



Flavor hierarchy of parton energy loss in quark-gluon plasma from a Bayesian analysis

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Jets are versatile probes of QGP



Jet quenching: energy loss, broadening, substructure, medium response

Evidences for jet quenching



General framework for jet quenching study



pQCD factorization: Large-p_T processes may be factorized into long-distance pieces in terms of PDF & FF, and short-distance parts describing hard interactions of partons.

General framework for jet quenching study



Jet-medium interaction

Bjorken 1982; Bratten, Thoma 1991; Thoma, Gyulassy, 1991; Mustafa, Thoma 2005; Peigne, Peshier, 2006; Djordjevic, 2006; Wicks et al (DGLV), 2007; GYQ et al (AMY), 2008; ... BDMPS-Z: Baier-Dokshitzer-Mueller-Peigne-Schiff-Zakharov
ASW: Amesto-Salgado-Wiedemann
AMY: Arnold-Moore-Yaffe (& Caron-Huot, Gale)
GLV: Gyulassy-Levai-Vitev (& Djordjevic, Heinz)
HT: Wang-Guo (& Zhang, Wang, Majumder & GYQ, Zhang, Hou)

Flavor hierachy of parton energy loss

He, Luo, Wang, Zhu, PRC 2015; Cao, Luo, GYQ, Wang, PRC 2016 ; PLB 2018; etc.

Flavor hierarchy of high p_T hadron suppression

Combination of NLO-pQCD + LBT + Hydro can explain the flavor hierarchy of R_{AA} .

W. J. Xing, GYQ, S. Cao, H. Xing, PLB 2022

Constrain E-Loss using data-driven method

The theoretical framework:

$$\frac{1}{\langle N_{\rm coll} \rangle} \frac{d\sigma_{\rm AA \to hX}}{dp_{\rm T}^h} = \sum_j \int dp_{\rm T}^j dx dz \frac{d\sigma_{\rm p'p' \to jX}}{dp_{\rm T}^j} (p_{\rm T}^j) W_{\rm AA}(x) D_{j \to h}(z) \delta\left(p_{\rm T}^h - z(p_{\rm T}^j - x\langle \Delta p_{\rm T}^j \rangle)\right)$$

 $\langle \Delta p_T^j \rangle$ is the average energy loss for parton j, $W_{AA}(x)$ is the energy loss distribution with $x = \Delta p_T^j / \langle \Delta p_T^j \rangle$.

Some works on extracting $\langle \Delta p_T \rangle$ and $W_{AA}(x)$

- F. Arleo, PRL 2017
 - Take $W_{AA}(x)$ from BDMPS medium-induced gluon spectrum, & extract parton $\langle \Delta p_T \rangle$ from R_{AA} data on h^{\pm} , D, J/ψ .
- He, Pang, Wang, PRL 2019
 - Use a general ansatz of jet $W_{AA}(x)$, and extract the flavor-averaged jet $\langle \Delta p_T \rangle$ and $W_{AA}(x)$ from single inclusive jet & γ -jet data.
- Zhang, Liao, GYQ, Wang, Xing, Sci. Bull. 2023
 - Extract gluon & charm quark $\langle \Delta p_T \rangle$ and $W_{AA}(x)$ for from $J/\psi R_{AA}$ data.
- This work (Xing, Cao, GYQ, PLB 2024) :
 - Perform a simultaneous analysis on **parton** $\langle \Delta p_T \rangle$ for all parton species (g, q, c, and b) from light & heavy flavor hadron R_{AA} data.

Details about the analysis

• The formula for hadron production in AA collisions:

$$\frac{1}{\langle N_{\rm coll} \rangle} \frac{d\sigma_{\rm AA \to hX}}{dp_{\rm T}^{h}} = \sum_{j} \int dp_{\rm T}^{j} dx dz \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{{\rm p}'{\rm p}' \to jX}}{dp_{\rm T}^{j}} (p_{\rm T}^{j}) W_{\rm AA}(x) D_{j \to h}(z) \delta\left(p_{\rm T}^{h} - z(p_{\rm T}^{j} - x\langle \Delta p_{\rm T}^{j} \rangle)\right)$$

• Parameterize p_T -dependence of $\langle \Delta p_T \rangle$ for gluons (g), light quarks (q), charm quarks (c) and bottom quarks (b) as:

$$\left\langle \Delta p_{\mathrm{T}}^{j} \right\rangle = C_{j} \beta_{g} p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\gamma} \mathrm{log}(p_{\mathrm{T}})$$

- $C_g = 1$ and C_q , C_c , C_b represents the $\langle \Delta p_T \rangle$ ratio relative to gluon's.

