The Colour Glass Condensate 4

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The BK equation (Balitsky, '96; Kovchegov, '99)

$$rac{\partial S_Y(oldsymbol{x},oldsymbol{y})}{\partial Y} \,=\, rac{ar{lpha}}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2oldsymbol{z}\,\mathcal{M}_{oldsymbol{x}oldsymbol{y}oldsymbol{z}}ig[S_Y(oldsymbol{x},oldsymbol{z})S_Y(oldsymbol{z},oldsymbol{y}) - S_Y(oldsymbol{x},oldsymbol{y})ig]$$

- Convenient notation: $\bar{\alpha} \equiv \alpha_s N_c / \pi$ (fixed coupling for now)
- Dipole kernel \mathcal{M}_{xyz} : BFKL kernel in the dipole picture (Al Mueller, 1990)

$$\mathcal{M}_{\bm{xyz}} = rac{(\bm{x}-\bm{y})^2}{(\bm{x}-\bm{z})^2(\bm{y}-\bm{z})^2} = \left[rac{z^i - x^i}{(\bm{z}-\bm{x})^2} - rac{z^i - y^i}{(\bm{z}-\bm{y})^2}
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• The sum of the emission probabilities for the 4 possible gluon attachements :



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- Short-distance poles (z = x) cancel between 'crossing' and 'non-crossing'



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BFKL & Unitarity

• Non-linear generalization of the BFKL equation for $T_{xy} \equiv 1 - S_{xy}$

$$\frac{\partial T_{xy}}{\partial Y} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{2\pi} \int d^2 z \,\mathcal{M}_{xyz} \left[T_{xz} + T_{zy} - T_{xy} - T_{xz} T_{zy} \right]$$

- Non-linear term T^2 : the simultaneous scattering of both daughter dipoles
- When scattering is weak, $T \ll 1$, one recovers the linear BFKL equation
 - exponential increase with Y leading to unitarity violation
- The non-linear term in BK restores unitarity: $T(r, Y) \leq 1$ for any r and Y
 - T = 0 (no scattering) and T = 1 (total absorption) are fixed points
- Saturation momentum $Q_s(Y)$: T(r, Y) = 0.5 when $r = 1/Q_s(Y)$
 - $Q_s(Y)$ increases rapidly with Y due to the BFKL dynamics

The saturation front

- Numerical solutions to BK with initial condition from the MV model
- Logarithmic variable $\rho \equiv \ln(1/r^2Q_0^2) \Longrightarrow$ large $\rho \leftrightarrow$ small r



$$T(r, Y = 0) = 1 - e^{-\frac{r^2 Q_0^2}{4} \ln \frac{1}{r^2 \Lambda^2}}$$
$$\rho_s(Y), Y) = 0.5 \text{ for } \rho_s(Y) = \lambda_s Y$$
$$\left(e^{-\gamma_s(\rho - \rho_s)} \quad (\rho > \rho_s)\right)$$

$$T(\rho, Y) \simeq \begin{cases} e^{-\rho_s} & (\rho \lesssim \rho_s) \\ 1 & (\rho \lesssim \rho_s) \end{cases}$$

• Geometric scaling: $T(r,Y) \simeq \left(r^2 Q_s^2(Y)\right)^{\gamma_s}$ with $\gamma_s \simeq 0.63$

 $\bullet\,$ a front which preserves its shape while progressing to larger values of $\rho\,$

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Saturation exponent: the speed of the saturation front

$$\lambda_s \equiv rac{\mathrm{d}
ho_s}{\mathrm{d}Y} \simeq 4.88 ar{lpha} - rac{1}{2\gamma_s Y}, \qquad Q_s^2(Y) \simeq Q_0^2 \,\mathrm{e}^{\lambda_s Y}$$

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 These properties have been independently established in E.I., K. Itakura, L. McLerran, hep-ph/0203137; A.H. Mueller, D.N. Triantafyllopoulos, hep-ph/0205167

