Strong field physics and early time dynamics in heavy ion collisions

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 rcBK meets experiments
 DIS, pp, pA, heavy quarkonium
- Glasma: towards thermalization
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Introduction

Progress in recent years

We have started to discuss

correlation btw initial conditions and final data.

typically, fluctuations of data (higher harmonics) are attributed to fluctuations in the initial conditions

- Obviously need to deepen our understanding of initial conditions and early time stages of heavy-ion collisions.
- This talk
 - overview of recent progress on initial condition and early-time evolution and possible new physics with strong magnetic fields

High energy view of Heavy Ion Collisions

Initial Condition for QGP to be determined from final state fluctuations and pA: CGC and Glasma particle detectors

Extremely strong
electromagnetic fields
present at early time stages

distributions and
correlations of
produced
particles

QGP phase

quark and gluon degrees of freedom

quantum fluctuatio

"Early thermalization" problem

- How is it possible to thermalize in such a short period less than 1 fm/c??
- What happens in early time??

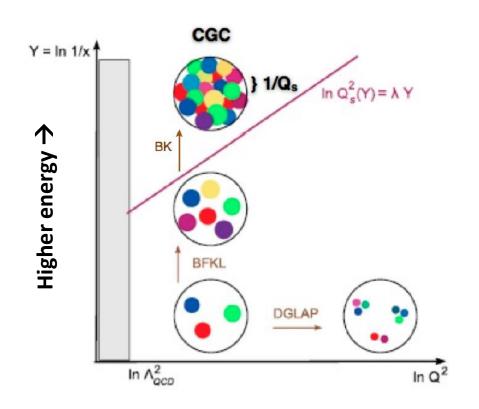
Original figure by P. Sorensen arXiv:0905.0174

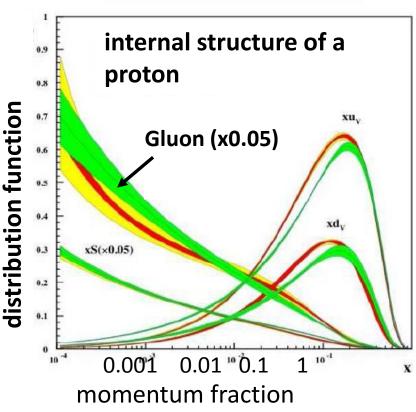
 $\tau \sim 0 \text{ fm/c}$

τ₀~

Initial condition of HIC event

Color Glass Condensate





CGC: the framework to describe nuclei colliding at high energies, dense gluonic states with saturation

← multiple gluon emission & merging slower quantum evolution, coherent effects

Going up higher energies: evolution eqs.

Evolution of gluon dstr. wrt x (or rapidity $y = \ln 1/x$)

• **BFKL** (LO: $(\alpha_s \ln 1/x)^n$, NLO: $\alpha_s (\alpha_s \ln 1/x)^n$)

$$\frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k_t})}{\partial \ln(\mathbf{x_0}/\mathbf{x})} \approx \mathcal{K} \otimes \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k_t})$$

$$\kappa: \text{gluon splitting g} \rightarrow \text{gg}$$

 ϕ : unintegrated gluon distr.

BK (includes the nonlinear effects)

$$\frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k_t})}{\partial \ln(\mathbf{x_0}/\mathbf{x})} \approx \mathcal{K} \otimes \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k_t}) - \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k_t})^2$$

[Balitsky, Gardi et al., Known up to full NLO accuracy. [Balitsky, Chirilli 2008] Kovchegov-Weigert] But for practical purposes, we use **BK with running coupling** \rightarrow "rcBK"

$$K^{\text{run}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r_1}, \mathbf{r_2}) = \frac{N_c \,\alpha_s(r^2)}{2\pi^2} \left[\frac{r^2}{r_1^2 \, r_2^2} + \frac{1}{r_1^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_1^2)}{\alpha_s(r_2^2)} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{r_2^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_2^2)}{\alpha_s(r_1^2)} - 1 \right) \right]$$

Multiple gluon emissions $N_g \sim e^{\omega \ln 1/x}$

Recombination of gluons

 $N_g \leq 1$



rcBK phenomenology

DIS

fit of small x data AAMQS2011

pA

forward hadron production MC-DHJ/rcBK heavy-quarkonium production

Fit to HERA data: AAMQS₂₀₁₁

Initial Conditions: modified GBW/MV models

$$\int \mathcal{N}^{\text{GBW}}(r, x = x_0) = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{(r^2 Q_{s0}^2)^{\gamma}}{4}\right],$$

$$\mathcal{N}^{\text{MV}}(r, x = x_0) = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{(r^2 Q_{s0}^2)^{\gamma}}{4}\ln\left(\frac{1}{r\Lambda} + e\right)\right]$$

