

RG improved JIMWLK Hamiltonian: running coupling and DGLAP resummation

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High Energy Scattering

Target ($\rho^t = \rho^-$)

Projectile ($\rho^p = \rho^+$)

$\langle \mathbf{T} | \rightarrow$

$\leftarrow | \mathbf{P} \rangle$

$$\rho^+ \sim \int d\mathbf{k}^+ \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{T} \mathbf{a}$$

S-matrix:

$$S(\mathbf{Y}) = \langle \mathbf{T} | \langle \mathbf{P} | \hat{S}(\rho^t, \rho^p) | \mathbf{P} \rangle | \mathbf{T} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \ln(s)$$

or, more generally, any observable $\hat{O}(\rho^t, \rho^p)$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\mathbf{Y}} = \langle \mathbf{T} | \langle \mathbf{P} | \hat{O}(\rho^t, \rho^p) | \mathbf{P} \rangle | \mathbf{T} \rangle$$

How do these averages change with increase in energy of the process?

$$\partial_{\mathbf{Y}} \langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\mathbf{Y}} = -\mathcal{H} \langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\mathbf{Y}} \quad \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \text{the HE effective Hamiltonian}$$

\mathcal{H} defines the high energy limit of QCD and is universal

Expansion in α_s

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{LO}}(\alpha_s) + \mathcal{H}_{\text{NLO}}(\alpha_s^2) + \dots;$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}[\rho^t, \delta/\delta\rho^t]$$

JIMWLK Hamiltonian is a limit of \mathcal{H} for dilute partonic system ($\rho^p \rightarrow 0$) which scatters on a dense target. It accounts for linear gluon emission + multiple rescatterings.

$\mathcal{H}_{\text{LO}}^{\text{JIMWLK}}$ (1997-2002), $\mathcal{H}_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{JIMWLK}}$ with massless quarks (2007-2016), $\mathcal{H}_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{JIMWLK}}(m_q)$ (2022)

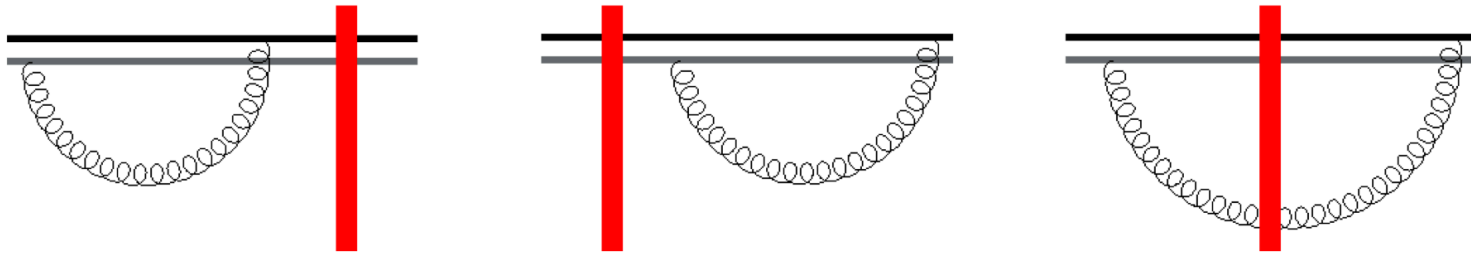
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LO JIMWLK Hamiltonian

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$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{LO}}^{\text{JIMWLK}} = \int_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}} \mathbf{K}_{\text{LO}} \left\{ \mathbf{J}_{\text{L}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{J}_{\text{L}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{J}_{\text{R}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{J}_{\text{R}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{y}) - 2 \mathbf{J}_{\text{L}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{S}_{\text{A}}^{\text{ab}}(\mathbf{z}) \mathbf{J}_{\text{R}}^{\text{b}}(\mathbf{y}) \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{\text{LO}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})_i (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z})_i}{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})^2 (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z})^2}$$



$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{A}}^{\text{cd}}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ i \int d\mathbf{x}^+ \mathbf{T}^{\text{a}} \alpha_{\text{t}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}^+) \right\}^{\text{cd}} . \quad \Delta'' \alpha_{\text{t}} = \rho_{\text{t}} \quad (\text{YM})$$

