

Forward photon+jet production in pA collisions at next-to-eikonal accuracy

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We also adopt Eikonal approximation which amounts to taking the high energy limit $s \rightarrow \infty$. Beyond eikonal limit give corrections of order $1/s$. We can obtain this limit boosting the target in following way:

$$A_a^\mu(x) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \gamma_t A_a^-(\gamma_t x^+, \frac{1}{\gamma_t} x^-, x_\perp) \\ \frac{1}{\gamma_t} A_a^+(\gamma_t x^+, \frac{1}{\gamma_t} x^-, x_\perp) \\ A_a^i(\gamma_t x^+, \frac{1}{\gamma_t} x^-, x_\perp) \end{cases}$$

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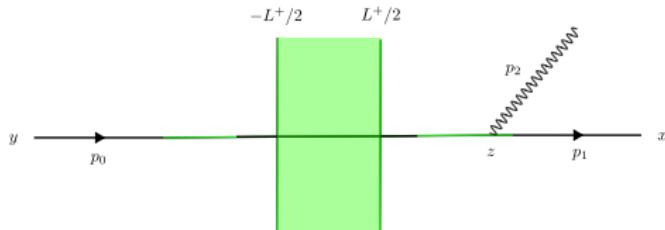
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Motivation for studying forward Photon-Jet production

We want to calculate the following Photon-jet production at next-to eikonal order, we will have 3 possible diagrams.

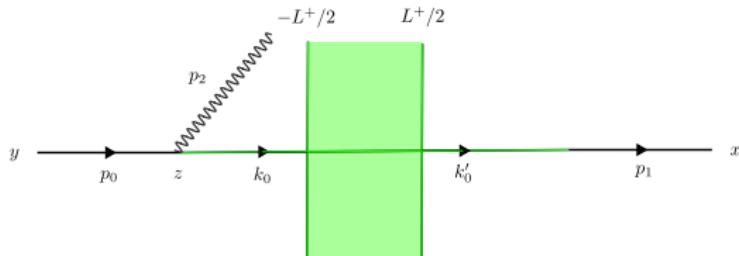


- Lower energies at RHIC compared to LHC \rightarrow NEik corrections
- Establishing an important formalism for future EIC.
- The LSZ reduction formula for this process:

$$S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO}} = \lim_{y^+ \rightarrow -\infty} \int d^2 y \int dy^- e^{-iy^- \check{p}_0} \lim_{x^+ \rightarrow +\infty} \int d^2 x \int dx^- e^{+ix^- \check{p}_1} \\ \times (-i) e e_f \int d^4 z e^{+iz^- \check{p}_2} \bar{u}(p_1, h_1) \gamma^+ [S_F(x, z)]_{\alpha_1 \beta} \not{e}_\lambda(p_2)^* [S_F(z, y)]_{\beta \alpha_0} \gamma^+ u(p_0, h_0)$$

Photon emission before the medium

The first diagram contributing to photon-jet production at both eikonal and NEik order is:

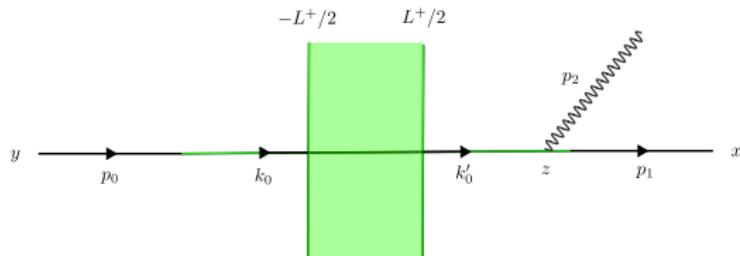


Our final amplitude for this case is:

