

# Effects of running coupling on photons from jet-plasma interaction in relativistic heavy ion collisions

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I am interested only on "**Photons**"

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- Weak final state interaction  $\Rightarrow$  Minimal re-scattering
- Large mean free path

**Photon:** Good probe of initial condition

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  - **Prompt photons:** Initial hard scatterings
  - **Pre-equilibrium photons:** Produced before thermalization of the QGP
  - **Thermal photons:** From hot medium (Quark Matter & Hadronic Matter)
  - **Jet-thermal photons:** Photons from passage of jets through plasma.

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- The differential **Photon** production rate for these processes

$$\frac{dN}{d^4x d^2p_T dy} = \frac{\mathcal{N}(2\pi)^4}{2(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3p_1}{2E_1(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3p_2}{2E_2(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3p_3}{2E_3(2\pi)^3} f_{jet}(\mathbf{p}_1) f_2(\mathbf{E}_2, T) \delta(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p) |\mathcal{M}|^2 [1 \pm f_3(\mathbf{E}_3, T)]$$

The phase space distributions of jet quark are given by,

$$f_{jet}(\mathbf{p}_1) = \frac{1}{g_q} \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\pi R'^2 \tau p_1} \frac{dN_{jet}}{d^2p_{1T} dy} R(r) \times \delta(\eta - y) \Theta(\tau_f - \tau_i) \Theta(R' - r)$$

where

$$\frac{dN_{jet}}{d^2p_{1T} dy} \Big|_{y=0} = T_{AA} \frac{d\sigma_{jet}}{d^2p_T dy} \Big|_{y=0} = K \frac{a}{(1 + p_1/b)^c}$$

(For details see [R. J. Fries, B. Muller and D. K. Srivastava, PRL, 90 132301 \(2003\)](#))

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- Comparative study of both the spectra could provide the quantitative determination of **energy loss** of a parton within plasma.

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QCD coupling depends on both  $T$  and  $k$ :  $\alpha_s = \alpha_s(k, T)$

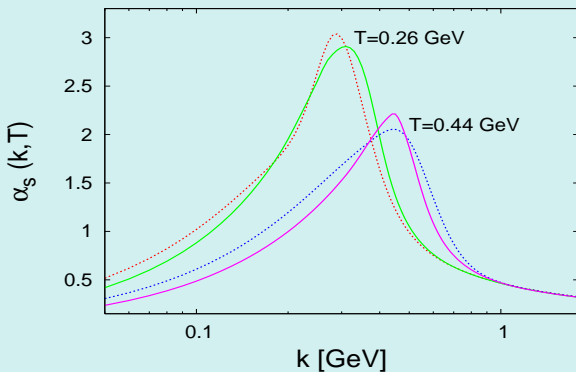
$$\alpha_s(k, T) = \frac{u_1(\frac{k}{T})}{1 + \exp(u_2 \frac{k}{T} - u_3)} + \frac{v_1}{(1 + \exp(v_2 \frac{k}{T} - v_3))(\ln(e + (\frac{k}{\lambda_s})^a + (\frac{k}{\lambda_s})^b))}$$

- $k = \sqrt{|\omega^2 - q^2|}$  and the value of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $\lambda_s$  are 9.07, 5.90 and 0.263 GeV respectively.
- For the limiting behavior ( $k \ll T$ ), we choose,  $u_1 = \alpha^*_{3d}(1 + \exp(-u_3))$
- $\alpha^*_{3d}$  and  $\alpha^*_s$  are the IR fixed point of  $SU(3)$  Yang-Mills theory in  $d = 3$  and  $d = 4$  dimensions respectively.
- The remaining four parameters ( $u_2 = 5.47$ ,  $u_3 = 6.01$ ,  $v_2 = 10.13$  and  $v_3 = 9.27$ ) fit the numerical results for pure Yang-Mills theory obtained from the RG equations.

(for details see J. Braun and H.-J. Pirner PRD 75, 054031, (2007))



## Continued.....



Comparison of the fit of running coupling with the pure Yang-Mills theory

- Taking the running coupling of QCD into account, **energy loss** of an incident quark in the QGP medium is increased.

# Photon rate due to jet plasma interaction

- Jet quarks are not **thermalised**  $\implies$  Undergo **brownian** motion  $\implies$  jet quarks loose energy by **collision** and **radiation**.
- **Thermal** distribution function can not be used.
- The **evolution** of the **phase space distribution** of quarks  $\implies$  **Fokker-Planck** eqn.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \gamma(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{p}} (\vec{p} f) + D(t) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \vec{p}^2}$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{E} \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)$$

$$D = 2T \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)$$

$dE/dx \implies$  **differential (both collisional + radiative) energy loss** of the **jet parton**

# Solution of Fokker-Planck equation

$$f(t, \vec{p}) = \int d^3 \vec{p}_0 G(t, t_0, \vec{p}; p_0) f_0(\vec{p}_0)$$

where

$$G(t, \vec{p}; p_0) = \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi\Delta(t)} \right]^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_0 \exp(-\Gamma(t)))^2}{4\Delta(t)} \right]$$

$$\Delta(t) = \exp[-2\Delta(t)] \int_0^t d\tau D(\tau) \exp[2\Delta(\tau)]$$

and

$$\Gamma(t) = \int_0^t d\tau \gamma(\tau)$$

$f_0 \rightarrow$  Initial distribution function.

