mu \Phi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a}.$$

From $\epsilon_g \cdot k = 0$ (**radiated gluons are transverse!**) one gets (verify!)



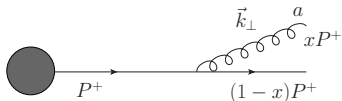
$$ig t_{ij}^a (2p+k)^\mu = ig t_{ij}^a 2p^\mu$$



$$gf^{abc}(-2p-k)^\mu g^{\nu\rho} = -gf^{abc} 2p^\mu g^{\nu\rho}$$

All **soft-gluon radiation amplitudes** (both **in-vacuum** and **in-medium**) can be derived within this approximation!

One gets (verify!)



$$\left(\frac{p_f \cdot \epsilon_g^*}{p_f \cdot k} \right) = 2(1-x) \frac{\epsilon_g \cdot k}{k^2}$$

Squaring and *summing over the polarizations of the gluon* ($\sum_{\text{pol}} \epsilon_g^i \epsilon_g^j = \delta^{ij}$) one gets the soft radiation cross-section:

$$d\sigma_{\text{vac}}^{\text{rad}} \underset{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} d\sigma^{\text{hard}} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} C_F \frac{dk^+}{k^+} \frac{dk}{k^2}$$

- Radiation spectrum (our benchmark): **IR** and **collinear** divergent!
- k_{\perp} vs virtuality: $k^2 = x(1-x)Q^2$;
- Time-scale (*formation time*) for gluon radiation:

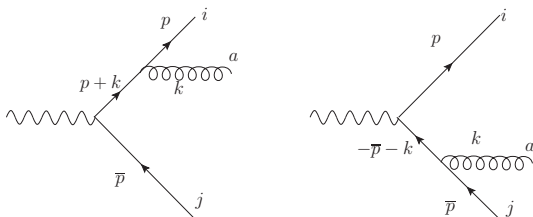
$$\Delta t_{\text{rad}} \sim Q^{-1}(E/Q) \sim 2\omega/k^2 \quad (x \approx \omega/E)$$

Formation times will become important in the presence of a medium, whose thickness L will provide a scale to compare with!

Soft-gluon emission: color coherence

We have seen how the radiation of **soft** (i.e. *long wavelength*) **gluon** is **not sensitive to short-distance details** (e.g. *the spin* of the radiator), but only to the **color-charge** of the emitter: *this will have deep consequences on the angular distribution of the radiation*.

Let us consider the decay of a color-singlet (γ^* , Z , W , H) into a $q\bar{q}$ pair: the suddenly accelerated color-charges can radiate gluons



Employing the effective soft-gluon vertexes one gets:

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{rad}} \approx gt_{ij}^a \left(\frac{p \cdot \epsilon_g^*}{p \cdot k} - \frac{\bar{p} \cdot \epsilon_g^*}{\bar{p} \cdot k} \right) \mathcal{M}^{\text{Born}}.$$

In order to evaluate the **radiation cross-section** one must square the amplitude and integrate over the **gluon phase-space**. From the sum over the gluon polarizations (in Feynman gauge)

$$\sum_{\text{pol}} \epsilon_\mu \epsilon_\nu^* = -g_{\mu\nu}$$

one gets, for $k = (\omega, \vec{k})$,

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma^{\text{rad}} &= d\sigma^{\text{Born}} g^2 C_F \frac{d\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\omega} \frac{2(p \cdot \bar{p})}{(p \cdot k)(\bar{p} \cdot k)} \\ &= d\sigma^{\text{Born}} \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \underbrace{\frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ij}}{(1 - \cos \theta_{ik})(1 - \cos \theta_{jk})}}_{W_{[ij]}} d\cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

One would like to obtain a *probabilistic interpretation*, possibly to insert into an Monte-Carlo setup. Non trivial request, since (in Feynman gauge) $d\sigma^{\text{rad}}$ comes entirely from the interference term! However...

$$W_{[ij]} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\cos \theta_{ik} - \cos \theta_{ij}}{(1 - \cos \theta_{ik})(1 - \cos \theta_{jk})} + \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta_{ik}} \right] + \frac{1}{2} [i \leftrightarrow j] \equiv W_{[i]} + W_{[j]}.$$

This will help to achieve our goal!

$$W_{[i]} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\cos \theta_{ik} - \cos \theta_{ij}}{(1 - \cos \theta_{ik})(1 - \cos \theta_{jk})} + \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta_{ik}} \right]$$

allows one to give a **probabilistic interpretation**. In fact:

- $$W_{[i]} \underset{\theta_{ik} \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta_{ik}} \quad \text{and} \quad W_{[i]} \underset{\theta_{jk} \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \text{finite}$$

and analogously for $W_{[j]}$.

- **After azimuthal average:**

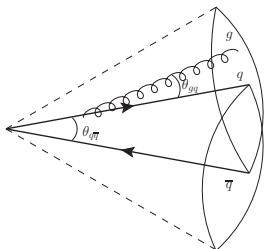
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} W_{[i]} = \frac{\Theta(\theta_{ij} - \theta_{ik})}{1 - \cos \theta_{ik}} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} W_{[j]} = \frac{\Theta(\theta_{ij} - \theta_{jk})}{1 - \cos \theta_{jk}}$$

The quark can radiate a gluon **within the cone of opening angle θ_{ij}** obtained rotating the antiquark and vice versa.

