

# Final-state interactions in $e$ - $A$ collisions from eHIJING

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# Jet tomography of nuclear matter in $e$ -A collisions

Distinguish & determine different nuclear matter effects using jets & hadrons.

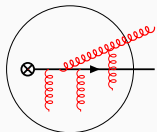
Dynamical effects:

- Medium-modified jet evolution.
- Evolution of the nuclear target.
- Process dependent, for example

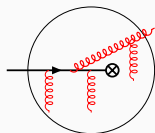
Nuclear non-perturbative input

- Nuclear parton distribution.
- In-medium fragmentation.
- Intrinsic properties of the medium.

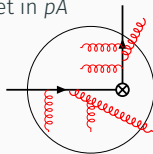
DIS in  $e$ A



Drell-Yan in  $p$ A



$h$ /jet in  $p$ A



In-medium evolution is needed to consistently extract NP inputs.

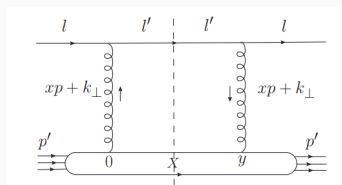
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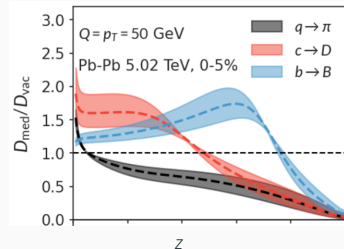
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$\Delta$  Huge effects in nuclear collisions.  $\Delta p_T \sim 1$  GeV. But calculations & direct measurement of the 2D modified fragmentation is hard.

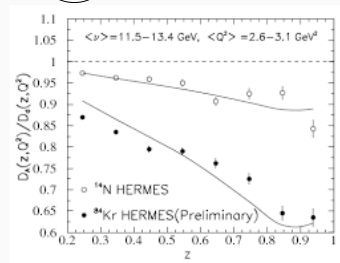
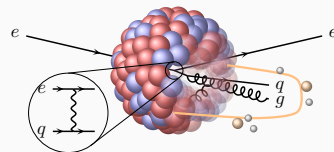
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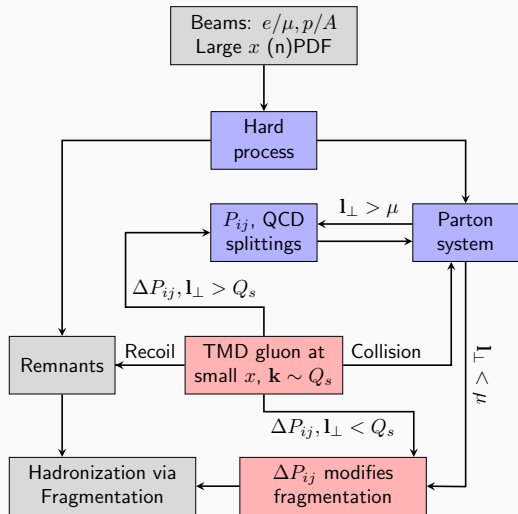
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[E Wang, X-N Wang PRL89 162301]

$e$ - $A$  provide direct access to  $D^h(z, p_T)$  to constrain theory.

# eHIJING (electron-Heavy-Ion-Jet-Interaction-Generator)



- **Dynamical medium corrections**
  - Multiple jet-nucleus collisions.
  - Parton shower development and hadronization with final-state effects.
- $e-p$  event generation in the vacuum using Pythia8.

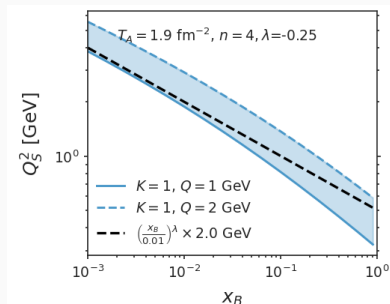
# Parametrize the $k_T$ -dependent gluon distribution at small $x_g$

A saturation-based model of  $\phi_g(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)$  [No evolution at the moment!]

$$\phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = \frac{N}{\alpha_s} \frac{(1-x)^n x^\lambda}{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + Q_S^2(x_B, Q^2)}$$

For a given nuclear thickness  $T_A(\mathbf{b})$ ,  $Q_S$  is determined self-consistently [Y-Y Zhang, X-N Wang PRD105(2022)034015; A. Mueller NPB558(1999)285-303].

