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Testing reliability of the soft-gluon approximation in calculating radiative energy loss of high p_ particles





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The soft-gluon approximation

- The soft-gluon approximation (sg) definition radiated gluon carries away a small fraction of initial jet energy $x = \frac{\omega}{r} \ll 1$.
- Widely-used assumption in calculating radiative energy loss of high p_⊥ particle traversing QGP

ASW (PRD, 69:114003), BDMPS (NPB, 484:265), BDMPS-Z (JETP Lett., 65:615), GLV (NPB 594:371), HT (NPA 696:788);

M. Djordjevic, PRC, 80:064909 (2009), M. Djorjevic and U. Heinz, PRL, 101:022302 (2008)

Why do we reconsider the soft-gluon approximation validity?

- Significant medium induced radiative energy loss obtained by different models \rightarrow inconsistent with sg approximation?
- Sg approximation also used in our Dynamical energy loss formalism.
- Our dynamical energy loss model reported robust agreement with extensive set of experimental R_{AA} data \rightarrow implies model reliability

(M. Djordjevic and M. D. PLB 734:286 (2014), PRC 90:034910 (2014),

M. Djordjevic, M. D. and B. Blagojevic PLB 737:298 (2014); M. Djordjevic PRL 112:042302 (2014)

M. Djordjevic and M. D. PRC 92:024918 (2015))

- It breaks-down for:
 - 5 < p⊥ < 10 GeV
 - Primarily for gluon energy loss

Relaxing the soft-gluon approximation

 Beyond soft-gluon approximation (*bsg*) in DGLV: *x* finite <u>DGLV formalism assumes:</u>

Finite size (L) optically thin QGP medium

Static color-screened Yukawa potential:

(M. Gyulassy, P. Levai and I. Vitev, NPB 594:371 (2001))

Static scattering centers
$$V_n = 2\pi\delta(q_n^0)\nu(\vec{q}_n)e^{-i\vec{q}_n\cdot\vec{x}_n}T_{a_n}(R)\otimes T_{a_n}(n)$$

$$\nu(\vec{q}_n) = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s}{\vec{q}_n^2 + \mu^2}$$

Gluons as transversely polarized partons with effective mass $m_g = \mu/\sqrt{2}$

(M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, PRC 68:034914 (2003))



- Initial gluon propagates along the longitudinal axis
- The soft-rescattering (eikonal) approximation
- The 1st order in opacity approximation

(M. Gyulassy, P. Levai and I. Vitev, PLB 538:282 (2002))



