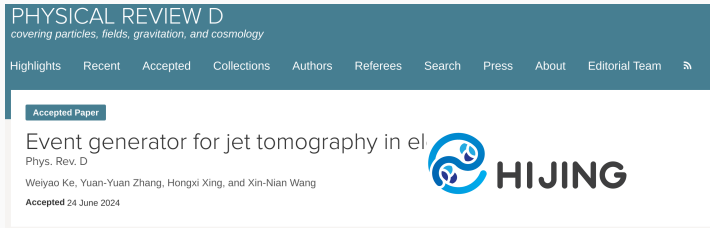


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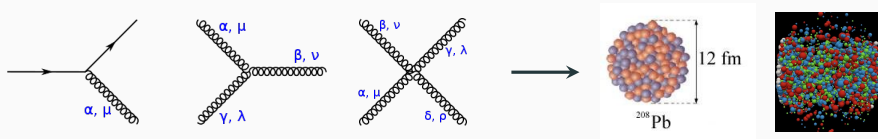
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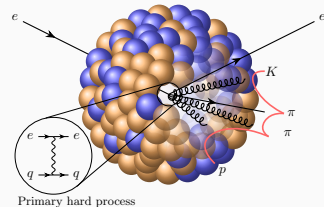
Collider study of nuclear matter

- How can the perturbative understanding at short distances help the study of strongly-coupled & many body systems at large distances.



- For example, one utilizes hadron produced at small p_T in SIDIS (TMD region) to learn the partonic motion inside proton.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{e+p \rightarrow h+X}}{dx dy dz d^2\mathbf{p}_T} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{em}^2}{Q^2} \frac{1 + (1-y)^2}{y} \sum_q e_q^2 H_{qq}(Q^2, \mu) \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{b}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T} \tilde{f}_{q/p}(x, b, \mu, \frac{\zeta_1}{\nu^2}) \tilde{D}_{h/q}(z, b, \mu, \frac{\zeta_2}{\nu^2})$$

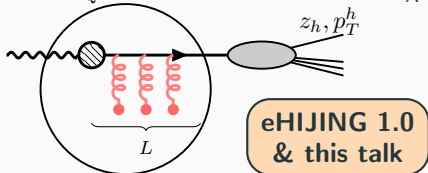


- From proton to a nucleus, what changes in $\tilde{f}_{q/p}$ and $\tilde{D}_{h/q}$. Are there any novel corrections?

Two limiting pictures of DIS with nucleus

Hard vertex localized to 1–2 nucleons

$$\frac{\nu}{Q^2} \ll L \sim r_0 A^{1/3}, \quad \text{or } x_B \gg \frac{0.1}{A^{1/3}}$$



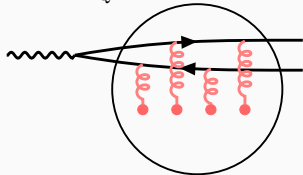
Tomography region

- How are parton structures of nucleons modified in nuclear environment.
- Partonic and hadronic transport phenomena in the cold nuclear matter.

Modifications = Nucleon properties \otimes in-medium dynamics

Coherent interactions with whole brick

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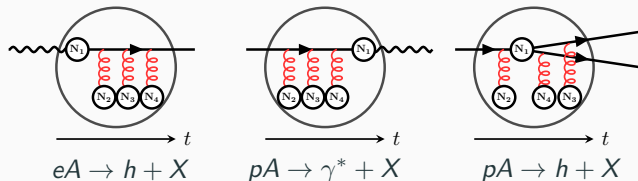
- Dipole approximation $\gamma^* + A \approx q + \bar{q} + A$.
- Dynamical generated scale (Q_s) becomes dominant. Interactions reveal gluonic dynamics of the nucleus.

The jet transport phenomena and Monte Carlo studies

- From a coarse-graining point of view, jet transport parameter \hat{q} is a most direct quantification of the in-medium dynamics of parton:

$$\hat{q}_R = \frac{d\langle\Delta p_T^2\rangle}{dL} \xrightarrow[\text{dilute medium}]{\text{weakly-coupled}} \sum_T \rho_T \int \mathbf{q}^2 \frac{d\sigma_{RT}}{d^2\mathbf{q}} d^2\mathbf{q}$$

- Determining the cold nuclear matter \hat{q}_R facilitates many studies with a nuclear target.



- Direct calculations of observables with medium effects is hard but under rapid developments. In many cases, Monte Carlo approach is still the only option for phenomenology.