$$Q_S^2(x_B, Q^2) = T_A \frac{C_A}{d_A} \int_{\Lambda^2}^{Q^2/x_B} d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp \alpha_s \phi_g(x_B \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{Q^2}, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2; Q_S^2)$$



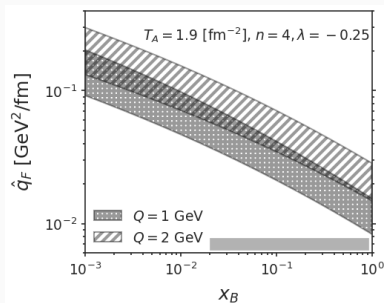
# Averaged collisional $p_T$ broadening v.s. the modified $p_T$ spectra

$p_T$  broadening at LO (single hard parton)

$$\langle \Delta p_{T,h}^2 \rangle = z_h^2 \frac{C_R}{C_A} Q_s^2(x_B, Q^2)$$

The corresponding jet transport parameter

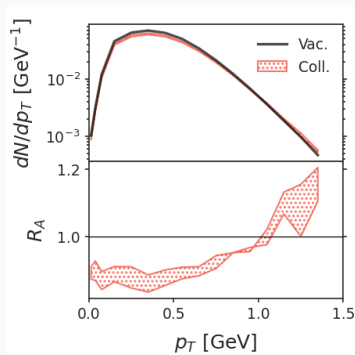
$$\hat{q}_R \equiv \frac{d\langle \Delta p_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{dL} = \frac{C_R}{C_A} \frac{Q_s^2(x_B, Q^2, T_A)}{L}$$



In a dilute medium, the number of collisions follows a Poisson distribution with large fluctuation.

$$P(N) = \frac{\langle N \rangle^N e^{-\langle N \rangle}}{N!}, \quad \langle N \rangle = \int_0^{L_{\max}} \rho(L) dL \int_{\Lambda^2}^{Q^2/x_B} \frac{C_R}{d_A} \frac{\alpha_s \phi_g}{k_{\perp}^2} dk_{\perp}^2$$

For each shower parton, sample  $N$  and individual collisions  $(L_1, k_{\perp,1}, x_{g,1}), \dots, (L_N, k_{\perp,N}, x_{g,N})$ .

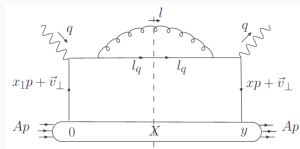


Modifications on top of the  $p_T$  distribution of the vacuum shower.

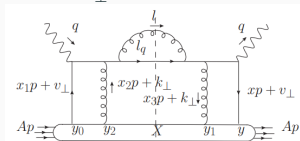
Medium-induced radiation will further modify  $dN/dp_T$



# Medium-modified QCD splitting functions at twist-4



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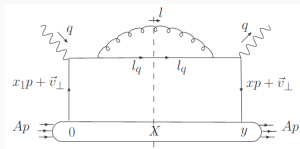
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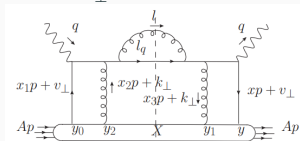
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Non-LPM, come from the shift of initial hard quark by  $k_\perp$

[Y-Y Zhang & X-N Wang, 2104.04520]

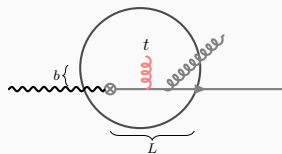
# The LPM-type contribution

Depend on the phase factor  $\sim 1 - \cos(L\tau_f^{-1})$ .  $\tau_f^{-1} = \frac{(\mathbf{l}_\perp - \mathbf{k}_\perp)^2}{2z(1-z)p^+} = \frac{(p')^-}{z(1-z)}$

$$P_{qq}(x, \mathbf{l}_\perp) = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{P_{qq}(z)}{l_\perp^2} \left\{ 1 + \int dL \rho(L) \int_{\mathbf{k}_\perp} \frac{C_A}{d_A} \frac{\alpha_s \phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)}{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2} \frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{l}_\perp}{(\mathbf{l}_\perp - \mathbf{k}_\perp)^2} \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{L}{\tau_f} \right] \right\}$$

- $\tau_f^{-1}L \ll 1$ : energetic splitting  $z(p')^+ \gg p'_\perp(p'_\perp L)$ , rare but modifies  $D(z)$ .