$$\begin{split} M_{2,2,0}^{c} &= -J_{a}(p+k)e^{i(p+k)x_{0}}(T^{c}T^{a_{2}}T^{a_{1}})_{da}T_{a_{2}}T_{a_{1}}(1-x+x^{2})(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{1}}{(2\pi)^{2}}(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{2}}{(2\pi)^{2}}v(0,\mathbf{q}_{1})v(0,\mathbf{q}_{2})e^{-i(\mathbf{q}_{1}+\mathbf{q}_{2})\cdot\mathbf{b}_{2}} \\ &\times \frac{1}{2}(2ig_{s})\frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\cdot(\mathbf{k}-x(\mathbf{q}_{1}+\mathbf{q}_{2}))}{(\mathbf{k}-x(\mathbf{q}_{1}+\mathbf{q}_{2}))^{2}+\chi}e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^{2}+\frac{x}{1-x}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2}+\frac{\chi}{1-x})(z_{1}-z_{0})} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} M_{2,0,3}^{c} &= J_{a}(p+k)e^{i(p+k)x_{0}}[[T^{c},T^{a_{2}}],T^{a_{1}}]_{da}T_{a_{2}}T_{a_{1}}(1-x+x^{2})(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{1}}{(2\pi)^{2}}(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{2}}{(2\pi)^{2}}v(0,\mathbf{q}_{1})v(0,\mathbf{q}_{2})e^{-i(\mathbf{q}_{1}+\mathbf{q}_{2})\cdot\mathbf{b}_{1}}\\ &\times \frac{1}{2}(2ig_{s})\frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\cdot(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})}{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2}+\chi}\Big(e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^{2}+\frac{x}{1-x}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2}+\frac{\chi}{1-x})(z_{1}-z_{0})}-e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^{2}-(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2})(z_{1}-z_{0})}\Big)\end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} M_{2,0,0}^c &= J_a(p+k)e^{i(p+k)x_0}(T^{a_2}T^{a_1}T^c)_{da}T_{a_2}T_{a_1}(1-x+x^2)(-i)\int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{(2\pi)^2}(-i)\int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{(2\pi)^2}v(0,\mathbf{q}_1)v(0,\mathbf{q}_2)e^{-i(\mathbf{q}_1+\mathbf{q}_2)\cdot\mathbf{b}_1} \\ &\times \frac{1}{2}(2ig_s)\frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\cdot\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2+\chi}\Big(e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^2+\frac{x}{1-x}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_1-\mathbf{q}_2)^2+\frac{\chi}{1-x})(z_1-z_0)} - e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}\frac{x}{1-x}((\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_1-\mathbf{q}_2)^2-\mathbf{k}^2)(z_1-z_0)}\Big) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} M_{2,0,1}^{c} &= J_{a}(p+k)e^{i(p+k)x_{0}}(T^{a_{2}}[T^{c},T^{a_{1}}])_{da}T_{a_{2}}T_{a_{1}}(1-x+x^{2})(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{1}}{(2\pi)^{2}}(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{2}}{(2\pi)^{2}}v(0,\mathbf{q}_{1})v(0,\mathbf{q}_{2})e^{-i(\mathbf{q}_{1}+\mathbf{q}_{2})\cdot\mathbf{b}_{1}}\\ &\times (2ig_{s})\frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\cdot(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1})}{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1})^{2}+\chi}\Big(e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^{2}+\frac{\pi}{1-x}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2}+\frac{\gamma}{1-x})(z_{1}-z_{0})}-e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^{2}-\frac{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1})^{2}}{1-x}+\frac{\pi}{1-x}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2})(z_{1}-z_{0})}\Big)\end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} M_{2,0,2}^{c} &= J_{a}(p+k)e^{i(p+k)x_{0}}(T^{a_{1}}[T^{c},T^{a_{2}}])_{da}T_{a_{2}}T_{a_{1}}(1-x+x^{2})(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{1}}{(2\pi)^{2}}(-i)\int \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{2}}{(2\pi)^{2}}v(0,\mathbf{q}_{1})v(0,\mathbf{q}_{2})e^{-i(\mathbf{q}_{1}+\mathbf{q}_{2})\cdot\mathbf{b}_{1}} \\ &\times (2ig_{s})\frac{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\cdot(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{2})}{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2}+\chi} \Big(e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^{2}+\frac{x}{1-x}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2}+\frac{\chi}{1-x})(z_{1}-z_{0})} - e^{\frac{i}{2\omega}(\mathbf{k}^{2}-\frac{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2}}{1-x}+\frac{x}{1-x}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}_{1}-\mathbf{q}_{2})^{2})(z_{1}-z_{0})}\Big) \end{split}$$

Symmetric under the exchange of radiated (k) and final gluon (p).

Two interactions with QGP medium

Recovers *sg* result for $x \ll 1$.

Two negligible amplitudes are omitted.



B. Blagojevic, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, arXiv:nucl-th\1804.07593

Comparison of <u>analytical expressions</u> $\left(\frac{dN_g^{(1)}}{dx}\right)$



Comparison of <u>numerical predictions</u> between *bsg* and *sg*

- 1. Fractional radiative energy loss $\Delta E^{(1)}/E$ and number of radiated gluons $N_g^{(1)}$
- 2. Fractional differential radiative energy loss $\frac{1}{E} \frac{dE^{(1)}}{dx}$ and single gluon radiation spectrum $\frac{dN_g^{(1)}}{dx}$
- 3. Angular averaged nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

Effect of relaxing sga on integrated variables



Effect of relaxing sga on differential variables



Computational formalism for <u>bare gluon</u> suppression



Initial gluon p⊥ spectrum Radiative energy loss

Gluon production

(Z.B. Kang, I. Vitev and H. Xing, PLB 718:482 (2012); R. Sharma, I. Vitev and B.W. Zhang, PRC 80:054902 (2009))