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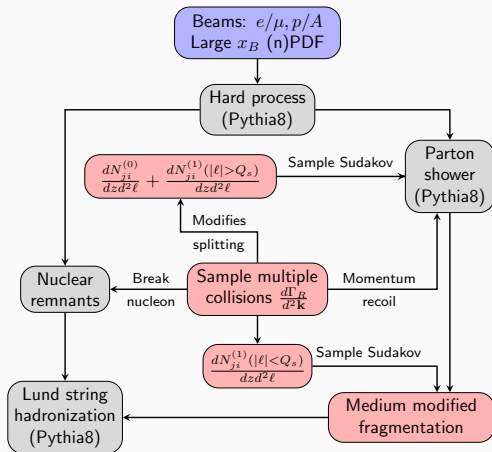
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The eHIJING event generator 1.0

Electron-Heavy-Ion-Jet-Interaction-Generator a completely different (c++ & Pythia8) program from HIJING (fortran & Pythia6) in the heavy-ion community.

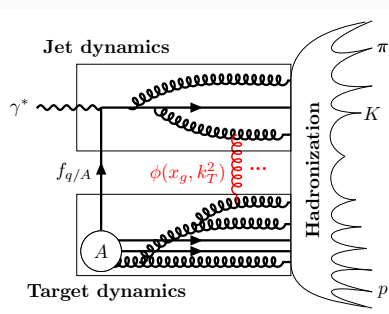


- **Almost the same ep physics as Pythia8235.**
- Multiple forward scatterings between jet partons and the cold nuclear medium.
- Nucleon remnants from multiple collisions.
- Modified parton shower algorithm with inputs from (generalized) higher-twist calculations.
- Lund string hadronization.

Forward scattering between jet parton and the target

- The differential scattering probability is proportional to the area density of nucleon ($\rho_N L$) times the differential cross-section

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- It is then related to the unintegrated gluon distribution function $\phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k})$ J. Casalderrey-Solana, X.-N. Wang PRC77(2008)024902.
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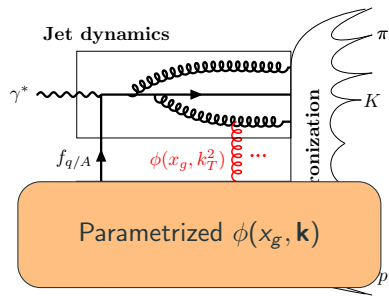
$$\alpha_s \phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k}) = K \frac{x_g^\lambda (1 - x_g)^\eta}{\mathbf{k}^2 + Q_s^2(x_g, Q^2)}, \quad x_g = \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{Q^2} x_B$$

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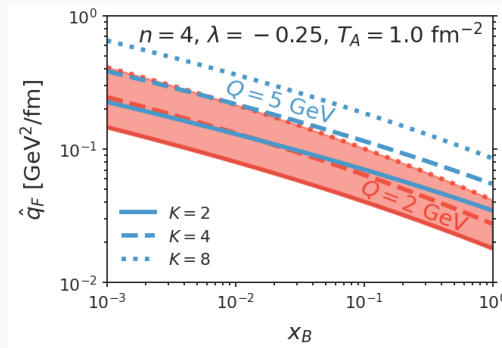
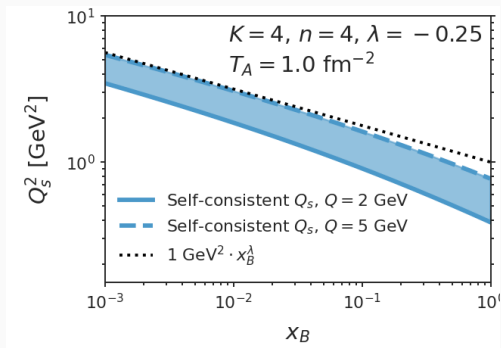


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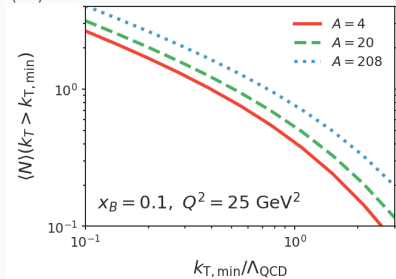
Jet transport parameter and the “screening scale” Q_s



- Values of $n = 4$ and $\lambda = -0.25$ taken the same as the original KLN model.
- Consider the tomography region of a nucleus $A \sim 100, x_B \gg 0.1/A^{1/3} \approx 0.02$. Q_s remains small compared to $Q \gg 1 \text{ GeV}$.
- The range of K result in a \hat{q}_F comparable to other phenomenological extractions.

Poisson sampling of multiple collisions

$\langle N \rangle$ as function of A & IR cut off.

