

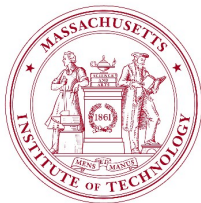
# *Medium Induced Collinear Radiation via SCET*

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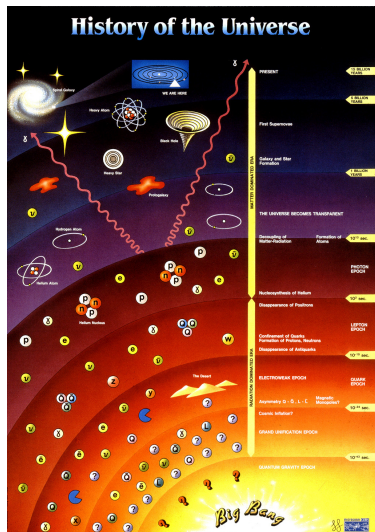
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# Thermal History of the Universe and QGP



Our universe originated in a “Big Bang”

Matter as we know it has not existed forever

First few microseconds after the Big Bang:

- hadrons could not form, quark, antiquarks and gluons deconfined in the **quark-gluon plasma (QGP)**
- first hadrons formed only when  $T = T_{\text{cr}} \simeq 170 \text{ MeV}$

**QGP hidden behind the CMB**

To study it we have to recreate on the Earth

# Phases of Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD)

QCD:  $SU(3)_c$  gauge theory of quarks of gluons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \left( \partial_\mu - ig\frac{\lambda^a}{2}A_\mu^a \right) \psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi$$

Quarks and gluons: **color charge**, and in the  $m \rightarrow 0$  limit **chiral symmetry**

Hadrons: colorless (**confinement**) and heavy (**chiral symmetry breaking**) objects

Simplicity of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$  hides a wealth of emergent phenomena at the scale  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

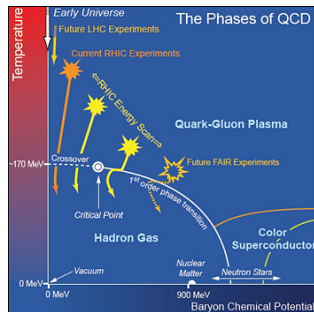
## QCD phase diagram ( $\mu_B, T$ )

QGP:  $T \rightarrow \infty$  phase of QCD

- quarks and gluons **de-confined**
- chiral symmetry is **restored**

## Lattice QCD

Near  $\mu_B \sim 0$  **rapid crossover** between two phases: the medium properties change **quickly** and **dramatically**



# Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

QGP recreated today by **colliding large nuclei at high energies**

## RHIC



RHIC began operation in 2000  
 $p+p$  and  $Au+Au$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} \simeq 200 \text{ GeV} \times A$

## LHC



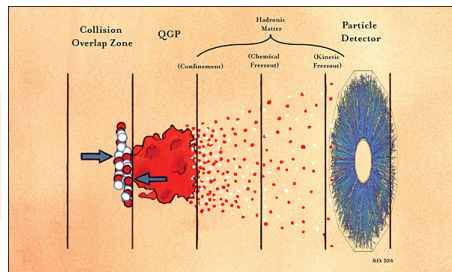
LHC began operation in 2009  
 $p+p$  and  $Pb+Pb$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} \simeq 5.5 \text{ TeV} \times A$

First heavy-ion collisions at the LHC in November 2010 at  $\sqrt{s} \simeq 2.76 \text{ TeV} \times A$   
Next run at the LHC scheduled for November 2011 (same c.o.m. energy)

# The Little Bang

Incoming nucleons cannot escape right away into the surrounding vacuum

They rescatter each other, and form a dense and strongly interacting matter



Quick thermalization and large energy density ( $e > e_{cr}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  QGP

Hydrodynamic expansion of the collision fireball

Cooling, when the energy density  $e \simeq e_{cr}$  the partons convert to hadrons

**We can probe the QGP only indirectly**

# Hard Probes for the Quark Gluon Plasma

We will focus on the rare **high  $p_T$**  final state particles ( $p_T \geq 2 \text{ GeV}$ )

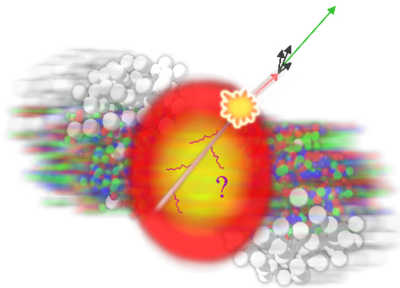
## High $p_T$ particles as probes

From fragmentation of even higher  $p_T$  partons

Produced in the collision early stage:

$$p_T \simeq 2 \text{ GeV} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau_f \simeq (p_T^2)^{-1/2} \simeq 0.1 \text{ fm}/c$$

On their evolution they interact with the medium and probe its properties



Exploring medium properties by detecting high  $p_T$  hadrons outside it:

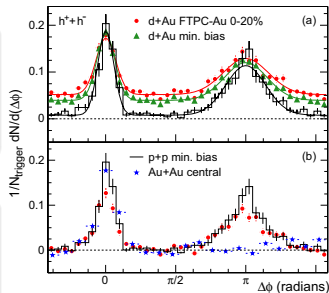
**Jet Emission Tomography (JET)**



## Azimuthal angular correlations

- **Trigger** on fast particle (say  $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$ )
- look for correlations with other not too soft hadrons (say  $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}$ , to remove background from uncorrelated hadrons)

- Partons fragment into a narrow angular cone
- Correlation at small angles, peak at  $\Delta\phi = 0$
- In p+p peak at  $\Delta\phi = \pi$
- In Au+Au the peak at  $\Delta\phi = \pi$  disappears



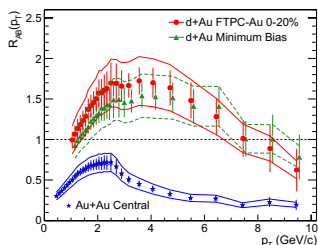
STAR collaboration, arxiv:nucl-ex/0306024

This is a very pictorial way to convince that **jets are quenched**.  
However it is hard to be quantitative about that...