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- Leading order BK qualitatively explain geometric scaling at HERA ...
- But the growth of the saturation momentum is too fast: $\lambda_s \simeq 4.88 \bar{lpha} \sim 1$



• Remember: HERA data

$$Q_s^2(x) \simeq lpha_s rac{xG(x,Q_s^2)}{\pi R^2} \sim rac{1}{x^{\lambda_s}}$$
 with $\lambda_s \simeq 0.2 \div 0.3$

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• Using a running coupling dramatically slows down the evolution

- $\alpha_s(Q_s^2(Y))$ decreases with Y
- Rather successful phenomenology based on rcBK

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• Adding NLO corrections further reduces the saturation exponent: $\lambda_s\simeq 0.2$ D.N. Triantafyllopoulos, hep-ph/0209121

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Forward hadron production in pA from the CGC

• Recall: Forward production probes small x gluons in nucleus A



 $x_p = \frac{p_\perp}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\eta}$ $X_g = \frac{p_\perp}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-\eta}$

 $X_g \ll x_p$ when $\eta > 0$

- Rich phenomenology:
 - d+Au collisions at RHIC (BRAHMS, STAR...)
 - p+Pb collisions at the LHC (ALICE, ATLAS, LHCb...)
- Some intriguing data, naturally explained by gluon saturation and the CGC
- State-of-the art: CGC fits to next-to-leading order (NLO) accuracy

The nuclear modification factor at RHIC



• Numerical solution to rcBK (BK equation: Albacete et al, hep-ph/0307179)



Early fits to RHIC data

• Hybride factorisation at leading-order + ad-hoc K-factor (fit)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N_h}{\mathrm{d}\eta\,\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{k}}\Big|_{\scriptscriptstyle \rm LO} \,=\, \boldsymbol{K_h} \int_{x_p}^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{z^2}\,\frac{x_p}{z}q\left(\frac{x_p}{z}\right)\,\tilde{\mathcal{S}}\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{k}}{z},X_g\right)\,D_{h/q}(z)$$

- quark distribution in the deuteron
- $\bullet\,$ dipole S-matrix from solutions to BK equation with running coupling
- initial condition from the MV model (fit parameters)
- quark fragmentation into hadrons in the final state



(Albacete, Dumitru, Fujii, Nara, arXiv:1209.2001)

Forward particle production in pA at NLO

• NLO calculation of the "impact factor" : additional gluon emission Chirilli, Xiao and Yuan, arXiv:1203.6139, Phys. Rev. D



• A puzzle: negative cross-section (Stasto, Xiao, Zaslavsky, 1307.4057)



BRAHMS $\eta = 2.2, 3.2$

- Data from RHIC
- Good agrement at small p_{\perp}
- Suddenly negative at $p_{\perp}\gtrsim Q_s$
- Issue with subtracting the LO

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• ... and its solution (E.I., A. Mueller, D. Triantafyllopoulos, 1608.05293)



• Numerics by Ducloué, Lappi, and Zhu, arXiv:1703.04962

Recent fits at NLO

Shi, Wang, Wei, and Xiao, arXiv:2112.06975, PRL ۰





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Forward di-hadron production in pA collisions

- Multiple scattering can also affect angular correlations in the final state
- Di-hadron production in pA collisions at forward rapidities: $\eta_1, \eta_2 > 1$
- The quark from the proton radiates a gluon prior to, or after, the scattering



$$x_p = \frac{k_{1\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\eta_1} + \frac{k_{2\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\eta_2} \sim \mathcal{O}(1), \qquad X_g = \frac{k_{1\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-\eta_1} + \frac{k_{2\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-\eta_2} \ll 1$$

- Collinear factorization : $k_{1\perp} + k_{2\perp} \simeq 0 \Longrightarrow$ a peak at $\Delta \phi = \phi_2 \phi_1 = \pi$
 - a pair of hadrons propagating back-to-back in the transverse plane

