Progress in hard probes of small collision systems



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Figure 6: nCTEQ15 bound proton PDFs at the scale Q = 10 GeV for a range of nuclei from the free proton (A = 1) to lead (A = 208).

universal nPDF picture



dynamical pictures of "cold nuclear matter" effects

context for A+A program

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 \mathcal{X}

EW probes in (Run 2, @ 8.16 TeV) p+Pb



Isolated photon cross-section in p+Pb



- Broad measurement ($p_T = 20-500 \text{ GeV}$) of isolated photon production
 - as in pp, under-prediction by NLO calculations (w/ nuclear effects)
- Total uncertainty as low as ~3% (!)



 Data favors anti-shadowing modification in line with global nPDF fits, less obvious in shadowing region



Disfavors large initial state energy loss

Forward / backward R_{pPb} ratio vs. p_T



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10⁻²

10⁻¹

10⁻³

 10^{-4}

"cold nuclear matter" dynamics

partons before and/or after hard scattering interacting with gluon-dense nucleus



1. parton-gluon interactions before hard scattering (initial state E-loss)



2. interactions after scattering (k_T broadening, $\Delta \phi$ decorrelation)



3. forward mono-jet production (parton in proton interacts coherently with saturated gluons)

forward "mono-jet" production



forward di-jets at LHC





New processes: photo-nuclear dijets in Pb+Pb w/ ATLAS





di-photon production @ LHC









- Detailed reference measurements at 8 TeV
- m_{yy} compared to DIPHOX,
 RESBOX, NNLO, Sherpa
 - should estimate nPDF effects!

nuclear effects at large-XAAt large-xA, Fermi motion of nucleons in nucleus:... but also, short-range p-n correlations!Friese, Sargsian, Strikman
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Possibility to observe $x_A > 1$ configurations!

rates are sensitive to Short-Range Correlations (SRCs) in nuclei ("medium energy" physics)



QGP in small systems?





collective behavior of HF quarks



substantial E-loss & flow of HF electrons in RHIC Au+Au $\Rightarrow \eta/s = 1/4\pi$ bound!

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R_{pA} compatible with only nPDF / saturation effects...



but very large "flow"(??)

how to understand soft & hard physics together?



unmodified recoil jet distributions in 0-20% events

explore with high-stats γ +jet in p+A...

is there an onset of jet quenching? or do we mis-understand a high-p_T v2?

System size dependence of energy loss



future p+A physics



collision species versatility @ RHIC

large aperture & kinematic reach @ LHC

future p+A physics

LHC accelerates its first "atoms" by Sarah Charley During a special one-day run, LHC operators injected lead "atoms" containing a single electron into the machine (Image: Maximilien Brice/Julien Ordan/CERN Protons might be the Large Hadron Collider's bread and butter, but that doesn't mean it can't crave more exotic tastes from time to time. On Wednesday, 25 July, https://home.cern/about/updates/2018/07/lhc-accelerates-its-first-atoms collision species versatility @ BHIC LHC <u>O+O, Ar+Ar, e</u>+Pb



large aperture & kinematic reach @ LHC RHIC sPHENIX detector