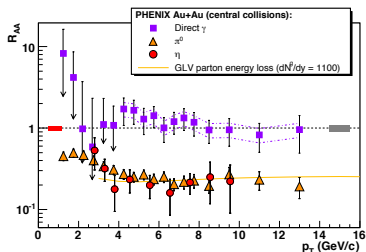
# Jet Quenching Data - RHIC part 2

## Single particle inclusive yield

Nuclear modification factor:  $R_{AA} = \frac{1}{N_{coll}^{AA}} \frac{dN^{AA}/dydp_T}{dN^{pp}/dydp_T}$  (No quenching  $\rightarrow R_{AA} = 1$ )



STAR collaboration, arxiv:nucl-ex/0306024



PHENIX collaboration, arxiv:nucl-ex/0611006

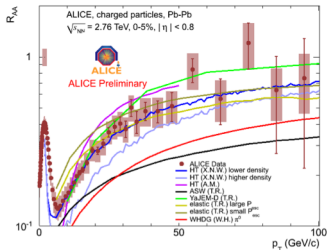
Suppression of high  $p_T$  partons in central Au+Au collisions

$R^{AA}$  same for all hadrons, must be **parton energy loss**.

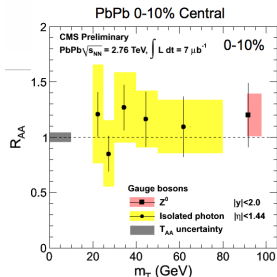
The parton loses energy before hadronization.

# Jet Quenching Data - LHC part 1

$R_{AA}$  for  $Pb - Pb$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} \simeq 2.76 \text{ TeV} \times A$



ALICE collaboration, arxiv:1012.1004  
 Appelshäuser talk at QM2011



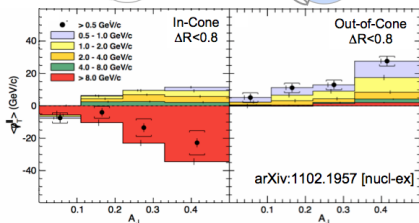
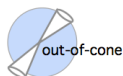
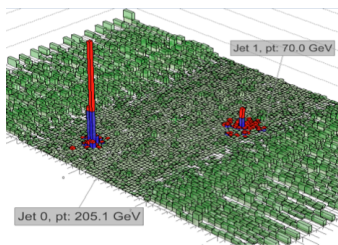
CMS collaboration, arxiv:1102.5435, arxiv:1103.1471  
 Lee talk at QM2011

- $R_{AA}$  from 100 MeV to 100 GeV!
- Charged particles and colorless probes (photons, **Z bosons**)
- Pronounced  $p_T$  dependence of  $R_{AA}$  at LHC
- Sensitivity to details of the energy loss distribution

# Jet Quenching Data - LHC part 2

Jets in  $Pb - Pb$  collisions reconstructed by CMS and ATLAS calorimeters

Jet quenching as a pronounced **energy imbalance** in central collisions



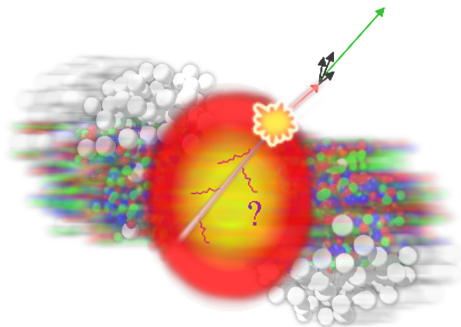
Momentum imbalance recovered when integrating **low  $p_T$**  particles over a **wide angular range** relative to the away side jet

CMS collaboration, arxiv:1102.1957, Roland talk at QM2011

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# Jets propagation in dense media



## Hard Probes for the QGP

Jet Quenching observables make it possible to study how parton fragmentation is affected by the medium

At RHIC:  $p_T \simeq$  tens of GeV.

At LHC:  $p_T \simeq$  hundreds of GeV.

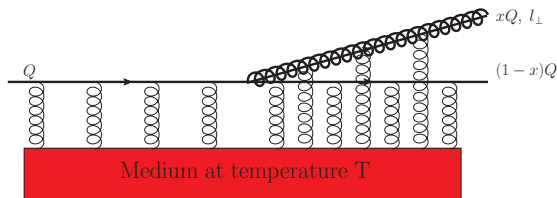
The medium has two main effects on the propagating energetic parton:

- changing direction of its momentum (transverse momentum broadening)
- inducing parton energy loss

# Energy loss in the high energy limit

## Radiative energy loss

High energy limit: QCD analogue of bremsstrahlung dominates



Energetic partons constantly kicked by the medium:  
all subjects to transverse momentum broadening

## The jet quenching parameter $\hat{q}$

$$\hat{q} \equiv \frac{\langle k_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{L}$$

- $\hat{q}$  plays central role in the energy loss calculation
- defined via transverse momentum broadening only

# Effective Field Theory description

## Separation of scales

Particle with energy  $Q$  propagating through a dense medium with characteristic scale  $T$

$$\lambda \equiv \frac{T}{Q} \ll 1$$

We can ultimately hope for an **Effective Field Theory description**:

- physics at each scale cleanly separated at leading power
- corrections systematically calculable, order by order in  $\lambda$

## Our language: Soft Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)

In the  $Q \gg T$  limit natural organization of the modes into kinematic regimes

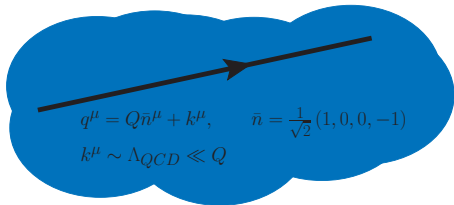
Other works on SCET applied to parton propagation in dense media:

Idilbi, Majumder, arXiv:0808.1087

Ovanesyan, Vitev, arXiv:1103.1074



# Soft Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)



## SCET

Effective theory of highly energetic approximately massless particles interacting with a soft background

C. Bauer et al.

hep-ph/0005275

hep-ph/0011336

hep-ph/0107001

hep-ph/0109045

## SCET degrees of freedom

Introduce fields for infrared degrees of freedom (in operators)

Offshell modes with  $q^2 \gg \lambda^2 Q^2$  are integrated out (in coefficients)

modes	$q^\mu = (q^+, q^-, q_\perp)$	fields
collinear	$Q(\lambda^2, 1, \lambda)$	$\xi_{\bar{n}}, A_{\bar{n}}^\mu$
soft	$Q(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda)$	$\xi_s, A_s^\mu$
ultra-soft	$Q(\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)$	$\xi_{us}, A_{us}^\mu$

Energetic particle propagating through the medium:

**collinear mode** of SCET

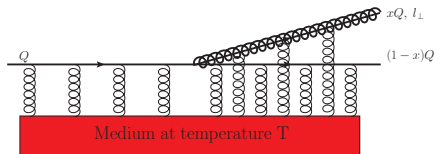
# Relevance of Glauber modes

Incoming parton, outgoing parton and radiated gluon considered to be **collinear**.