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• In the presence of gluon saturation: $|\mathbf{k}_{1\perp} + \mathbf{k}_{2\perp}| \simeq Q_s(X_g)$

- a broadening $\delta\phi\sim Q_s/k_\perp$ of the peak at $\Delta\phi=\pi$
- Measure pairs of particles and extract their correlation in azimuthal angle

$$\mathcal{C}(\Delta\phi) \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\mathrm{pair}}}{\mathrm{d}^2 k_{1\perp} \mathrm{d}\eta_1 \mathrm{d}^2 k_{2\perp} \mathrm{d}\eta_2} - \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}^2 k_{1\perp} \mathrm{d}\eta_1} \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}^2 k_{2\perp} \mathrm{d}\eta_2}$$

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Di-hadrons at RHIC: p+p vs. d+Au



- Significant broadening even in pp collisions: recoil in jet fragmentation
- Forward rapidities: $\eta_1, \eta_2 \sim 3 \Longrightarrow x_p \sim 0.5$, but $X_g \sim 10^{-3}$

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- The broadening in d+Au is considerably stronger than that in pp
- Predicted by the CGC (Marquet, 2007; Albacete and Marquet, 2010)

2 particle production in the CGC

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- Up to four Wilson lines in the cross-section
- At large N_c , this factorizes into color dipoles and quadrupoles

$$\left\langle Q_{\boldsymbol{x}_1 \boldsymbol{x}_2 \boldsymbol{x}_3 \boldsymbol{x}_4} \right\rangle_Y = \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \operatorname{tr}(V_{\boldsymbol{x}_1}^{\dagger} V_{\boldsymbol{x}_2} V_{\boldsymbol{x}_3}^{\dagger} V_{\boldsymbol{x}_4}) \right\rangle_Y$$

- This property holds for any multi-particle final state at large N_c (Kovner and Lublinsky, 2012; Dominguez, Marquet, Stasto, and Xiao, '12)
- How to compute the quadrupole ? Or even the dipole, but for $N_c = 3$?

The mean field approximation

- Gaussian Ansatz for $W_Y[\rho]$: "MV model with Y-dependent 2-point function"
 - all Wilson lines correlators (quadrupole etc) can be related to the dipole *S*-matrix, as obtained by solving the BK equation



- Left: different combinations projectile-target (Lappi, Mäntysaari, 1209.2853; also Stasto, Wei, Xiao, Yuan, 1805.05712)
- Right: comparison with RHIC data for d+Au (PHENIX, 1105.5112)

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• $x' \to bx'$ with $b \ll 1$ but such that $\bar{\alpha} \ln(1/b) \ll 1$ as well

• Initial condition at low energy ($x_0 \sim 0.01$): MV model (valence quarks)



- independent color sources
- Gaussian weight function

$$W_0[\rho] = \mathcal{N} \exp\left\{-\int_{x^+, \boldsymbol{x}} \frac{\rho_a(x)\rho_a(x)}{\mu^2(x)}\right\}$$

• $\mu^2(x)$: density of color charge squared

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JIMWLK evolution in Langevin form

• Useful to compare projectile (dipole) and target (nucleus) evolutions



- projectile: gluon emissions closer and closer to the target
- target: color charges further and further away from the valence quarks
- Uncertainty principle: decreasing $x = k^-/P^- \leftrightarrow$ increasing $\Delta x^+ \sim 1/k^-$
- JIMWLK evolution builds the color charge distribution in layers of x^+
- New sources are one-loop quantum fluctuations
 - random variables with a Gaussian distribution
 - can equivalently be represented as a Gaussian noise
- A Langevin equation: random walk in the space of the Wilson lines

JIMWLK in Langevin form (Blaizot, E.I., Weigert, '03)

