Kt-factorization and dijet production in pA collisions

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Deep into low-x region of Protons



- Partons in the low-x is dominated by gluons, since gluon splitting is enhanced at low-x.
- Resummation of the $\alpha_s \ln \frac{1}{r}$. \Rightarrow BFKL equation $\Rightarrow xf \sim x^{-\lambda}$
- The dynamics becomes non-linear when gluon density is high $\sim 1/\alpha_s$. \Rightarrow BK equation

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Dual Descriptions of Deep Inelastic Scattering



Bjorken frame

$$F_2(x,Q^2) = \sum_q e_q^2 x \left[f_q(x,Q^2) + f_{\bar{q}}(x,Q^2) \right].$$

Dipole frame [A. Mueller, 01; Parton Saturation-An Overview]

$$F_{2}(x,Q^{2}) = \sum_{f} e_{f}^{2} \frac{Q^{2}}{4\pi^{2}\alpha_{\rm em}} \int_{0}^{1} dz \int d^{2}x_{\perp} d^{2}y_{\perp} \left[|\psi_{T}(z,r_{\perp},Q)|^{2} + |\psi_{L}(z,r_{\perp},Q)|^{2} \right] \\ \times \left[1 - S^{(2)}(x_{\perp},y_{\perp}) \right], \quad \text{with} \quad r_{\perp} = x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}.$$

- Bjorken: the partonic picture of a hadron is manifest. Saturation shows up as a limit on the occupation number of quarks and gluons.
- Dipole: the partonic picture is no longer manifest. Saturation appears as the unitarity limit for scattering. Convenient to resum the multiple gluon interactions.

BFKL evolution

[Balitsky, Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov;74] The infrared sensitivity of Bremsstrahlung favors the emission of small-x gluons:



Probability of emission:

$$dp \sim \alpha_s N_c \frac{dk_z}{k_z} = \alpha_s N_c \frac{dx}{x}$$

In small-x limit and Leading log approximation:

$$p \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n N_c^n \int_x^1 \frac{dx_n}{x_n} \cdots \int_{x_2}^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \sim \exp\left(\alpha_s N_c \ln \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

• Exponential growth of the amplitude as function of rapidity.



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Saturation physics

Saturation physics describes the high density matter in the high energy limit.



- Initial condition plus small-x evolution \Rightarrow dense gluon distributions.
- BFKL equation and BK equation
- Saturation phenomena is an inevitable consequence of QCD dynamics at high energy. At what energy scale? How to identify the smoking guns?
- Probing the phase structure of cold nuclei. Forward di-hadron correlation measurements in pA collisions.
- Providing initial condition for heavy ion collisions.
- Require Factorization:

 $\sigma \sim xf(x) \otimes \mathcal{H} \otimes D_h(z)$



Recent ALICE Data



- Unprecedented opportunities to study saturation physics.
- LO saturation models qualitatively describe data, however, Large uncertainty!
- Issues: Factorization issue and NLO correction!



k_t dependent parton distributions

The unintegrated quark distribution

$$f_q(x,k_{\perp}) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\xi^- \mathrm{d}^2 \xi_{\perp}}{4\pi (2\pi)^2} e^{ixP^+ \xi^- + i\xi_{\perp} \cdot k_{\perp}} \langle P \left| \bar{\psi}(0) \mathcal{L}^{\dagger}(0) \gamma^+ \mathcal{L}(\xi^-,\xi_{\perp}) \psi(\xi_{\perp},\xi^-) \right| P \rangle$$

as compared to the integrated quark distribution

$$f_q(x) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P \left| \bar{\psi}(0)\gamma^+ \mathcal{L}(\xi^-)\psi(0,\xi^-) \right| P \rangle$$

- Gauge invariant definition.
- Light-cone gauge together with proper boundary condition ⇒ parton density interpretation.
- The gauge links come from the resummation of multiple gluon interactions.
- Gauge links may vary among different processes.



Dilute-Dense factorizations

The effective Dilute-Dense factorization



- Protons and virtual photons are dilute probes of the dense gluons inside target hadrons.
- For dijet productions in *pA* collisions $(2 \rightarrow 2)$, there is an effective k_t factorization.