$$\begin{aligned} S'_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-beff}} &= (-i) e e_f(1) \beta \alpha_0 \theta(p_0^+) \theta(p_1^+) \int d^2 v e^{-i v \cdot (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0 + \mathbf{p}_2)} \bar{u}(1) (-i \bar{\Delta}') \Bigg\{ \\ &\times \int d v^- e^{i v^- (p_1^+ - p_0^+ + p_2^+)} \mathcal{U}_F \left(\frac{L^+}{2}, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v, v^- \right) + \frac{2\pi \delta(p_1^+ - p_0^+ + p_2^+)}{2p_1^+} \\ &\times \int_{-\frac{L^+}{2}}^{\frac{L^+}{2}} d v^+ \mathcal{U}_F \left(\frac{L^+}{2}, v^+; v \right) \left[\frac{[\gamma^i, \gamma^j]}{4} g t \cdot \mathcal{F}_{ij}(v) - \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1^j + \mathbf{p}_0^j - \mathbf{p}_2^j)}{2} \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vj}} - i \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vj}} \overrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vj}} \right] \mathcal{U}_F \left(v^+, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v \right) \Bigg\} \\ &\times \epsilon_\lambda^k(p_2) \gamma^+ \left(\left(p_2^l - \frac{p_2^+}{p_0^+} p_0^l \right) \left(2\delta^{kl} - \frac{p_2^+}{p_0^+} \gamma^k \gamma^l \right) + \left(\frac{p_2^+}{p_0^+} \right)^2 m \gamma^k \right) u(0) \end{aligned}$$

Photon emission after the medium

The second diagram contributing to photon-jet production at both eikonal and NEik order is:

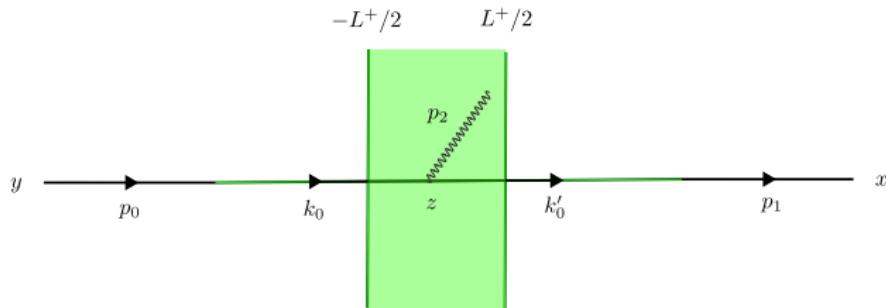


with the amplitude :

$$\begin{aligned} S'_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-aft}} &= (-i) e e_f \epsilon_\lambda^k(p_2)(1)_{\alpha_1 \beta} \theta(p_1^+) \theta(p_0^+) \int d^2 v e^{-i v \cdot (p_1 + p_2 - p_0)} \bar{u}(1) i \bar{\Delta} \gamma^+ \\ &\times \left(\left(p_2^I - \frac{p_2^+}{p_1^+} p_1^I \right) \left(2\delta^{kl} - \frac{p_2^+}{p_1^+} \gamma^l \gamma^k \right) - \left(\frac{p_2^+}{p_1^+} \right)^2 m \gamma^k \right) \left\{ \int dv^- e^{iv^- (p_1^+ + p_2^+ - p_0^+)} \mathcal{U}_F \left(\frac{L^+}{2}, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v, v^- \right) \right. \\ &+ \frac{2\pi \delta(p_1^+ + p_2^+ - p_0^+)}{(2p_0^+)} \\ &\times \left. \int_{-\frac{L^+}{2}}^{\frac{L^+}{2}} dv^+ \mathcal{U}_F \left(\frac{L^+}{2}, v^+; v \right) \left[\frac{[\gamma^i, \gamma^j]}{4} g t \cdot \mathcal{F}_{ij}(v) - \frac{(p_0^j + p_1^j + p_2^j)}{2} \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vj}} - i \overleftarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vj}} \overrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vj}} \right] \mathcal{U}_F \left(v^+, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v \right) \right\}_{\beta \alpha_0} u(0) \end{aligned}$$

Photon emission inside the medium

The third and last diagram contributing to photon-jet production contributing only at NEik order is:



with the amplitude :

$$S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-in}} = (-i) e e_f \epsilon_{\lambda k} (\underline{p}_2)^* \int d^2 z \, 2\pi \delta(\underline{p}_1^+ + \underline{p}_2^+ - \underline{p}_0^+) \theta(\underline{p}_0^+) \theta(\underline{p}_1^+) e^{-i\underline{z} \cdot (\underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 - \underline{p}_0)} \bar{u}(\underline{p}_1, h_1) \\ \times \int_{-L^+/2}^{L^+/2} dz^+ \mathcal{U}_F \left(\frac{L^+}{2}, z^+; z \right) \left[\frac{i\gamma^+ \gamma^i \gamma^k}{2p_1^+} + \frac{i\gamma^k \gamma^i \gamma^+}{2p_0^+} \right] \frac{1}{2} \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}_{z^i} \mathcal{U}_F \left(z^+, \frac{-L^+}{2}; z \right) u(\underline{p}_0, h_0)$$