Here $\rho^{\text{P}} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{\text{L}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{S}}\rho^{\text{P}} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{\text{R}}$ are left and right $\text{SU}(N)$ generators:

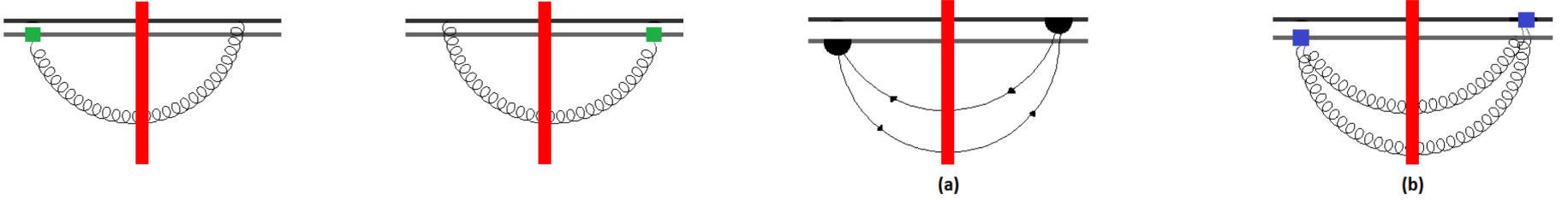
$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{L}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{S}_{\text{A}}^{\text{ij}}(\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{T}^{\text{a}} \mathbf{S}_{\text{A}}(\mathbf{z}))^{\text{ij}} \delta^2(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{R}}^{\text{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{S}_{\text{A}}^{\text{ij}}(\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{S}_{\text{A}}(\mathbf{z}) \mathbf{T}^{\text{a}})^{\text{ij}} \delta^2(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})$$

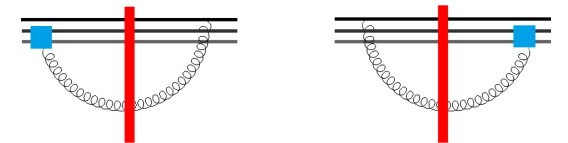
$\mathcal{H}^{\text{JIMWLK}}$ contains all the LO BFKL / BKP / TPV physics

JIMWLK Hamiltonian @ NLO

Kovner, ML & Mulian (2013) based on Balitsky & Chirilli (2007), Grabovsky (2013); ML & Mulian (2016)



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}^{NLO \text{ JIMWLK}} = & \int_{x,y,z} K_{JSJ}(x,y;z) \left[J_L^a(x) J_L^a(y) + J_R^a(x) J_R^a(y) - 2 J_L^a(x) S_A^{ab}(z) J_R^b(y) \right] \\
 & + \int_{x,y,z,z'} K_{JSSJ}(x,y;z,z') \left[f^{abc} f^{def} J_L^a(x) S_A^{be}(z) S_A^{cf}(z') J_R^d(y) - N_c J_L^a(x) S_A^{ab}(z) J_R^b(y) \right] \\
 & + \int_{x,y,z,z'} K_{q\bar{q}}(x,y;z,z') \left[2 J_L^a(x) \text{tr}[S_F^\dagger(z) t^a S_F(z') t^b] J_R^b(y) - J_L^a(x) S_A^{ab}(z) J_R^b(y) \right] \\
 & + \int_{w,x,y,z,z'} K_{JJSSJ}(w;x,y;z,z') f^{acb} \left[J_L^d(x) J_L^e(y) S_A^{dc}(z) S_A^{eb}(z') J_R^a(w) - J_L^a(w) S_A^{cd}(z) S_A^{be}(z') J_R^d(x) J_R^e(y) \right] \\
 & + \int_{w,x,y,z} K_{JJSJ}(w;x,y;z) f^{bde} \left[J_L^d(x) J_L^e(y) S_A^{ba}(z) J_R^a(w) - J_L^a(w) S_A^{ab}(z) J_R^d(x) J_R^e(y) \right] \\
 & + \int_{w,x,y} K_{JJJ}(w;x,y) f^{deb} \left[J_L^d(x) J_L^e(y) J_L^b(w) - J_R^d(x) J_R^e(y) J_R^b(w) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$



Motivation and Objectives

Precise saturation physics phenomenology at NLO is badly needed.

