

In-medium dressed quark evolution in a light-front Hamiltonian approach

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What is a jet?

In high-energy collisions, a jet is a collimated beam of particles produced by the splitting of a common ancestor (quark or gluon).



What is a jet?

A probe of matter, a tool to understand interaction.

An energetic QCD state that evolves and interacts.



Quark jet scattering off a color field

Deep inelastic scattering: collision between an electron and a nucleon or nucleus by exchange of a virtual photon







Quark jet scattering off a color field

Proton-nucleus and heavy ion scatterings







Quark jet scattering off a color field

• The fundamental process





At high energy, the target has many gluons: $\mathcal{A}_{\mu} \gg 1/g$ \Rightarrow described as a classical gluon field (Color Glass Condensate, MV model)

What has been established and approximated? • Eikonal limit

Quark is infinitely energetic: $p^+ \equiv p^0 + p^z = \infty$



 \Rightarrow Wilson line: eikonal scattering amplitude, resummation of \mathcal{A}_{μ} in the path-ordered exponential

What has been established and approximated?

• Eikonal limit



What has been established and approximated?

\circ Perturbative-based approaches

Expansion in powers of the coupling: one gluon emission at NLO, and two gluons at NNLO



What has been established and approximated?

\circ Perturbative-based approaches

Calculation is on the probability level



What are the differences here?

- \circ Non-perturbative approach
 - \Rightarrow beyond eikonal
- \circ Amplitude level computation
 - \Rightarrow jet is tracked as an evolving
 - quantum state
- Real-time simulation
 - \Rightarrow accessibility to intermediate state



Outline

Methodology

- The light-front Hamiltonian approach: BLFQ & tBLFQ
- □ Application to jet physics
 - 1. Overview
 - 2. Dressed quark
 - 3. In-medium dressed quark evolution

□ Summary and outlooks

Light-front Hamiltonian approach: BLFQ & tBLFQ¹

Light-front dynamics



1. J. P. Vary, H. Honkanen, Jun Li, P. Maris, S. J. Brodsky, A. Harindranath, G. F. de Teramond, P. Sternberg, E. G. Ng, C. Yang., Phys. Rev. C81, 035205 (2010); X. Zhao, A. Ilderton, P. Maris, and J. P. Vary, Phys. Rev. D88, 065014 (2013).

Hamiltonian formalism

• Bound states: eigenstates of the light-front Hamiltonian



• Time-dependent process: the state obeys the time-evolution equation $\frac{1}{2}P^{-}(x^{+})|\psi(x^{+})\rangle = i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{+}}|\psi(x^{+})\rangle$

Basis representation

• Optimal basis encodes certain symmetries of the system, and it is the key to computational efficiency

$$|\psi; x^+\rangle = \sum_{\beta} c_{\beta}(x^+) |\beta\rangle$$

Operators







Computational method

• <u>Basis Light-Front Quantization (BLFQ</u>): the bound state is solved by diagonalizing the Hamiltonain matrix

$$H_{\rm LC} \to \begin{pmatrix} M_1^2 & & & \\ & M_2^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & M_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eignestates \rightarrow LF wavefunctions Eigenvalues $\rightarrow M^2$

Computational method

- <u>Basis Light-Front Quantization (BLFQ)</u>
- **time-dependent BLFQ (tBLFQ)**: the evolving state is solved by sequential matrix multiplications of the evolution operators

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1(x^+) \\ c_2(x^+) \\ \vdots \\ c_n(x^+) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_n \\ U_n \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} U_2 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1(0) \\ c_2(0) \\ \vdots \\ c_n(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$U_k = \mathcal{T}_+ \exp\left[-\frac{i}{2} \int_{x_{k-1}^+}^{x_k^+} dz^+ P^-(z^+)\right], \qquad x_n^+ = x^+$$

Computational method

- <u>Basis Light-Front Quantization (BLFQ)</u>
- <u>time-dependent BLFQ (tBLFQ</u>)
 - ✓ First-principles
 - \checkmark Non-perturbative
 - ✓ *Quantum amplitude*



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Applications of tBLFQ to Jet evolution

- 1. Quark-nucleus scattering, $|q\rangle$ (Ph.D.)
 - M. Li, X. Zhao, P. Maris, Y. Li, G. Chen, K. Tuchin, and J. P. Vary, Phys. Rev. D 101, 076016 (2020).

