Resumming large radiative corrections in the high-energy evolution of the Color Glass Condensate

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Collinearly-improved BK equation

Introduction

- The CGC effective theory: the pQCD description for the wavefunction of an energetic hadron and its interactions
 - non-linear effects: gluon saturation, multiple scattering
- "Effective theory" : high-energy evolution described by pQCD
 - Balitsky-JIMWLK hierarchy pprox BK equation (at large N_c)
 - non-linear generalizations of the BFKL equation
- The non-linear evolution has recently been promoted to NLO
 - essential for a realistic phenomenology

(Balitsky, Chirilli, 2008, 2013; Kovner, Lublinsky, Mulian, 2013)

- Large corrections enhanced by double or single transverse logarithms
 - lack of convergence, unstable evolution at NLO
- Similar problems encountered & solved for NLO BFKL
 - collinear resummations, formulated in Mellin space

(Salam, Ciafaloni, Colferai, Stasto, 98-03; Altarelli, Ball, Forte, 00-03)

- Mellin representation is not suitable beyond the linear approximation
- Non-linear effects (multiple scattering) most naturally discussed in terms of transverse coordinates
 - eikonal approximation, Wilson lines
- Alternative resummation, formulated in transverse coordinates (E.I., Madrigal, Mueller, Soyez, and Triantafyllopoulos, 2015)
 - direct calculation of Feynman graphs (light-cone perturbation theory) (*arXiv:1502.05642, Phys.Lett. B744 (2015) 293*)
 - transparent physical interpretation
 - promising phenomenology (so far, only DIS) (arXiv:1507.03651, Phys.Lett. B, to appear)
 - $\bullet\,$ extension to pp and pA (at least) is straightforward

Dipole-hadron scattering ($\gamma^* p$, $\gamma^* A$, pA, ...)



- Dipole: large q^+ , transverse size r, transverse resolution $Q^2 = 1/r^2$
- Target: large P^- , high gluon density (CGC), saturation momentum Q_s^2
- Elastic S-matrix $S(r) \sim$ dipole survival probability
 - scattering is weak $(S(r)\simeq 1)$ when the dipole is small: $Q^2\gg Q_s^2$
 - scattering amplitude $T(r) \equiv 1-S(r)$: $T(r) \propto r^2$ as $r \ll 1/Q_s$

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 - scattering is strong $(S(r)\ll 1)$ when the dipole is large: $Q^2\gtrsim Q_s^2$
 - unitarity bound ('black disk limit') : $T(r) \leq 1$

High energy evolution

• Probability $\sim \alpha_s \ln \frac{1}{x}$ to radiate a soft gluon with $x \equiv \frac{k^+}{a^+} \ll 1$



• When $\alpha_s \ln \frac{1}{x} \sim 1$, need for resummation: $(\alpha_s Y)^n$ with $Y \equiv \ln \frac{1}{x}$

- BFKL evolution of the dipole in the background of the dense target
- $\bullet \ \ {\rm multiple \ scattering} \Longrightarrow {\rm non-linear \ evolution} \Longrightarrow {\rm Balitsky-JIMWLK}$

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



• Large N_c : the original dipole splits into two new dipoles

$$\frac{\partial S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}}}{\partial Y} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{2\pi} \int d^2 \boldsymbol{z} \, \frac{(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y})^2}{(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{z})^2 (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{z})^2} \left[S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{z}} S_{\boldsymbol{z}\boldsymbol{y}} - S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}} \right]$$

- 'dipole kernel' : probability for the dipole to split (Al Mueller, 1990)
- 'real term' : the soft gluons exists at the time of scattering
- 'virtual term' : initial (or final) state evolution
- Mean field approximation to the Balitsky-JIMWLK hierarchy

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Double-logarithmic approximation: DLA 1.0

• Large transverse separation between projectile and target: $Q^2 \gg Q_s^2$



- Large transverse phase-space for gluon emission at $r \ll z \ll 1/Q_s$
 - scattering is still weak: $T\equiv 1-S\ll 1$ for all dipoles
 - the daughter dipoles scatter stronger (since larger): $T(z) \gg T(r)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \frac{T(r^2)}{r^2} \simeq \bar{\alpha}_s \int_{r^2}^{1/Q_s^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}z^2}{z^2} \frac{T(z^2)}{z^2} \implies \Delta T \sim \bar{\alpha}_s Y \ln \frac{Q^2}{Q_s^2} T$$