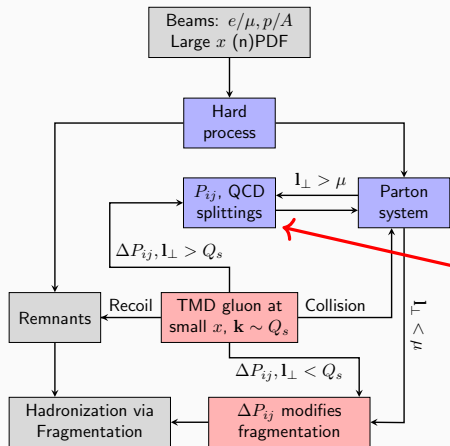
$$\Delta D(x, Q) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int^Q \frac{dl_\perp^2}{l_\perp^2} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} D_0\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \Delta P_{\text{med}}(z) + \dots$$



- $\tau_f^{-1}L \gg 1$ : frequent & incoherent emissions, important to the  $p_T$  recoil of the hard parton

$$\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{P_{qq}(z)}{l_\perp^2} \int dL \rho(L) \int_{\mathbf{k}_\perp} \frac{C_A}{d_A} \frac{\alpha_s \phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)}{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2} 2\Theta(\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 - l_\perp^2)$$

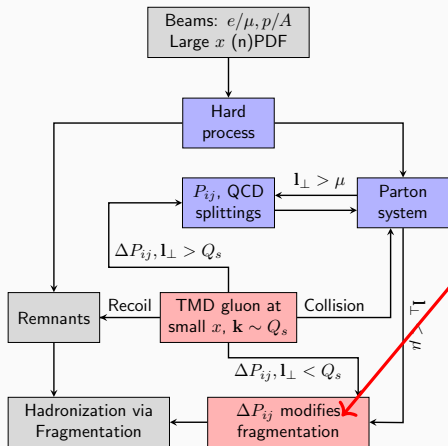
# Medium modified (DGLAP) parton shower



- In the saturation model, typical  $k_{\perp} \sim Q_s$ .
- Induced emissions are qualitatively different in regions  $k_{\perp} \gg Q_s$  and  $k_{\perp} < Q_s$ .
- For  $Q_s \ll l_{\perp}$ , the modification is considered part of the DGLAP evolution.  
Medium splittings are added to vacuum splitting functions used in Pythia8 parton shower

$$P_{ij}(z, l_{\perp}) = P_{ij}^{\text{vac}}(z, l_{\perp}) + \Delta P_{ij}^{\text{med}}(z, l_{\perp})\Theta(l_{\perp} - Q_s).$$

# Medium-modified fragmentation



- For  $l_{\perp} \lesssim k_{\perp} \sim Q_s$ . Multiple **medium-induced** gluon emissions are generated from

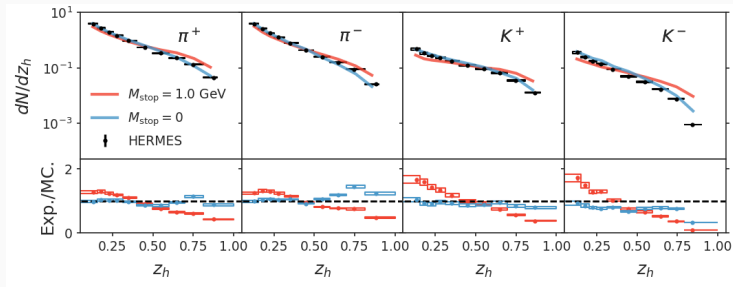
$$\Delta P_{ij}^{\text{med}}(z, l_{\perp}) \Theta(Q_s - l_{\perp}). \quad (1)$$

ordered in formation time,  $\tau_f = \frac{2z(1-z)p^+}{(l_{\perp} - k_{\perp})^2}$

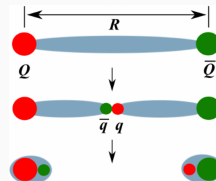
$$1/Q_s \sim \tau_{f,1} < \tau_{f,2} < \dots < \tau_{f,n}$$

- Hadronization of the parton shower using Lund string fragmentation.
- Gluons generated from the  $\tau_f$ -ordered shower are attached to medium quark/antiquark to form strings.

