

# Nuclear effects in p-A interactions

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### Introduction & motivation



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- Nuclear effects: suppression or enhancement of hadron production in pA vs hadron production in pp
- We study nuclear effects through the nuclear modification factor of inclusive hadron production

• 
$$R_{pA}(p_T) = \frac{\sigma^{pA \rightarrow h+X}(p_T)}{A \sigma^{pp \rightarrow h+X}(p_T)}$$
  
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### Introduction & motivation



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- We focused on three effects:
  - Cronin effect,  $R_{pA}(p_T)$ >1 at medium-high  $p_T$
  - Suppression at small- $p_T$  nuclear shadowing
  - Suppression at large- $p_{T}$  and forward rapidity, indicated by the PHENIX, STAR and BRAHMS



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# QCD improved parton model

 Factorization theorem: separate perturbative and nonperturbative QCD



$$d\sigma^{pp \to h+X} = \sum_{abcd} f_{a/p}(x_a, Q^2) \otimes f_{b/p}(x_b, Q^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{ab \to cd} \otimes D_{h/c}(z_c, \mu_F^2)$$



# Cross section for *pp* collisions

• We use the QCD improved parton model + initial transverse momentum ( $k_T$ -smearing)

$$E \frac{d^{3}\sigma^{pp \to h+X}}{d^{3}p} = K \sum_{abcd} \int d^{2}k_{Ta} d^{2}k_{Tb} \frac{dx_{a}}{x_{Ra}} \frac{dx_{b}}{x_{Rb}} dz_{c} g_{p}(k_{Ta}, Q^{2}) g_{p}(k_{Tb}, Q^{2})$$
$$\times f_{a/p}(x_{a}, Q^{2}) f_{b/p}(x_{b}, Q^{2}) D_{h/c}(z_{c}, \mu_{F}^{2}) \frac{\hat{s}}{z_{c}^{2}\pi} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{ab \to cd}}{d\hat{t}} \delta(\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u}),$$

#### where

 $f_{i/p}(x_i, Q^2)$  are parton distribution functions (PDF),  $D_{h/c}(z_c, \mu_F^2)$  is fragmentation function (FF),  $g_p(k_{Ta}, Q^2)$  are distributions of initial transverse momentum  $d\hat{\sigma}^{ab \to cd}/d\hat{t}$  is partonic cross section  $x_{Ri}^2 = x_i^2 + 4k_{Ti}^2/s$  is radial variable R. P. Feynman, R. D. Field and G. C. Fox, Phys. Rev. D18, 3320 (1978)



# Cross section for pp collisions

 Distribution of initial transverse momentum is described by the Gaussian distribution

• 
$$g_N(k_T, Q^2) = \frac{e^{-k_T^2/\langle k_T^2 \rangle_N}}{\pi \langle k_T^2 \rangle_N}$$

with non-perturbative parameter

• 
$$\langle k_T^2 \rangle_p = \langle k_T^2 \rangle_0 + 0.2 \, \alpha_S(Q^2) \, Q^2$$
  
X.-N. Wang, Phys. Rev.C **61** (2000) 064910

- where  $\langle k_T^2 \rangle_0 = 0.2$  GeV<sup>2</sup> for quarks and  $\langle k_T^2 \rangle_0 = 2.0$  GeV<sup>2</sup> for gluons
- In all calculations we took the scale  $Q^2 = \mu_F^2 = p_T^2/z_c^2$
- The PDF and FF were taken from MSTW2008 and DSS, respectively

### Results: pp cross section



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# Cross section for *pA* collisions

pA cross section is modification of pp cross section

$$E \frac{d^{3}\sigma^{pA \to h+X}}{d^{3}p} = K \sum_{abcd} \int d^{2}b T_{A}(b) \int d^{2}k_{Ta} d^{2}k_{Tb} \frac{dx_{a}}{x_{Ra}} \frac{dx_{b}}{x_{Rb}} dz_{c} g_{A}(k_{Ta}, Q^{2}, b) g_{p}(k_{Tb}, Q^{2})$$
$$\times f_{a/p}(x_{a}, Q^{2}) f_{b/A}(x_{b}, Q^{2}, b) D_{h/c}(z_{c}, \mu_{F}^{2}) \frac{\hat{s}}{z_{c}^{2}\pi} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{ab \to cd}}{d\hat{t}} \delta(\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u}),$$