(For details see [H. V. Hees and R. Rapp, PRC 71, 034907 \(2005\)](#))

## Continued....

- The  $p_T$  distribution of quark is related to phase space distribution by

$$f_q = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{g_q V} \frac{dN}{d^2 p_T dy}$$

- Using Fokker-Planck eqn we get the time evolution of  $p_T$  distribution of quark

$$\frac{dN}{d^2 p_{1T} dy} = \int G(t, t_0, \vec{p}; p_0) \frac{dN}{d^2 p_{0T} dy} d^3 p_{0T}$$

where  $\frac{dN}{d^2 p_{0T} dy} d^3 p_{0T} \rightarrow$  initial  $p_T$  distribution of quark

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$p_T$  distribution of jet-photon

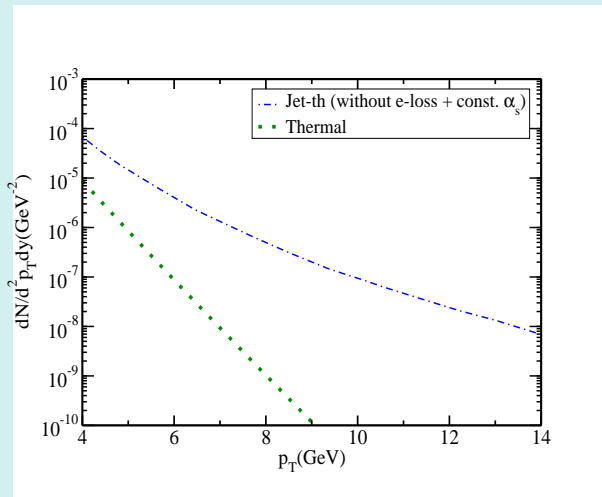
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{d^2 p_T dy} &= \int d^4 x \frac{dN}{d^4 x d^2 p_T dy} \\ &= \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\nu_q} \frac{\mathcal{N}_i}{16(2\pi)^7 E} \int_{t_i}^{t_c} dt' \int_0^R r dr \int d\phi \mathcal{P}(\vec{w}_r) \int d\hat{s} d\hat{t} |\mathcal{M}_i|^2 \\ &\times \int dE_1 dE_2 \frac{1}{p_{1T}} \frac{dN}{dp_{1T}^2 dy}(p_{1T}, t') \frac{f_2(E_2)(1 \pm f_3(E_3))}{\sqrt{aE_2^2 + 2bE_2 + c}}\end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{P}(\vec{w}_r)$  is the initial jet production probability distribution at the initial radial position  $\vec{w}_r$  in the plane  $z_0 = 0$ , where

$$|\vec{w}_r| = (\vec{r} - (t' - t_i) \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}) \cdot \hat{r} = \sqrt{(r \cos \phi - t')^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \phi} \quad \text{for } t_i \sim 0$$

and  $\phi$  is the angle in the plane  $z_0 = 0$  between the direction of the photon and the position where this photon has been produced.

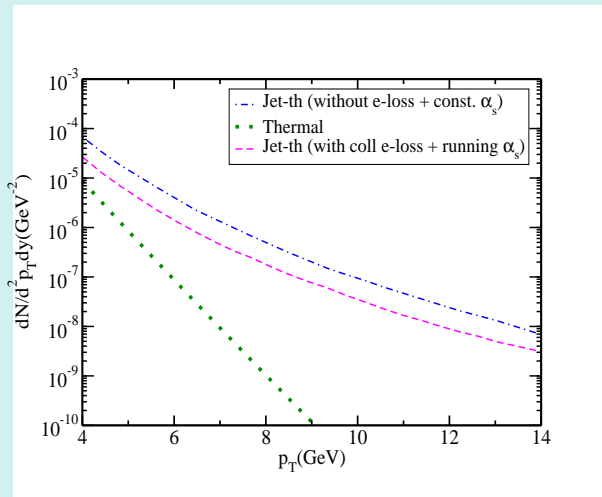
# $p_T$ distribution of jet photon @ RHIC energy



- **Photon yield** from the jet-plasma interaction (without e-loss + const  $\alpha_s$ ) is higher than the thermal photon yield.