One gets:

$$d\sigma^{\text{rad}} = d\sigma^{\text{Born}} \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \left[\Theta(\theta_{ij} - \theta_{ik}) \frac{d \cos \theta_{ik}}{1 - \cos \theta_{ik}} + \Theta(\theta_{ij} - \theta_{jk}) \frac{d \cos \theta_{jk}}{1 - \cos \theta_{jk}} \right]$$

Angular ordering: physical interpretation



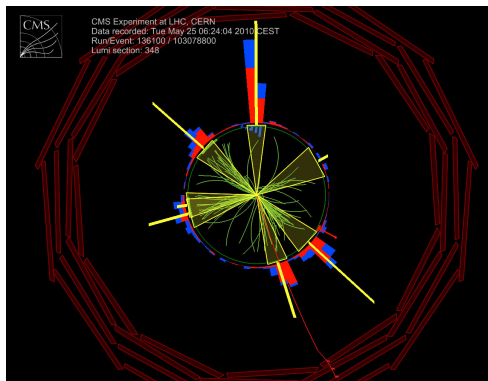
Radiation pattern of a $q\bar{q}$ antenna
in the vacuum

- **Formation-time** required for gluon radiation: $t_f = 2\omega/k_\perp^2 \sim 1/\omega\theta_{gq}^2$;
- **Transverse wave-length** of the gluon $\lambda_\perp \sim 1/k_\perp \sim 1/\omega\theta_{gq}$...
- ... must be sufficient to *resolve* the **transverse separation** $d_\perp = t_f\theta_{q\bar{q}}$ reached meanwhile by the pair:

$$1/\omega\theta_{gq} \sim \lambda_\perp < d_\perp \sim \theta_{q\bar{q}}/\omega\theta_{gq}^2$$

- Gluon forced to be **radiated within the cone** $\theta_{gq} < \theta_{q\bar{q}}$

Angular ordering in parton branching: jet production



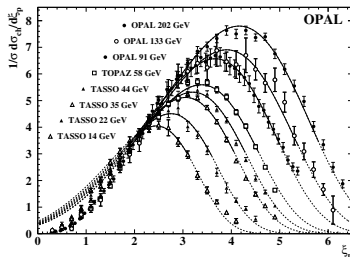
Angular ordering of QCD radiation in the vacuum *at the basis of the development of **collimated jets***

Angular ordering: Hump-backed Plateau

- In order to resolve the color charges of the antenna

$$\lambda_{\perp} < d_{\perp} = t_f \theta_{q\bar{q}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad 1/k_{\perp} < (2\omega/k_{\perp}^2) \theta_{q\bar{q}}$$

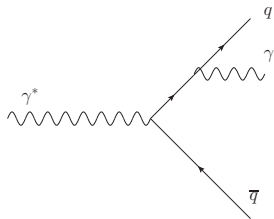
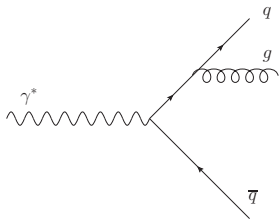
- The request $k_{\perp} > \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ leads to the constraint $\omega > \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/\theta_{q\bar{q}}$

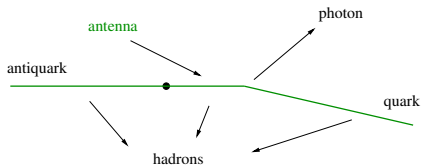
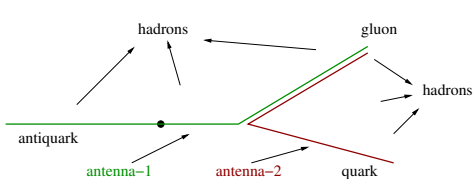
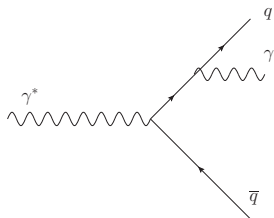
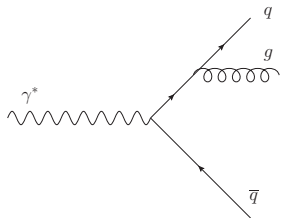


$$\xi \equiv -\ln(p^h/E^{\text{jet}})$$

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Angular ordering responsible for the *suppression of soft-hadron production in jet-fragmentation* in the vacuum

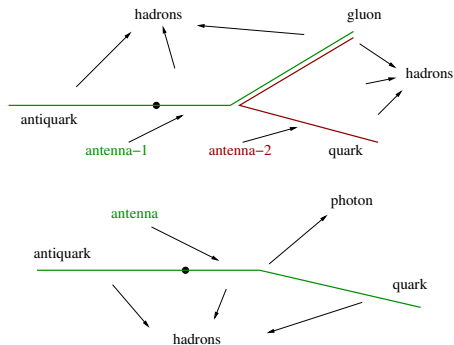
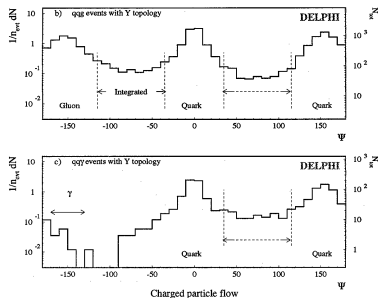
Color-coherence in QCD: the string effect in e^+e^- 

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$$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g \quad \text{vs} \quad e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}\gamma$$

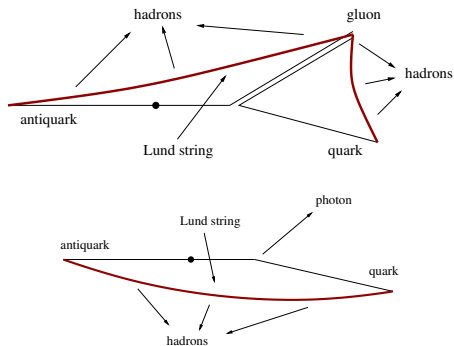
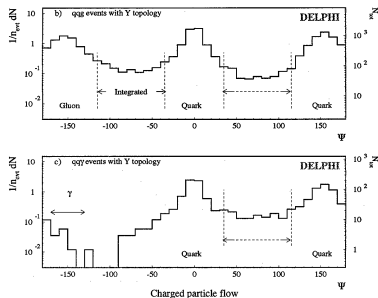
Exactly the same kinematics, but *different color flow*

Color-coherence in QCD: the string effect in e^+e^-



Depletion vs enhancement of particle production within the $q - \bar{q}$ angle

Color-coherence in QCD: the string effect in e^+e^-



Depletion vs enhancement of particle production within the $q - \bar{q}$ angle

NB Alternative (complementary, still based on *color-flow*!) interpretation in terms of **different string-breaking pattern** when going from partonic to hadronic d.o.f. in the two cases

A first lesson

- We have illustrated some aspects of **soft-gluon radiation** (in particular **angular-ordering** and **color-flow**) essential to describe *basic qualitative predictions of QCD in elementary collisions*:
 - Development of **collimated jets** (the experimentally accessible observable closest to quarks and gluons);
 - **Intra-jet coherence** (soft-hadron suppression inside the jet-cone: **Hump-backed Plateau**);
 - **Inter-jet coherence** (angular pattern of soft particles outside the jets: **string effect**)

Without explaining the above effects could QCD have been promoted to be THE theory of strong interactions?