• Discretize the rapidity interval: $Y = n\epsilon$, $\epsilon \equiv \ln(1/b)$



 $V_{\boldsymbol{x}}(n\varepsilon + \varepsilon) = \exp\left(i\varepsilon\alpha_{L\boldsymbol{x}}^{a}\boldsymbol{t}^{a}\right)V_{\boldsymbol{x}}(n\varepsilon)\exp\left(-i\varepsilon\alpha_{R\boldsymbol{x}}^{b}\boldsymbol{t}^{b}\right)$

• $\alpha^a_{R,L}$: the change δA^-_a at larger negative (R) or positive (L) values of x^+

$$\alpha^a_{L \bm{x}} \,=\, g \int_{\bm{z}} \, \frac{x^i - z^i}{(\bm{x} - \bm{z})^2} \, \nu^{ia}_{\bm{z}} \,, \qquad \alpha^a_{R \bm{x}} \,=\, g \int_{\bm{z}} \, \frac{x^i - z^i}{(\bm{x} - \bm{z})^2} \, \tilde{V}^{ab}_{\bm{z}} \, \nu^{ib}_{\bm{z}}$$

• Noise ν^a : random color charge of the newly emitted gluon

$$\langle \nu_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{ia}(m\varepsilon)\nu_{\boldsymbol{y}}^{jb}(n\varepsilon)\rangle = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\,\delta_{mn}\delta^{ij}\delta^{ab}\delta_{\boldsymbol{xy}}$$

• Well suited for numerics: 2D lattice (Weigert and Rummukainen, '03)

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• $C(r) \equiv S(r, Y)$ as a function of r and of $rQ_s(Y) \Longrightarrow$ geometric scaling

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• A surprise: the large N_c approximation (BK for S(r)) turns out to be extremely good: error of order 1%, rather then the expected $10\% = 1/N_c^2$

Deconstructing DIS

- Recall: inclusive DIS at small x in the dipole picture
 - optical theorem: $\sigma_{
 m tot}$ is linear in the dipole scattering amplitude $T_{qar q}$



• What if we would like to measure the particles produced in the final state ?

- at leading order : a quark-antiquark pair
- after hadronisation: (at least) 2 hadrons or 2 jets
- One can measure both of them (dijets, dihadrons) or only one (semi-inclusive DIS): more detailed information about the target

Inclusive dijets in the back-to-back limit

(Dominquez, Marquet, Xiao, Yuan, 1101.0715)

• Inclusive dijets: a pair of jets plus everything else



• Take the two jets to be relatively hard and nearly back-to-back

$$k_{1\perp} \simeq k_{2\perp} \gg K_{\perp} \equiv |\mathbf{k}_{1\perp} + \mathbf{k}_{2\perp}| \sim Q_s$$

- Why would this be interesting to study gluon saturation ?
- Azimuthal correlations: momentum imbalance K_{\perp} fixed by the scattering
 - multiple scattering \Rightarrow broadening of the peak at $\Delta\Phi=\pi$

Emergent TMD factorisation

• Two widely-separated transverse momentum scales: $P_{\perp} \gg K_{\perp} \gtrsim Q_s$

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• Multiple scattering still important for the momentum imbalance: $K_{\perp} \sim Q_s$

$$V_{\boldsymbol{x}}V_{\boldsymbol{y}}^{\dagger} - 1 \simeq r^{j} (V_{\boldsymbol{b}} \partial^{j} V_{\boldsymbol{b}}^{\dagger}), \quad \boldsymbol{b} = (\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{y})/2$$

 $\bullet~r\sim 1/P_{\perp}$ dependence factorises from the $b\sim 1/K_{\perp}$ dependence

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• Factorisation more suggestive in the transverse coordinate representation:

• two small dipoles widely separated in impact parameter

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TMD factorisation for inclusive dijets