First non-perturbative computational framework to simulate quark evolution at the amplitude level; revealed the non-eikonal effects

- 2. Quark jet scattering and gluon emission, $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$ (1st postdoc) <u>M. Li</u>, T. Lappi, and X. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D104.056014 (2021). Extended the computational framework to $|qg\rangle$; studied in-medium gluon emission
- 3. Momentum broadening of jet, |q>, |qg>, |q> + |qg> (2nd postdoc) <u>M. Li</u>, T. Lappi, X. Zhao, and C. A. Salgado, Phys. Rev. D 108, 036016 (2023). Simulated jet quenching, and quantified non-eikonal effects
- 4. Scattering of dressed quark, $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$ (2nd postdoc) <u>M. Li</u>, T. Lappi, X. Zhao, and C. A. Salgado, manuscript in preparation

I. $|q\rangle$: quark jet scattering off a color field¹



1. Phys.Rev.D 101(2020)7, 076016, <u>ML</u>, X. Zhao, P. Maris, G. Chen, Y. Li, K. Tuchin and J. P. Vary *Meijian Li* | *Jet evolution in a LF Hamiltonian approach*

I. $|q\rangle$: quark jet scattering off a color field¹

• *Non-eikonal effects:* the transverse coordinate distribution of the quark changes over time at a finite energy scale $p^+ = \infty$, no change in \vec{r}_{\perp} distribution



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II. $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$: quark jet scattering and gluon emission^{2,3}



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II. $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$: quark jet scattering and gluon emission²

• Evolution in the \vec{p}_{\perp} space, $g^2 \tilde{\mu} = 0.018 \text{ GeV}^{3/2}$

 $p^+ = 850 \text{ GeV}$, "fast" quark

 $x^{+}=0.\text{GeV}^{-1}$ 1.00 $x^+=6.25 \text{GeV}^{-1}$ - 0.99 $x^+ = 12.5 \text{GeV}^{-1}$ -0.96 $x^{+}=25.\text{GeV}^{-1}$ 0.93 -0.5 -0.80 - 0.79 -0.77 0.75 $p^y(GeV)$ -0.56 -0.60 - 0.59 -0.58 $|q\rangle$ -0.40 -0.37 - 0.40 -0.39 -0.20 0.20 -0.19 0.19 0.01 0.01 -0.01 1.000 0.999 0.995 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 -0.5 0. 0.5 -0.5 0. -1. -1. 0.5 p^x(GeV) $x^{+}=0.GeV^{-1}$ 1.00 $x^{+}=6.25 \text{GeV}^{-1}$ -9.4×10^{-1} $x^{+}=12.5 \text{GeV}^{-1}$ -3.7×10^{-6} $x^{+}=25.\text{GeV}^{-}$ -0.0000140.5 -0.000012 0.80 -7.5×10^{-7} -2.8×10^{-6} -0.000010 p^y(GeV) 0.60 -5.7×10^{-7} $|qg\rangle$ 1.9×10^{-6} $-7. \times 10^{-6}$ 0.40 -3.8×10^{-7} $-5. \times 10^{-6}$ -9.0×10^{-3} 0.20 -1.9×10^{-7} = ?: × 18=6 -1.0×10^{-7} -1.0×10^{-8} 0.000 0.001 0.005 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 px(GeV) $x^{+}=0.\text{GeV}^{-1}$ 1.00 $x^+=6.25 \text{GeV}^{-1}$ -9.4×10^{-7} $x^{+}=12.5 \text{GeV}^{-1}$ -3.7×10^{-6} $x^{+}=25.\text{GeV}^{-}$ -0.000014 0.5 -0.000012 0.80 -7.6×10^{-7} -2.8×10^{-6} -0.000010 p^y(GeV) |q**g**> 0.60 -5.7×10^{-7} 1.9×10^{-6} $-7. \times 10^{-6}$ 0.40 -3.8×10^{-7} $-5. \times 10^{-6}$ 9.0×10^{-7} 0.20 -1.9×10^{-1} - ?:× 18=6 -1.0×10^{-7} 1.0×10^{-8} 0.000 0.001 0.005 -1. <u>-1.</u> -0.5 0. 0.5 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 -1. -0.5 0. 0.5 2. Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 5, 056014, ML, T. Lappi and X. Zhao