• The parton energy loss distribution $W_{AA}(x)$ is taken as:

$$W_{\rm AA}(x) = \frac{\alpha^{\alpha} x^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\alpha x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

• The parameter set $\theta = (\beta_g, C_q, C_c, C_b, \gamma, \alpha)$ is to be calibrated.

Bayesian analysis

Posterior distributions of parameters

	with $\sigma_{\rm exp}$	with $0.5\sigma_{exp}$
eta_{g}	(1.646, 2.56)	(1.96, 2.39)
C_q	(0.129,0.65)	(0.226, 0.454)
C_c	(0.3, 0.567)	(0.344, 0.459)
C_b	(0.065, 0.277)	(0.124, 0.207)
γ	(0.137, 0.378)	(0.184, 0.295)
α	(5.287, 9.061)	(6.266, 8.401)

The energy loss parameters for jet-medium interaction can be well constrained by the Bayesian analysis.

Reducing experimental data error bars can improve the precision of the extracted parameters.

Prior and posterior R_{AA}

Our calibrated model calculation provides a simultaneous description on R_{AA} data of charged hadrons, D mesons and B-decayed J/ψ measured by CMS.

Flavor hierarchy of parton energy loss

Direct extraction of the flavor dependence of parton energy loss in QGP from data. Provides a stringent test of pQCD calculation of parton-medium interaction.

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Summary

- Based on a NLO-pQCD calculation of parton production, a general ansatz for parton E-loss function & parton FF, we calculate R_{AA} for both heavy & light flavor hadrons over a wide p_T range.
- Using a Bayesian model-to-data analysis, we perform first simultaneous extraction of E-loss of gluons, light quarks, charm quarks & bottom quarks inside the QGP.
- The extracted parton E-loss inside the QGP exhibits a clear flavor hierarchy: $\langle \Delta E_g \rangle > \langle \Delta E_q \rangle \sim \langle \Delta E_c \rangle > \langle \Delta E_b \rangle$, consistent with the pQCD expectation.
- More data and more precise data can improve the precision for the extracted parton E-loss, providing better constraint on theoretical models.

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Linear Boltzmann Transport (LBT) Model

• Boltzmann equation:

$$p_1 \cdot \partial f_1(x_1, p_1) = E_1 C [f_1]$$

$$\gamma_2 \int d^3 p_2 \int d^3 p_3 \int d^3 p_4$$

• Elastic collisions:

$$\Gamma_{12\to34} = \frac{\gamma_2}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_2} \int \frac{d^3 p_3}{(2\pi)^3 2E_3} \int \frac{d^3 p_4}{(2\pi)^3 2E_4} \\ \times f_2(\vec{p}_2) \left[1 \pm f_3(\vec{p}_1 - \vec{k}) \right] \left[1 \pm f_4(\vec{p}_2 + \vec{k}) \right] \\ \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4) |\mathcal{M}_{12\to34}|^2$$

 $P_{el} = 1 - e^{-\Gamma_{el}\Delta t}$ Matrix elements taken from LO pQCD

• Inelastic collisions:

$$\langle N_g \rangle = \Gamma_g \Delta t = \Delta t \int dx dk_\perp^2 \frac{dN_g}{dx dk_\perp^2 dt}$$

 $P_{ine1} = 1 - e^{-\langle N_g \rangle}$ Medium-induced radiation spectra taken from HT: Guo, Wang PRL 2000; Zhang, Wang, Wang, PRL 2004; Zhang, Hou, GYQ, PRC 2019; Zhang, GYQ, Wang, PRD 2019.

• Elastic + Inelastic: $P_{tot} = 1 - e^{-\Gamma_{tot}\Delta t} = P_{el} + P_{inel} - P_{el}P_{inel}$

He, Luo, Wang, Zhu, PRC 2015; Cao, Luo, GYQ, Wang, PRC 2016, PLB 2018; etc.

Closure test

	θ_0	with $\sigma_{ m exp}$	with $0.5\sigma_{\rm exp}$
eta_{g}	2.35	(1.565, 2.614)	(1.862, 2.49)
C_q	0.55	(0.266, 0.928)	(0.344, 0.789)
C_c	0.5	(0.362, 0.725)	(0.398,0.61)
C_b	0.2	(0.063, 0.331)	(0.102, 0.278)
γ	0.15	(0.095, 0.303)	(0.125, 0.245)
α	7.0	(4.349, 9.146)	(5.01, 8.561)

Start with a pre-set point θ_0 to calculate R_{AA} of hadrons, which serves as the middle points of pseudo-data (the error bars are taken from the experiments data).

Confirm that the posterior distributions from Baysian analysis do agree with the pre-set value θ_0 .

Halving the error bars of the pseudo-data can improve the precision of the extracted parameters.