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pA\to qfX}}{d^2P_{\perp}d^2q_{\perp}dy_1dy_2} = x_pg(x_p,\mu)x_Ag(x_A,q_{\perp})\frac{1}{\pi}\frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}}{\mathrm{d}\hat{t}}.$$

- For dijet processes in pp, AA collisions, there is no *k*_t factorization[Collins, Qiu, 08],[Rogers, Mulders; 10].
- At forward rapidity $y, x_p \propto e^y$ is large, while $x_A \propto e^{-y}$ is small.
- Ideal opportunity to search gluon saturation.
- One-loop calculation ⇒ Systematic framework to test saturation physics predictions.



In small-x physics, two gluon distributions are widely used: [Kharzeev, Kovchegov, Tuchin; 03] I. Weizsäcker Williams gluon distribution ([KM, 98] and MV model):

$$xG^{(1)} = \frac{S_{\perp}}{\pi^{2}\alpha_{s}} \frac{N_{c}^{2} - 1}{N_{c}} \iff \int \frac{d^{2}r_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^{2}} \frac{e^{-ik_{\perp} \cdot r_{\perp}}}{r_{\perp}^{2}} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{r_{\perp}^{2} \varrho_{ss}^{2}}{2}}\right)$$



II. Color Dipole gluon distributions:

$$xG^{(2)} = \frac{S_{\perp}N_c}{2\pi^2\alpha_s}k_{\perp}^2$$
$$\times \int \frac{d^2r_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2}e^{-ik_{\perp}\cdot r_{\perp}}e^{-\frac{r_{\perp}^2Q_{sq}^2}{4}}$$



Remarks:

- The WW gluon distribution simply counts the number of gluons.
- The Color Dipole gluon distribution often appears in calculations.



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- Quadrupole \Rightarrow Weizsäcker Williams gluon distribution;
- Dipole \Rightarrow Color Dipole gluon distribution;
- [F. Dominguez, C. Marquet, A. Stasto and BX, 12] Dipoles and quadrupoles are the only two objects which enter the cross section in large N_c limit for a set of processes.
- Generalized universality in the large N_c limit.



In terms of operators (known from TMD factorization), we find these two gluon distributions can be defined as follows: [F. Dominguez, BX and F. Yuan, Phys.Rev.Lett. 106, 022301 (2011)] I. Weizsäcker Williams gluon distribution:

$$xG^{(1)} = 2\int \frac{d\xi^{-}d\xi_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^{3}P^{+}} e^{ixP^{+}\xi^{-}-ik_{\perp}\cdot\xi_{\perp}} \operatorname{Tr}\langle P|F^{+i}(\xi^{-},\xi_{\perp})\mathcal{U}^{[+]\dagger}F^{+i}(0)\mathcal{U}^{[+]}|P\rangle.$$

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Remarks:

- The WW gluon distribution is the conventional gluon distributions. In light-cone gauge, it is the gluon density. (Either initial or final state interactions.)
- The dipole gluon distribution has no such interpretation. (Both initial and final state interactions.)
- Two topologically different gauge invariant definitions.

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Questions:

- Can we distinguish these two gluon distributions?
- How to measure $xG^{(1)}$ directly? DIS dijet. EIC (Golden Measurement) and LHeC.
- How to measure $xG^{(2)}$ directly? Direct γ +Jet in *pA* collisions. For single-inclusive particle production in *pA* up to all order.
- What happens in gluon+jet production in *pA* collisions? Need both gluon distributions.

DIS dijet

[F. Dominguez, C. Marquet, BX and F. Yuan, 11]



- In the dijet correlation limit, where $u = x_1 x_2 \ll v = zx_1 + (1 z)x_2$
- $S_{x_g}^{(4)}(x_1, x_2; x'_2, x'_1) = \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \operatorname{Tr} U(x_1) U^{\dagger}(x'_1) U(x'_2) U^{\dagger}(x_2) \right\rangle_{x_g} \neq S_{x_g}^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) S_{x_g}^{(2)}(x'_2, x'_1)$



• Same result obtained from the TMD factorization approach.