- Hence the interest in studying **how the above picture gets modified due to the interaction** (i.e. *color-exchange*) **with a medium**

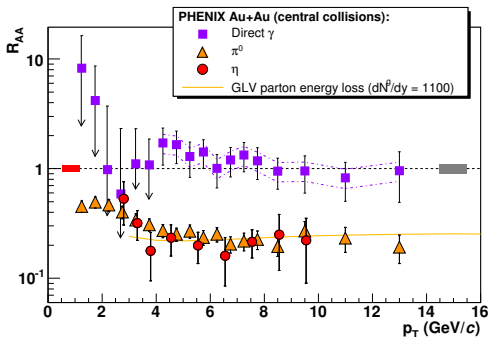
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Jet quenching

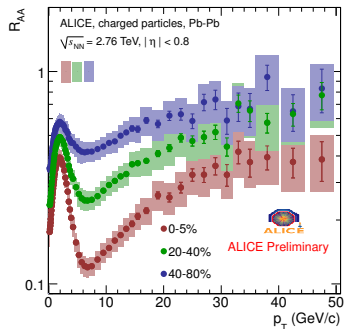
(in a broad sense: jet-reconstruction in AA possible only recently)

Inclusive hadron spectra: the nuclear modification factor



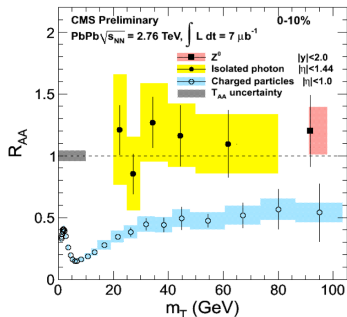
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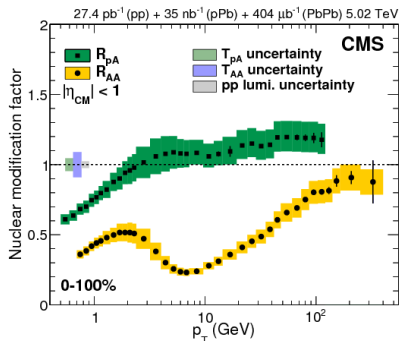
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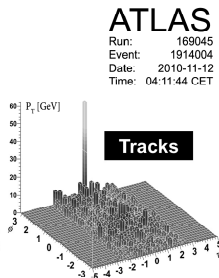
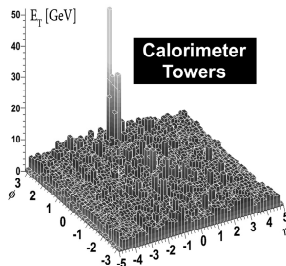
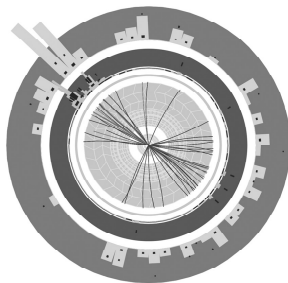
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Hard-photon $R_{AA} \approx 1$ and high- p_T hadron R_{pA}

- supports the Glauber picture (binary-collision scaling);
- entails that **quenching of inclusive hadron spectra** is a *final state effect due to in-medium energy loss*.

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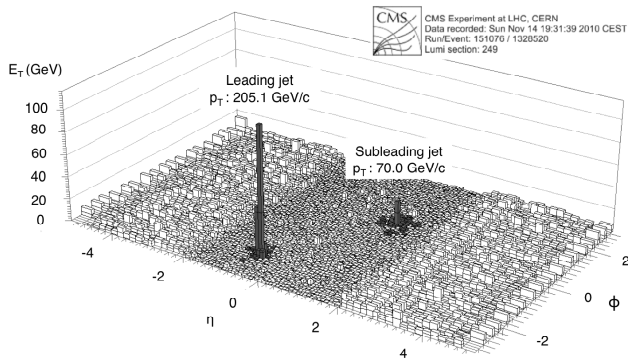
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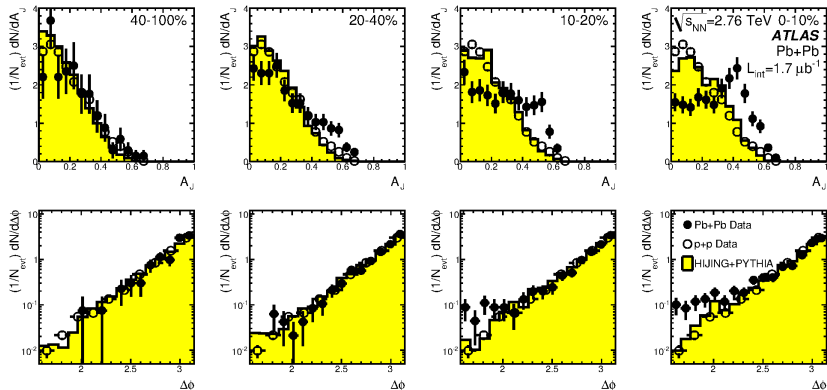
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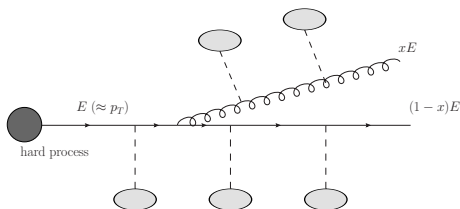
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Dijet correlations: results



- Dijet **asymmetry** $A_j \equiv \frac{E_{T1} - E_{T2}}{E_{T1} + E_{T2}}$ enhanced wrt to p+p and increasing with centrality;
- **$\Delta\phi$ distribution** unchanged wrt p+p (jet pairs \sim back-to-back)

Physical interpretation of the data: *energy-loss at the parton level!*



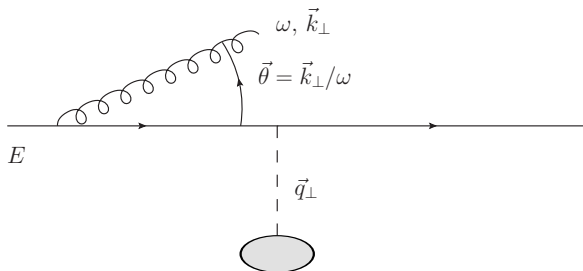
- Interaction of the high- p_T parton with the *color field of the medium* induces the *radiation* of (mostly) soft ($\omega \ll E$) and collinear ($k_\perp \ll \omega$) gluons;
- Radiated gluon can further re-scatter in the medium (cumulated \mathbf{q}_\perp favor *decoherence* from the projectile).