# The Lund string model in Pythia8: $D(z)$

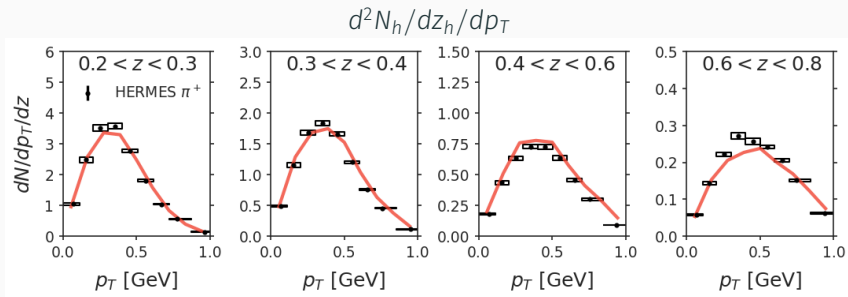


[HERMES, Phys Rev D 87, 074029 (2013)]



- Change a default Pythia8 fragmentation parameter  $M_{\text{stop}}$  from 1 GeV to 0 to fit  $\pi$  and  $K$  spectra in  $e$ - $d$  collisions at HERMES energy.
- $M_{\text{stop}}$  controls the minimum mass of string to break  $W > m_q + m_{\bar{q}'} + M_{\text{stop}}$ .

# The Lund string model in Pythia8: $d^2N_h/dz_h/dp_T$



[HERMES, Phys Rev D 87, 074029 (2013)]

Reasonable agreement with Pythia8's non-perturbative modeling

- A primordial quark  $k_T$ ,  $k_T \sim e^{-k_T^2/2\sigma_1^2}$  with  $\sigma_1 \propto (1 + Q_{1/2}/Q)^{-1}$  [T. Sjöstrand and P.Z. Skands, JHEP 03 (2004) 053].
- $k_T$  from Lund string fragmentation,  $k_T \sim e^{-k_T^2/2\sigma_2^2}$  with  $\sigma_2 = 0.335$  GeV as default.

# To test the sensitivity of observables to different “theories”

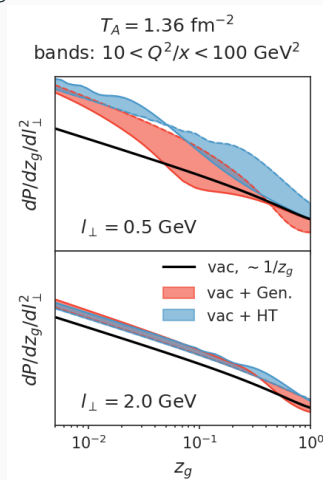
eHIJING implemented two versions of medium-modified splitting functions:

The generalized formula:

$$\int_0^L dt \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{k_\perp^2} \alpha_s \frac{C_A \rho_0 \phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)}{d_A} \frac{2 \mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{l}_\perp}{(\mathbf{l}_\perp - \mathbf{k}_\perp)^2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{(\mathbf{l}_\perp - \mathbf{k}_\perp)^2 t}{2(1-z)zE} \right)$$

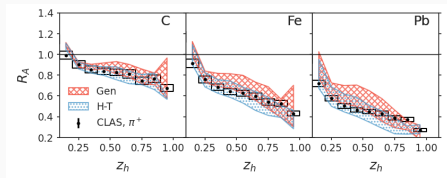
Collinear expanded formula (higher-twist): expand in powers of  $\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 / \mathbf{l}_\perp^2$  [X-N Wang, X Guo, A. Majumder, etc].

$$\int dL \frac{2 \hat{q}'_A}{\mathbf{l}_\perp^2} \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{\mathbf{l}_\perp^2 L}{2(1-z)zE} \right], \quad \hat{q}'_A = \int_0^{\mathbf{l}_\perp^2} d\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 \alpha_s \frac{\pi C_A \rho_0 \phi_g(x_g, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)}{d_A}$$

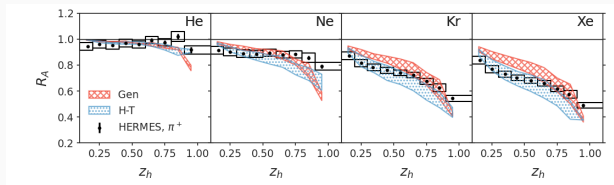




# Test of medium-modified hadronization at CLAS and HERMES



[CLAS arXiv:2109.09951]