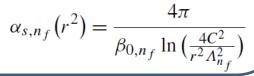
 $x_0 = 0.00893 \text{ or } [0.008]$

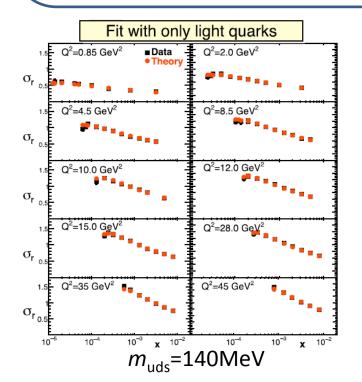
 $(\gamma=1: ordinary GBW)$

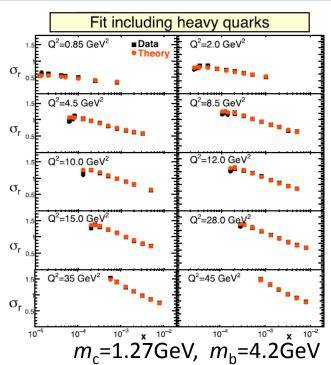
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IR regularization for 1-loop running coupling

freeze the coupling at $\alpha_s^{\rm fr} = 0.7$







← Modified GBW

(Left) γ =0.971 Qs_0^2 =0.241

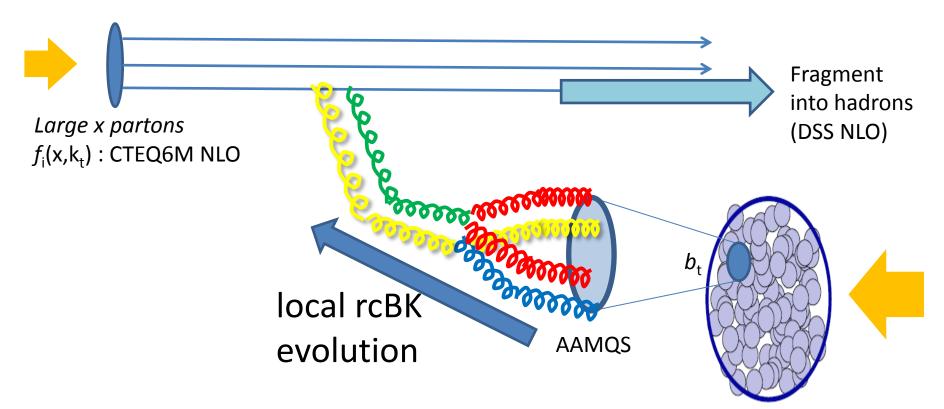
(Right) γ =0.959 Qs_0^2 =0.240

There are two more parameters (C, σ_0)

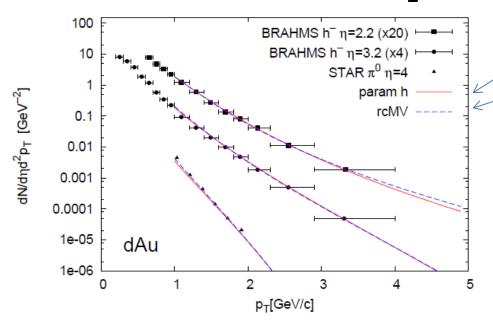
MC-DHJ/rcBK for forward production

State-of-the-art calculation of hadron production at forward rapidities

- construct a nucleus by randomly placing nucleons
- use AAMQS parameters for proton IC optimized for DIS at small-x
- quantum evolution is performed "locally" in b space
- NO ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS



MC-DHJ/rcBK: results



- reproduce the data nicely
- AAMQS set h and rcMV for $\mathcal{N}(r,y)$
- Q_{s0A}^2 fixed by MC; no additional parameter

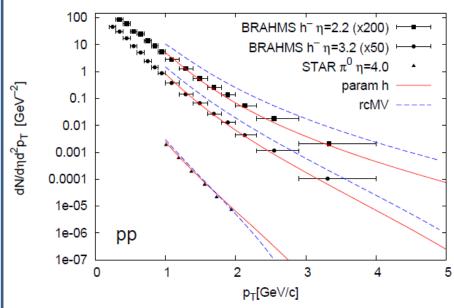
Towards global description of the event including soft fragmentation in the very forward region

→ 'DHJ+Lund' model by Y.Nara, today

modified MV model ($\gamma = 1.118$)