The JIMWLK Hamiltonian at NLO is known for some years, but there are problems there.

- No known recipe for numerical evaluation
- Large transverse logarithms emerge: $\mathcal{H} \sim \alpha_s(\# + \alpha_s(\# + \mathbf{Log}))$,
If the Log is large, then $\alpha_s \mathbf{Log} \sim 1$ – not a small correction to LO
There are various types of the large Logs there:
running coupling effects, (Ioffe) time ordering, DGLAP logs.
All have to be identified, clearly separated, and independently resummed.

LO JIMWLK kernel beyond LO

$$\mathcal{H} = \int_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}} \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{z}) \left[\mathbf{J}_L^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{J}_L^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{J}_R^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{J}_R^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{y}) - 2\mathbf{J}_L^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{S}_A^{\mathbf{ab}}(\mathbf{z}) \mathbf{J}_R^{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{y}) \right]$$

An effective kernel $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{LO}} + \mathbf{K}_{\text{NLO}} + \dots \sim \alpha_s(\# + \alpha_s(\# + \text{Logs}) + \dots)$

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Proper resummation requires understanding of physics beyond NLO!

- **Running coupling effects (UV divergent) – rcJIMWLK:**

$$\mathbf{K}_{\text{LO}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \frac{\mathbf{XY}}{\mathbf{X}^2 \mathbf{Y}^2} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}_{\text{rc}} = \frac{\alpha_s[\text{running}]}{2\pi^2} \frac{\mathbf{XY}}{\mathbf{X}^2 \mathbf{Y}^2}$$

- **DGLAP logs: Large transverse logs of the $\log(Q_s^{\text{T}}/Q_s^{\text{P}})$ type (dilute-on-dense).**

NLO Kernels (Large UV Logs only)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X} &= \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{Y} &= \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z} \end{aligned}$$

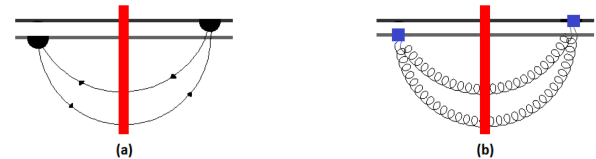
$$\mathbf{K}_{\text{JSJ}}(\text{b terms}) = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{16\pi^3} \left\{ -\mathbf{b} \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^2}{\mathbf{X}^2 \mathbf{Y}^2} \ln(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^2 \mu^2 + \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{X}^2} \ln \mathbf{Y}^2 \mu^2 + \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{Y}^2} \ln \mathbf{X}^2 \mu^2 \right\} + \dots$$

Here μ is the normalization point, $\mathbf{b} = \frac{11}{3}\mathbf{N}_c - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{n}_f$, $\mathbf{b} \ln Q^2/\mu^2 \rightarrow \alpha_s(Q^2)$
 Huge ambiguity in identifying Q

Resum large Logs into an effective kernel $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{LO}} + \mathbf{K}_{\text{JSJ}} + \dots$

$$\int_{\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y} \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}'} \mathbf{K}_{\text{JSSJ}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}') \mathbf{J}_L^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{J}_R^{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{y}) \left[\mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{ab}}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}') \right] \sim \mathbf{b} \times (\text{UV divergent Log})$$

$$\mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{ab}}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}') \equiv \text{Tr}[\mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{S}_A(\mathbf{z}) \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{S}_A^+(\mathbf{z}')]$$



The UV divergence in $JSSJ$ is trivial: when the two gluons are too close to each other ($z \sim z'$), they cannot be resolved by the target and hence should be counted as a single gluon scattering. We are thus prompted to introduce a "resolution scale" Q

Dressed Wilson line

Within the finite resolution Q , bare gluons \rightarrow dressed gluons,
bare Wilson lines \rightarrow dressed Wilson lines, $S \rightarrow S_Q$

$$S_Q^{\text{ab}}(\mathbf{z}) = S_A^{\text{ab}}(\mathbf{z}) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 d\xi \sigma(\xi) \int^{Q^{-1}} \frac{d^2\mathbf{Z}}{Z^2} \left(D^{\text{ab}}(\mathbf{z} + (1-\xi)\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{z} - \xi\mathbf{Z}) - N_c S_A^{\text{ab}}(\mathbf{z}) \right)$$