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{\gamma_{T,L}^*A \to q\bar{q}A}}{\mathrm{d}z_1 \mathrm{d}z_2 \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{P} \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{K}} = H_{T,L}(z_1, z_2, Q^2, P_\perp^2) \, \mathcal{F}_{WW}(x, K_\perp^2)$



• Hard factor encoding the kinematics of the $q\bar{q}$ pair

$$H_T = \alpha_{em} \alpha_s e_f^2 \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) \left(z_1^2 + z_2^2 \right) \frac{P_\perp^4 + \bar{Q}^4}{(P_\perp^2 + \bar{Q}^2)^4} \quad (\bar{Q}^2 = z_1 z_2 Q^2)$$

• Weiszäcker-Williams gluon TMD: unintegrated gluon distribution

$$\mathcal{F}_{WW}(x, K_{\perp}^2) = \int_{\boldsymbol{b}, \overline{\boldsymbol{b}}} \frac{\mathrm{e}^{-i\boldsymbol{K}\cdot(\boldsymbol{b}-\overline{\boldsymbol{b}})}}{(2\pi)^4} \; \frac{-2}{\alpha_s} \left\langle \mathrm{Tr}\Big[(\partial^i V_{\boldsymbol{b}})V_{\boldsymbol{b}}^{\dagger}(\partial^i V_{\overline{\boldsymbol{b}}})V_{\overline{\boldsymbol{b}}}^{\dagger}\Big] \right\rangle_x$$

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$$xG(x,Q^2) = \int \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{k}_\perp \Theta(Q^2 - k_\perp^2) \int \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{b}_\perp \ \boldsymbol{k}^- \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 N_{gluon}}{\mathrm{d} k^- \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{k}_\perp \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{b}_\perp} \Big|_{\boldsymbol{k}^- = xP^-}$$

• Occupation number $(r_{\perp}=x_{\perp}-y_{\perp}, b=(x_{\perp}+y_{\perp})/2)$:

$$n(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\perp}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\perp}) = \left. \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} \int_{x^+, y^+} \int_{\boldsymbol{r}_{\perp}} \mathrm{e}^{-i\boldsymbol{k}_{\perp} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}_{\perp}} \langle F_a^{i-}(x^+, \boldsymbol{x}_{\perp}) F_a^{i-}(y^+, \boldsymbol{y}_{\perp}) \rangle \right|_{A^- = 0}$$

• However, color fields rotate under gauge transformations:

 $F_a^{i-}(x) \to U_{ab}(x) F_b^{i-}(x), \quad \text{with} \quad U(x) \in \mathsf{SU}(N_c)$

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• Generic gauge: insert a Wilson loop, to ensure gauge invariance:

$$n(x,\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{b}) = \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} \int_{x^+, y^+} \int_{\boldsymbol{r}} e^{-i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}} \langle F_a^{i-}(x^+,\boldsymbol{x}) \mathcal{U}_{\gamma}^{ab}(x,y) F_b^{i-}(y^+,\boldsymbol{y}) \rangle$$



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• $\tilde{A}^- = 0$ gauge: $\tilde{F}^{i-} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{A}^i}{\partial x^+} \Rightarrow$ trivially integrate over x^+ and y^+

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angle_{\boldsymbol{x}}$$



The Sudakov effect

• $P_{\perp} \gg K_{\perp} \Rightarrow$ large phase-space for final state emissions



- Double-logarithmic integration: $K_{\perp} \ll k_{g\perp} \ll P_{\perp}$ and $z_g \ll 1$
- Virtual corrections dominate: suppression of the cross-section

$$\Delta \mathcal{F}_{\rm Sud}(x, K_{\perp}^2, P_{\perp}^2) = -\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \ln^2 \frac{P_{\perp}^2}{K_{\perp}^2} \mathcal{F}_g(x, K_{\perp}^2) \,.$$

- Physics: in order to keep a small imbalance $K_{\perp} \ll P_{\perp}$, one needs to suppress radiation (Mueller, Xiao and Yuan, arXiv:1308.2993)
- The one-loop result exponentiates: $e^{-\Delta \mathcal{F}_{Sud}}$