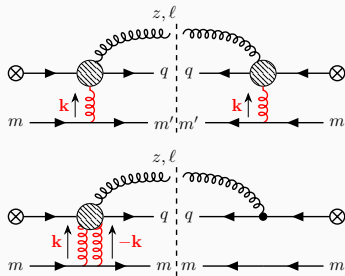


- The average number of multiple collisions $\langle N \rangle = \int \frac{dP}{d^2\mathbf{k}} d^2\mathbf{k}$.
- The number of collisions follows a Poisson distribution

$$P_N = \frac{\langle N \rangle^N}{N!} e^{-\langle N \rangle}$$

- The x^+ coordinate of the collision center is uniformly sampled on $[0, L^+]$, the transverse position aligns with the impact parameter \mathbf{b} .
- \mathbf{k} of each collision is sampled according to $\frac{dP}{d^2\mathbf{k}}$, which determines $k^- = x_g P_N^-$. k^+ is determined by the on-shell condition of the recoiled target parton.

Higher-twist splitting function



Multiple scattering induce additional radiative corrections.

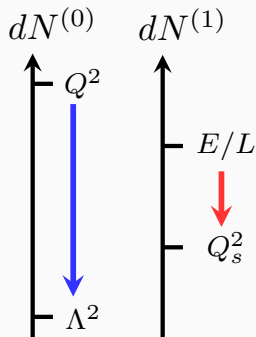
- For a thin medium, it can be analyzed in a twist expansion. A recent calculation at (generalized) twist-4, Y.-Y. Zhang, X.-N. Wang, PRD105(2022)034015
- eHIJING 1.0 only implements leading-nuclear-size (L^+) terms at (generalized) twist-4 in the soft-gluon limit ∇

$$\frac{d}{dzd^2\ell} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} N_{gq}^{\text{GHT}} \\ N_{gg}^{\text{GHT}} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} P_{gq}^0(z) \\ P_{gg}^0(z) \end{array} \right\} \left[\frac{1}{\ell^2} + \frac{1}{\ell^2} \rho_N L \int_0^{Q^2/x_B} \frac{C_A}{d_A} \frac{\alpha_s \phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k}^2)}{\mathbf{k}^2} \frac{2\mathbf{k} \cdot \ell}{(\ell - \mathbf{k})^2} \left(1 - \frac{\sin(L^+/\tau_f)}{L^+/\tau_f} \right) d^2\mathbf{k} \right]$$

$$\tau_f = \frac{2x(1-x)p^+}{(\ell - \mathbf{k})^2} \quad \text{the radiation formation time}$$

- In earlier literature, the HT formula is further simplified assuming $\mathbf{k} \ll \ell$ under the integral. This is also implemented in eHIJING for comparison.

Medium-modified parton shower



The medium-induced functions contains multiple scales: p^+/L^+ and Q_s^2 .

- Virtuality (k_T) ordered parton shower. Vacuum emissions between $\Lambda^2 < \ell^2 < Q^2$ + induced emissions between $Q_s^2 < \ell^2 < p^+/L^+$.
- Multiple branchings sampled using the inverse of Sudakov form factor

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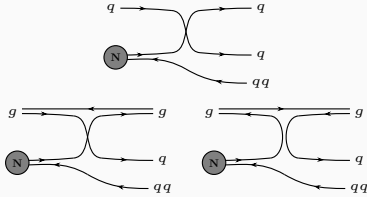
$$\langle N_{ji}(\ell_2, \ell_1) \rangle = \int_{z_{\min}(\ell_m)}^{z_{\max}(\ell_m)} dz \int_{\ell^2_2}^{\ell^2_1} d^2\ell \left[\frac{dN^{(0)}}{dzd^2\ell} + \frac{dN^{(1)}}{dzd^2\ell} \Theta(Q_s^2 < \ell^2) \right]$$

- Medium-induced radiations between $\Lambda^2 < \ell^2 < Q_s^2$ no longer gives large logs of energy scales. Multiple emissions are ordered in formation time.

$$r = e^{-\langle N_{ji}^{(1)} \rangle(\tau_2, \tau_1)}, \quad r \sim U(0, 1)$$

$$\langle N_{ji}^{(1)} \rangle(\tau_2, \tau_1) = \int_{\Lambda^2}^{Q_s^2} \frac{d^2\ell}{\ell^2} \int_0^1 dz \frac{dN_{ji}^{(1)}}{dzd^2\ell} \Theta(\tau_1 < \tau_f < \tau_2).$$