 $p^+ = 8.5 \text{ GeV}$, "slow" quark



II. $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$: quark jet scattering and gluon emission³

• Medium-induced gluon emission

$$\delta P_{|qg\rangle}(Q_s, x^+) = P_{|qg\rangle}(Q_s, x^+) - P_{|qg\rangle}(Q_s = 0, x^+)$$



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III. $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$: dressed quark scattering and gluon emission⁴



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III. $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$: dressed quark scattering and gluon emission⁴

 \Rightarrow distinguish jet intrinsic and external gluons



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• Basis representation: discrete momentum states

$$P_{\text{KE}}^{-}|\beta\rangle = P_{\beta}^{-}|\beta\rangle, \,\beta_{l} = \{k_{l}^{x}, k_{l}^{y}, k_{l}^{+}, \lambda_{l}, c_{l}\}, \,(l = q, g)$$
$$|q\rangle: |\beta_{q}\rangle; \quad |qg\rangle: \,|\beta_{qg}\rangle = \,|\beta_{q}\rangle \otimes \,|\beta_{g}\rangle$$

• The longitudinal space

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$$x^{-} = [0, 2L] \leftrightarrow p_{l}^{+} = \frac{2\pi}{L} k_{l}^{+}, \quad k_{q}^{+} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots, K + \frac{1}{2}; \quad k_{g}^{+} = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

• The transverse space

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$$r_l^{\perp} = [-N_{\perp}, ..., N_{\perp} - 1] L_{\perp}/N_{\perp} \leftrightarrow p_l^{\perp} = \frac{2\pi}{2L_{\perp}} k_l^{\perp}, \quad k_l^{\perp} = -N_{\perp}, ..., N_{\perp} - 1$$

Basis size:

$$N_{tot} = (2N_{\perp})^2 \times 2 \times 3 + \frac{K}{8} \times (2N_{\perp})^4 \times 4 \times 24$$

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- QCD eigenstates in $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$
 - The dressed quark state is described as the eigenstate of the light-front QCD Hamiltonian with the quark quantum numbers:

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu}_{a} F^{a}_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu} - m)\psi \quad \rightarrow \quad P^{-}_{QCD} = P^{-}_{KE} + V_{qg}$$

$$P_{QCD}^{-}|\phi\rangle = P_{\phi}^{-}|\phi\rangle$$

$$(P_{QCD}^{-}P^{+} - \vec{P}_{\perp}^{2})|\phi\rangle = M^{2}|\phi\rangle$$

$$H_{LC}$$

- QCD eigenstates in $|q\rangle + |qg\rangle$
 - Sector-dependent mass renormalization

 $H_{\rm LC}(\delta m)|\phi\rangle = m_q^2|\phi\rangle$



- Boost Invariance
 - The internal structure of the QCD eigenstate is boost invariant