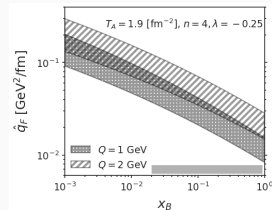


[HERMES, NPB 780, 24 (2007)]

- Nuclear modification

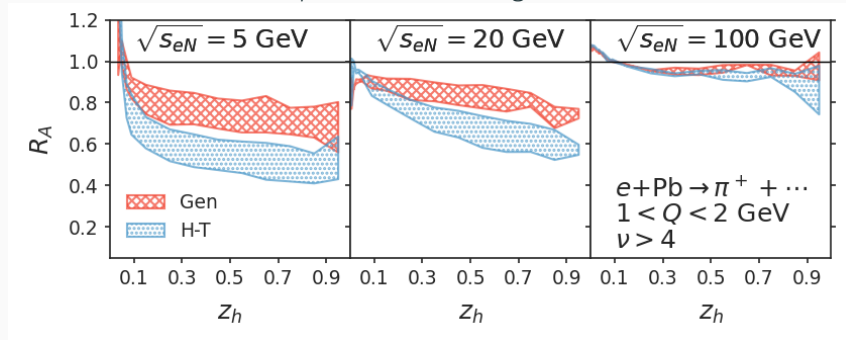
$$R_A = (N_h(\nu, Q^2; z_h, p_t) / N_\gamma)_{eA} / (N_h(\nu, Q^2; z_h, p_t) / N_\gamma)_{ed}$$

- HT (red) & generalized HT (blue). Bands:  $\hat{q}_F$  variation  $\triangleright$ .
- Consistent with the  $A$  dependence of data.
- Nuclear PDF EPPS16 [EPJC 77, 163 (2017)] used for hard process.



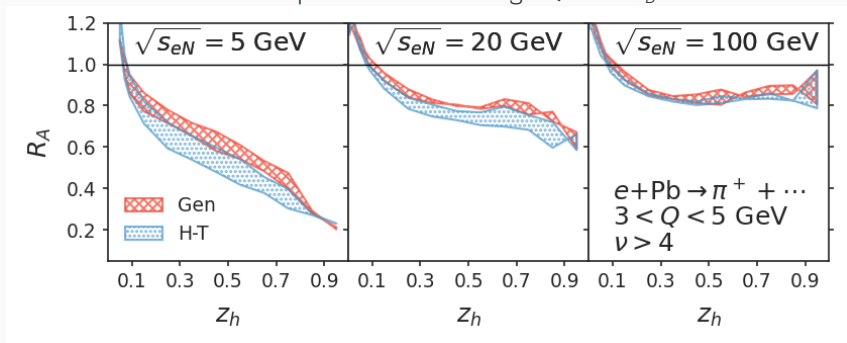
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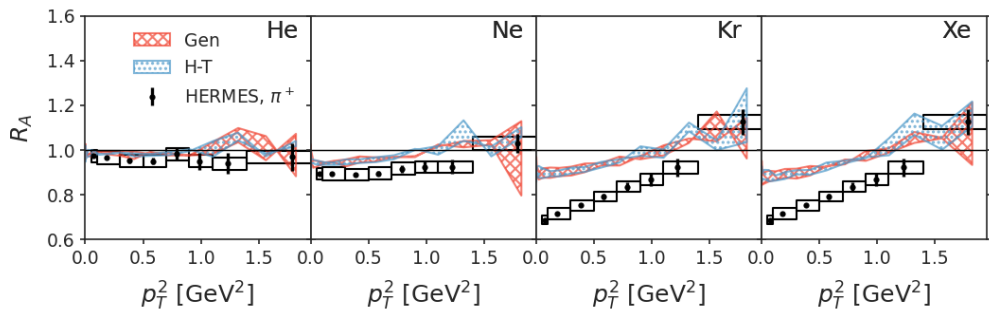
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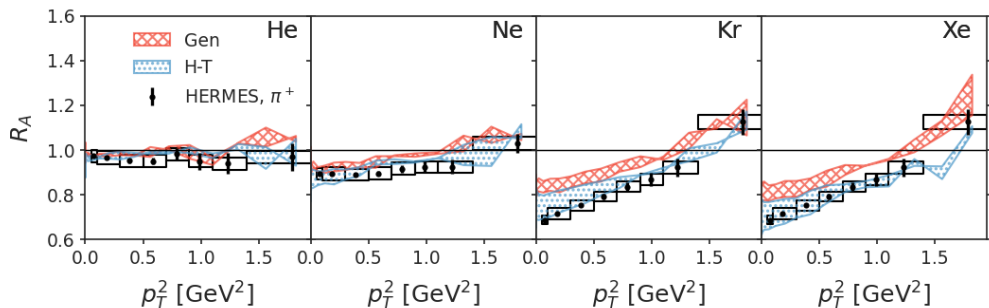
# Collisional & radiative contribution to momentum broadening