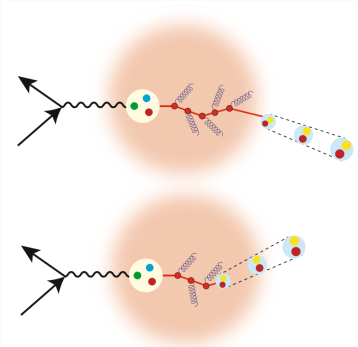
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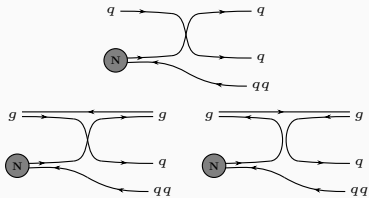
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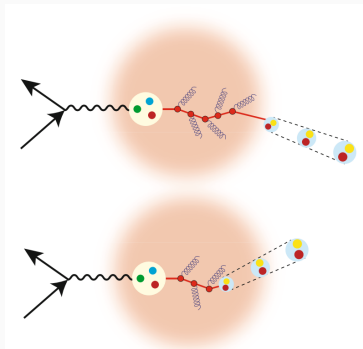
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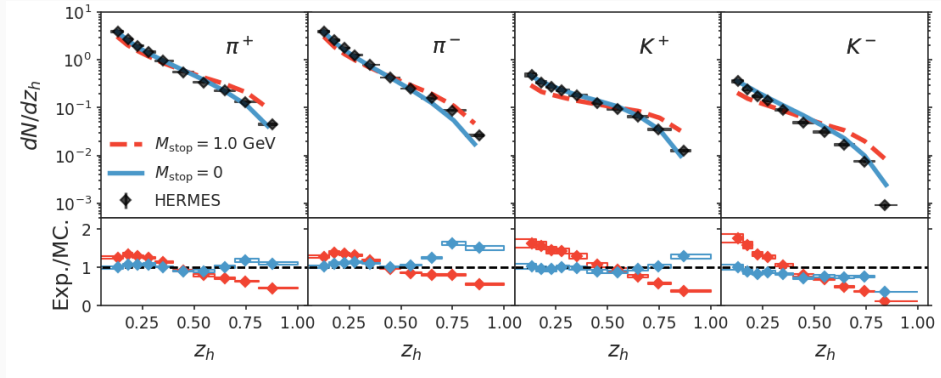
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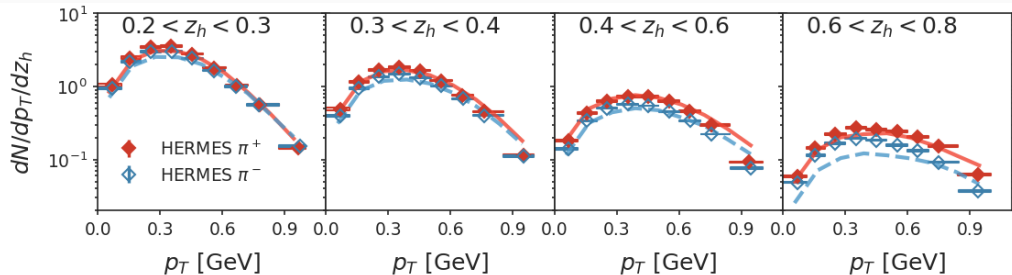
$$\frac{dN_h}{dz_h} = \frac{d\sigma_{ep \rightarrow h+X}/dz_h}{\sigma_{ep}}$$

One of the default hadronization parameter in Pythia8 is changed to better described the z_h dependence.



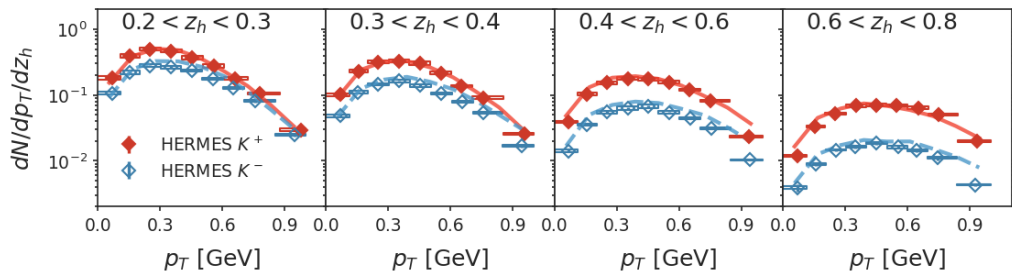
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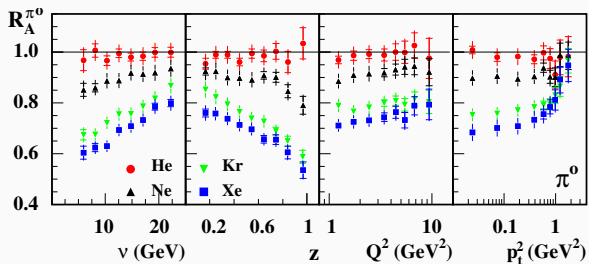


