Saturation phenomenology: selected results in p+p, p+A and A+A collisions

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the Color Glass Condensate (CGC) to approximate QCD in the saturation regime

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collinear factorization does not apply when x is too small and the hadron has become a dense system of partons

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## Forward particle production, dilute-dense collisions



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 $k_T, y$  transverse momentum  $k_T$ , rapidity y > 0values of x probed in the process:  $x_1 = M_T \ e^y / \sqrt{s}$   $x_2 = M_T \ e^{-y} / \sqrt{s}$ 

$$M_T^2 = (k_T/z)^2 + m_h^2$$

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Arleo, Eskola, Paukkunen and Salgado (2011)



Jalilian-Marian and Rezaeian (2012)

## Problem: NLO corrections are not under control at high $p_T$

- importance of NLO at high-p<sub>T</sub> Altinoluk and Kovner (2011)
- full NLO calculation Chirilli, Xiao and Yuan (2012)
- first numerical results Stasto, Xiao and Zaslavsky (2013)



#### Particle production in dense-dense (CGC on CGC) collisions



### Collision of two CGCs

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these wave functions are mainly non-perturbative, but their evolution is known



$$\frac{d}{d\ln(1/x)} \left| \Phi_x[\alpha] \right|^2 = H^{JIMWLK} \otimes \left| \Phi_x[\alpha] \right|^2$$

 after the collision: the Glasma phase the gluon field is a complicated function of the two classical color sources

Lappi and McLerran (2006)

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 $x^{-}$   $\tau = \operatorname{cst.} (3)$   $\eta = \operatorname{cst.}^{x^{+}}$   $A_{\mu} = ?$   $A_{\mu} = \operatorname{pure \ gauge \ 1}$   $A_{\mu} = \operatorname{pure \ gauge \ 2}$  (4)  $A_{\mu} = 0$ 

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• perform the CGC averages

$$\langle O \rangle = \int D\rho_1 D\rho_2 |\Phi_{x_1}[\rho_1]|^2 |\Phi_{x_2}[\rho_2]|^2 O[\mathcal{A}_{\mu}]$$

rapidity factorization proved recently at leading-order for (multi-)gluon production

Gelis, Lappi and Venugopalan (2008)

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same conclusion: disconnected diagrams dominate multi-gluon production, multi-particle correlations can be calculated!

 however the following phases cannot be ignored if the system later becomes a perfect fluid, those initial QCD momentum correlations will be washed away

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 $\rightarrow \Delta \phi$ 

 $\pi$ 



compared to standard QCD di-jets

such strucutre exists independently of the assumption Kovner and Lublinsky (2011)

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example with an initial Glasma field

(a) CMS  $\int L dt = 3.1 \mu b^{-1}$ 6.6 PbPb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV, 0-5% centrality 6.4  $\frac{1}{N_{trig}}\frac{d^2N^{pair}}{d\Delta\eta\,d\Delta\varphi}$ 6.6 6.4 6 6.2 6.0 5. 4 6.0 2 ÿ 2 DU 0 5.8 -2

a proper treatment of the nuclear geometry and of it's fluctuation becomes crucial

 bulk observables in heavy-ion collisions reflect the properties of the initial state as much as those of the hydro evolution of the QGP
 QGP properties cannot be precisely extracted from data without a proper understanding of the initial state

#### Glasma+hydro approach

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#### eccentricity harmonics



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diagram which gives the  $\Delta \phi$  dependence

• in the absence of hydro flow

then like in p+p, one sees the QCD momentum correlations

Dusling and Venugopalan (2013)

but the CGC should reproduce also the large higher cumulants – not clear that the glasma phase alone can do that



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Bzdak, Schenke, Tribedy and Venugopalan (2013)

other options to access the QCD momentum correlations ?
 e+A collisions, and maybe p+A in the forward region

#### Conclusions

- dilute-dense p+p and p+A collisions:
  - single-inclusive: CGC works well but first NLO results raise questions

- di-hadrons: see last talk today

• dense-dense p+p, p+A and A+A collisions:

- in the absense of final-state hydro flow, small-x high-density QCD momentum-space correlations are seen, and qualitatively understood

- in the presence of flow, what is relevant is the initial spatial distributions, and the CGC picture is also necessary and successful

- if flow in p+A at LHC, e+A collisions become the only way to directly probe the nuclear gluon distribution