Radiation vertex already present in SCET

What about **momentum broadening**?

Are the SCET d.o.f. enough?



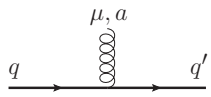
Momentum broadening in the high energy limit dominated by interactions between the energetic **collinear** parton and **Glauber modes** from the medium

- **Glauber modes**:  $p = (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda)Q$

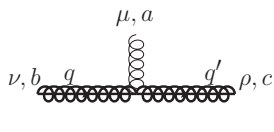
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Glaubers not d.o.f. of SCET, need to extend SCET to include them

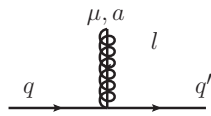
# SCET + Glauber Feynman Rules



$$= i g t_F^a \bar{n}_\mu \not{n}$$



$$= -2 i g (t_G^a)_{bc} \bar{n}^\mu \times [g^{\nu\rho} Q + n^\nu (q'_\perp - q_\perp)^\rho - n^\rho (q'_\perp - q_\perp)^\nu - \frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha} (n^\rho q^\nu + n^\nu q'^\rho)]$$



$$= i g t_F^a \left[ \bar{n}_\mu - \frac{1}{2n \cdot (q+l)} \frac{q'_\perp}{n \cdot q} n_\mu + \gamma_\mu^\perp \frac{q'_\perp}{2n \cdot q} + \frac{q'_\perp + l_\perp}{2n \cdot (q+l)} \gamma_\mu^\perp \right] \not{n}$$

We are ready to compute Feynman diagrams!

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# First step: Transverse Momentum Broadening

Formulation of the momentum broadening  
in the language of **Soft Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)**

## Our focus

Non-radiative  $k_{\perp}$  broadening in the high energy limit

- easiest case to handle
- natural context in which  $\hat{q}$  arises

## “Semi-controlled” calculation

Radiation artificially turned off, other than that controlled in the  $Q \gg T$  limit

# Set-up of the problem

## Energy scales

Hard parton propagating through some form of QCD matter

Initial four momentum:  $q_0 \equiv (q_0^+, q_0^-, q_{0\perp}) = (0, Q, 0)$

We assume  $Q \gg T$ , we have a **small dimensionless ratio**  $\lambda \equiv \frac{T}{Q} \ll 1$

Example: QGP in equilibrium at temperature  $T$   
(our analysis would apply to other forms of matter)

## Goal: compute $P(k_\perp)$ and $\hat{q}$

$P(k_\perp)$ : probability distribution for the hard parton to acquire transverse momentum  $k_\perp$  after traversing the medium

From  $P(k_\perp)$  it is straightforward to obtain  $\hat{q}$

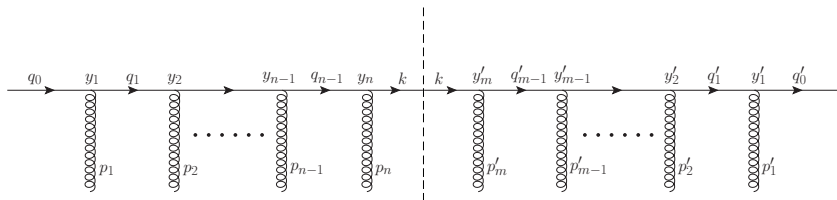
$$\hat{q} = \frac{1}{L} \int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} k_\perp^2 P(k_\perp)$$

$$\int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} P(k_\perp) = 1$$

# Forward scattering amplitude

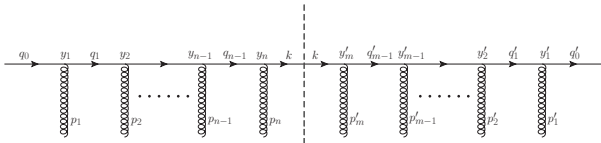
## Strategy

- Compute  $2 \operatorname{Im} M_{\alpha\alpha}$  by cutting the appropriate diagrams
- Use the unitarity relation to identify  $\sum_{\beta} |M_{\beta\alpha}|^2$
- Read off  $|M_{\beta\alpha}|^2$ , and evaluate  $P(k_{\perp})$  for  $k_{\perp} \neq 0$
- The normalization condition  $\int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} P(k_{\perp}) = 1$  fixes  $P(0)$



$$2 \operatorname{Im} M_{\alpha\alpha} = \sum_{m=1, n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_{mn} = \sum_{m=1, n=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2 \mathcal{A}_{mn}}{d^2 k_{\perp}}$$

# Forward scattering amplitude evaluation



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d^2 \mathcal{A}_{mn}}{d^2 k_{\perp}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} Q L^3} \int \frac{dk^+ dk^-}{(2\pi)^2} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{d^4 q_i}{(2\pi)^4} \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{d^4 q'_j}{(2\pi)^4} \\
 &\times \bar{\xi}_{\bar{n}}(q'_0) \prod_{j=m-1}^1 \left[ (-ig) A^+(-p'_j) \not{n} \frac{-iQ}{2Qq_{j+}^+ - q_{j\perp}^{\prime 2} - i\epsilon} \not{n} \right] (-ig) A^+(-p'_m) \not{n} \\
 &\times 2\pi Q \delta(2k^+ + Q - k_{\perp}^2) \not{n} ig A^+(p_n) \not{n} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{iQ}{2Qq_i^+ - q_{i\perp}^2 + i\epsilon} \not{n} ig A^+(p_i) \not{n} \right] \xi_{\bar{n}}(q_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

(Analysis is analogous if the hard parton is a collinear gluon.)

$Q \rightarrow \infty$  limit: amplitude evaluated for  $Q \gg k_{\perp}^2 L \sim \hat{q} L^2$ .