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From ep to eA , the nuclear modification factor



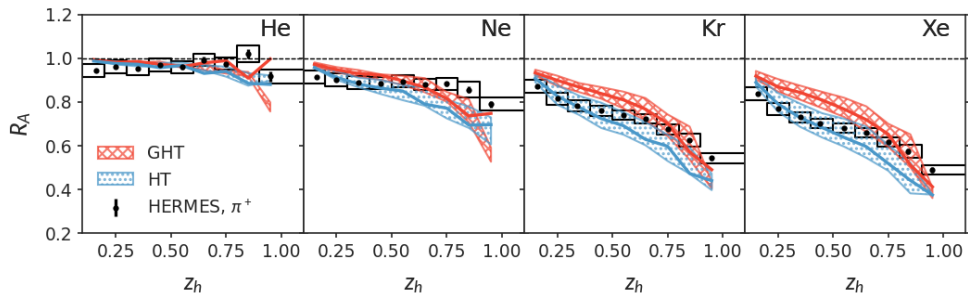
$$R_A = \frac{N_{eA \rightarrow \pi^0}(z_h, p_T^2; \nu, Q^2)}{N_{ed \rightarrow \pi^0}(z_h, p_T^2; \nu, Q^2)}$$

$$N_{eA \rightarrow \pi^0} = \frac{d\sigma_{eA \rightarrow \pi^0}}{d\nu dQ^2 dz_h dp_T^2} / \frac{d\sigma_{eA}}{d\nu dQ^2}$$

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- R_A is defined as the ratio of the inclusive-normalized SIDIS cross-section.
- The inclusive normalization largely cancels collinear nuclear PDF effects.
The normalization cannot cancel TMD nuclear PDF effects.
eHIJING 1.0 uses empirical collinear nPDF without TMD nPDF modifications.

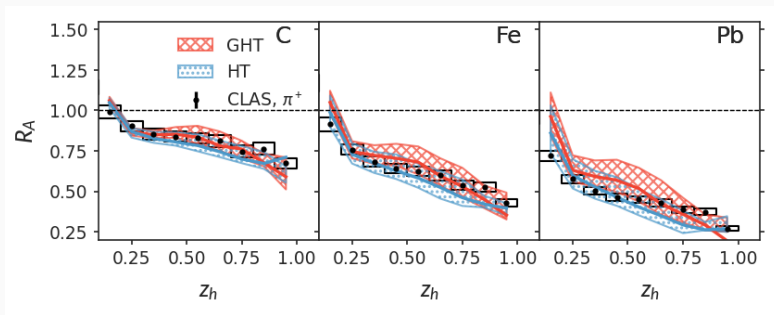
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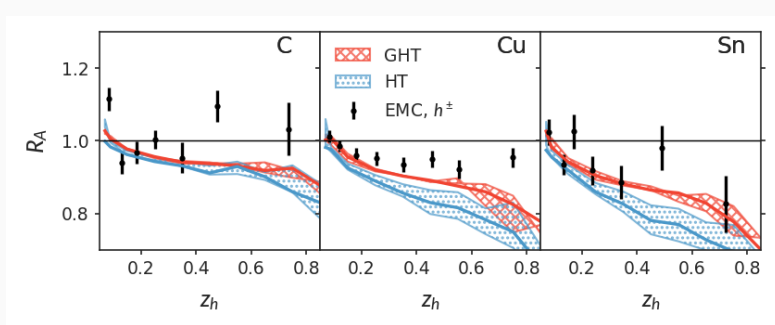
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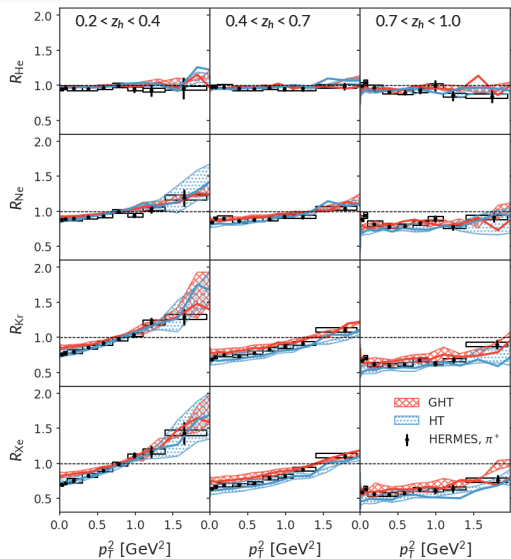
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EMC ZPC52(1991)1 $\langle Q^2 \rangle \approx 10\text{-}12 \text{ GeV}^2$.

