Energy Flow in DIS at twist-4

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Introduction

- Multiple scatterings in deep inelastic scattering, hadron-nucleus, and heavy-ion collisions lead to important phenomena like jet quenching and transverse momentum broadening which serve as tools to study the properties of cold and hot nuclear matter.
- These effects have been observed at fixed-target experiments (DESY, Jefferson Lab, Fermilab) and collider experiments (RHIC, LHC), and will be a major focus at the future Electron-Ion Collider (EIC).



^[1] Guiot, B.; Kopeliovich, B. (2020)

Higher Twist

- One of the approaches to study effects of multiple scatterings is based on a generalized high-twist factorization theorem.
- Most studies have focused on double parton scatterings and their effect on transverse momentum broadening, which leads to nuclear enhancement.

 $\Delta \langle p_t^2 \rangle_A^h = \langle p_t^2 \rangle_A^h - \langle p_t^2 \rangle_D^h$



[2] HERMES Collaboration, A. Airapetian et al., arXiv:0906.2478.

Transverse Momentum Broadening

- The transverse-momentum weighted NLO SIDIS cross section at twist-4 has been calculated by [Kang Z., Wang E., Wang X., Xing H. (2014)].
- It was shown that the cross-section factorizes.
- Soft divergences in real and virtual corrections cancel.
- Collinear divergences can be absorbed into the standard fragmentation function and/or the twist-4 parton correlation function of the nuclear state.



IR-safe quantity

- It is possible to consider quantities that measure the transverse spread of the QCD jets which do not depend on how partons fragment into hadrons. These quantities are infrared safe.
- Non-infrared-safe quantities need some information on what are the quark and gluon fragmentation functions, but no such information is needed for infrared-safe quantities.
- We want to use the angular spread of the energy flow as an illustration of an infrared-safe measure of transverse size.

Kinematics

 $x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2p, q}$

• Consider a lepton *l* scattering off a large nucleus *A*.

$$l(L) + A(p) \rightarrow l(L') + h(l_h) + X$$



$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot L} \qquad \qquad z_h = \frac{p \cdot l_h}{p \cdot q}$$



 $Q^2 = -q^2$

Energy Flow

• Energy Flow definition in SIDIS:

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta} = \sum_{h} \int_0^1 dz_h z_h \left[\frac{d\sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta \, dz_h} \right]$$
Nucleus Nucleus Nucl

where θ is the angle between the hadron h and the nucleus.



Energy Flow

 Using the fact that the fragmentation functions obeys the momentum sum rule :

$$\sum_{h=0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} dz_{h} \, z_{h} \, D_{q/h}(z_{h}) = 1,$$

and one can show that $\frac{d\Sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 d \cos \theta}$ is free of the final-state divergence.

The width of Energy Flow

• The angular spread of a QCD jet can be described by

$$\langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle = \frac{\int d\cos\theta \sin^2 \theta \, \frac{d\Sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta}}{\int d\cos\theta \, \frac{d\Sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta}}$$

- Therefore, $\langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle$, besides depending only on the parton structure functions, is normalized by the total cross section.
- Thus a calculation of $\langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle$ will need less experimental input than what is needed for the average transverse momentum.

A measure of nuclear effects

• We want to investigate the nuclear effects on the width of the energy flow using $\Delta \langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle = \langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle_{eA} - \langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle_{ep}$ as function of θ at fixed x_B and Q^2 .



 $d\sigma = d\sigma^{LT} + d\sigma^{T4} + \cdots$ 0000 y_2

Another measure

• One can also consider the ratio

$$R_{eA/ep} = \langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle_{eA} / \langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle_{ep}$$

to measure the in-medium modification to the width of the energy flow as function of θ at fixed x_B and Q^2 .

How exactly does the final state divergence cancel?

• Example: NLO cross section at Leading Twist



• The Energy flow for $\gamma^* + q \rightarrow q + g$ should have two contributions:

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta} = \sum_h \int_0^1 dz_h \, z_h \left[\frac{d\sigma^{LT}}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta dz_h} \right]_q + \sum_h \int_0^1 dz_h \, z_h \left[\frac{d\sigma^{LT}}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta dz_h} \right]_q$$

NLO cross section at Leading Twist

- The cross section has both initial and final state IR logs that can be factorized.
- The initial and final state divergences can be combined with the bare PDF/FF to yield a *scale*-dependent PDF/FF.
- The weighting with z_h and the sum over all hadrons allows us to remove all reference to FF by using the momentum sum rule.