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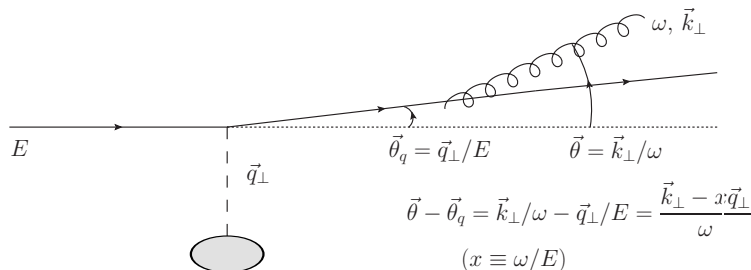
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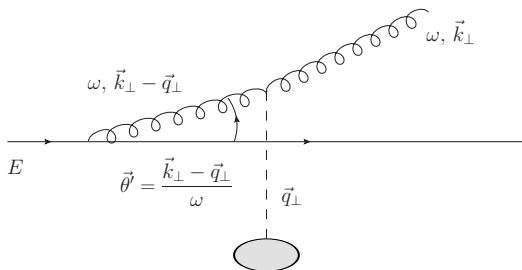
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The modelling of the medium (I)

The modelling of the **medium** in radiative energy-loss studies is usually quite elementary. It is just given by a **color-field** $A^\mu(x)$ arising from a **collection of scattering centers**, mimicking the elastic collisions suffered by the high-energy parton with the color-charges present in the medium.

In the *axial gauge* $A^+ = 0$ one has:

$$A^-(x) \equiv \sum_{n=1}^N \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_n)} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) \delta(x^+ - x_n^+) T_{(n)}^{a_n} \otimes T_{(R)}^{a_n}$$

- $T_{(n)}^{a_n}$ describes the **color rotation of the n^{th} scattering center** in the representation n ;
- $T_{(R)}^{a_n}$ describes the **color rotation of high-energy projectile**, in the representation R ;
- $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q})$ is a generic **interaction potential** responsible for the **transverse-momentum transfer \mathbf{q}** . Its specific form is not important, what matters is that *the medium is able to provide a momentum kick and to exchange color with the projectile*.

The modelling of the medium (II)

- It will be convenient to express the color-field in Fourier space:

$$A^-(q) \equiv \sum_{n=1}^N (2\pi) \delta(q^+) e^{iq^- x_n^+} e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x}_n} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) T_{(n)}^{a_n} \otimes T_{(R)}^{a_n}$$

$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q})$ is often taken as **Debye-screened potential** $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{g^2}{\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_D^2}$: in this case μ_D^2 ($\sim \alpha_s T^2$ in weak-coupling) will represent the typical \mathbf{q}^2 -transfer from the medium.

- In squaring the amplitudes one will have to evaluate the traces

$$\text{Tr} \left(T_{(n)}^{a_1} T_{(n')}^{a_2} \right) = \delta_{nn'} \delta^{a_1 a_2} C(n) \quad (C(\text{fund}) = 1/2 \text{ and } C(\text{adj}) = N_c)$$

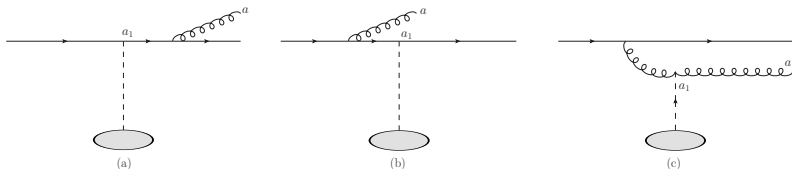
and (averaging over the d_R and d_n colors of proj. R and targ. n)

$$\frac{1}{d_R d_n} \text{Tr} (T_R^{a_1} T_R^{a_2}) \text{Tr} (T_n^{a_1} T_n^{a_2}) = \frac{C_R C(n)}{d_n} \longrightarrow \frac{d\sigma^{\text{el}}(R, n)}{d\mathbf{q}} = \frac{C_R C(n)}{d_n} \frac{|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q})|^2}{(2\pi)^2}$$

Medium-induced gluon radiation: projectile from $-\infty$

We consider the radiation off a on-shell high-E parton $p_i = [p^+, 0, \mathbf{0}]$, induced by a single elastic scattering ($N=1$ opacity expansion)

$$p_f = \left[(1-x)p^+, \frac{(\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k})^2}{2(1-x)p^+}, \mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k} \right], \quad k = \left[xp^+, \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2xp^+}, \mathbf{k} \right], \quad \epsilon_g = \left[0, \frac{\epsilon_g \cdot \mathbf{k}}{xp^+}, \epsilon_g \right]$$



$$\begin{aligned} i\mathcal{M}_{(a)} &= -ig (t^a t^{a_1}) \sum_n \left(\frac{p_f \cdot \epsilon_g^*}{p_f \cdot k} \right) (2p^+) \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) e^{iq \cdot x_n} T_{(n)}^{a_1} \\ &= -ig (t^a t^{a_1}) \sum_n 2(1-x) \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_g \cdot (\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q})^2}}_{\sim \vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_q} (2p^+) \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) e^{iq \cdot x_n} T_{(n)}^{a_1} \end{aligned}$$

The three different amplitudes reads (verify!)