# Result for $P(k_{\perp})$

$$P(k_{\perp}) = \int d^2x_{\perp} e^{-ik_{\perp} \cdot x_{\perp}} \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{\perp}), \quad \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{d(\mathcal{R})} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[ W_{\mathcal{R}}^{\dagger}[x_{\perp}] W_{\mathcal{R}}[0] \right] \right\rangle$$

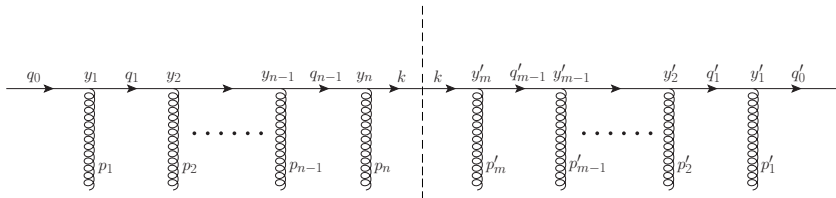
for a collinear particle in the  $SU(N)$  representation  $\mathcal{R}$ , with dimension  $d(\mathcal{R})$

- $P(k_{\perp})$  is a **soft function**, it depends only on the medium property
- Transverse momentum broadening without radiation:  
**field theoretically well-defined property of the medium**
- $\hat{q} = \frac{1}{L} \int \frac{d^2k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} k_{\perp}^2 P(k_{\perp})$

FDE, Liu, Rajagopal, arXiv:1006.1367 [hep-ph]

$P(k_{\perp})$  derived with other techniques: Casalderrey-Solana and Salgado, arXiv:0712.3443 [hep-ph]  
Liang, Wang and Zhou, arXiv:0801.0434 [hep-ph]

# Glaubers from the medium



## $A_{\mu}$ as a background field

(i) hard parton propagating in a **specific field configuration**  $A_{\mu}(p)$

(ii) **average over field configurations**:  $\left\langle \text{Tr} \left[ W_{\mathcal{R}}^{\dagger}[x_{\perp}] W_{\mathcal{R}}[0] \right] \right\rangle$

Nature of the medium (**strongly** coupled? **weakly** coupled?) affects only (ii)

Same framework for the gluon radiation calculation

# $\hat{q}$ in strongly coupled $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

At RHIC physics of the QGP at scales  $\sim T$  is not weakly coupled

Insights can be obtained by calculating  $\hat{q}$  in **strongly coupled**  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM  
by using gauge/gravity duality

Liu, Rajagopal, Wiedemann, hep-ph/0605178

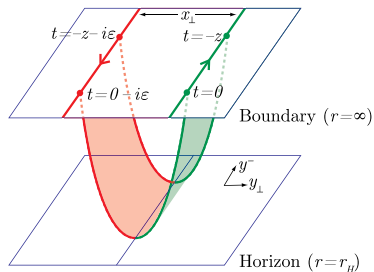
LRW evaluated  $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{\perp})$  with the standard, i.e. wrong, operator ordering

## Standard AdS/CFT evaluation

- $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $SU(N_c)$  gauge theory, large  $N_c$  and  $g_{YM}^2 N_c$  limit;
- Gravity dual: 4+1 dimensional AdS Schwarzschild black hole with Hawking temperature  $T$ ;
- $\langle W(\mathcal{C}) \rangle = \exp [i \{ S(\mathcal{C}) - S_0 \}]$ .

( $S(\mathcal{C})$  is the action of an extremized string worldsheet, bounded by the Wilson lines along the contour  $\mathcal{C}$  located at the 3+1 dimensional boundary, "hanging" into the AdS black hole spacetime.  $S_0$  is twice the action of a disconnected world sheet hanging straight down from one Wilson line to the horizon.)

# $\hat{q}$ in strongly coupled $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM revisited



**Old result unchanged!**

LRW is the only world sheet which touches the horizon

Subtlety resolved

Result unchanged

FDE, Liu, Rajagopal, arXiv:1006.1367 [hep-ph]

$$\mathcal{W}_A(x_\perp) = \exp\left[-\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}\hat{q}L^-x_\perp^2\right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} P_A(k_\perp) = \frac{4\sqrt{2}\pi}{\hat{q}L^-} \exp\left[-\frac{\sqrt{2}k_\perp^2}{\hat{q}L^-}\right] \\ \hat{q}_A = \frac{\pi^{3/2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} \sqrt{g^2 N_c} T^3 \end{cases}$$

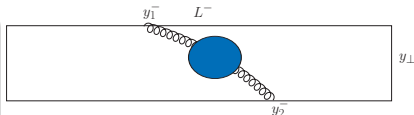
$P(k_\perp)$  at strong coupling is a Gaussian  $\Rightarrow$  diffusion in  $k_\perp$  space

$\hat{q}$  in the same ballpark as the values of  $\hat{q}$  inferred from RHIC data

# $\hat{q}$ in weakly coupled QCD plasma

QCD plasma at high enough temperature that physics at scale  $\sim T$  is **weakly coupled**

Arnold, Xiao, arXiv:0810.1026 [hep-ph]  
Caron-Huot, arXiv:0811.1603 [hep-ph]



At lowest order in  $g$ :  $P(k_\perp) = (2\pi)^2 \delta^2(k_\perp) + P_>(k_\perp) - \delta^2(k_\perp) \int d^2q_\perp P_>(q_\perp)$   
Non divergent anywhere and correctly normalized

Broadening probability:  $P_>(k_\perp) = \sqrt{2} g^2 C_R L \int \frac{dk^-}{2\pi} k_\perp^2 G_{\mu\nu}^>(0, k^-, k_\perp) \bar{n}^\mu \bar{n}^\nu$

$P(k_\perp)$  very different than at strong coupling, falls off slowly  $\sim k_\perp^{-4}$  at large  $k_\perp$

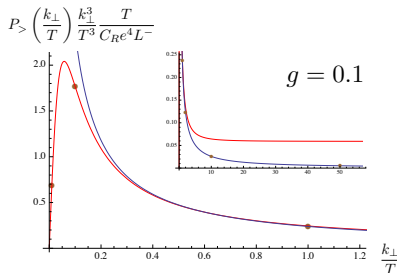
$\hat{q}_R \propto g^4 N_c^2$ , and **UV log divergent**

Probability of picking up large  $k_\perp$   
much larger than in a strongly coupled plasma,  
even though the mean  $k_\perp$  picked up is smaller

# $\hat{q}$ in weakly coupled QCD plasma - results

“Abelian” contribution (gluon propagator from quark loops)

- Full expression of the gluon propagator, with no approximations
- IR ( $k_{\perp} \ll T$ ) well described by HTL
- IR and UV smoothly overlap



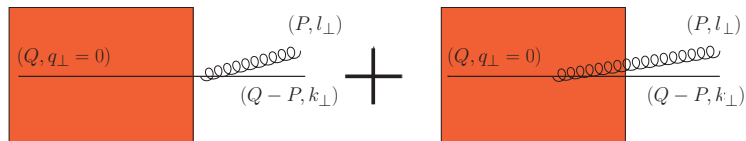
Add the non-abelian contribution — work in progress.....  
(FDE, C. Lee, M. Lekaveckas, H. Liu, K. Rajagopal)

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# Medium induced collinear gluon radiation

Incoming collinear quark radiates a gluon collinear in the same direction  
Effective theory valid for **any collinear gluon energy**



