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Abstract:

Relativistic heavy-ion collisions produce hot and dense QCD medium. Jets, initiated by hard processes in these collisions, propagate through and interact with this color opaque medium. Studying the modifications to the properties of jets relative to those measured in proton-proton collisions helps to reveal the jet-medium interactions. In this work, we try to understand the medium modifications to jets in a linearized partonic transport model. The time-evolution of hard partons is coupled to a 2+1D viscous hydrodynamic modeling of the medium. The jet-medium interactions include both elastic collisions and medium induced radiations, as well as a simple model for jet induced medium excitations. We looked at high p_T inclusive hadron R_{AA}, jet R_{AA}, and jet shape modifications to understand the roles played by different mechanisms. We found that the suppression of the hardest constituents-leading particles-is largely due to medium-induced radiation process; while elastic collisions and medium excitations are essential to understand jet suppression and the energy redistribution at large-r. Finally, we discuss the implications of the constraining power of the jet transport model approach.

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