 $|\phi\rangle = |\phi\rangle_{CM} \otimes |\phi\rangle_{rel}$



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 - The internal structure of the eigenstates is boost invariant

$$|\phi\rangle = \left|\phi(\{P^+, \vec{P}_{\perp})\right\rangle_{CM} \otimes \left|\phi_q, \phi_{qg}(\mathbf{z}, \vec{\Delta}_m)\right\rangle_{rel}\right|$$

$$\boldsymbol{q} \qquad \{p_Q^+ = P^+, \vec{p}_{\perp,Q} = \vec{P}_{\perp}\}$$

$$\{p_g^+ = \mathbf{z}P^+, \vec{p}_{\perp,g} = \vec{\Delta}_m + z\vec{P}_{\perp}\}$$

$$\{p_q^+ = (1-z)P^+, \vec{p}_{\perp,q} = -\vec{\Delta}_m + (1-z)\vec{P}_{\perp}\}$$

- Color rotation invariance
 - The wavefunction is invariant under the color rotation in each irreducible representation of $SU(N_c)$ $|\phi\rangle = |\phi\rangle_{color-triplet} \otimes |\phi\rangle_{spin \& spatial}$
 - $|\phi'\rangle = |\phi'\rangle_{color-excited} \otimes |\phi'\rangle_{spin \& spatial}$





- Spin rotation symmetry
 - The wavefunction is invariant under the spin rotation in each helicity subspace

$$\begin{split} |\phi\rangle &= |\phi\rangle_{quark-helicity} \otimes |\phi\rangle_{helicity \& spatial} \\ |\phi'\rangle &= |\phi'\rangle_{helicity-uncoupled} \otimes |\phi'\rangle_{helicity \& spatial} \end{split}$$





helicity-uncoupled qgs (e.g., $|qg(\lambda_q, \lambda_g = \downarrow, \downarrow)\rangle$ cannot couple to $|q(\lambda_q = \uparrow)\rangle$)

- Discrete rotational symmetry
 - The eigenstates can be labeled by a qg-relative orbital angular momentum number l'_{Δ}

$$\vec{\Delta}_m = \{\Delta_m = |\vec{\Delta}_m|, \theta = \arg \vec{\Delta}_m\}$$
$$\longleftarrow \phi_{qg}(\Delta_m, \theta) \sim \exp(i\theta l'_{\Delta})$$





Orbital-angular excited qg

- Discrete rotational symmetry
 - Dressed state wavefunction example



- Discrete rotational symmetry
 - Orbital-angular excited *qg* wavefunction examples





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In-medium quark jet evolution



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- The medium, $\mathcal{A}(x^+, \vec{x}_{\perp})$, is a classical gluon field¹
 - Color charges

 $\langle \rho_a(x)\rho_b(y)\rangle = g^2 \tilde{\mu}^2 \delta_{ab} \delta^{(3)}(x-y)$

• The color field

 $(m_g^2 - \nabla_{\perp}^2)\mathcal{A}_a^-(x^+, \vec{x}_{\perp}) = \rho_a (x^+, \vec{x}_{\perp})$

where m_g is a chosen infrared regulator.

• Saturation scale: $Q_s^2 = C_F (g^2 \tilde{\mu})^2 L_{\eta} / (2\pi)$

¹L. D. McLerran and R. Venugopalan, Phys. Rev. D49, 2233 (1994); L. D. McLerran and R. Venugopalan, Phys. Rev. D49, 3352 (1994); L. D. McLerran and R. Venugopalan, Phys. Rev. D50, 2225 (1994).

In-medium quark jet evolution

• The evolution Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu}_{a} F^{a}_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu} - m) \psi \quad \rightarrow P^{-}(x^{+}) = P^{-}_{QCD} + V_{\mathcal{A}}(x^{+})$$



In-medium quark jet evolution

• Solve the time-evolution equation

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{I}(x^{+})|\psi;x^{+}\rangle_{I} = i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{+}}|\psi;x^{+}\rangle_{I}$$

• P_{KE}^{-} as a phase factor:

$$|\psi; x^{+}\rangle_{\mathrm{I}} = \mathrm{e}^{\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}\mathrm{P}_{KE}^{-}x^{+}}|\psi; x^{+}\rangle, \ \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{I}}(\mathrm{x}^{+}) = \mathrm{e}^{\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}\mathrm{P}_{KE}^{-}x^{+}}V(x^{+})e^{-\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}\mathrm{P}_{KE}^{-}x^{+}}$$

• Time evolution as a product of many small timesteps

matrix exponential in coordinate space +4th-order Runge-Kutta method,Fast Fourier Transform, $\sim O(N_{tot} \log N_{tot})$ $\sim O(N_{tot})$



Evolution results: gluon emission



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Evolution results: momentum broadening

• Which momentum?