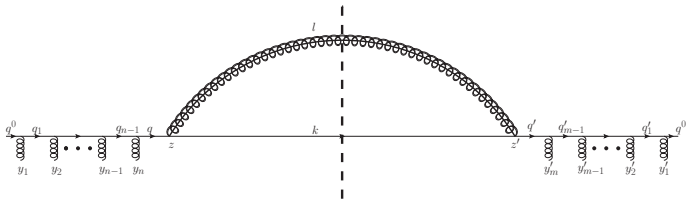
Total amplitude: vacuum + medium emission

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_v + \mathcal{M}_m \Rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_v|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_m|^2 + 2 \text{Re} (\mathcal{M}_m \mathcal{M}_v^*)$$

We integrate over the final quark kinematical variables,  
matrix element squared will only depend on  $l_{\perp}$  and  $P$



# Vacuum emission



$$|\mathcal{M}_V|^2 = 4 g^2 C_F \int d^2 x_\perp \exp [i l_\perp \cdot x_\perp] \mathcal{Y}[x_\perp, l_\perp, P]$$

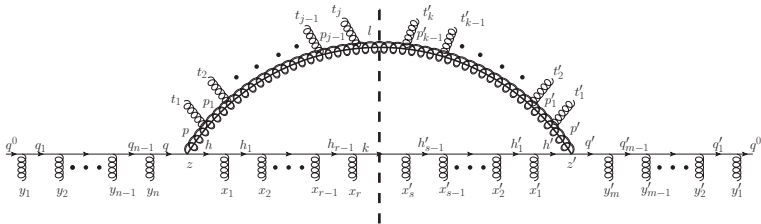
where:  $\mathcal{Y}[x_\perp, l_\perp, P] \equiv$

$$\mathcal{W}_F(x_\perp) \int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\exp[i k_\perp \cdot x_\perp]}{\left(\frac{k_\perp^2}{Q-P} + \frac{l_\perp^2}{P}\right)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{k_\perp^2}{(Q-P)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(l_\perp + k_\perp)^2}{Q^2} + \frac{l_\perp^2}{P^2} - \frac{l_\perp \cdot k_\perp}{P(Q-P)} - \frac{l_\perp \cdot (l_\perp + k_\perp)}{QP} \right]$$

Check  $P \ll Q$  limit:  $\mathcal{Y}[x_\perp, l_\perp, P] \simeq \delta^2(x_\perp) \frac{1}{l_\perp^2} \Rightarrow |\mathcal{M}_V|^2 = \frac{4 g^2 C_F}{l_\perp^2}$

Wiedemann, hep-ph/0005129, hep-ph/0008241

# Medium emission



- Incoming quark described by a Wilson line
- Outgoing quark and radiated gluon described by 2-dimensional path integrals in the transverse space
- Glauber fields both in the fundamental and the adjoint
- Emission vertex has  $q_{\perp} \Rightarrow$  transverse derivatives acting on Glauber fields

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathcal{M}_m|^2 &= 2g^2 \int d^4z d^4z' \int dy'^+ d^2y'_\perp dy^+ d^2y_\perp \int dx'^+ d^2x'_\perp dx^+ d^2x_\perp \int dt'^+ dt^+ \\
&\int \prod_{i=1}^k dt'_i - d^2t'_{i\perp} \prod_{i=1}^j dt_i^- d^2t_{i\perp} \int \prod_{i=1}^m dy'_i - \prod_{i=1}^s dx'_i - d^2x'_{i\perp} \prod_{i=1}^r dx_i^- d^2x_{i\perp} \prod_{i=1}^n dy_i^- \\
&\int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4q'}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4p'}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4h}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4h'}{(2\pi)^4} \\
&\exp \left[ i q_0 \cdot (y'_1 - y_1) + i q' \cdot (z' - y'_m) + i p' \cdot (t'_1 - z') + i h' \cdot (x'_1 - z') + \right. \\
&\left. i l \cdot (t_j - t'_k) - i k \cdot (x'_s - x_r) - i q \cdot (z - y_n) - i h \cdot (x_1 - z) - i p \cdot (t_1 - z) \right] \\
&\frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m (-ig) A_F^\pm(y'^+, y_i^-, y'_\perp) t_F^a \prod_{i=1}^s (-ig) A_F^\pm(x'^+, x_i^-, x'_\perp) \right. \\
&\left. \prod_{i=r}^1 ig A_F^\pm(x^+, x_i^-, x_\perp) t_F^b \prod_{i=n}^1 ig A_F^\pm(y^+, y_i^-, y_\perp) \right] \\
&\prod_{i=1}^{m-1} \theta(y'_{i+1}^- - y_i^-) \prod_{i=1}^{s-1} \theta(x'_{i+1}^- - x_i^-) K(x'_{i+1}; x'_i) \prod_{i=1}^{r-1} \theta(x_{i+1}^- - x_i^-) K(x_{i+1}; x_i) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \theta(y_{i+1}^- - y_i^-) \\
&2S_Q^*(q') 2S_{Q-P}^*(h') 2S_P^*(p') 2S_{Q-P}(h) 2S_Q(q) 2S_P(p) (Q - P) \Delta(q_\perp, \dots) \\
&\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \theta(t'_{i+1}^- - t_i^-) \prod_{i=1}^k (-ig) A_G^\pm(t'^+, t_i^-, t'_{i\perp}) \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} K(t'_{i+1}; t'_i) \right. \\
&\left. \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} \theta(t_{i+1}^- - t_i^-) \prod_{i=j}^1 ig A_G^\pm(t^+, t_i^-, t_{i\perp}) \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} K(t_{i+1}; t_i) \right]_{ab}
\end{aligned}$$

# Medium emission

## Key question

What **soft function** controls collinear radiation?

namely

What **medium property** is “measured” by parton energy loss?

## $P \ll Q$ limit correctly reproduced

$$|\mathcal{M}_m|^2 = \frac{1}{p_\perp^2} g^2 \int dz'^- dz^- \int d^2 t'_\perp d^2 t_\perp \exp[-i l_\perp \cdot (t_\perp - t'_\perp)] W_A^{ab}(z'^-, z^-) [0_\perp] \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}_\perp} G(\bar{y}_\perp = 0_\perp, z'^-; t'_\perp, L^-; ) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\perp} G(t_\perp, L^-; y_\perp = 0_\perp, z^-) \right]_{ab}$$

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- For  $P \ll Q$  the soft function has only quantities in the adjoint representation
- Only in this limit parton energy loss “measures”  $\hat{q}$

# Outline

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# Summary and future directions

## Transverse Momentum Broadening within SCET ✓

- Glaubers responsible for  $k_{\perp}$  broadening in the absence of radiation
- $P(k_{\perp})$  and  $\hat{q}$  governed by a field theoretically well-defined property of the medium

## Medium Induced Collinear Radiation within SCET (in progress)

- radiated gluon collinear to the incoming quark, any fraction of its energy

## Future directions

- complete the collinear gluon spectrum, evaluate the new soft functions
- include  $\lambda$  power corrections

and also...