Collisional broadening of the parton shower



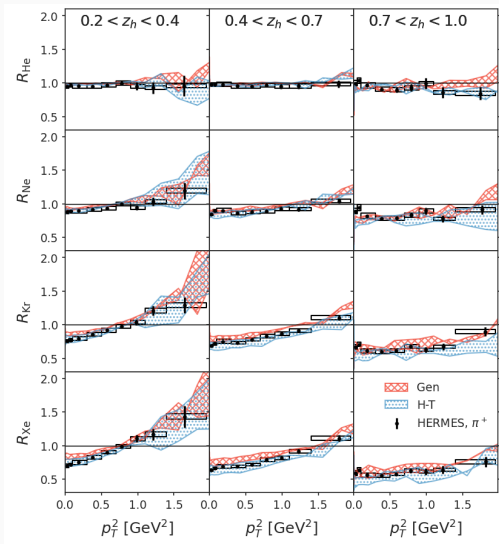
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Broadening from both collisions & induced radiations



- Broadening due to medium-induced radiation is important in large nucleus!
- Sensitive to calculation of details of the in-medium splitting functions.

# $p_T$ -dependent modified fragmentation function $D(z_h, p_T)$

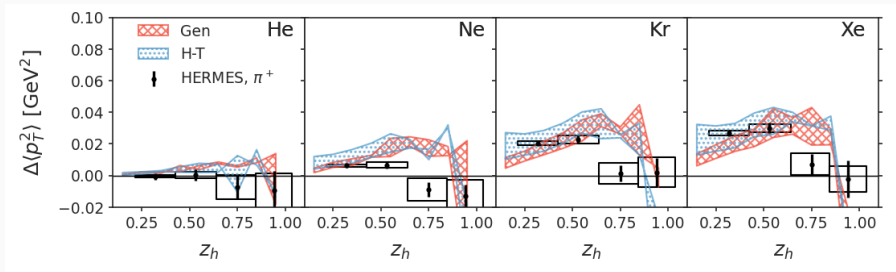


$$R_A = \frac{(N_h(\nu, Q^2; z_h, p_t)/N_\gamma)_{eA}}{(N_h(\nu, Q^2; z_h, p_t)/N_\gamma)_{ed}}$$

- Large  $z$ : suppression due to parton energy loss of leading particles.
- Small  $z$ : interplay of  $k_T$  broadening and the parton shower evolution.
- Partons that stay at large  $z$  likely to undergo fewer collisions,  $\Rightarrow$  a “survival bias” due to the large fluctuation of number of collisions.

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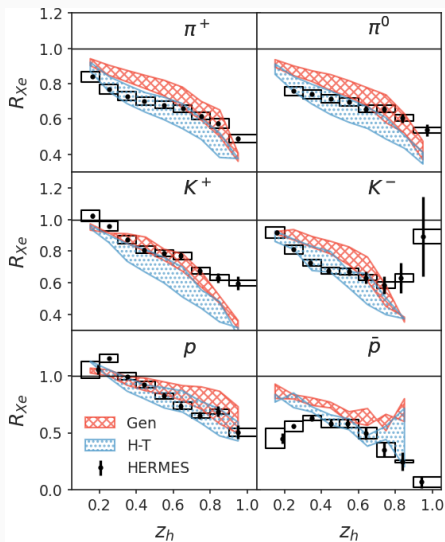
The net broadening  $\Delta\langle p_T^2 \rangle = \langle p_T^2 \rangle_{eA} - \langle p_T^2 \rangle_{ed}$



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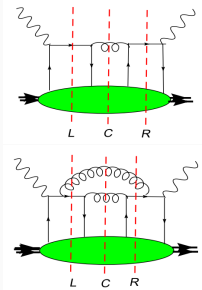
- Qualitatively similar  $z$ -dependence from simulation.
- Data drop more abruptly for  $z_h > 0.7$ . This region shrinks at higher colliding energies.