• Center of mass (CM) momentum, taking the full state as a jet

$$\left\langle P_{\perp,CM}^{2}\right\rangle = P_{\left|q\right\rangle}\left\langle P_{\perp}^{2}\right\rangle_{\left|q\right\rangle} + P_{\left|qg\right\rangle}\left\langle P_{\perp}^{2}\right\rangle_{\left|qg\right\rangle}$$

Quark momentum, in-jet or dijet structure

$$\left\langle P_{\perp,q}^{2}\right\rangle = P_{\left|q\right\rangle}\left\langle P_{\perp}^{2}\right\rangle_{\left|q\right\rangle} + P_{\left|qg\right\rangle}\left\langle p_{\perp,q}^{2}\right\rangle_{\left|qg\right\rangle}$$

-0 Gluon momentum, in-jet or dijet structure $\langle P_{1}^{2} \rangle = P_{1} \rangle \langle n_{1}^{2} \rangle$

$$\langle P_{\perp,g}^{z} \rangle = P_{|qg\rangle} \langle p_{\perp,g}^{z} \rangle_{|qg\rangle}$$

• Jet momentum, taking away external gluons

 $\left\langle P_{\perp,jet}^{2} \right\rangle = \sum_{d}^{dressed \; quark} \left| \psi_{d}^{2} \right| \left\langle P_{\perp}^{2} \right\rangle_{d} + \sum_{e}^{excited \; states} \left| \psi_{e}^{2} \right| \left\langle P_{\perp,q}^{2} \right\rangle_{e}^{-1}$





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Evolution results: momentum broadening

• Dressed quark initial state

- Momentum broadening is more profound at a stronger medium
- $\circ~$ Jet momentum is larger than CM momentum



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Evolution results: momentum broadening

- Dressed quark initial state
 - $\circ~$ Quark and gluon momenta are constant in vacuum
 - Quark momentum increases faster than gluon in medium



Evolution results: spectral distribution

Dressed quark initial & evolved states



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Outlook

- Jet evolution (classical & quantum simulations)
 - 1. Phenomenology study, LHC, RHIC, EIC, EICC, STCF
 - Parton shower
 - Fragmentation function
 - Energy-energy correlator
 - 2. Comprehensive jet simulation framework Extend the jet Fock space
 - $\circ \quad q \text{ jet: } |q\rangle + |qg\rangle + |qgg\rangle + \cdots$
 - g jet: $|g\rangle + |gg\rangle + |ggg\rangle + \cdots$
 - $\circ \quad \text{Antenna: } |\gamma\rangle + |q\bar{q}\rangle + |q\bar{q}g\rangle + \cdots$



Collision

Outlook

- Jet evolution (classical & quantum simulations)
 - 3. Background field implementation
 - Gluon Glasma
 - Realistic QGP background field



Summary and outlooks

- We applied the light-front Hamiltonian approach to study in-medium quark jet evolution:
 - 1. we obtained the dressed quark states and the excited states
 - 2. we analyzed gluon emission from non-perturbative perspectives
 - 3. we extracted non-eikonal effect of momentum broadening
- Further applications
 - 1. Jet phenomenon, in-jet and dijet structures
 - 2. Parton shower, fragmentation function
 - 3. Jet evolution in Glasma
 - 4. Quantum simulation of QCD jets \rightarrow [W. Qian's talk]

Thank you!