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$$i\mathcal{M}_{(b)} = ig(t^{a_1} t^a) \sum_n 2(1-x) \frac{\epsilon_{g \cdot} \mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2} (2p^+) \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) e^{iq \cdot x_n} T_{(n)}^{a_1}$$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(c)} = ig[t^a, t^{a_1}] \sum_n 2(1-x) \frac{\epsilon_{g \cdot}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2} (2p^+) \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) e^{iq \cdot x_n} T_{(n)}^{a_1}.$$

Neglecting $\mathcal{O}(x)$ corrections in (a) one gets the compact expression:

$$i\mathcal{M}^{\text{rad}} = -2ig[t^a, t^{a_1}] \sum_n \left[\frac{\epsilon_{g \cdot} \mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2} - \frac{\epsilon_{g \cdot}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2} \right] (2p^+) \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) e^{iq \cdot x_n} T_{(n)}^{a_1}$$

leading to the *Gunion-Bertsch* spectrum:

$$k^+ \frac{dN_g}{d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{k}^+} \equiv \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{el}}} k^+ \frac{d\sigma^{\text{rad}}}{d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{k}^+} = C_A \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \langle [\mathbf{K}_0 - \mathbf{K}_1]^2 \rangle = C_A \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{\mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{K}_0 \equiv \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2}, \quad \mathbf{K}_1 \equiv \frac{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}}{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \dots \rangle \equiv \int d\mathbf{q} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{el}}} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{el}}}{d\mathbf{q}}$$

Medium-induced radiation: the QED case

In the case of QED-radiation one would have just 2 amplitudes to sum:

$$\mathcal{M}_{(a)} \sim -g \sum_n 2 \frac{\epsilon_\gamma \cdot (\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q})^2} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) e^{iq \cdot x_n}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{(b)} \sim g \sum_n 2 \frac{\epsilon_\gamma \cdot \mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}) e^{iq \cdot x_n}$$

getting the *Bethe-Heitler* spectrum

$$k^+ \frac{dN_\gamma}{d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{k}^+} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\pi^2} \left\langle \frac{x^2 \mathbf{q}^2}{\mathbf{k}^2 (\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q})^2} \right\rangle.$$

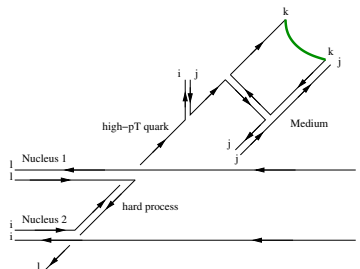
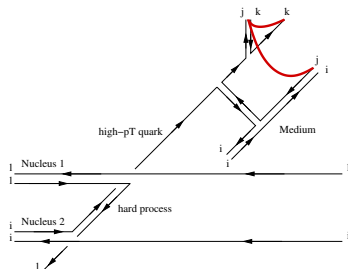
- Notice that the **photon radiation is suppressed** in the $x \rightarrow 0$ limit, in which $\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q} \approx \mathbf{k}$. This corresponds to $\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_q \approx \vec{\theta}$, **neglecting the recoil angle of the quark** (it cannot radiate photons if it doesn't change direction!);
- However **in QCD**, even neglecting the recoil (i.e. the quark goes on propagating straight-line), **the quark rotates in color** and hence can radiate gluons, yielding a non-vanishing spectrum even in the strict $x \rightarrow 0$ limit.

Medium-induced radiation: color flow

The 3-gluon amplitude $\mathcal{M}_{(c)}$ has the color structure $[t^a, t^{a_1}]$, which can be decomposed as $t^a t^{a_1} - t^{a_1} t^a$, corresponding to the two color flows



The relevant color channels to consider are then just two:



One might investigate the **implications at hadronization!**

The radiation amplitude can be decomposed in the two color channels

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{rad}} = \mathcal{M}^{aa_1} + \mathcal{M}^{a_1a}$$

In squaring the amplitude interference terms between the two color channels are suppressed by $\mathcal{O}(1/N_c^2)$, since (verify!)

$$\text{Tr}(t^a t^{a_1} t^{a_1} t^a) = C_F^2 N_c \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Tr}(t^a t^{a_1} t^a t^{a_1}) = -(1/2N_c) C_F N_c.$$

The radiation spectrum in the two color channels reads then:

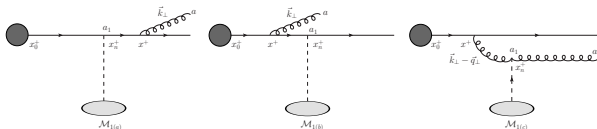
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where $\bar{\mathbf{K}}_0 \equiv \frac{\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q}}{(\mathbf{k} - x\mathbf{q})^2}$. Notice that, in the soft $x \rightarrow 0$ limit, the two channel contributes equally to the spectrum.

In the soft limit the sum returns the inclusive Gunion Bertsch spectrum

$$k^+ \frac{dN_g}{d\mathbf{k} dk^+} \Big|_{aa_1} + k^+ \frac{dN_g}{d\mathbf{k} dk^+} \Big|_{a_1a} \underset{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} C_A \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{\mathbf{k}^2 (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})^2} \right\rangle$$

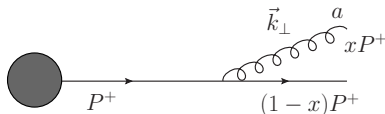
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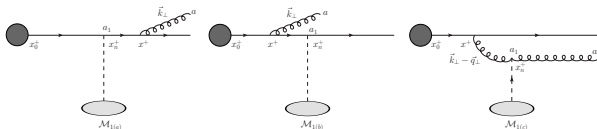


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- The *medium length* L introduces a scale to compare with the *gluon formation-time* t_{form} \longrightarrow non-trivial *interference effects*!
In the vacuum (no other scale!) $t_{\text{form}}^{\text{vac}} \equiv 2\omega/\mathbf{k}^2$ played no role.