 Radiative energy loss in finite size static QGP medium *beyond soft gluon approximation*

(B. Blagojevic, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, arXiv:nucl-th/1804.07593 (2018))

Multi-gluon fluctuations

(M. Gyulassy, P. Levai and I. Vitev, PLB 538:282 (2002))

• Path-length fluctuations

(S. Wicks, W. Horowitz, M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, NPA 784:426 (2007); A. Dainese, EPJ C 33:495 (2004))

Effect of relaxing sga on R_{AA}



- 1. Why is R_{AA} barely affected by this relaxation?
- 2. How the large differential variables discrepancies between bsg and sg cases at x > 0.4 do not influence R_{AA}?

Explanation of negligible effect on R_{AA} (1)



Explanation of negligible effect on $R_{\Delta\Delta}$ (2)



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Conclusions and outlook

Different theoretical models reported considerable radiative energy loss questioning the validity of the soft-gluon approximation.

We relaxed the approximation for high p_{\perp} gluons, which are most affected by it, within DGLV formalism, and although analytical results differ to a great extent in *bsg* and *sg* cases, surprisingly the numerical predictions were nearly indistinguishable.

Consequently, this relaxation should have even smaller impact on high p_{\perp} quarks.

This implies that soft gluon approximation is reliable within DGLV formalism

We expect that the soft-gluon approximation will remain well-founded within the dynamical energy loss formalism, which needs to be rigorously tested in the future.

Thank you for your attention!

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BACK-UP

Generalization on dynamical medium

- Implicitly suggested by robust agreement of our R_{AA} predictions with experimental data
- Only $f(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x})$ depends on \mathbf{x}
- f(k, q, x) in soft-gluon approximation is the same in static and in dynamical case

We expect dynamical f(k, q, x) to be modified in the similar manner to the static (DGLV) case.



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Longitudinal initial gluon direction:

No interactions with QGP $\begin{bmatrix} I \\ I \end{bmatrix}$ One interaction with QGP medium (M₁) $\begin{bmatrix} I \\ I \end{bmatrix}$ Two interactions with QGP medium (M₂) medium (M_0) $p + k = [E^+, E^-, \mathbf{0}]$ $p + k - q_1 = [E^+ - q_{1z}, E^- + q_{1z}, \mathbf{0}]$ $p + k - q_1 - q_2 = [E^+ - q_{1z} - q_{2z}, E^- + q_{1z} + q_{2z}, \mathbf{0}]$ $k = [xE^+, \frac{k^2 + m_g^2}{xE^+}, k]$ $p = [(1-x)E^+, \frac{p^2 + m_g^2}{(1-x)E^+}, p]$ Transverse momenta: p+k=0Transverse momenta: $p_r + k \neq 0$ Transverse momenta: p + k = 0in contact-limit **Consistent with longitudinal** propagation of initial particle!

Transverse gluon polarization: $n^{\mu} = [0,2,0]$ $\epsilon_i(k) = [0, \frac{2\epsilon_i \cdot \mathbf{k}}{xE^+}, \epsilon_i],$ $\epsilon(k) \cdot k = 0,$ $\epsilon(k) \cdot n = 0,$ $\epsilon(k)^2 = -1,$ $\epsilon(p+k) \cdot (p+k) = 0,$ $\epsilon(p+k) \cdot n = 0,$ $\epsilon_i(p) = [0, \frac{2\epsilon_i \cdot \mathbf{p}}{(1-x)E^+}, \epsilon_i],$ $\epsilon(p) \cdot p = 0,$ $\epsilon(p) \cdot n = 0,$ $\epsilon(p)^2 = -1,$ $\epsilon(p+k)^2 = -1.$ B. Blagojevic, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, arXiv:nucl-th\1804.07593



Uniform longitudinal distance distribution

$$m_g = m_\infty = \sqrt{\Pi_T(p_0/|\vec{\mathbf{p}}|=1)} = \mu_E/\sqrt{2}$$

Effective gluon mass

(M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, PRC 68:034914 (2003))



Non-relevance of x > 0.4 region for the importance of relaxing the soft-gluon approximation



M. Djordjevic, PRL,112:042302 (2014).