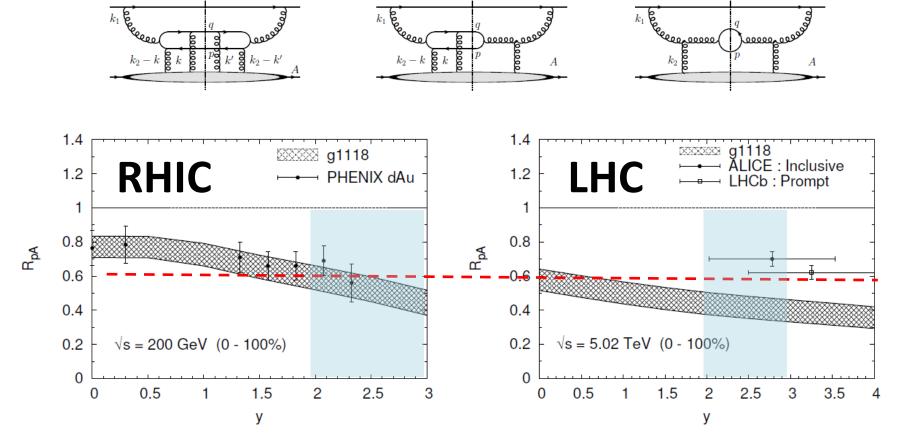
"running coupling" version of MV model [lancu-KI-Triantafylopoulos]: to be consistent with rcBK evolution

- Set *h* works well even in *pp*, but not as good as Albacete-Marquet
- rcMV is not "tuned" (similar param as MV)
- However, both work quite well in dAu (IC dependence reduces at high rapidity)



Heavy Quarkonium prod. with rcBK

Blaizot, Gelis, Venugopalan, 2004 Watanabe, Fujii 2013



rcBK calculation (without param.) works well in RHIC data, but not in LHC In LHC with larger collision energy, stronger suppression is naturally expected and CGC should become a better framework

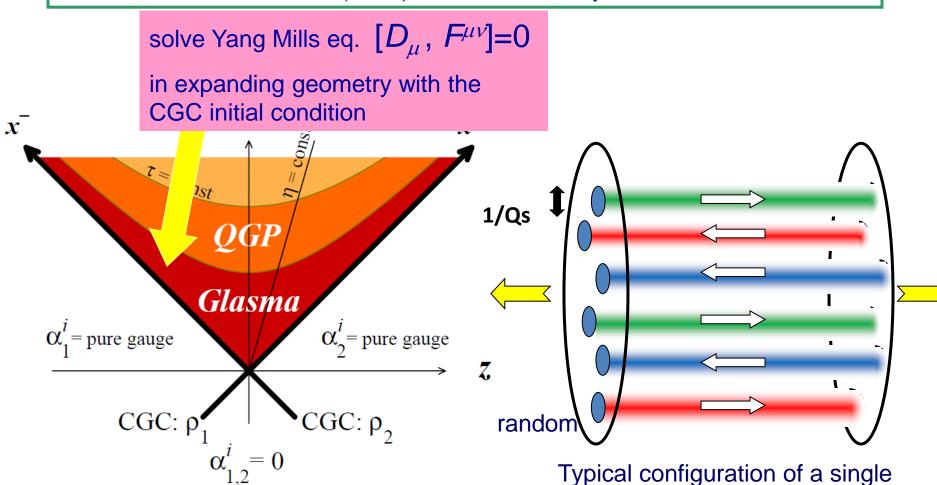
← Exp. results suggest something extraordinary??