Dijet processes in the large N_c limit

The Fierz identity:



Graphical representation of dijet processes





Gluon+quark jets correlation

Including all the $qg \rightarrow qg$, $gg \rightarrow gg$ and $gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ channels, a lengthy calculation gives

$$\frac{d\sigma^{(pA \to \text{Dijet}+X)}}{d\mathcal{P}.\mathcal{S}.} = \sum_{q} x_1 q(x_1, \mu^2) \frac{\alpha_s^2}{\hat{s}^2} \left[\mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(1)} H_{qg}^{(1)} + \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(2)} H_{qg}^{(2)} \right] + x_1 g(x_1, \mu^2) \frac{\alpha_s^2}{\hat{s}^2} \left[\mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)} \left(H_{gg \to q\bar{q}}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} H_{gg \to gg}^{(1)} \right) + \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)} \left(H_{gg \to q\bar{q}}^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} H_{gg \to gg}^{(2)} \right) + \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(3)} \frac{1}{2} H_{gg \to gg}^{(3)} \right],$$

with the various gluon distributions defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)} &= xG^{(2)}(x,q_{\perp}), \quad \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)} = \int xG^{(1)} \otimes F , \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)} &= \int xG^{(2)} \otimes F, \quad \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)} = -\int \frac{q_{1\perp} \cdot q_{2\perp}}{q_{1\perp}^2} xG^{(2)} \otimes F , \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(3)} &= \int xG^{(1)}(q_1) \otimes F \otimes F , \end{aligned}$$

where $F = \int \frac{d^2 r_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-iq_{\perp} \cdot r_{\perp}} \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \operatorname{Tr} U(r_{\perp}) U^{\dagger}(0) \right\rangle_{\mathbf{x}_c}$. Remarks:

• All the above gluon distributions can be written as combinations and convolutions of two fundaments gluon distributions.



This describes the dihadron correlation data measured at RHIC in forward *dAu* collisions.

Comparing to STAR and PHENIX data measured in dAu collisions

Physics predicted by C. Marquet. Further calculated in[A. Stasto, BX, F. Yuan, 11] For away side peak in both peripheral and central *dAu* collisions





Di-Hadron correlations in DIS

Di-pion correlations at EIC[J. H. Lee, BX, L. Zheng]



- EIC stage II energy 30×100 GeV.
- Caveat: 1. NLO contribution? 2. Need more study on evolution of quadrupoles.
- Physical picture: Dense gluonic matter suppresses the away side peak.



Gluon Distributions and LO dijet productions

Factorization for single inclusive hadron productions

- [G. Chirilli, BX and F. Yuan, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 122301 (2012)]Obtain a systematic factorization for the $p + A \rightarrow H + X$ process by systematically remove all the divergences!
- Gluons in different kinematical region give different divergences. 1.soft, collinear to the target nucleus; 2. collinear to the initial quark; 3. collinear to the final quark.



- All the rapidity divergence is absorbed into the UGD $\mathcal{F}(k_{\perp})$ while collinear divergences are either factorized into collinear parton distributions or fragmentation functions.
- Large N_c limit \Rightarrow dipole amplitudes only. Easy to prove for all order.



Sudakov double logarithmic suppression factors in pA collisions

Consider one-loop calculation for the forward Higgs productions and dijet productions in pA collisions: [A. Mueller, BX and F. Yuan, arXiv:1210.5792]



Comments:

- The one-loop calculation between Higgs productions and dijet productions are very similar since both $M_H \gg k_{\perp}$ and $M_J \sim P_{\perp} \gg k_{\perp}$.
- Additional suppression factor $\exp[-S_{sud}(Q^2, r_{\perp}^2)]$ where $Q = M_H$ or M_J and $r_{\perp} \sim 1/k_{\perp}$

$$S_{
m sud}(Q^2, r_{\perp}^2) = rac{lpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \ln^2 rac{Q^2 r_{\perp}^2}{c^2} \quad {
m with} \quad c = 2e^{-\gamma_E}$$

- Small-*x* evolution (such as JIMWLK) is incapable of resumming the Sudakov factor.
- Competition between the Sudakov and saturation effect.

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Conclusion

- LO dijet calculation in DIS and *pA* collisions probe different gluon distributions.
- Inclusive forward hadron productions in *pA* collisions in the small-*x* saturation formalism at one-loop order. The numerical calculation is under study.
- One-loop calculation for massive scalar productions in pA collisions.
- One-loop calculation for dijet productions is coming soon. [Work in progress with A. Mueller and F. Yuan]
- Interesting time to study high density QCD both theoretically and experimentally.