Next-to-leading order

• Any effect of $\mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha}_s^2 Y) \Longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha}_s)$ correction to the BFKL kernel



- The prototype: two successive emissions, one soft and one non-soft
- The maximal correction thus expected: $\mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha}_s \rho)$ with $\rho \equiv \ln(Q^2/Q_s^2)$
- But one finds an even larger effect: $\mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha}_s \rho^2)$ ('double collinear log')
- Originally found as a NLO correction to the BFKL kernel (Fadin, Lipatov, Camici, Ciafaloni ... 95-98; Balitsky, Chirilli, 07)

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

- Very complicated in full generality
- Here: $N_{\rm f} = 0$, large $N_{\rm c}$, tiny fonts

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}}}{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{Y}} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{z} \frac{(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})^2}{(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{z})^2(\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{z})^2} \left(S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{z}}S_{\boldsymbol{z}\boldsymbol{y}} - S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}}\right) \left\{ 1 + \right.$ $+ \bar{\alpha}_s \left[\bar{b} \ln(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y})^2 \mu^2 - \bar{b} \frac{(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{z})^2 - (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{z})^2}{(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{z})^2} \ln \frac{(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{z})^2}{(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{z})^2} \right]$ $+\frac{67}{2c}-\frac{\pi^2}{12}-\frac{1}{2}\ln\frac{(x-z)^2}{(x-z)^2}\ln\frac{(y-z)^2}{(x-z)^2}$ $+\frac{\bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{s}^{2}}{8\pi^{2}}\int\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\boldsymbol{u}\,\mathrm{d}^{2}\boldsymbol{z}}{(\boldsymbol{u}-\boldsymbol{z})^{4}}\left(S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{u}}S_{\boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{z}}S_{\boldsymbol{z}\boldsymbol{y}}-S_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{u}}S_{\boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{y}}\right)$ $\begin{cases} -2 + \frac{(x-u)^2(y-z)^2 + (x-z)^2(y-u)^2 - 4(x-y)^2(u-z)^2}{(x-z)^2(u-z)^2 - (x-z)^2(u-u)^2} \ln \frac{(x-u)^2(y-z)^2}{(x-z)^2(u-u)^2} \end{cases}$ $+\frac{(x-y)^{2}(u-z)^{2}}{(x-u)^{2}(u-z)^{2}}\left[1+\frac{(x-y)^{2}(u-z)^{2}}{(x-u)^{2}(u-z)^{2}-(x-z)^{2}(u-z)^{2}}\right]\ln\frac{(x-u)^{2}(y-z)^{2}}{(x-v)^{2}(u-z)^{2}}\right]$

Deconstructing NLO BK

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

- blue : leading-order (LO) terms
- red : NLO terms enhanced by (double or single) transverse logarithms
- black : pure $\bar{\alpha}_s$ corrections (no logarithms)

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• Keeping just the logarithmically enhanced terms ($z \gg r$, weak scattering)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}T(r)}{\mathrm{d}Y} \simeq \bar{\alpha}_s \int \mathrm{d}z^2 \, \frac{r^2}{z^4} \left\{ 1 - \bar{\alpha}_s \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{z^2}{r^2} + \frac{11}{12} \ln \frac{z^2}{r^2} - \bar{b} \ln r^2 \mu^2 \right) \right\} T(z)$$

NLO : unstable numerical solutions

• $T(\rho,Y)$ as a function of $\rho=\ln(1/r^2Q_0^2)$ with increasing Y



- Left: leading-order BK : the saturation front
 - weak scattering at large ρ (small r) : $T\,\propto\,r^2={\rm e}^{-\rho}$
 - unitarity limit at small ρ (large r) : T = 1
 - transition at the saturation scale: $T(Y, r) \sim 1$ when $r = 1/Q_s(Y)$

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• Right: LO BK + the double collinear logarithm at NLO (our calculation, arXiv:1502.05642)

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- Right: full NLO BK : evolution speed $(\partial_Y T)/T$ (Lappi, Mäntysaari, arXiv:1502.02400)
- The main source of instability: the double collinear logarithm

The double collinear logarithm

• Two successive emissions which are strongly ordered in both ...