Glasma

Preequilibrium dynamics towards QGP

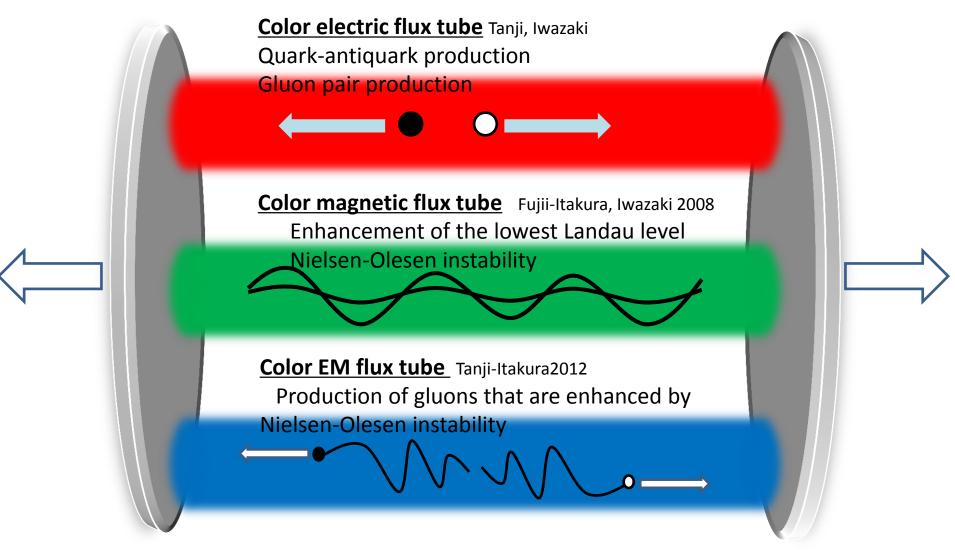
CGC turns into Glasma

Glasma: non-equilibrium matter between Color Glass Condensate (CGC) and Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP). Created in heavy-ion collisions.



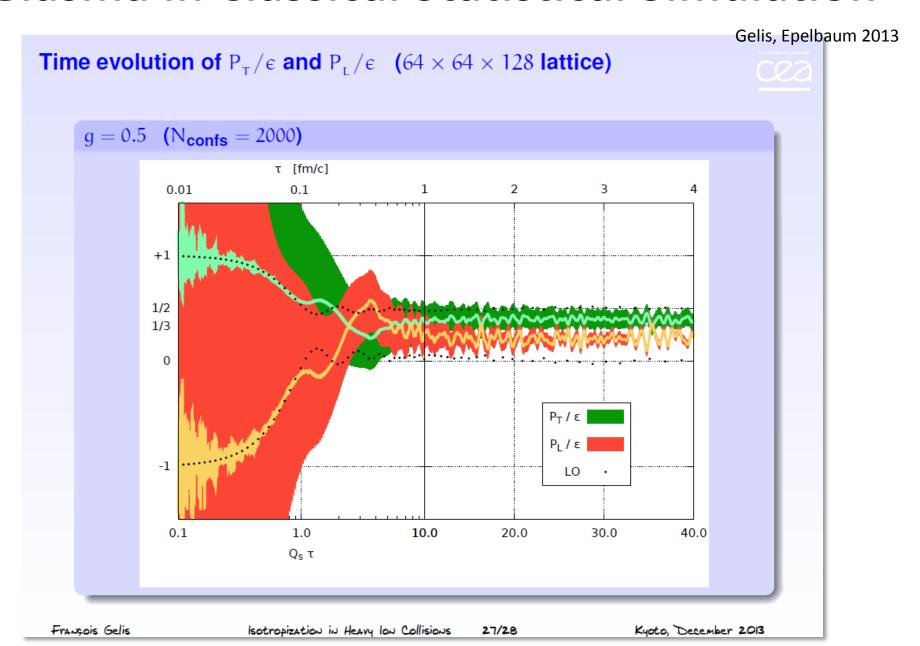
event just after the collision

Unstable Glasma



- Nonlinear time evolution of Glasma → Turbulent spectrum (≠ thermal)
- → We definitely need more input from strong field physics