Cross-section

We have the following definitions for the Wilson lines appearing in our cross-section

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}_{F;j}^{(1)}(v) &= \int_{-\frac{L^+}{2}}^{\frac{L^+}{2}} dv^+ \mathcal{U}_F\left(\frac{L^+}{2}, v^+; v\right) \overleftrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vi}} \mathcal{U}_F\left(v^+, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v\right) \\ \mathcal{U}_{F;j}^{(2)}(v) &= \int_{-\frac{L^+}{2}}^{\frac{L^+}{2}} dv^+ \mathcal{U}_F\left(\frac{L^+}{2}, v^+; v\right) \overleftarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vi}} \overrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{vj}} \mathcal{U}_F\left(v^+, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v\right) \\ \mathcal{U}_{F;ij}^{(3)}(v) &= \int_{-\frac{L^+}{2}}^{\frac{L^+}{2}} dv^+ \mathcal{U}_F\left(\frac{L^+}{2}, v^+; v\right) g t \cdot \mathcal{F}_{ij}(v) \mathcal{U}_F\left(v^+, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v\right) \\ \mathcal{U}_F(v) &= \mathcal{U}_F\left(\frac{L^+}{2}, -\frac{L^+}{2}; v\right)\end{aligned}$$

All factors will be expressed in terms of:

$$k_\perp = p_1 + p_2 - p_0$$

$$P_\perp = \frac{p_2^+ p_1 - p_1^+ p_2}{p_1^+ + p_2^+}$$

$$p_0 = 0$$

We also have that:

$$\overrightarrow{\mathcal{D}_{z^\mu}} \equiv \overrightarrow{\partial_{z^\mu}} + ig t \cdot \mathcal{A}_\mu(z)$$

$$\overleftarrow{\mathcal{D}_{z^\mu}} \equiv \overleftarrow{\partial_{z^\mu}} - ig t \cdot \mathcal{A}_\mu(z)$$

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$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^a(z) \equiv \partial_{z^\mu} \mathcal{A}_\nu^a(z) - \partial_{z^\nu} \mathcal{A}_\mu^a(z) - g f^{abc} \mathcal{A}_\mu^b(z) \mathcal{A}_\nu^c(z)$$

Cross-section (I)-Generalized eikonal contribution

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-aft}} \left(S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-aft}} \right)^\dagger + S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-bef}} \left(S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-bef}} \right)^\dagger \right. \\ & \left. + S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-aft}} \left(S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-bef}} \right)^\dagger + S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-bef}} \left(S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-aft}} \right)^\dagger \right]_{\text{G-Eik}} = \\ & (e e_f)^2 \int d^2 v \int d^2 w \int dv^- \int dw^- e^{-i(v-w)k} e^{i(v^- - w^-)(p_1^+ + p_2^+ - p_0^+)} \\ & \times \left[(\bar{\Delta})^2 F_a[P, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+] + \theta(p_0^+ - p_2^+) (\bar{\Delta}')^2 F_b[P, k, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+] \right. \\ & \left. + 2\theta(p_0^+ - p_2^+) \bar{\Delta}' \bar{\Delta} F_{a-b}[P, k, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+] \right] \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \left[U_F(v, v^-) U_F^\dagger(w, w^-) \right] \end{aligned}$$

with the following dependence:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Delta} &= \bar{\Delta}(P, p_1^+, p_2^+) = \left(\left(-\frac{(p_1^+ + p_2^+)}{p_1^+} P \right)^2 + m^2 \left(\frac{p_2^+}{p_1^+} \right)^2 \right)^{-1} \\ \bar{\Delta}' &= \bar{\Delta}'(P, k, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+) = \left(\left(-\frac{(p_1^+ + p_2^+)}{p_0^+} P + \frac{p_2^+}{p_0^+} k \right)^2 + m^2 \left(\frac{p_2^+}{p_0^+} \right)^2 \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Cross-section (II) Next-to-eikonal corrections