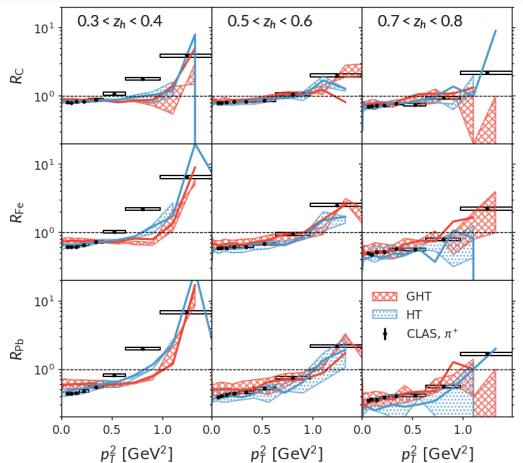
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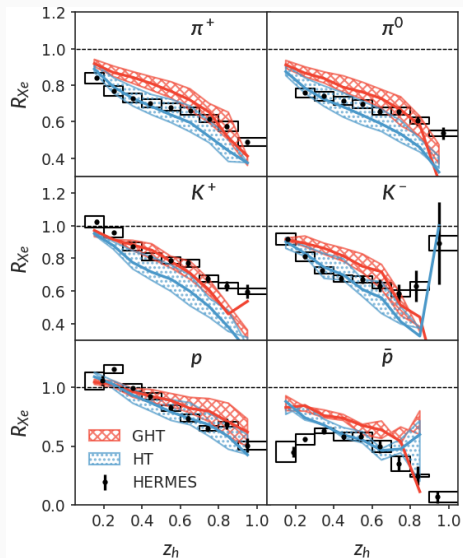
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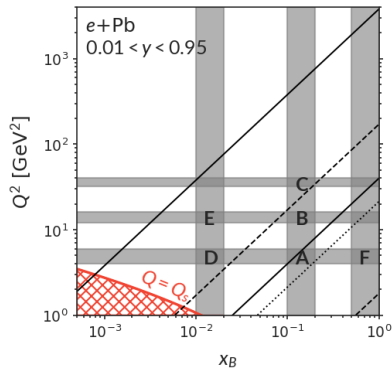
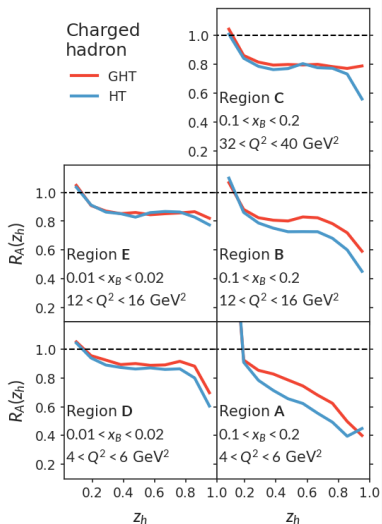
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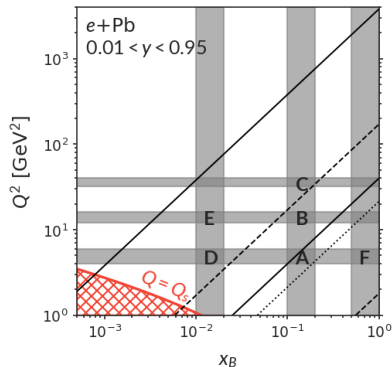
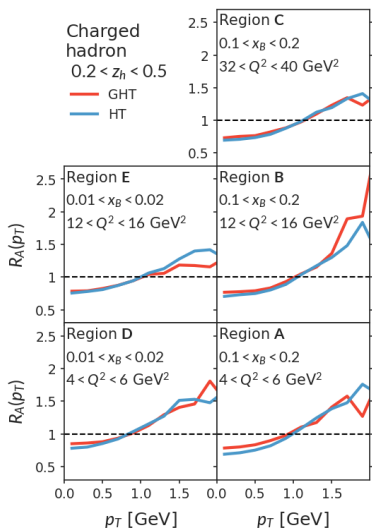
- Flavor dependence of R_A qualitatively captured.
- Clearly difference of R_A between K^+ and K^- , and between p and \bar{p} . Not capture by eHIJING 1.0.
- Possible reason 1: missing medium-induced flavor excitation and flavor conversion.
- Possible reason 2: missing hadronic interactions. Especially important for proton and low z_h hadrons.