- \bullet longitudinal momenta : $q^+ \gg p^+ \gg k^+$
- ... and transverse sizes (or momenta): $r_{\perp}^2 \ll u_{\perp}^2 \ll z_{\perp}^2 \ll 1/Q_s^2$
- "Two iterations of DLA 1.0 $\Longrightarrow \mathcal{O}((\bar{\alpha}_s Y \rho)^2)$ " ... not exactly !
 - additional constraint due to time ordering: $au_p > au_k$

Time ordering

• Heisenberg: fluctuations have a finite lifetime $\tau_k \sim \frac{k^+}{k_\perp^2} \sim k^+ z_\perp^2$



$$p^+ u_\perp^2 > k^+ z_\perp^2 \implies \Delta Y \equiv \ln \frac{p^+}{k^+} > \Delta \rho \equiv \ln \frac{z_\perp^-}{u_\perp^2}$$

• Additional restriction on the DLA phase-space \Rightarrow double collinear logs

 $Y > \rho \implies \bar{\alpha}_s Y \rho \longrightarrow \bar{\alpha}_s (Y - \rho) \rho = \bar{\alpha}_s Y \rho - \bar{\alpha}_s \rho^2$

• Time ordering enters perturbation theory via energy denominators

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- Mixed Fourier representation: p^+ and x^+ , with $p^- = p_\perp^2/2p^+ = 1/\tau_p$
- All possible time orderings for successive, soft, emissions
- The time (x^+) integrals yield energy denominators



• time-ordered graphs

$$\frac{1}{p^- + k^-} = \frac{\tau_p \tau_k}{\tau_p + \tau_k}$$

• to have double logs, one needs

 $\tau_p \gg \tau_k$

• Integrate out the harder gluon (p^+, u_\perp) to DLA :

$$ar{lpha}_s \int_{r^2}^{z^2} rac{\mathrm{d}u^2}{u^2} \int_{k^+}^{q^+} rac{\mathrm{d}p^+}{p^+} \Theta(p^+u^2 - k^+z^2) \, = \, ar{lpha}_s Y
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- Equivalently: a local equation but with an all-order resummed kernel

The collinearly improved BK equation

- The argument extends beyond DLA, that is, to BFKL/BK equations
- The generalized, non-local, BK equation (with the usual kernel, but with time-ordering) is equivalent to the following, local, equation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}}}{\mathrm{d}Y} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{z}}{2\pi} \frac{(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})^2}{(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{z})^2(\boldsymbol{z}-\boldsymbol{y})^2} \,\mathcal{K}_{\mathrm{DLA}}\left(\bar{\rho}^2(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y},\boldsymbol{z})\right) \left(\tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{z}}\tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{z}\boldsymbol{y}} - \tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}}\right)$$

... with the all-order resummed kernel: (see also Sabio-Vera, 2005)

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{DLA}}(\rho^2) \equiv \frac{J_1(2\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s \rho^2})}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s \rho^2}} = 1 - \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s \rho^2}{2} + \frac{(\bar{\alpha}_s \rho^2)^2}{12} + \cdots$$

... and the symmetrized version of the collinear double-log:

$$ar{
ho}^2(m{x},m{y},m{z})\,\equiv\,\lnrac{(m{x}\!-\!m{z})^2}{(m{x}\!-\!m{y})^2}\lnrac{(m{y}\!-\!m{z})^2}{(m{x}\!-\!m{y})^2}$$

• The first correction, of $\mathcal{O}(\bar{\alpha}_s\bar{\rho}^2)$, coincides with the NLO double-log

Extending to single-logs & running coupling

Recall the NLO equation with all the transverse logs

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}T(r)}{\mathrm{d}Y} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \mathrm{d}z^2 \, \frac{r^2}{z^4} \left\{ 1 - \bar{\alpha}_s \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{z^2}{r^2} + \frac{11}{12} \ln \frac{z^2}{r^2} - \bar{b} \, \ln r^2 \mu^2 \right) \right\} T(z)$$