- introduce **soft modes** ( $p \sim Q(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda)$ ) allowing for large angle radiation
- allow for emission in any collinear direction

(FDE, C. Lee, H. Liu, K. Rajagopal)

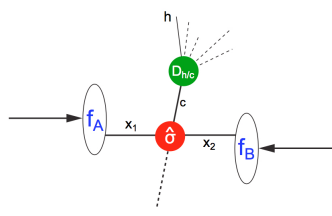
# BACKUP SLIDES

# Hard processes in heavy ion collisions

**Factorization assumed** between the perturbative hard part and the non-perturbative fragmentation (FF) and parton distribution functions (PDF).

The PDF are assumed to be **universal** (known from DIS).

Hard scattering cross sections computed in pQCD.



$$\sigma^{AB \rightarrow h} = f_A(x_1, Q^2) \otimes f_B(x_2, Q^2) \otimes \sigma(x_1, x_2, Q^2) \otimes D_{c \rightarrow h}(z, Q^2)$$

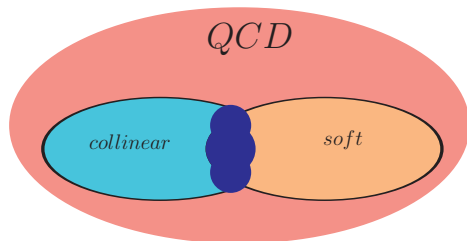
## Medium modified fragmentation function

FF modified when the fragmentation takes place in the medium.

Measuring these modifications: **characterization of the medium properties.**



# More about SCET



## SCET Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}} = \mathcal{L}_c + \mathcal{L}_s + \mathcal{L}_{c,s}$$

Collinear sector (QCD in boosted frame) and soft sector (QCD) coupled through a single term.

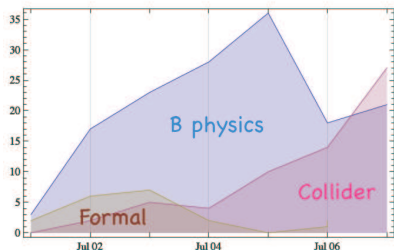
## What is SCET good for?

**Factorization:** obtained from field redefinition and simple algebraic manipulations (decouple soft from collinear in the Lagrangian).

**Summation of logarithms** at the edges of phase space: obtained from Renormalization Group Equations (RGEs).

**Systematically incorporate power corrections** in  $\lambda$ .

# SCET applications



## B physics

Understand many new processes  
Power corrections for better precisions  
Improve perturbative results by proper resummation of logarithms

## Collider physics

Factorization easier to understand  
Perturbative calculation by standard EFT steps: sequences of matching and running  
Processes with several scales easily understood  
SCET gives operator definitions of all non-perturbative quantities  
SCET is a systematic expansion order by order.

from C. Bauer, talk at SCET08

# Glauber gluons

Transverse momentum in excess of their longitudinal momentum.  
They cannot be thought of as being on the mass-shell.

## Glauber gluons in SCET

Attempt to prove Glauber factorization in Drell-Yan (flaws in the argument...).

Liu and Ma, arxiv:0802.2973 [hep-ph].

Explicit shown that Glaubers need to be included for a certain class of processes.

Bauer et al., arxiv:1010.1027 [hep-ph].

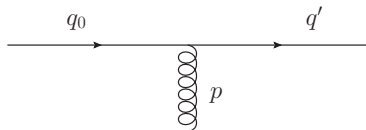
They might be integrated out of the effective theory, leading to a potential between pairs of collinear fields in opposite directions.

Stewart and Rothstein, in progress, talk at SCET2010.

Used to describe jet broadening in dense QCD medium.

Idilbi and Majumder, PRD80(2009); D'Eramo, Liu and K. Rajagopal, arxiv:1006.1367 [hep-ph].

# $k_{\perp}$ broadening in the high energy limit



$$q_0 =: (0, Q, 0)$$

$$q' = q_0 + p$$

## Soft gluon: $p = (\lambda, \lambda, \lambda)Q$

Final state  $Q(\lambda, 1, \lambda)$  not collinear.

Kicked off-shell by  $q'^2 \sim \lambda Q^2$ .

Process suppressed by  $\alpha_s(\sqrt{TQ})$ .

Subsequent radiation induced.

## Glauber gluon: $p = (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda)Q$

Final state  $Q(\lambda^2, 1, \lambda)$  is collinear

Further Glaubers keep the parton collinear.

Not induced radiation.

Interaction vertex:  $\alpha_s(T)$

## Relevance of Glauber gluons

Both processes yield  $k_{\perp}$  broadening of order  $\lambda Q \sim T$ , soft suppressed by  $\alpha_s(\sqrt{TQ})$ .

**Glauber gluons responsible for momentum broadening in the absence of radiation.**

All processes (including radiation) must be included before comparing to data.

# SCET + Glauber Effective Lagrangian I

## Effective Lagrangian derivation for collinear quarks

Start from the QCD Lagrangian and keep only the relevant d.o.f.

Integrate out  $\xi_n(x)$  by using its equations of motion

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{\xi} i \not{D} \xi \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\bar{n}} = \bar{\xi}_{\bar{n}} i \not{h} (\bar{n} \cdot D) \xi_{\bar{n}} + \bar{\xi}_{\bar{n}} i \not{D}_{\perp} \frac{1}{2i\bar{n} \cdot D} i \not{D}_{\perp} \not{h} \xi_{\bar{n}}$$

Restrict to interactions with Glauber gluons only in  $D_{\mu} \equiv \partial_{\mu} - igA_{\mu}$ , which can only change the perpendicular momentum  $q_{\perp}$  of the collinear quark field.

Remove “large” phases from  $\xi_{\bar{n}}(x)$ :  $\xi_{\bar{n}}(x) = e^{-iQx^+} \sum_{q_{\perp}} e^{iq_{\perp} \cdot x_{\perp}} \xi_{\bar{n}, q_{\perp}}(x)$

Power counting in  $\lambda$ :  $\xi_{\bar{n}}(x) \sim \lambda$ ,  $i\partial_{\mu} \xi_{\bar{n}, q_{\perp}}(x) \sim \lambda^2 \xi_{\bar{n}, q_{\perp}}(x)$ ,  $A^+ \sim \lambda^2$ .