Glasma in Classical Statistical Simulation

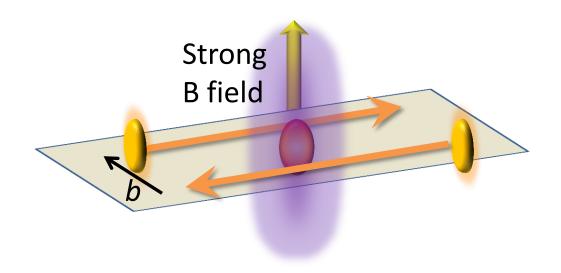


Strong Fields

A new tool to probe early time stages

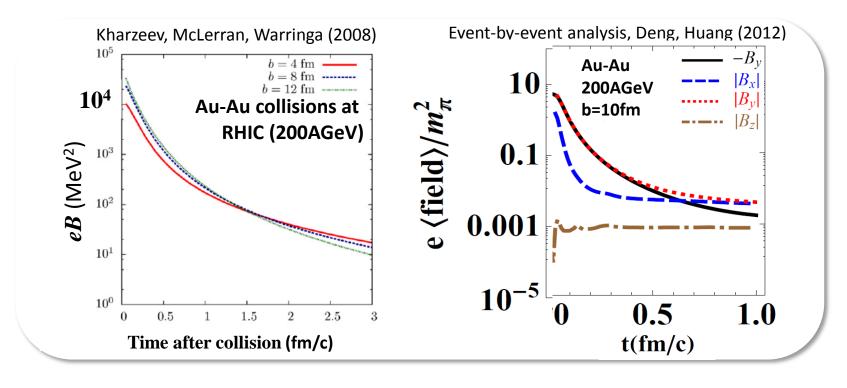
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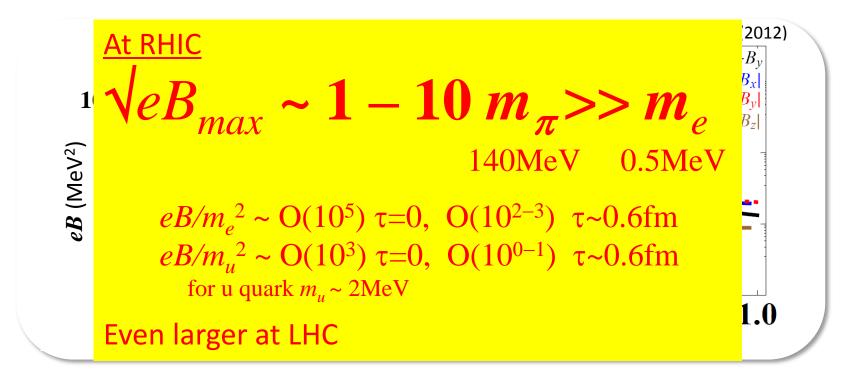
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Decay very fast:

Strong field physics will be most prominent in very early time! (though the fields are still strong enough even at QGP formation time)

Very strong fields exist at very early time in HIC



"Strong field physics" can be a good probe of early time dynamics in HICs



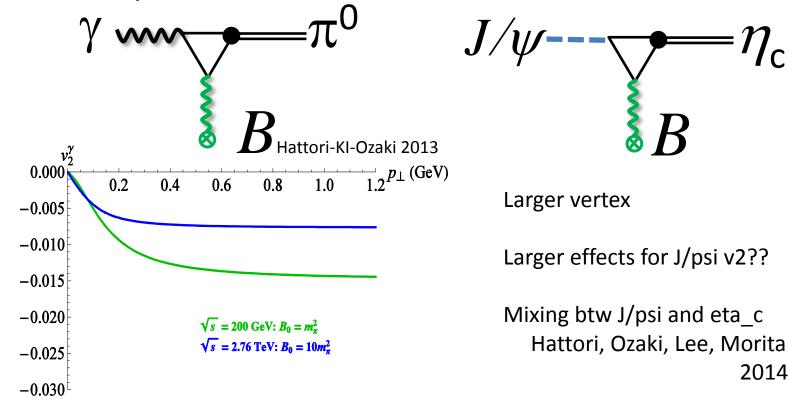
Can provide new insights into unsolved problem of "early thermalization"

Examples of strong field physics

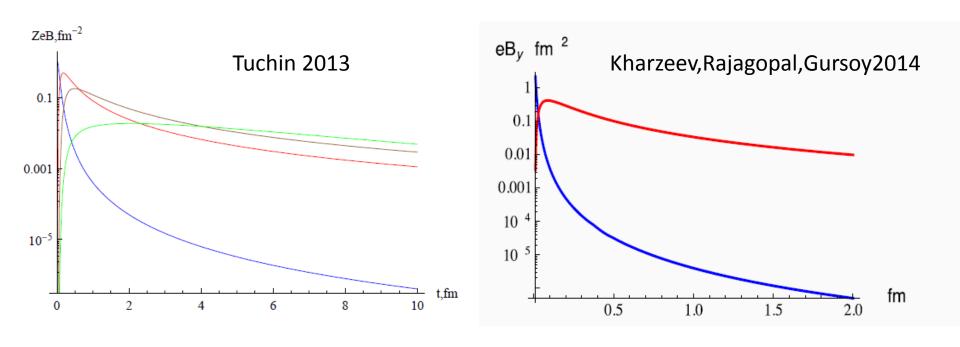
- Synchrotron radiation of photons and gluons (generate positive v2 of photon and pions, quantitative analysis difficult)
- Photon's vacuum birefringence and decay (generate negative v2)

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Anomaly induced conversion



Towards more realistic evolution of B



Inclusion of finite electric conductivity greatly affects time evolution of the fields.

Need to better understand the time evolution of B

Summary

- Considerable progress in understanding initial conditions and early time stages of heavy-ion collisions.
- **CGC**: rcBK provides good description. Something new and interesting in LHC?
- **Glasma**: still far from, but hopefully few steps towards thermalization. Need to understand physics behind numerics.
- Strong Fields: useful to probe pre-equilibrium stages