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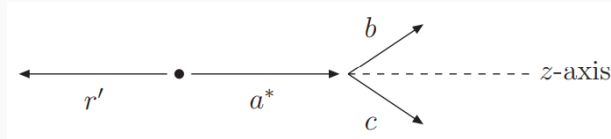
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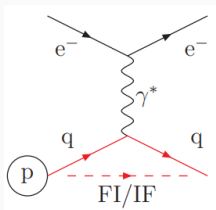
- In the parton branching program, the four-momentum conservation cannot be fulfilled by the generic $p_a \rightarrow p_b + p_c$ splitting with on-shell conditions for a, b, c .
- A recoiler system p_r is added such that $p_a + p_r = p_a^* + p_r' = p_b + p_c + p_r'$ is always satisfied.



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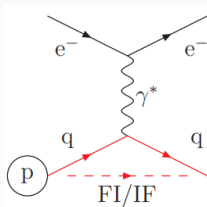


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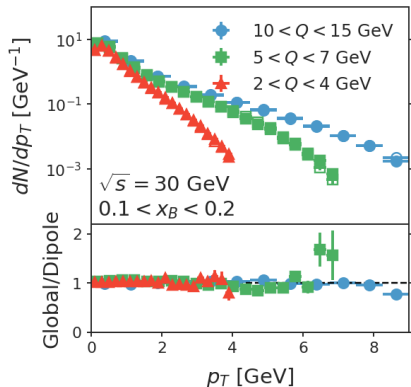
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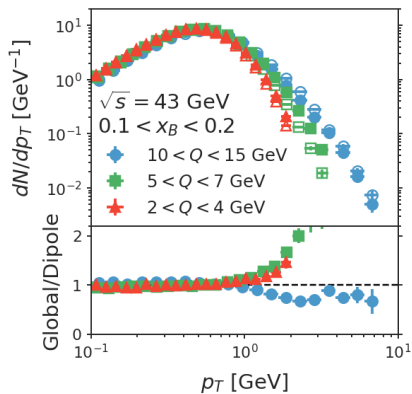
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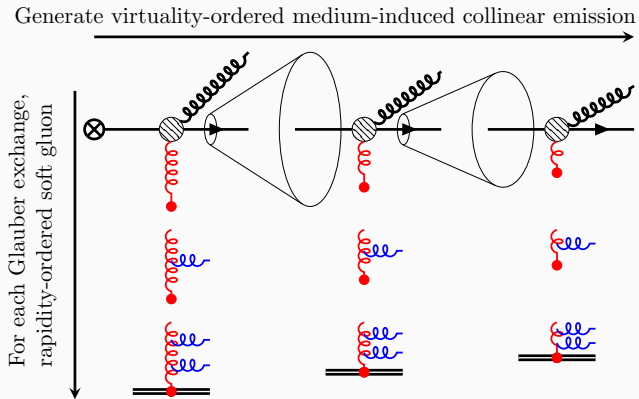
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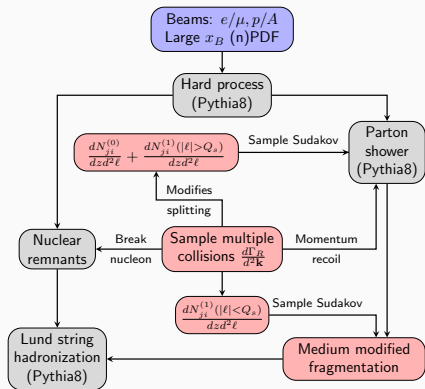
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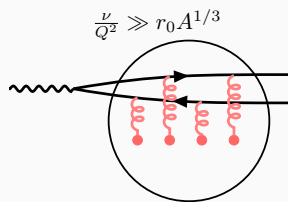
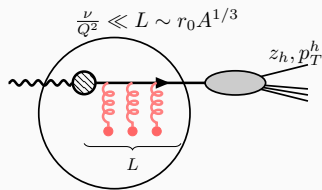
- EHIJING 1.0 only consider the dynamics of the jet parton (multiple collisions + induced radiations).
- Recent works suggest that jet-medium scattering are renormalized by soft gluon emissions as described by BFKL. Varun Vaidya 2020, 2021. WK, I Vitev, in preparation.
- It is possible to include such dynamics into the event generation.