At the leading order in  $\lambda$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\bar{n}} = \sum_{q_{\perp}, q'_{\perp}} e^{i(q_{\perp} - q'_{\perp}) \cdot x_{\perp}} \bar{\xi}_{\bar{n}, q'_{\perp}} \left[ i\bar{n} \cdot D + \frac{q_{\perp}^2}{2Q} \right] \not{h} \xi_{\bar{n}, q_{\perp}}$$

Idilbi, Majumder, Phys.Rev.D80:054022,2009. [arXiv:0808.1087]

# SCET + Glauber Effective Lagrangian II

## Goal

Derive an effective Lagrangian to describe a theory of **collinear** partons (quarks or gluons) and **Glauber** gluons.

Top-down EFT: start from QCD Lagrangian, keep only relevant d.o.f.

## EFT fields

Light-cone unit vectors:  $\bar{n} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 0, 0, -1)$ ,  $n \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 0, 0, 1)$ .

Quark field decomposition:

$$\xi(x) = \xi_{\bar{n}}(x) + \xi_n(x), \quad \xi_{\bar{n}}(x) \equiv \frac{\bar{n}\not{x}}{2} \xi(x), \quad \xi_n(x) \equiv \frac{\not{x}n}{2} \xi(x).$$

Collinear quark field: "large" component  $\xi_{\bar{n}}(x)$ , the "small" component  $\xi_n(x)$  is integrated out.

Collinear gluon field:  $A_{\bar{n}}^{\mu}(x)$ .

Glauber gluon field:  $A_G^{\mu}(x)$  (background field).

# Optical theorem

## Field theory tools

Use the optical theorem to relate  $P(k_{\perp})$  to a matrix element that we can calculate using the Feynman rules we have just derived.

## Unitarity of the $S$ -matrix

Probability amplitude for the process  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ :  $\mathcal{S}_{\beta\alpha} = \delta_{\beta\alpha} + iM_{\beta\alpha}$ .

The  $S$ -matrix is unitary:  $\sum_{\beta} |\mathcal{S}_{\beta\alpha}|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 2 \text{Im} M_{\alpha\alpha} = \sum_{\beta} |M_{\beta\alpha}|^2$ .

Cubic box of sides  $L$ . Periodic BC  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L} (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ .

With radiation turned off  $\beta$  differs from  $\alpha$  only on  $k_{\perp}$ :  $\sum_{\beta} = L^2 \int \frac{d^2k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2}$ .

## Probability distribution $P(k_{\perp})$

We identify:  $P(k_{\perp}) = L^2 \begin{cases} |M_{\beta\alpha}|^2 & \beta \neq \alpha \\ 1 - 2\text{Im} M_{\alpha\alpha} + |M_{\alpha\alpha}|^2 & \beta = \alpha \end{cases}$

Unitarity of  $S$ -matrix  $\leftrightarrow P(k_{\perp})$  is normalized.

# Forward scattering amplitude evaluation II

## Three simple steps

- average over the color indices;
- some Dirac algebra;
- gluon fields in the coordinate space  $A^+(p_i) = \int d^4 y_i e^{ip_i y_i} A^+(y_i)$ .

$$\frac{d^2 \mathcal{A}_{mn}}{d^2 k_\perp} = \frac{2^{n+m}}{\sqrt{2} L^3 N_c} \int \prod_{i=1}^n d^4 y_i \prod_{j=1}^m d^4 y'_j e^{-iq_0 \cdot (y_1 - y'_1)} \text{Tr} \left[ \prod_{j=m}^1 (-ig) A^+(y'_j) \prod_{i=1}^n ig A^+(y_i) \right]$$
$$\times g(y_n - y'_m, k_\perp) \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} f^*(y'_j - y'_{j+1}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} f(y_i - y_{i+1})$$

$$f(z) \equiv \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{iQ}{2Qq^+ - q_\perp^2 + i\epsilon} e^{iq \cdot z} = \delta(z^+) \theta(-z^-) \frac{iQ}{4\pi z^-} e^{-i \frac{Q}{2z^-} z_\perp^2},$$

$$g(z, k_\perp) \equiv \int \frac{dk^+ dk^-}{(2\pi)^2} 2\pi Q \delta(2k^+ Q - k_\perp^2) e^{ik \cdot z} = \frac{1}{2} \delta(z^+) e^{-ik_\perp \cdot z_\perp + i \frac{k_\perp^2}{2Q} z^-}.$$



# The $Q \rightarrow \infty$ limit and its physical significance

## $Q \rightarrow \infty$ for $f(z)$ and $g(z, k_\perp)$

So far not used the  $Q \rightarrow \infty$  limit (although used in setting up the problem). In this limit both  $f(z)$  and  $g(z, k_\perp)$  simplify.

- $Q \gg p_\perp^2 z^- \Rightarrow f(z) \approx \frac{1}{2} \delta(z^+) \theta(-z^-) \delta^2(z_\perp)$
- $Q \gg k_\perp^2 z^- \Rightarrow g(z, k_\perp) \approx \frac{1}{2} \delta(z^+) e^{-ik_\perp \cdot z_\perp}$

Criterion for  $g(z, k_\perp)$  stronger, we require:  $Q \gg k_\perp^2 L \sim \hat{q} L^2$ .

## Physical significance of the $Q \rightarrow \infty$ limit: $Q \gg k_\perp^2 L \sim \hat{q} L^2$

The propagators of the internal quarks are  $f(z) \propto \delta^2(z_\perp)$ .

It requires  $L$  is short enough that the hard parton trajectory in position space remains well-approximated as a **straight line**, even though it **picks up transverse momentum**.

# Forward scattering amplitude evaluation III

## Summing over all the diagrams

Summing over  $m$  and  $n$  and taking the  $\langle \dots \rangle$  at the end of the calculation

$$\sum_{m=1, n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 A_{nm}}{d^2 k_{\perp}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{L^3 N_c} \int dy^+ dy_{\perp} dy'_{\perp} e^{-ik_{\perp} \cdot (y_{\perp} - y'_{\perp})} \langle \text{Tr} \left[ \left( W_F^{\dagger}[y^+, y'_{\perp}] - 1 \right) \left( W_F[y^+, y_{\perp}] - 1 \right) \right] \rangle$$

where we have introduced the fundamental Wilson line along the lightcone

$$W_F [y^+, y_{\perp}] \equiv P \left\{ \exp \left[ ig \int_0^{L^-} dy^- A^+(y^+, y^-, y_{\perp}) \right] \right\}$$

## Cleaning up the result

The medium is **translation invariant**:

result independent on  $y^+$  and depends only on  $x_{\perp} = y_{\perp} - y'_{\perp}$ .