ξ is the fraction of longitudinal momentum carried by one of the gluons.

$$\sigma(\xi) = \left[\frac{1}{\xi(1-\xi)} \left(\xi^2 + (1-\xi)^2 + \xi^2(1-\xi)^2 \right) \right]_+ ; \quad 2N_c \int_0^1 d\xi \sigma(\xi) = -\frac{11N_c}{3} \rightarrow -b$$

This is the P_{gg} splitting function except that we introduce the "+" prescription both for $\xi = 1$ and $\xi = 0$ poles. The "+" prescription emerges from the $1/\xi$ subtraction absorbed into $(\text{LO})^2$ part of the evolution.

The sign is negative – correcting for the over-subtraction in the LO.

We go beyond the usual DGLAP: we allow simultaneous scattering of all gluons.

For $Q > Q_s^T$, $S_Q \simeq S_A$ - the target does not resolve gluon splitting at distances smaller than $1/Q_s^T$.

Resolution scale and the running coupling

Express S in terms of S_Q and substitute it into the LO+NLO JIMWLK Hamiltonian. $\mathcal{H}[S] \rightarrow \mathcal{H}[S_Q]$. The Hamiltonian will feature $\ln Q^2$ terms such as $\ln(Q^2 X^2)$.

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{LO}} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \mathbf{b} (\ln X^2 \mu^2 + \ln Y^2 \mu^2 - \ln Q^{-2} \mu^2) \right) + \text{other } O(\alpha_s^2) \text{ terms}$$

We assume existence of a typical scale $Q_s^P \ll Q_s^T$ associated with the projectile, such that $\ln(Q_s^P X^2)$ are small. The UV finite parts of the Hamiltonian proportional to \mathbf{b} do not have any large Logs

$$\mathbf{K}_{\text{in}} = \mathbf{K}(Q = Q_s^P) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_s(\mathbf{X}) \alpha_s(\mathbf{Y})}}{2\pi^2} \frac{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{X}^2\mathbf{Y}^2} \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \mathbf{b} (\text{small logs}) \right]$$

However, at $Q = Q_s^P$, S_Q is very different from S_A , $S_Q \sim S_A [1 + \alpha_s \# \text{Log}(Q^2/Q_s^T)]$.
 This large Log has to be resummed via inclusion of multiple consecutive DGLAP splittings:

$$\frac{\partial S_Q(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \ln Q} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int_{\xi} \sigma(\xi) \int_{\phi_Q} [\mathbf{D}_Q(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{N}_c S_Q(\mathbf{z})]$$

$$\mathbf{D}_Q(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2) \equiv \text{Tr}[\mathbf{T}^a S_Q(\mathbf{z}_1) \mathbf{T}^b S_Q^+(\mathbf{z}_2)]$$

If we were to take $Q = Q_s^T$ then $S_Q \simeq S_A$ but the $\ln Q^2$ terms in the Hamiltonian would be large and have to be resummed.

Either way, we have to resum large logs of the order $\log Q_s^T/Q_s^P$.

Functional RG

The resummed Hamiltonian should be Q -independent:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{H}}{d \ln Q} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \ln Q} + \int_{\mathbf{u}} \left[\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mathbf{S}_Q(\mathbf{u})} \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}_Q(\mathbf{u})}{\partial \ln Q} \right] = 0$$

DGLAP-like evolution for the Hamiltonian (evolution in the space of Hamiltonians):

$$\mathcal{H}[\mathbf{Q}_s^P] = \text{Exp} \left[\int_{\mathbf{Q}_s^P}^{\mathbf{Q}_s^T} \frac{d\mathbf{Q}}{Q} \mathbf{H}_{\text{DGLAP}} \right] \mathcal{H}_{\text{in}}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{DGLAP}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbf{u}} \int_{\xi} \sigma(\xi) \int_{\phi_Q} \text{Tr} \left([\mathbf{D}_Q(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{N}_c \mathbf{S}_Q(\mathbf{u})] \frac{\delta}{\delta \mathbf{S}_Q(\mathbf{u})} \right)$$

$\mathbf{Q}_s^P = \mathbf{Q}_s^P(\eta)$ – Q_s^P is dynamical (rapidity dependent);
hence the resummed Hamiltonian is too.