Azimuthal correlations in inclusive dijets

- $P_{\perp} \gg K_{\perp}$: azimuthal distribution shows a peak at $\Delta \phi = \pi$
- Dotted curves: additional broadening due to final-state radiation (Sudakov)



(Zheng, Aschenauer, Lee, and Xiao, arXiv:1403.2413)

ullet The effects of saturation are largely washed out igodot

Next-to-leading order

• Any effect of $\mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha}^2 Y) \Longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha})$ correction to the r.h.s. of BK eq.



- The prototype: two successive, soft, emissions, with similar longitudinal momentum fractions: $p^+\sim k^+\ll q^+$
- Exact kinematics (full QCD vertices, as opposed to eikonal)
- Typically: two transverse momentum/coordinate convolutions: u_{\perp}, z_{\perp}
- New color structures, up to 3 dipoles at large N_c
- NLO BFKL: Fadin, Lipatov, Camici, Ciafaloni ... 95-98

BK equation at NLO Balitsky, Chirilli (arXiv:0710.4330)

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial S_{xy}}{\partial Y} &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{2\pi} \int d^2 z \; \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x-z)^2 (y-z)^2} \; \left(S_{xz} S_{zy} - S_{xy} \right) \Biggl\{ 1 + \\ &+ \bar{\alpha} \Biggl[\bar{b} \; \ln(x-y)^2 \mu^2 - \bar{b} \; \frac{(x-z)^2 - (y-z)^2}{(x-y)^2} \; \ln \; \frac{(x-z)^2}{(y-z)^2} \\ &+ \frac{67}{36} - \frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{1}{2} \; \ln \; \frac{(x-z)^2}{(x-y)^2} \; \ln \; \frac{(y-z)^2}{(x-y)^2} \Biggr] \Biggr\} \\ &+ \frac{\bar{\alpha}^2}{8\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2 u \, d^2 z}{(u-z)^4} \left(S_{xu} S_{uz} S_{zy} - S_{xu} S_{uy} \right) \\ &\left\{ -2 + \; \frac{(x-u)^2 (y-z)^2 + (x-z)^2 (y-u)^2 - 4(x-y)^2 (u-z)^2}{(x-u)^2 (y-z)^2 - (x-z)^2 (y-u)^2} \; \ln \; \frac{(x-u)^2 (y-z)^2}{(x-z)^2 (y-u)^2} \\ &+ \; \frac{(x-y)^2 (u-z)^2}{(x-u)^2 (y-z)^2} \left[1 + \frac{(x-y)^2 (u-z)^2}{(x-u)^2 (y-z)^2 - (x-z)^2 (y-u)^2} \right] \ln \; \frac{(x-u)^2 (y-z)^2}{(x-z)^2 (y-u)^2} \Biggr\} \end{split}$$

- green : leading-order (LO) terms
- violet : running coupling corrections ($\bar{b} = (11N_c 2N_{\rm f})/12N_c$)
- blue : single collinear logarithm (DGLAP)
- red : double collinear logarithm : troublesome !

NLO : unstable numerical solutions



- Left: leading-order BK
- Right: LO BK + the double collinear logarithm alone
- Similar conclusion from full NLO BK (Lappi, Mäntysaari, arXiv:1502.02400)
- The source of instability: the double collinear logarithm

CGC & all that

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• Generated by integrating out one gluon (at *u*) whose size is intermediate:

 $|\boldsymbol{z} - \boldsymbol{x}| \simeq |\boldsymbol{z} - \boldsymbol{y}| \simeq |\boldsymbol{z} - \boldsymbol{u}| \gg |\boldsymbol{u} - \boldsymbol{x}| \simeq |\boldsymbol{u} - \boldsymbol{y}| \gg r$