# Hadron specie dependence: $\pi^\pm, \pi^0, K^\pm, p, \bar{p}$

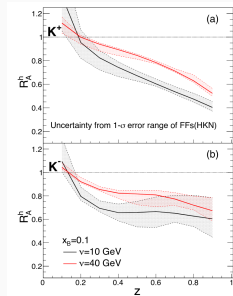


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- Notable difference between  $R_A(K^+)$  vs  $R_A(K^-)$ , and  $R_A(p)$  vs  $R_A(\bar{p})$ .
- Importance of medium-induced conversion of  $g \rightarrow q$  and hadronic transport for future.



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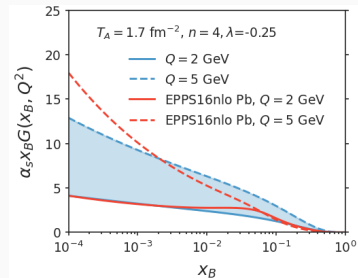
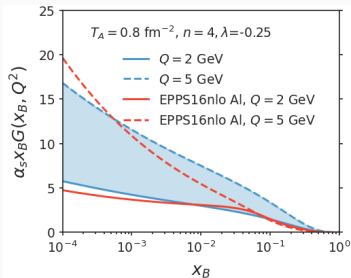
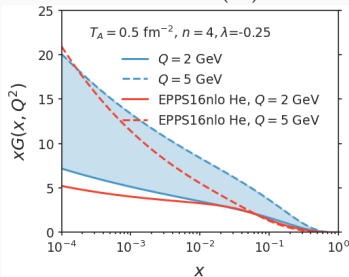
## Summary and outlook

- Final-state jet-nucleus interactions lead to momentum broadening, modified fragmentation & hadron chemistry.
- Measurements of  $z$  &  $p_T$  dependent fragmentation function in  $e$ - $A$  collisions provide strong constraints to the in-medium splitting function & hadronization models.
- eHIJING with multiple collisions and twist-4 in-medium QCD splitting functions provide good description of CLAS and HERMES data.
- Radiative processes are found to be responsible for a large fraction of momentum broadening.
- To incorporate the evolution of the Glauber gluon, important for predictive power at higher  $\sqrt{s}$ .

Questions?

# Backup slides: compared to phenomenological nuclear PDF

$$xG(x, Q^2) = \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \phi_g(x, k_{\perp}^2)$$



Choice of parameters result in similar  $xG(x, Q)$  at low  $Q^2$ .

## Stochastic version of the medium-modified splitting functions

$$D_{2h} = \frac{d^2 N_h}{dz_1 dz_2}, z_1 > z_2; \quad R_{2h} = \frac{D_{2h}^{eA}/D^{eA}}{D_{2h}^{ed}/D^{ed}}$$

With a large fluctuation in the number of collisions, we constructed fluctuating in-medium splitting functions

$$P_{qq}(x, \mathbf{l}_\perp) = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{P_{qq}(x)}{l_\perp^2} \left\{ 1 + \int dL \rho(L) \int_{\mathbf{k}_\perp} \frac{C_F}{d_A} \frac{\alpha_s \phi_g(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)}{k_\perp^2} \frac{C_A}{C_F} \frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{l}_\perp}{(\mathbf{l}_\perp - \mathbf{k}_\perp)^2} \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{L}{\tau_f} \right] \right\}$$

$$\implies \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{P_{qq}(x)}{l_\perp^2} \left\{ 1 + \sum_i \frac{C_A}{C_F} \frac{2(\mathbf{k}_\perp)_i \cdot \mathbf{l}_\perp}{[\mathbf{l}_\perp - (\mathbf{k}_\perp)_i]^2} \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{L_i}{(\tau_f)_i} \right] \right\}$$

The usual average over the medium sources are replaced by the summation over the multiple collisions of the shower parton.