Weak target field approximation – linearization

$$\mathbf{S}_Q^{\text{ab}} = \delta^{\text{ab}} + \mathbf{f}^{\text{abc}} \alpha_Q^{\text{c}}; \quad \mathbf{D}_Q^{\text{ab}}(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2) = \mathbf{N}_c \left(\delta^{\text{ab}} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}^{\text{abc}} \left[\alpha_Q^{\text{c}}(\mathbf{z}_1) + (\alpha_Q^{\text{c}}(\mathbf{z}_2))^* \right] \right)$$

Expand the Hamiltonian (BFKL-like)

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{DGLAP}} \sim \alpha_Q \frac{\delta}{\delta \alpha_Q}$$

$\mathbf{H}_{\text{DGLAP}}$ is homogeneous and hence solvable

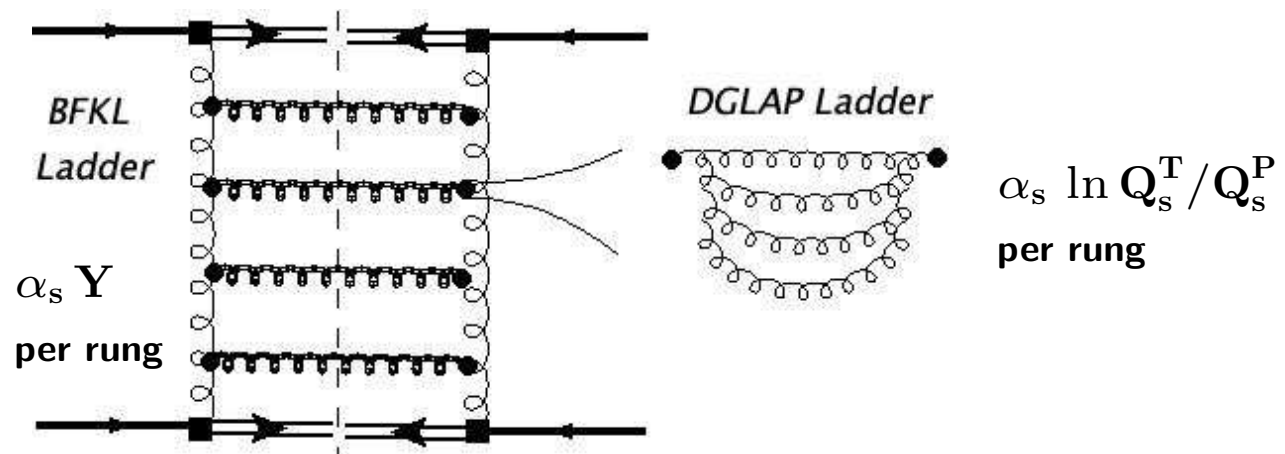
Saturation region

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{DGLAP}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbf{u}} \int_{\xi} \sigma(\xi) \int_{\phi_Q} \text{Tr} \left([\text{Tr}[\mathbf{T}^{\text{a}} \mathbf{S}_Q(\mathbf{z}_1) \mathbf{T}^{\text{b}} \mathbf{S}_Q^+(\mathbf{z}_2)]_{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{N}_c \mathbf{S}_Q(\mathbf{u})] \frac{\delta}{\delta \mathbf{S}_Q(\mathbf{u})} \right)$$

Since $|\mathbf{z}_1 - \mathbf{z}_2| = 1/Q > 1/Q_s^{\text{T}}$, the two gluons are well separated and outside the correlation region in the target (in a sense of averaging over the target). Neglect the first term. H_{DGLAP} is again homogeneous

Summary/Outlook

- DGLAP-like resummation inside the JIMWLK Hamiltonian has been performed. These DGLAP corrections are large whenever there is a large disparity between the correlation lengths (or saturation momenta) in the projectile and the target.



- rcJIMWLK emerges with the scale choice for the running coupling:

$$\mathbf{K} \sim \sqrt{\alpha_s(\mathbf{X})\alpha_s(\mathbf{Y})}$$