The first contribution at NEik accuracy.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-all}} (S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-all}})^\dagger \right]_{\text{NEik}-\mathcal{U}_{F,j}^{(1)}(\mathbf{v})} = (e e_f)^2 \int d^2 \mathbf{v} \int d^2 \mathbf{w} e^{-i(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{k}} (2\pi)^2 \delta(p_1^+ + p_2^+ - p_0^+) \\ & \times \left\{ (-1)(\bar{\Delta})^2 \frac{\mathbf{k}^j}{2} \frac{F_a[\mathbf{P}, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+]}{2p_0^+} - (\bar{\Delta}')^2 \frac{\left(\frac{(p_1^+ - p_2^+)}{p_0^+} \mathbf{k}^j + 2\mathbf{P}^j \right)}{2} \frac{F_b[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{k}, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+]}{2p_1^+} \right. \\ & - (\bar{\Delta}\bar{\Delta}') \left(\frac{(2p_1^+ - p_2^+)}{4p_0^+ p_1^+} \mathbf{k}^j + \frac{\mathbf{P}^j}{2p_1^+} \right) F_{a-b}[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{k}, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(-\mathbf{P}^j + \frac{p_2^+}{p_0^+} \mathbf{k}^j \right) \bar{\Delta}' \left(\frac{p_1^+}{p_0^+} (p_0^+ + p_2^+) + p_0^+ \right) - \left(\frac{p_0^+}{p_1^+} \mathbf{P}^j \right) \bar{\Delta} \left(\frac{p_0^+}{p_1^+} (p_1^+ + p_2^+) + p_1^+ \right) \right) \Big\} \\ & \times \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \left[\mathcal{U}_{F,j}^{(1)}(\mathbf{v}) \mathcal{U}_F^\dagger(\mathbf{w}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Cross-section (III) Next-to-eikonal corrections

The second contribution at NEik accuracy:

$$\left[S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-all}} (S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-all}})^\dagger \right]_{\text{NEik} - \mathcal{U}_{F,j}^{(2)}(\nu)} = (e e_f)^2 \int d^2 v \int d^2 w e^{-i(v-w) \cdot (p_1 + p_2 - p_0)}$$
$$\times (2\pi)^2 \delta(p_1^+ + p_2^+ - p_0^+) \left\{ (-1)(\bar{\Delta})^2 \frac{1}{2p_0^+} F_a[P, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+] - (\bar{\Delta}')^2 \frac{1}{2p_1^+} F_b[P, k, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+] \right.$$
$$\left. + (\bar{\Delta}\bar{\Delta}') \left(\frac{1}{2p_0^+} + \frac{1}{2p_1^+} \right) F_{a-b}[P, k, p_0^+, p_1^+, p_2^+] \right\} i \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} [\mathcal{U}_{F,j}^{(2)}(\nu) \mathcal{U}_F^\dagger(w)]$$

Cross-section (IV) Next-to-eikonal corrections

The third and last contribution at NEik accuracy:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-aft}} (S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-bef}})^\dagger + S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-bef}} (S_{q_1 \gamma_2 \leftarrow q_0}^{\text{LO-aft}})^\dagger \right]_{\text{NEik-Fij}} = (e e_f)^2 \\ & \times \int d^2 v d^2 w e^{-i(v-w) \cdot (p_1 + p_2 - p_0)} (2\pi)^2 \delta(p_1^+ + p_2^+ - p_0^+) \\ & \times (8\bar{\Delta}\bar{\Delta}') \frac{(p_2^+)^3}{p_1^+} \left(-P^i + \frac{p_2^+}{p_0^+} k^i \right) \left(\frac{1}{p_1^+} P^j \right) \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \left[U_{F;ij}^{(3)}(v) U_F^\dagger(w) \right] \end{aligned}$$

We would need to take also into account the conjugate of all these contributions.

Outlook

- We computed the cross section for the case of forward photon-jet production at full NEik order
- Next-to eikonal corrections include:
 - Relaxing the shockwave approximation → transverse motion through the target
 - Including interactions with transverse component of the background field
 - Taking into account z^- -dependence
- We plan on taking the back to back limit for this process.

Thank you for your attention