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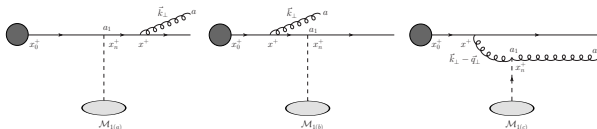
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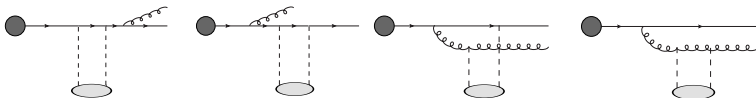
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$2\text{Re}\langle \mathcal{M}_2^{\text{virt}} \rangle \mathcal{M}_0^*$: *reducing the contribution to the spectrum by vacuum radiation, involving no color-exchange with the medium*

The medium-induced spectrum: physical interpretation

$$\omega \frac{d\sigma^{\text{ind}}}{d\omega d\mathbf{k}} = d\sigma^{\text{hard}} C_R \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{L}{\lambda_g^{\text{el}}} \right) \left\langle [(\mathbf{K}_0 - \mathbf{K}_1)^2 + \mathbf{K}_1^2 - \mathbf{K}_0^2] \left(1 - \frac{\sin(\omega_1 L)}{\omega_1 L} \right) \right\rangle$$

In the above $\omega_1 \equiv (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})^2 / 2\omega$ and two regimes can be distinguished:

- Coherent regime LPM ($\omega_1 L \ll 1$): $d\sigma^{\text{ind}} = 0 \rightarrow d\sigma^{\text{rad}} = d\sigma^{\text{vac}}$
- Incoherent regime ($\omega_1 L \gg 1$): $d\sigma^{\text{ind}} \sim \langle (\mathbf{K}_0 - \mathbf{K}_1)^2 + \mathbf{K}_1^2 - \mathbf{K}_0^2 \rangle$

The full radiation spectrum can be organized as

$$d\sigma^{\text{rad}} = d\sigma^{\text{GB}} + d\sigma_{\text{gain}}^{\text{vac}} + d\sigma_{\text{loss}}^{\text{vac}}$$

where

$$d\sigma^{\text{GB}} = d\sigma^{\text{hard}} C_R \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} (L/\lambda_g^{\text{el}}) \langle (\mathbf{K}_0 - \mathbf{K}_1)^2 \rangle (d\omega d\mathbf{k}/\omega)$$

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$$d\sigma_{\text{loss}}^{\text{vac}} = (1 - L/\lambda_g^{\text{el}}) d\sigma^{\text{hard}} C_R \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \mathbf{K}_0^2 (d\omega d\mathbf{k}/\omega)$$

(for a detailed derivation see e.g. JHEP 1207 (2012) 144)

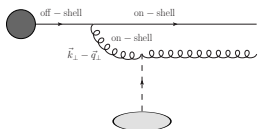
In-medium gluon formation time

Behavior of the induced spectrum depending on the *gluon formation-time*

$$t_{\text{form}} \equiv \omega_1^{-1} = 2\omega/(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})^2$$

differing from the vacuum result $t_{\text{form}}^{\text{vac}} \equiv 2\omega/\mathbf{k}^2$, due to the **transverse \mathbf{q} -kick received from the medium**. Why such an expression?

Consider for instance the $\langle \mathbf{K}_1^2 \rangle$ contribution, with the **hard parton** produced **off-shell** $p_i \equiv [p_+, Q^2/2p_+, \mathbf{0}]$ and **radiating** an **on-shell gluon**, which then scatters in the medium



$$k_g \equiv \left[xp_+, \frac{(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})^2}{2xp_+}, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q} \right]$$

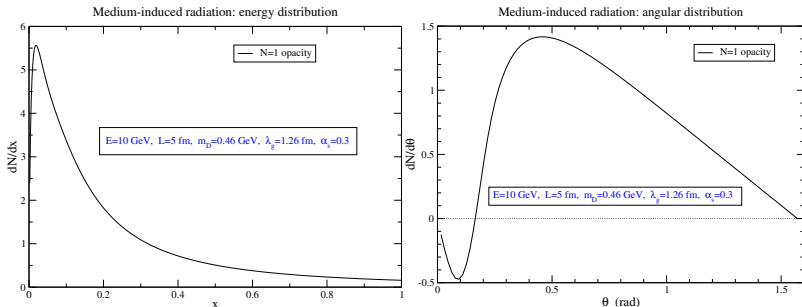
$$p_f = \left[(1-x)p_+, \frac{(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})^2}{2(1-x)p_+}, \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k} \right]$$

The radiation will occur in a time set by the uncertainty principle:

$$t_{\text{form}} \sim Q^{-1}(E/Q) \sim 2\omega/(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})^2$$

→ if $t_{\text{form}} \gtrsim L$ the process is suppressed!

Medium-induced radiation spectrum: numerical results

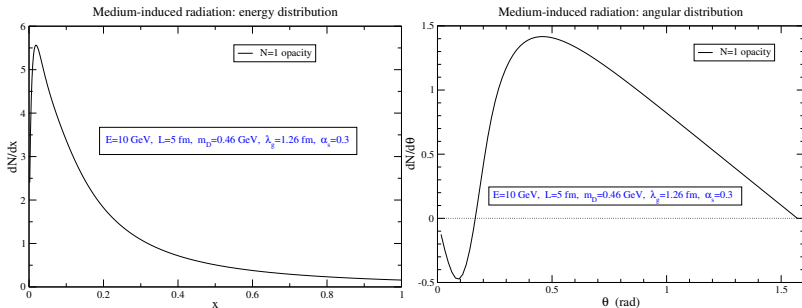


At variance with vacuum-radiation, medium induced spectrum

- **Infrared** safe (vanishing as $\omega \rightarrow 0$);
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Depletion of gluon spectrum at small angles due to their rescattering in the medium!