The **incident flux** is  $1/L^3$ , so  $t/L$  particles going through the box in time  $t$ .  
Divide the result by  $t/L$  to obtain  $P(k_{\perp})$  for a single particle.

# Forward scattering amplitude evaluation IV

## Final form for the forward scattering amplitude

$$\sum_{m=1, n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathcal{A}_{nm}}{d^2 k_{\perp}} = \frac{1}{N_c} \int d^2 x_{\perp} e^{-ik_{\perp} \cdot x_{\perp}} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[ \left( W_F^{\dagger}[0, x_{\perp}] - 1 \right) \left( W_F[0, 0] - 1 \right) \right] \right\rangle$$

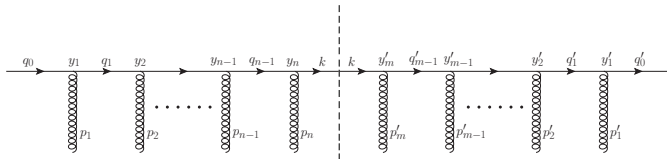
## $|M_{\beta\alpha}|^2$ from the unitarity relation

The unitarity relation  $\int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_{n=1, m=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^2 \mathcal{A}_{nm}}{d^2 k_{\perp}} = 2 \text{Im} M_{\alpha\alpha} = \sum_{\beta} |M_{\beta\alpha}|^2$

allows us to identify

$$|M_{\beta\alpha}|^2 = \frac{1}{L^2 N_c} \int d^2 x_{\perp} e^{-ik_{\perp} \cdot x_{\perp}} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[ \left( W_F^{\dagger}[0, x_{\perp}] - 1 \right) \left( W_F[0, 0] - 1 \right) \right] \right\rangle$$

# A few comments on $\frac{d^2 \mathcal{A}_{mn}}{d^2 k_{\perp}}$



## Gluon momenta

Gluon momenta  $p_i$  and  $p'_j$  fixed by four-momentum conservation at each vertex  
 $p_i = q_i - q_{i-1}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ );  $p_n = k - q_{n-1}$ ;  $p'_j = q'_j - q'_{j-1}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, m-1$ ).  
 $n + m$  gluon field insertions, but only  $n + m - 1$  independent momentum integrations

## The cut momentum: $k_{\perp}$ not integrated over

The cut momentum  $k$  is the four-momentum of the hard parton in the final state.  
 For forward scattering amplitude:  $q_0 = q'_0 \Rightarrow k_{\perp} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{i\perp} = \sum_{i=1}^m p'_{i\perp}$   
 $p_{i\perp}$ 's and  $p'_{i\perp}$ 's are of order  $\lambda Q = T$ ,  $k_{\perp}$  may turn out to be larger.

Typical value of  $k_{\perp}^2$  is  $\hat{q}L$ , in particular  $k_{\perp}^2$  grows with  $L$ .

# Operator ordering for the $\hat{q}$ evaluation

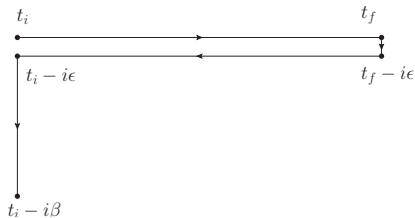
## $\hat{q}$ from light-like Wilson lines

$$\hat{q} \equiv \frac{\langle k_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{L} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{L^-} \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} k_{\perp}^2 \int d^2 x_{\perp} e^{ik_{\perp} \cdot x_{\perp}} \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{\perp})$$

$\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{\perp})$ : different operator ordering than a standard Wilson loop ( $A^+ = (A^+)^a t^a$ ).

## Standard Wilson loop

$(A^+)^a$  time ordered,  $t^a$  path ordered.



## Wilson lines in $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{\perp})$

$(A^+)^a$  path ordered,  $t^a$  path ordered.

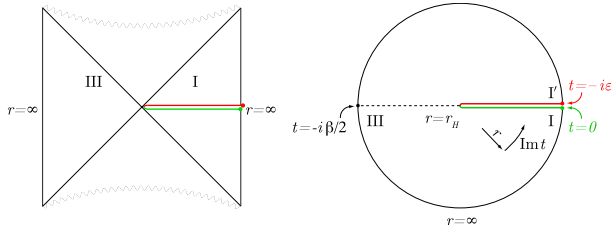
$\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{\perp})$  should be described using the **Schwinger-Keldysh** contour

- one of the light-like Wilson line on the  $\text{Im } t = 0$  segment
- the other light-like Wilson line on the  $\text{Im } t = -i\epsilon$  segment

# Taking the order into account

Our procedure to take the order into account: specific example of the more general Lorentzian AdS/CFT. (Skenderis, van Rees, JHEP 0905:085,2009. [arXiv:0812.2909].)

Construct the bulk geometry for the  $\text{Im } t = -i\epsilon$  segment of the Schwinger-Keldysh contour.



Any string world sheet connecting the Wilson lines at  $\text{Im } t = 0$  and  $\text{Im } t = -i\epsilon$ , as in our case, **must touch the horizon**.

# RHIC data and strong coupling result

High  $p_T$  suppression entirely due to parton energy loss.

$$d\sigma_{med}^{AA \rightarrow h \text{ rest}} = \sum_f d\sigma_{vac}^{AA \rightarrow f X} \otimes P_f(\Delta E, L, \hat{q}) \otimes D_{f \rightarrow h}^{vac}(z)$$

High  $p_T$  limit: properties of the medium enter  $P_f$  only through  $\hat{q}$ .

## RHIC data fit

Introduce:  $\hat{q} = 2 K e^{3/4}$

More stable on  $K$  rather than  $\hat{q}$ .

Fitting RHIC data:  $K = 4.1 \pm 0.6$ .

At RHIC temperature regime:

$$e \sim (9 - 11) T^4.$$

Therefore we get:  $\hat{q} \sim 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$

## Strong coupling result

We rewrite the result:

$$\hat{q} = 57 \sqrt{\alpha_{SYM} \frac{N_c}{3}} T^3$$

By comparing with the energy density we get a good match for  $\alpha_{SYM} \sim 0.66$  and  $N_c = 3$ .

Extraction of  $\hat{q}$  from LHC data should be under better control, since the separation of scale will be more quantitatively reliable.