







Inclusive UPC di-jets at small-x: CGC, TMDs and Sudakov factor

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Introduction

Collinear factorization



Large logarithms $\ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2)$ resummed using DGLAP



Additional Sudakov logarithms $\ln(Q^2/\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2)$ resummed using CSS

Collins, Soper, Sterman ('85-'89); Ji, Ma, Yuan (2005); Collins (2011); Echevarria, Idilbi, Scimemi (2012)

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Additional logarithms $\ln(s/Q^2) \sim \ln(1/x)$ resummed using BFKL

Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann ('90-'94)

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Inclusive UPC di-jets at small x





(*) the photon may also be virtual, but a large Q^2 value is not needed

The hard scale is: $|p_{1t}|, |p_{2t}| \sim \mathbf{P} \gg Q_s$

The semi-hard scale is:

$$|k_t|^2 = |p_{1t} + p_{2t}|^2 = |p_{1t}|^2 + |p_{2t}|^2 + 2|p_{1t}||p_{2t}|\cos\Delta\phi$$

 \rightarrow the small-x gluon's transverse momentum (di-jet imbalance)

The "TMD" regime: factorization for nearly back-to-back jets

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the gluon TMDs have the following operator definition:

$$2\int \frac{d\xi^{+}d^{2}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t}}{(2\pi)^{3}p_{A}^{-}} e^{ixp_{A}^{-}\xi^{+}-ik_{t}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t}} \left\langle A|\operatorname{Tr}\left[F^{i-}\left(\xi^{+},\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t}\right)F^{j-}\left(0\right)\right]|A\rangle$$
$$=\frac{\delta_{ij}}{2}\mathcal{F}(x,k_{t})+\left(\frac{k_{i}k_{j}}{k_{t}^{2}}-\frac{\delta_{ij}}{2}\right)\mathcal{H}(x,k_{t})$$

unpolarized gluon TMD

linearly-polarized gluon TMD ⁹

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• factorization may be rewritten

$$d\sigma \propto H^{ns}(\mathbf{P}, k_t, Q^2) \mathcal{F}(x, k_t) + H^h(\mathbf{P}, k_t, Q^2) \Big(\mathcal{H}(x, k_t) - \mathcal{F}(x, k_t) \Big)$$

= 0 in BFKL regime

projection onto "non-sense" polarization $H^{ns} = H^{ij}k^ik^j/k_t^2$

projection onto linear polarization $H^{h} = H^{ij}(k^{i}k^{j}/k_{t}^{2} - \delta^{ij}/2)$

at LO, non-zero H^h requires non-zero Q² or quark masses 11

Matching to BFKL/high-energy factorization

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hard factors now kt dependent

$$H^{ij}(\mathbf{P}, k_t) = H^{ij}(\mathbf{P}, k_t = 0) + \sum_n c_n (k_t/\mathbf{P})^n$$

• this is known as ITMD (improved TMD), and valid for $|p_{1t}|, |p_{2t}| \gg Qs$

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Genuine higher-twist corrections

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CGC and ITMD can be compared numerically
 Fujii, CM, Watanabe (2020) Boussarie, Mäntysaari, Salazar, Schenke (2021) 17

NLO corrections and QCD evolution

Resumming large logarithms

Simultaneous resummation of high-energy $\ln(1/x)$ and Sudakov $\ln(Q^2/\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2)$ logarithms?

Longstanding problem, studied using many different approaches, including recently:

SW: Balitsky, Tarasov (2015) **RO**: Balitsky (2021-2023)

HEF: Deak, Hautmann, Jung, Kutak, van Hameren, Sapeta, Hentschinski (2016-2021) **BFKL**: Nefedov (2021)

PB: Hautmann, Hentschinski, Keersmaekers, Kusina, Kutak, Lelek (2022)

CGC: Mueller, Xiao, Yuan (2011); Hatta, Xiao, Yuan, Zhou (2017-2021); Stasto, Wei, Xiao, Yuan (2018); PT, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet (2022); Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan (2022-2023)

Real emission diagrams

Altinoluk, Boussarie, CM and Taels (2020)



linearly-polarized gluon TMD involved at NLO, even for photo-production

see also

Caucal, Salazar and Venugopalan (2021) Bergabo and Jalilian-Marian (2022) Iancu and Mulian (2023)

Virtual diagrams

Caucal, Salazar and Venugopalan (2021)



full NLO CGC is UV, soft, collinear finite, rapidity divergences give small-x evolution

see also Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf and CM (2022) Bergabo and Jalilian-Marian (2022)

The back-to-back regime at NLO

full NLO + TMD limit

Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf and CM (2022)



Remnants of soft-collinear generate Sudakov double log with wrong sign! $d\sigma_{\rm NLO}^{\rm TMD} = d\sigma_{\rm LO}^{\rm TMD} \times \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \ln \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2 (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}')^2}{c_0^2} \right)^2 \qquad \frac{\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2 \sim \mu^2}{(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}')^2 \sim 1/\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}$

this is due to an over-subtraction of the small-x rapidity logarithms

Sudakov and small-x logs aren't completely separated in phase space!

Kinematically-constrained evolution

Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf and CM (2022)

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→ in the small-x evolved LO contribution, the kernel of the JIMWLK equation now contains an extra theta term $\theta \left[(k_g^+/k_f^+) \mathbf{P}^2 - \mathbf{k}_g^2 \right]$

confirmed beyond large Nc and double logs in

Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan (2022)

Conclusions

 to match collinear physics and small-x physics in the linear BFKL regime, the necessity of a kinematical constraint in the small-x evolution was recognized a long time ago (led to CCFM equation)

Ciafaloni ('88); Andersson, Gustafson, Samuelsson ('96); Kwiecinski, Martin, Sutton ('96); Salam ('98)

• more recently, that necessity also emerged in CGC calculations, often in connection with the issue of negative NLO cross sections

Beuf (2014); Hatta, Iancu (2016); Iancu, Madrigal, Mueller, Soyez, Triantafyllopoulos (2019)

- now it also appears in the context of two-scale processes and TMD physics
- inclusive UPC di-jets provide a good testing ground for these theoretical developments, measurements in the TMD regime would be very welcome

Extra

Small-x improved TMD factorization

Kotko, Kutak, CM, Petreska, Sapeta, van Hameren (2015 - 2016) Altinoluk, Boussarie, Kotko (2019)

$$d\sigma \propto f(x_1) \sum H_{(c)}(\mathbf{P}, k_t) \times \text{TMD}_{(c)}(x_2, k_t)$$

standard collinear pdf for the large-x projectile off-shell hard factors

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several gluon TMDs for the small-x target

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$$\mathsf{saturation corrections}$$

improvement wrt HEF factorization is all-order resummation of leading twist saturation corrections, which unveils the process-depenpent TMDs and allows matching to TMD physics at low k_t ³⁰