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In general $\langle N \rangle > 1$, so that addressing *multiple gluon emission* becomes mandatory

Average energy-loss: analytic estimate

Integrating the lost energy ω over the inclusive gluon spectrum one gets, for an **extremely energetic parton**,

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle = \int d\omega \int d\mathbf{k} \, \omega \frac{dN_g^{\text{ind}}}{d\omega d\mathbf{k}} \underset{L \ll \sqrt{E/\hat{q}}}{\sim} \frac{C_R \alpha_s}{4} \left(\frac{\mu_D^2}{\lambda_g^{\text{el}}} \right) L^2$$

- L^2 **dependence** on the medium-length (as long as the medium is sufficiently thin);
- In the same limit $\langle \Delta E \rangle$ **independent on the parton energy**;
- μ_D : Debye screening mass of color interaction \sim **typical momentum exchanged in a collision**;
- $\mu_D^2/\lambda_g^{\text{el}}$ often replaced by the **transport coefficient** \hat{q} , so that

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \sim \alpha_s C_R \hat{q} L^2$$

\hat{q} : average q_\perp^2 acquired per unit length

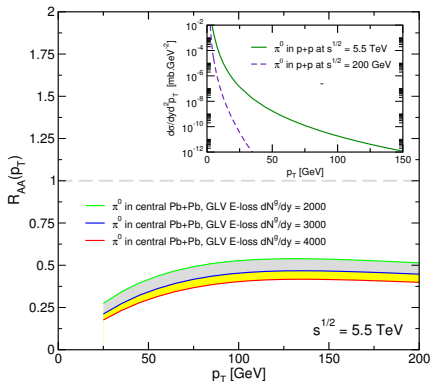
From theory to experiment...

We have seen that

- $\langle N \rangle > 1$ makes mandatory to deal with multiple gluon radiation;
- $\langle \Delta E \rangle$ is *not sufficient* to characterize the *quenching* of the spectra, but one needs the full $P(\Delta E)$, in particular for $\Delta E \ll E$.

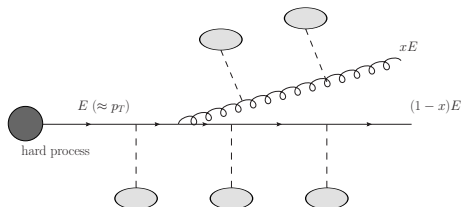
In case of *uncorrelated gluon radiation* (strong assumption! it's not the case for vacuum-radiation)

$$P(\Delta E) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\langle N_g \rangle}}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\int d\omega_i \frac{dN_g}{d\omega_i} \right] \times \delta \left(\Delta E - \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i \right),$$



(see I. Vitev, PLB 639 (2006), 38-45)

Some heuristic estimates



In general the projectile system (high-E parton + rad. gluon) can interact several times with the medium. One can then estimate the *gluon formation-length* as

$$l_f \sim \frac{\omega}{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2} \longrightarrow l_f \sim \frac{\omega}{(\mathbf{k}-\sum_n \mathbf{q}_n)^2} \approx \frac{\omega}{N_{\text{scatt}} \langle \mathbf{q}_n^2 \rangle} = \frac{\omega}{l_f \langle \mathbf{q}_n^2 \rangle / \lambda_{\text{mfp}}}.$$

Hence, one can identify $l_f \equiv \sqrt{\omega / \hat{q}}$: **soft gluon are formed earlier!**

From $1 = \hbar c = 0.1973 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{fm} \rightarrow 1 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{fm} \approx 5 \dots$

- Gluon radiation is suppressed if $l_{\text{form}}(\omega) > L$, which occurs above the critical frequency ω_c . Medium induces radiation of gluons with

$$l_{\text{form}}(\omega) = \sqrt{\omega/\hat{q}} < L \rightarrow \omega < \omega_c \equiv \hat{q}L^2$$

For $\hat{q} \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$ and $L \approx 5 \text{ fm}$ one gets $\omega_c \approx 125 \text{ GeV}$.

- One can estimate the typical angle at which gluons are radiated:

$$\langle \mathbf{k}^2 \rangle \approx \hat{q} l_{\text{form}}(\omega) = \sqrt{\hat{q}\omega} \rightarrow \langle \theta^2 \rangle = \frac{\langle \mathbf{k}^2 \rangle}{\omega^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q}}{\omega^3}} \rightarrow \bar{\theta} = \left(\frac{\hat{q}}{\omega^3} \right)^{1/4}$$

For a typical $\hat{q} \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$ one has (verify!):

$$\omega = 2 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \bar{\theta} \approx 0.4 \quad \omega = 5 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \bar{\theta} \approx 0.2$$

Soft gluons radiated at larger angles!

- Below the Bethe-Heitler frequency ω_{BH} one has $l_{\text{form}}(\omega) < \lambda_{\text{mfp}}$ and coherence effects are no longer important:

$$l_{\text{form}}(\omega_{\text{BH}}) = \sqrt{\omega_{\text{BH}}/\hat{q}} = \lambda_{\text{mfp}} \rightarrow \omega_{\text{BH}} \equiv \hat{q}\lambda_{\text{mfp}}^2$$

Energy-loss: heuristic derivation

Let us estimate the spectrum of radiated gluons *in the coherent regime* $\omega_{\text{BH}} < \omega < \omega_c$. One has to express the medium thickness L in units of the gluon formation length $l_{\text{form}} = \sqrt{\omega/\hat{q}}$, getting the effective numbers of radiators:

$$\omega \frac{dN_g}{d\omega} \sim \alpha_s C_R \frac{L}{l_{\text{form}}(\omega)} = \alpha_s C_R \sqrt{\frac{\omega_c}{\omega}}$$

Hence, for the average energy-loss one gets:

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \sim \alpha_s C_R \sqrt{\omega_c} \int_{\omega_{\text{BH}}}^{\omega_c} \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{\omega}} \underset{\omega_{\text{BH}} \ll \omega_c}{\sim} \alpha_s C_R \omega_c = \alpha_s C_R \hat{q} L^2$$

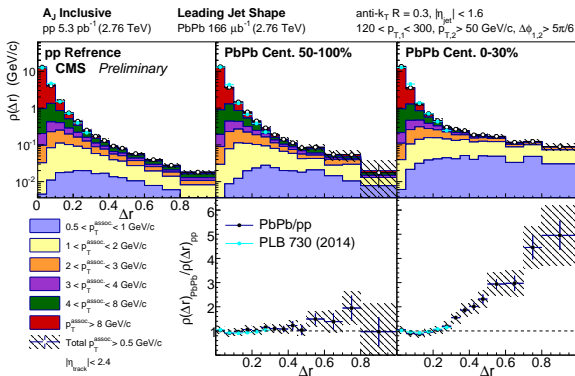
One can show (try!) that the contribution from the *incoherent regime* $\omega < \omega_{\text{BH}}$ in which

$$\omega \frac{dN_g}{d\omega} \sim \alpha_s C_R \frac{L}{\lambda_{\text{mfp}}}$$

is *subleading* by a factor λ_{mfp}/L and is *linear* in L .