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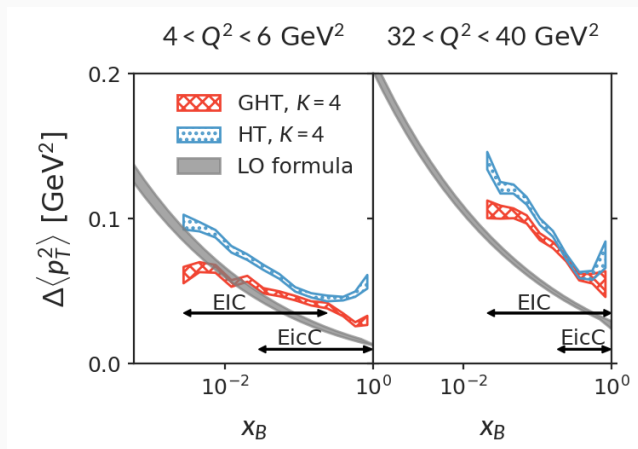
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Projection for EIC/EicC: $\Delta\langle p_T^2 \rangle$

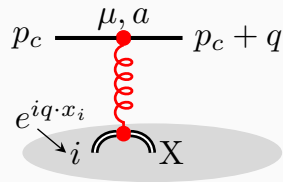


A crude estimate of radiative broadening effect to $\Delta\langle p_T^2 \rangle$.

Introduce parton-medium interactions

- Interaction of collinear jet partons and anti-collinear medium constituents mediated by Glauber gluon $q \sim (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda)E$

$$A_G^{a-}(q^-, \mathbf{q}) = ig_s \int dx^+ d^2\mathbf{x} \frac{ie^{iq^-x^+} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}}{\mathbf{q}^2 + \xi^2} J^{a-}(x^- = 0, x^+, \mathbf{x}).$$



- At the level of cross-section, take ensemble average of a color-neutral medium

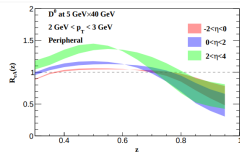
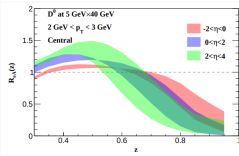
$$\int_{x,y} \langle \langle g_s A_G^a(q) e^{iq \cdot x} g_s A_G^b(k) e^{ik \cdot y} \rangle \rangle \propto \frac{\delta^{ab} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{q}^2 + \xi^2)^2} \int dx^+ \rho_G(x^+) e^{i(q^- + k^-)x^+}$$

- In a weakly-coupled medium, $\rho_G = \sum_{T=F,A} g_s^2 \frac{C_T}{d_A} \rho_T$. ρ_T is medium color density.

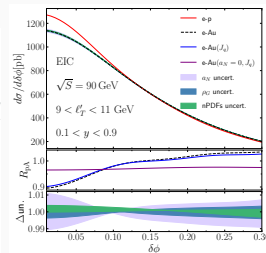
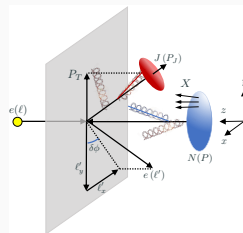
Things to look at in eHIJING

- Use target neutron emission to select on different path length of jet propagation in the cold nuclear matter Li, Liu Vitev, 2303.14201

Centrality	0 - 1%	0 - 3%	0 - 10%	60 - 100%	80 - 100%	90 - 100%	0 - 100%
$\langle d \rangle [fm]$	9.09	8.48	7.61	2.88	2.71	2.71	4.40
$\langle d \rangle / \langle d \rangle_{\text{min.bias}}$	2.07	1.93	1.73	0.65	0.62	0.62	1.00

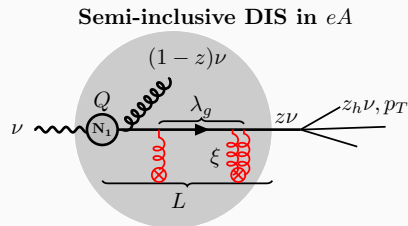
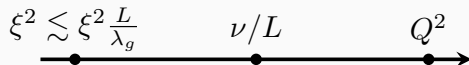


- Lepton-jet correlation (high precision ep baseline to study nuclear effects), Fang, Ke, Shao, Terry 2311.02150.



The ideal region for studying parton transport in matter

- Hard vertex is localized $\tau_H \sim \nu/Q^2 \ll L$ (large x_B).
- Hadronization outside the nucleus: $\tau_h \sim z_h \nu / \xi^2 \gg L$.
- Naturally set the scale separation for an EFT



★ To suppress hadronic final-state interactions, we want $z_h \nu \gg \xi^2 L \sim 3 \dots 4$ GeV for Pb. Collider experiment has a larger ν , and is cleaner for studying partonic transport.