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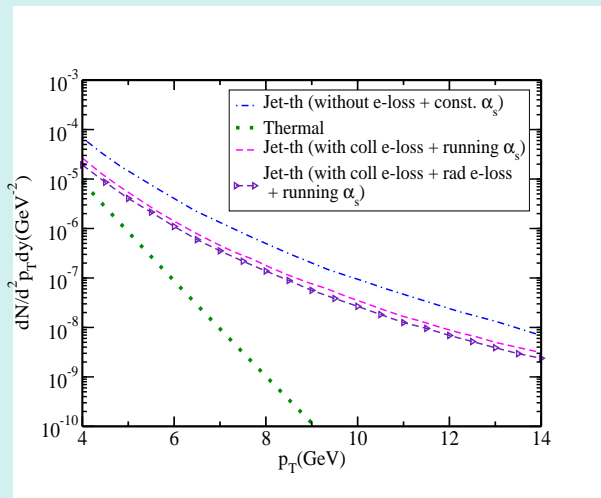
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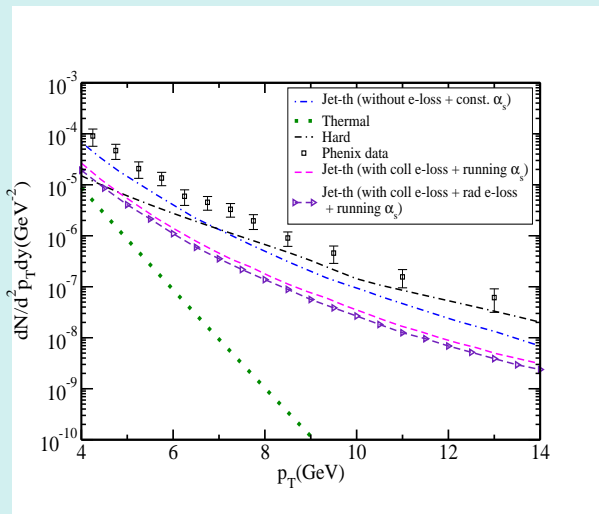


- **Photon yield decreases** due to both **energy losses** (**collisional** + **radiative** + running  $\alpha_s$ ) jet parton.
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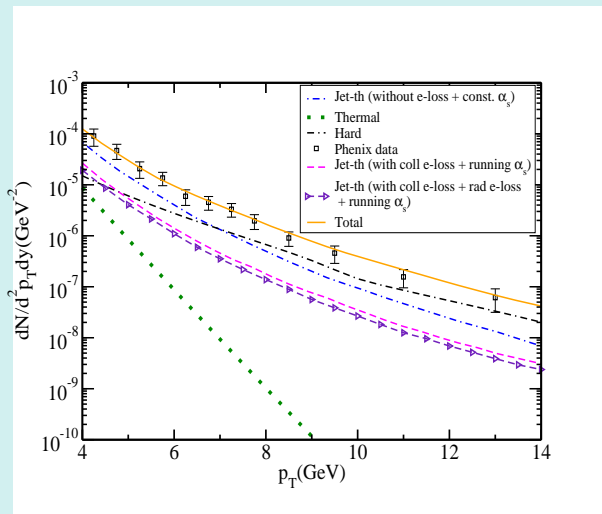
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- The total photon yield with **jet-parton energy loss** and **running  $\alpha_s$**  describes **PHENIX** photon data well.

# Summary & conclusions

- **QGP**: New phase of matter where properties are governed by quarks and gluons.
- At very **high temperature** or **energy density** formation of **QGP** is possible.
- Direct detection of **QGP** is not possible.
- EM observables, like **photon** or dilepton, could be promising probes of plasma dynamics.
- Due to inclusion of both **collisional** and **radiative energy losses** photon yield from jet plasma interaction suppresses.
- Taking the **running coupling of QCD** into account, energy loss of an incident quark in the QGP is increased. Photon yield suppresses much.
- The spectra in the case of **energy loss with running coupling** is **depleted** by a factor **2 – 2.5** compared to the case where **strong coupling is const.**
- The total photon yield in our model described **PHENIX photon data** well.

# List of publications

## Refereed Journals

- **Photons from anisotropic Quark-Gluon-Plasma;**  
[Lusaka Bhattacharya](#) and Pradip Roy; Phys. Rev. C **78**, 064904 (2008).
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[Lusaka Bhattacharya](#) and Pradip Roy; European Physical Journal C **69**, Issue-3, 445 (2010).
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[Lusaka Bhattacharya](#) and Pradip Roy; [Submitted for publication in Journal of Phys. G] (under review).

## Conference Proceedings

- **Electromagnetic probes ;** Rupa Chatterjee, [Lusaka Bhattacharya](#), Dinesh K. Srivastava; Published in Lect. Notes Phys. **785**, 219-264 (2010); arXiv:0901.3610 (hep-ph).

**Thank you**