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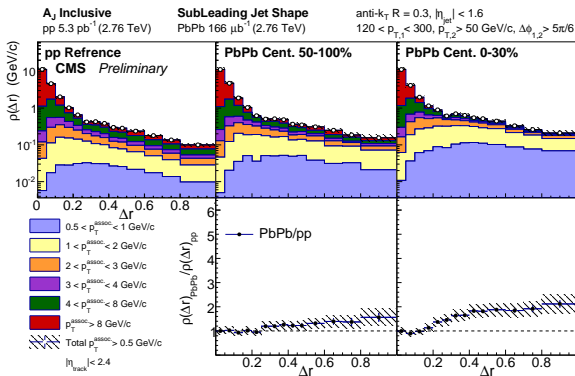
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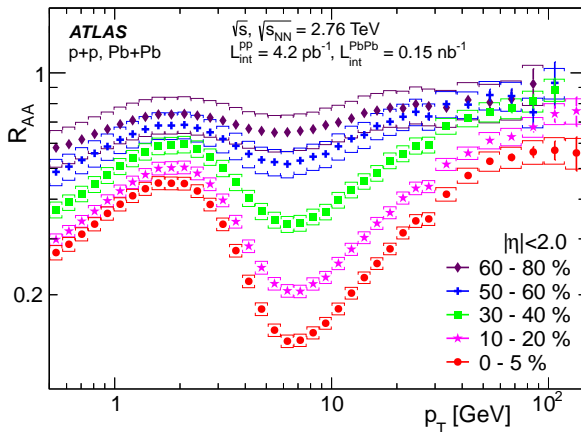
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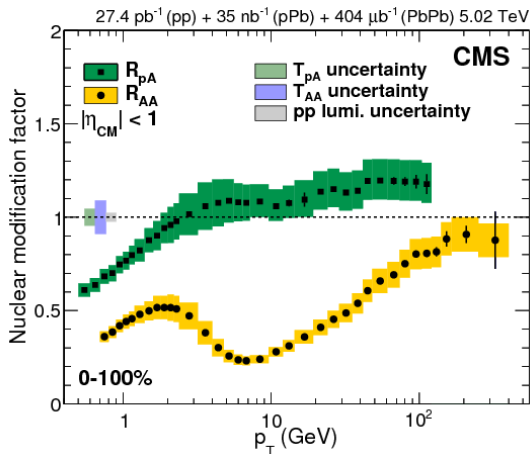
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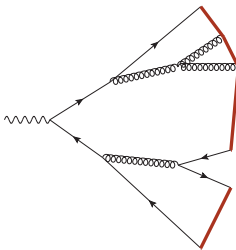


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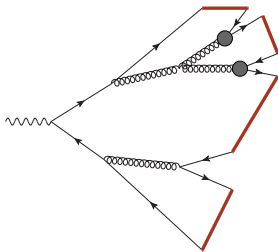
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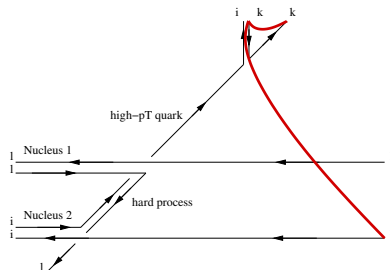
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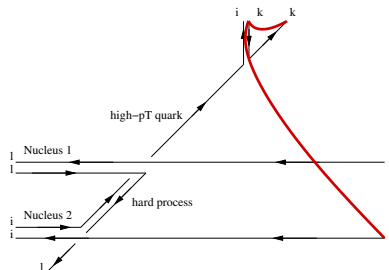
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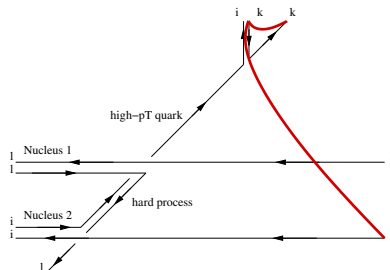
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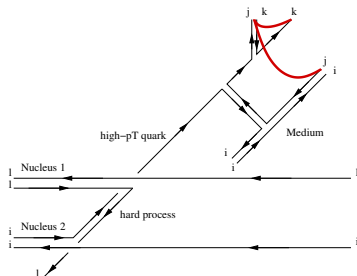
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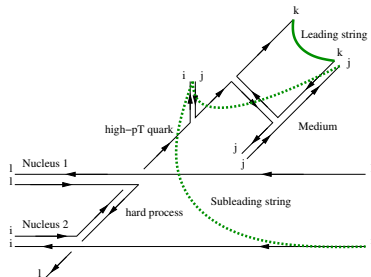
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- Second endpoint of the string here attached to the beam-remnant (very low p_T , very far in rapidity)

Medium-induced radiation: color-flow



“Final State Radiation”
(gluon \in leading string)

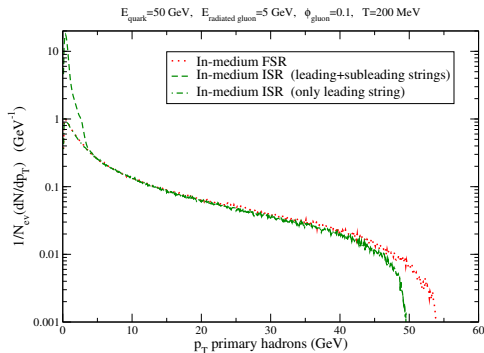
Gluon contributes to leading hadron



“Initial State Radiation”
(gluon decohered: lost!)

Gluon contributes to *enhanced soft multiplicity* from subleading string

Jet-fragmentation



ISR characterized by:

- Depletion of hard tail of FF (gluon decohered!);
- Enhanced soft multiplicity from the subleading string

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