#### where

 $T_A(b)$  is nuclear thickness function  $f_{b/A}(x, Q^2)$  is nuclear parton distribution function (NPDF)  $f_{b/A}(x, Q^2) = R_{b/A}(x, Q^2) \left[ \frac{z}{A} f_{b/p}(x, Q^2) + \left(1 - \frac{z}{A}\right) f_{b/n}(x, Q^2) \right]$ where for  $R_{b/A}(x, Q^2)$  we use EPS09 and nDS nuclear modification factor including the nuclear shadowing



# Cross section for *pA* collisions

- Nuclear broadening represents propagation of the highenergy parton through a nuclear medium that experiences multiple soft scatterings
- Nuclear initial transverse momenta distribution

• 
$$g_A(k_T, Q^2, b) = \frac{e^{-k_T^2/\langle k_T^2(b) \rangle_A}}{\pi \langle k_T^2 \rangle}$$

where

• 
$$\langle k_T^2(b) \rangle_A = \langle k_T^2 \rangle_N + \Delta k_T^2(b)$$

and

• 
$$\Delta k_T^2(b) = 2CT_A(b)$$

M. B. Johnson, B. Z. Kopeliovich and A. V. Tarasov, Phys. Rev. C63, 035203 (2001).

The variable C is defined as

• 
$$C = \frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{N}}{dr^{2}}\Big|_{r^{2}=0}$$

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# Color dipole cross sections

- We use three parameterizations
- for low c.m. energy:
  - Kopeliovich-Schäfer-Tarasov (KST)
    - B. Z. Kopeliovich, A. Schäfer and A. V. Tarasov,, Phys. Rev. D62 (2000) 054022.
- for high c.m. energy:
  - Golec-Biernat Wüsthoff (GBW)
    - K. Golec-Biernat and M. Wüsthoff, Phys. Rev. D59, 014017 (1998).
  - Impact-Parameter dependent Saturation Model (IP-Sat)
    - A. H. Rezaeian, at al., Phys. Rev. D87, 034002 (2013).

# Initial State Interactions (ISI)



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• Initial State Interactions for  $\xi \to 1$ , where  $\xi =$ 

 $\sqrt{x_F^2 + x_T^2}$ , with  $x_F = 2p_L/\sqrt{s}$  and  $x_T = 2p_T/\sqrt{s}$ , can be treated as a large rapidity gap (LRG) process where no particle is produced within rapidity interval  $\Delta y = -\ln(1 - \xi)$ 

- The suppression factor as a survival probability for LRG was evaluated as  $S(\xi) \approx 1 \xi$
- Modification of the PDF  $f_{a/p}^{(A)}(x,Q^2,b) = C_v f_{a/p}(x,Q^2) \frac{e^{-\xi \sigma_{eff} T_A(b)} - e^{-\sigma_{eff} T_A(b)}}{(1-\xi)(1-e^{-\sigma_{eff} T_A(b)})},$

where

•  $\sigma_{eff} = 20 \text{ mb}$ ,  $C_v$  is fixed by the Gottfried sum rule

B.Z. Kopeliovich, J. Nemchik, I.K. Potashnikova, M.B. Johnson and I. Schmidt, Phys.Rev.C 72 (2005) 054606

## **Results:** FNAL





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### Results: RHIC



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### Results: LHC



### Conclusions



- Hadron production cross sections were calculated within the QCD improved parton model with  $k_T$ -smearing
- We included nuclear broadening evaluated within the color dipole formalism and corrections for energy conservation
- At the FNAL energy
  - Reasonable agreement with data, no effects of shadowing
- At the RHIC energy
  - The magnitude and shape of the Cronin effect is described in accordance with data
  - ISI effects cause a strong suppression at large- $p_{T}$  and lead so to violation of the QCD factorization
- At the LHC energy
  - The effect of shadowing ~10-30% dominates at small and medium  $p_T$
  - $R_{pA}(p_T) \rightarrow 1$  at y = 0 in accordance with QCD factorization
  - We predict a strong suppression at forward rapidities and large- $p_T$  that can be verified by the measurements at LHC



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# Thanks for your attention.

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