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• Keeping just the double collinear logarithms (notation: $|m{z}-m{x}|
ightarrow z)$:

$$\frac{\partial T(Y,r)}{\partial Y} = \bar{\alpha} \int_{r^2}^{1/Q_0^2} \mathrm{d}z^2 \, \frac{r^2}{z^4} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{2} \ln^2 \frac{z^2}{r^2} \right\} T(Y,z)$$

- The upper limit: $z = 1/Q_0$ with Q_0 the target saturation scale at low energy
- The r.h.s. becomes negative if $r^2Q_0^2$ is small enough
- The typical situation for dilute-dense scattering at high-energy

$$rac{1}{r^2} \sim Q_s^2(Y) = Q_0^2 \mathrm{e}^{\lambda_s Y} \gg Q_0^2$$

Time ordering

- Successive emissions are ordered in k^+ , by construction
- They should be also ordered in lifetimes ... but this condition is not enforced in perturbation theory and may be violated



• lifetime of a gluon fluctuation:

$$\Delta t_p \simeq \frac{2p^+}{p_\perp^2} \sim p^+ u_\perp^2$$

- time-ordering condition:
 - $\Delta t_p \sim p^+ u_\perp^2 > \Delta t_k \sim k^+ z_\perp^2$
- $\bullet\,$ violated when z_{\perp} is large enough
- The correct time-ordering is eventually restored via quantum corrections, but only order-by-order
- The loop corrections restoring TO are enhanced by double collinear logs

Time ordering

- Integrate out the harder gluon (p^+, u_\perp) to double-log accuracy:
- Without time-ordering (usual perturbation theory)

$$\bar{\alpha} \int_{k^+}^{q^+} \frac{\mathrm{d}p^+}{p^+} \int_{r^2}^{z^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}u^2}{u^2} = \bar{\alpha} \Delta Y \ln \frac{z^2}{r^2}, \qquad \Delta Y \equiv \ln \frac{q^+}{k^+}$$

- $\mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha}\Delta Y)$: one step in the leading-order evolution
- After also enforcing time-ordering:

$$\bar{\alpha} \int_{k^+}^{q^+} \frac{\mathrm{d}p^+}{p^+} \int_{r^2}^{z^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}u^2}{u^2} \Theta(p^+u^2 - k^+z^2) = \bar{\alpha} \Delta Y \ln \frac{z^2}{r^2} - \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{2} \ln^2 \frac{z^2}{r^2}$$

- ${\, \bullet \,}$ the first term, linear in $\Delta Y,$ counts for the LO evolution
- the 2nd term does not (no ΔY): "pure NLO" ... but transverse log
- it contributes to the NLO evolution after the integration over (k^+, z)

Resumming the double collinear logs

- Different pieces generated by TO are formally treated as different orders
 - an infinite series of terms enhanced by powers of double collinear logs
- This whole series can be resummed by enforcing TO within LO BK eq.
 - modified ("collinearly improved") version of the BK equation

(G. Beuf, 2014; E.I., Madrigal, Mueller, Soyez, and Triantafyllopoulos, 2015)

• Alternatively: reformulate the evolution in terms of the "target rapidity" η

$$Y = \ln \frac{q^+}{k^+} \longrightarrow \eta \equiv \ln \frac{P^-}{k^-} = \ln \frac{\tau_k}{\tau_0} \,, \quad \tau_k = \frac{1}{k^-} = \frac{2k^+}{k_\perp^2} \,, \quad \tau_0 = \frac{1}{P^-}$$

- $\bullet\,$ ordering in $\eta \Longleftrightarrow$ ordering in lifetimes
- ullet the proper time-ordering is automatically satisfied ildow
- longitudinal phase-space: $\Delta \eta = \ln \frac{P^-}{q^-} = \ln \frac{1}{x_{\rm Bi}}$

(Ducloué, E.I., Mueller, Soyez, and Triantafyllopoulos, arXiv:1902.06637)

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