NLO at Twist-2

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{PS}} = &\sigma_0 \sum_q e_q^2 \int \frac{dx}{x} \frac{dz}{z} f_{q/A}(x, \mu_f^2) D_{h/q}(z, \mu_f^2) \delta(1 - \hat{x}) \delta(1 - \hat{z}) \\ &+ \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \sum_q e_q^2 \int \frac{dx}{x} \frac{dz}{z} f_{q/A}(x, \mu_f^2) D_{h/q}(z, \mu_f^2) \bigg\{ \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2}\right) \left[P_{qq}(\hat{x})\delta(1 - \hat{z}) + P_{qq}(\hat{z})\delta(1 - \hat{x})\right] + H_{T2-qq}^{NLO} \bigg\} \\ &+ \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \sum_q e_q^2 \int \frac{dx}{x} \frac{dz}{z} f_{q/A}(x, \mu_f^2) D_{h/g}(z, \mu_f^2) \bigg[\ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2}\right) P_{gq}(\hat{z})\delta(1 - \hat{x}) + H_{T2-qg}^{NLO} \bigg] \\ &+ \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \sum_q e_q^2 \int \frac{dx}{x} \frac{dz}{z} f_{g/A}(x, \mu_f^2) D_{h/g}(z, \mu_f^2) \bigg[\ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2}\right) P_{gq}(\hat{z})\delta(1 - \hat{x}) + H_{T2-qg}^{NLO} \bigg] , \end{split}$$

• The IR-sensitive part has the form

$$I_{IR} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \,\delta(1-\hat{x}) \left[\int_0^1 d\hat{z}_q \,\hat{z}_q P_{qq}(\hat{z}_q) + \int_0^1 d\hat{z}_g \,\hat{z}_g P_{qg}(\hat{z}_g) \right] \\ = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \,\delta(1-\hat{x}) \left[\int_0^1 d\hat{z}_q \,\left(\hat{z}_q + 1 - \hat{z}_q\right) P_{qq}(\hat{z}_q) \right] = 0$$

$$\hat{z}_{i} = \frac{z_{h}}{z_{i}} \qquad P_{qq}(x) = C_{F} \left[\frac{1+x^{2}}{(1-x)_{+}} + \frac{3}{2} \,\delta(1-x) \right]$$
$$\hat{x} = \frac{x_{B}}{x} \qquad P_{qg}(x) = C_{F} \frac{1+(1-x)^{2}}{x}$$

NLO cross-section at twist-4

• Through explicit calculations of real and virtual corrections at twist-4, the transversemomentum-weighted differential cross section due to double scattering is shown to factorize at NLO [Z.Kang, E. Wang, X. Wang, H. Xing arxiv:1409.1315].

$$x_{1p}$$
 k_{g} k_{g} k_{g} k_{g} $(x_{1} + x_{3})p$

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\langle \ell_{hT}^2 \sigma^D \rangle}{d\mathcal{PS}} = &\sigma_h \sum_q e_q^2 \int_{x_B}^1 \frac{dx}{x} T_{qg}(x,0,0,\mu_f^2) \int_{z_h}^1 \frac{dz}{z} D_{h/q}(z,\mu_f^2) \delta(1-\hat{x}) \delta(1-\hat{z}) \\ &+ \sigma_h \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \sum_q e_q^2 \int_{z_h}^1 \frac{dz}{z} D_{h/q}(z,\mu_f^2) \int_{x_B}^1 \frac{dx}{x} \bigg\{ \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2}\right) \Big[\delta(1-\hat{x}) P_{qq}(\hat{z}) T_{qg}(x,0,0,\mu_f^2) \\ &+ \delta(1-\hat{z}) \Big(\mathcal{P}_{qg \to qg} \otimes T_{qg} + P_{qg}(\hat{x}) T_{gg}(x,0,0,\mu_f^2) \Big) \Big] \\ &+ H_{qg}^{C-R} \otimes T_{qg} + H_{qg}^{C-V} \otimes T_{qg} - H_{qg}^A \otimes T_{qg}^A + H_{gg}^C \otimes T_{gg} \bigg\}, \end{split}$$

NLO at Twist-4: Gluon Fragmentation

• We need to calculate some additional diagrams that contribute to the gluon fragmentation:



where the red bar represents where the soft pole arises. Soft here means the initial gluon momentum goes to 0 as k_T goes to 0.

Hard Scattering

• There are also other diagrams that are called hard scattering because the initial gluon momentum becomes finite as k_T goes to zero.



Poles Soft • $\frac{1}{(l_g - k_g)^2 + i\epsilon}$



Hard

•
$$\frac{1}{(k_1+q)^2+i\epsilon}$$



Diagrams:



Soft-Soft & Soft-Hard



Soft-Soft & Soft-Hard & Hard-Soft & Hard-Hard

Diagrams:





Hard-Soft

Soft-Hard

Weighted cross section: Gluon Fragmentation

• We want to calculate

$$\Delta \langle \sin^2 \theta \rangle_g = \int d\cos\theta \sin^2 \theta \left[\frac{d\Sigma^{\mathrm{T4}}}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta} \right]_g$$

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{T4}}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta} = \sum_h \int_0^1 dz_h \, z_h \left[\frac{d\sigma^{T4}}{dx_B dQ^2 d\cos\theta \, dz_h} \right]_g$$

Current status

- We are now in the process of calculating these different diagrams: Hard-Hard, Soft-Soft, Hard-Soft and Soft-Hard.
- Then, one should extract the final-state divergence and add that to the final-stat divergent part from the quark contribution:

$$I_{IR} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \,\delta(1-\hat{x}) \left[\int_0^1 d\hat{z}_q \,\hat{z}_q P_{qq}(\hat{z}_q) \right]$$

• This will verify the IR-safety of the width energy flow in SIDIS (NLO at twist-4).

Thanks