- the double-logarithm is already included within $\mathcal{K}_{\text{\tiny DLA}}(\rho)$ 🗸
- ullet the collinear single-log is part of the DGLAP anomalous dimension \checkmark
- the running coupling log is resummed by replacing $\bar{\alpha}_s \rightarrow \bar{\alpha}_s(r_{\min})$ \checkmark

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}}}{\mathrm{d}Y} = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2\boldsymbol{z}}{2\pi} \,\bar{\alpha}_{\boldsymbol{s}}(r_{\mathrm{min}}) \,\frac{(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})^2}{(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{z})^2(\boldsymbol{z}-\boldsymbol{y})^2} \begin{bmatrix} r^2\\ z_{<}^2 \end{bmatrix}^{\pm A_1\bar{\alpha}_{\boldsymbol{s}}} \mathcal{K}_{\mathrm{DLA}}\big(\bar{\rho}^2(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y},\boldsymbol{z})\big) \\ \times \big(\tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{z}}\tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{z}\boldsymbol{y}} - \tilde{S}_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}}\big)$$

$$A_1 \equiv rac{11}{12}, \qquad z_<^2 \equiv \min\{({m x} - {m z})^2, ({m y} - {m z})^2\}$$

Numerical solutions: saturation front



• Fixed coupling $\bar{\alpha}_s = 0.25$, double collinear logs alone

- left: expanded to NLO
- right: resummed to all orders
- The resummation stabilizes & slows down the evolution

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Saturation exponent $\lambda_s \equiv d \ln Q_s^2 / dY$



- Fixed coupling
 - LO: $\lambda_s \simeq 4.88 \bar{\alpha}_s \simeq 1$
 - resummed DL: $\lambda_s \simeq 0.5$
 - DL + SL: $\lambda_s \simeq 0.4$

- Running coupling
 - LO: $\lambda_s = 0.25 \div 0.30$
 - DL + SL: $\lambda_s \simeq 0.2$
 - better convergence

Fitting the HERA data

- The most recent analysis of HERA data: very small error bars
 - Bjoerken' $x \leq 0.01$
 - $Q^2 < Q^2_{\rm max}$ with $Q^2_{\rm max} = 50 \div 400 \ {\rm GeV^2}$
- Numerical solutions to the collinearly-improved BK equation with initial conditions (at $x_0 = 0.01$) which involve 4 free parameters
- 3 light quarks + charm quark, all treated on the same footing
 - good quality fits for $m_{u,d,s} = 0 \div 140$ MeV and $m_c = 1.3$ or 1.4 GeV
- Good quality fits: χ^2 per point around 1.1-1.2
- Very discriminatory: the fits favor
 - initial condition: MV model with running coupling
 - smallest-dipole prescription for the running
 - physical values for the free parameters

The HERA fit: rcMV initial condition



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• Saturation line $Q_s^2(x)$ on top of the experimental data points

• saturation exponent: $\lambda_s = 0.20 \div 0.24$

Conclusions & Perspectives

- The high energy evolution of a color dipole beyond leading order is by now under control
- The generalization to more complicated (still dilute) projectiles proton, color quadrupole, ... is straightforward
- The generalization to full JIMWLK is less obvious
 - $\bullet\,$ essential for applications to AA collisions
- Similar 'NLO and beyond' calculations also needed for impact factors
- Previous attempts (single-inclusive particle production in pA) lead to unstable results (negative cross-section at p⊥ > Q_s) (Chirilli, Watanabe, Xiao, Yuan, Zaslavsky, 2012-2015)
- Still many open problems ... but we are likely close to having an accurate description of high-energy scattering in pQCD

Back-up Slides

Dipole factorization for DIS at small x



$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\gamma^* p}(Q^2, x) &= 2\pi R_p^2 \sum_f \int d^2 r \int_0^1 dz \left| \Psi_f(r, z; Q^2) \right|^2 T(r, x) \\ &x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \simeq \frac{Q^2}{s} \ll 1 \quad \text{(Bjoerken' } x\text{)} \end{split}$$

• T(r,x) : scattering amplitude for a qar q color dipole with transverse size r

- $r^2 \sim 1/Q^2$: the resolution of the dipole in the transverse plane
- x : longitudinal fraction of a gluon from the target that scatters

Fitting the HERA data: initial conditions

- Use numerical solutions to collinearly-improved running-coupling BK equation using initial conditions which involve free parameters
 - a similar strategy as for the DGLAP fits
- Various choices for the initial condition at $x_0 = 0.01$:

GBW:
$$T(Y_0, r) = \left\{ 1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{r^2 Q_0^2}{4}\right)^p \right] \right\}^{1/p}$$

$$\mathsf{rcMV}: \quad T(Y_0, r) = \left\{ 1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{r^2 Q_0^2}{4} \,\bar{\alpha}_s(r) \left[1 + \ln\left(\frac{\bar{\alpha}_{\text{sat}}}{\bar{\alpha}_s(r)}\right) \right] \right)^p \right] \right\}^{1/p}$$

• One loop running coupling with scale $\mu=2C_{\alpha}/r$:

• 4 free parameters: R_p (proton radius), Q_0 , p, C_{lpha}

The HERA fit in tables

init	RC	sing.	χ^2 per data point			parameters				
cdt.	schm	logs	$\sigma_{\rm red}$	$\sigma_{\rm red}^{cc}$	F_L	R_p [fm]	Q_0 [GeV]	C_{α}	p	C_{MV}
GBW	small	yes	1.135	0.552	0.596	0.699	0.428	2.358	2.802	-
GBW	fac	yes	1.262	0.626	0.602	0.671	0.460	0.479	1.148	-
rcMV	small	yes	1.126	0.578	0.592	0.711	0.530	2.714	0.456	0.896
rcMV	fac	yes	1.222	0.658	0.595	0.681	0.566	0.517	0.535	1.550
GBW	small	no	1.121	0.597	0.597	0.716	0.414	6.428	4.000	-
GBW	fac	no	1.164	0.609	0.594	0.697	0.429	1.195	4.000	-
rcMV	small	no	1.097	0.557	0.593	0.723	0.497	7.393	0.477	0.816
rcMV	fac	no	1.128	0.573	0.591	0.703	0.526	1.386	0.502	1.015

init	RC	sing.	$\chi^2/$ npts for $Q^2_{ m max}$						
cdt.	schm	logs	50	100	200	400			
GBW	small	yes	1.135	1.172	1.355	1.537			
GBW	fac	yes	1.262	1.360	1.654	1.899			
rcMV	small	yes	1.126	1.172	1.167	1.158			
rcMV	fac	yes	1.222	1.299	1.321	1.317			
GBW	small	no	1.121	1.131	1.317	1.487			
GBW	fac	no	1.164	1.203	1.421	1.622			
rcMV	small	no	1.097	1.128	1.095	1.078			
rcMV	fac	no	1.128	1.177	1.150	1.131			



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• Rather stable predictions for the saturation line and the shape of the initial amplitude

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Prescriptions for running coupling



Numerical solutions: LO BK

• $T(\rho, Y)$ as a function of $\rho = \ln(1/r^2)$ with increasing Y



• color transparency at large ρ (small r) : $T\,\propto\,r^2={\rm e}^{-\rho}$

- unitarity limit at small ρ (large r) : T = 1
- saturation exponent (speed): $\lambda_s \equiv \frac{d \ln Q_s^2}{dY} \simeq 1$ for $Y \gtrsim 10$

Light-cone perturbation theory

- Mixed Fourier representation: p^+ and x^+ , with $p^- = p_\perp^2/2p^+ = 1/\tau_p$
- All possible time orderings for successive, soft, emissions
- time ordered graphs

• anti time-ordered graphs



- The time (x^+) integrals yield energy denominators
- Integrate out the harder gluon (p^+, u_\perp) to $\mathsf{DLA}: r_\perp \ll u_\perp \ll z_\perp$

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- TO graphs generate the expected LLA contributions: $ar{lpha}_s Y
 ho$
- both TO and ATO graphs generate double collinear logs $ar{lpha}_s
 ho^2$
- the latter precisely cancel in the sum of all the ATO graphs
- net result: the double-collinear logs come from TO graphs alone

The Anti-Time-Ordered graphs



- $\bullet\,$ The softer gluon k^+ lives longer than the harder one p^+
- The DLA terms exactly cancel in the sum of all the ATO graphs
 - IR logs cancel between vertex (1a) and self-energy (1b) corrections
 - 'virtual' (2a) cancel against 'real' (2b) since hard gluon is not measured