

Partonic structure & small x: theory

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Experiment:

Candidate from NC sample

Lepton method $Q_e^2 = 4E_e E_e' \cos^2(\frac{\theta_e}{2})$ $y_e \quad = \quad 1 - \frac{E_e'}{E_e} \sin^2(\frac{\theta_e}{2})$

Hadron method $Q_h^2 = \frac{1}{1 - y_h} \cdot E_h^2 \sin^2(\theta_h)$ $y_h = \frac{E_h}{E_c} \sin^2(\frac{\theta_h}{2})$

Note: angles measured with respect to the p direction (HERA convention).

HERA: $e^{\pm}(27.5) + p(920)$, $\sqrt{s} = 318$ GeV

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 \rightarrow Let us compare elastic scattering (x=1) on a pointlike s=1/2

particle with that on a proton and the inelastic one (for x∼*O*(1)):

 \rightarrow For fixed x, F_{1,2} roughly independent of Q (note $1/Q⁴$ behaviour of proton form factors): Bjorken scaling, pointlike scatterers. → 2xF₁=F₂: Callan-Gross relation, spin-1/2 scatterers.

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→ When we consider radiation from initial state (before a hard scattering σh), both real and virtual corrections appear:

→ They combine into a IR finite but collinearly divergent cross section: cQ^2 dl_2^2 $c1$ dl_2

$$
\sigma_{g+h} + \sigma_{V+h} \simeq \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}}_{\text{infinite}} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{1-z} [\sigma_h(zp) - \sigma_h(p)]}_{\text{finite}}
$$

➜The collinear divergence is absorbed in a redefinition of the PDFs putting a cut-off: the independence of its choice leads to DGLAP.

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Collinear factorisation:

● Factorisation is the statement of how a cross section can be computed:

$$
d\sigma_{h_1 + h_2 \to H + X} = \sum_{i,j,k} \int f_{i/h_1}(x_1, \mu_F) \otimes f_{j/h_2}(x_2, \mu_F) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{i+j \to k+X}(sx_1x_2, \mu_F, p_k) \otimes D_{k \to H} \left(\frac{p_H}{p_k}, \mu_F\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\mu_F}{\Lambda_{QCD}}\right)
$$

Parton density, universal:
independent of h_2, j, k, H ,
non perturbative (DGLAP)
 $\hat{\sigma} = \sum_{n} \alpha^n C_n$ independent of h_1, h_2, i, j ,
non perturbative (DGLAP)

● Standard collinear factorisation only proven in e^+e^- , DIS, DY (CSS 1980's): unitarity, gauge invariance, inclusivity essential; known cases where it has to be extended (TMD) or fails.

DIS on nuclei:

$$
R_{F_2}^A(x, Q^2) = \frac{F_2^A(x, Q^2)}{AF_2^{\text{nucleon}}(x, Q^2)}
$$

- \bullet R=1 indicates the absence of nuclear effects.
- R≠1 discovered in the early 70's, significant beyond isospin effects. • Each region demands a different

explanation.

How much does the structure of a hadron change when it is immersed in a nuclear medium? Multiple scattering, saturation,…; high-energy QCD

antishadowing *Flavour dependence?; relation with shadowing and coherence*

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 $Q_{E_1}^{\mathcal{A}}(x,Q)$ be $\Omega_{E_1}^{\mathcal{A}}(x,Q)$

shadowing

Collinear approach for nuclei:

 \bullet Bound nucleon \neq free nucleon: search for process independent nPDFs that realise this condition, assuming collinear factorisation.

$$
\sigma_{\text{DIS}}^{\ell+A\rightarrow \ell+X} = \sum_{i=q,\overline{q},g} f_i^A(\mu^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{\text{DIS}}^{\ell+i\rightarrow \ell+X}(\mu^2)
$$
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\text{Nuclear PDFs, obeying} \quad \text{Usual perturbative} \atop \text{the standard DGLAP} \quad \text{coefficient functions}
$$
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A(x,Q^2) = R_i^A(x,Q^2) f_i^p(x,Q^2) \left[R = \frac{f_i/A}{Af_{i/p}} \approx \frac{\text{measured}}{\text{expected if no nuclear effects}} \right]
$$

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 $f_i^{p, A}$

PDFs, or nuclear effects on them, parametrised at initial scale Q₀≫Λ_{QCD} employing sum rules (parametrisation biases)

fast (public) tools for evolution and computation of observables xFitter, APFEL, ApplGrid • One of the most standard procedures in HEP: development of in ICs
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• Problems known by the proton community (e.g., can they new physics?, 1905.05215; how to include theoretical uncertainties?, 1905.04311). ● Problems known by the proton community (e.g., can they hide

Ilinear factoris: • Its aim is extracting PDFs from data, assuming that S_{\cdot} **collinear factorisation works**.

Extraction of PDFs: DIS

 $\partial F_2(x,Q^2)$ $\frac{d^2\Omega(x,\mathcal{Q})}{d\log Q^2} \propto xg(x,Q^2)$: determines glue via DGLAP, $\mathscr{O}(\alpha_s)$: requires lever arm in **Q**2. $F_2(x,Q^2) \propto \sum xq(x,Q^2)$: determines directly valence (large x) and sea (low x) : determines the glue via DGLAP, $\mathscr{O}(\alpha_{\mathrm{s}})$: requires $F_L(x,Q^2) \propto xg(x,Q^2) - F_2(x,Q^2)$ is determines the give via DGLAr, $\mathcal{O}(a_s)$, requires $F_L(x,Q^2)$ as \mathcal{O}_{red} . $F_2^{c,b,t}\!(x,Q^2)$: determines heavy flavour PDFs: requires HQ ID. σ_r^{CC} : determines strange PDFs: requires HQ ID and measurement of missing energy. (*αs*)

Extraction of PDFs: hh

• Kinematics at LO $(2 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 2,...)$ gives estimators:

$$
x_{min,2\to 1} = x_T e^{\pm \eta}, \ \ x_{min,2\to 2} = \frac{x_T e^{-\eta}}{2 - x_T e^{\eta}}, \ \ x_T = \frac{2p_T}{\sqrt{s}}
$$

- DY at large mass, W/Z sensitive to sea;
- DY at low mass, W/Z, γ , jets, heavy flavours sensitive to glue (either directly or through evolution).

Uncertainty estimation:

■ Hessian method: first order expansion around minimum χ²₀.

$$
\chi^2 \approx \chi_0^2 + \sum_{ij} \delta a_i H_{ij} \delta a_j \quad H_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial a_i \partial a_j} \Big|_{a=a^0} \quad \chi^2 \approx \chi_0^2 + \sum_i z_i^2
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\Delta \chi^2 \equiv \sum_i \frac{\Delta \chi^2(z_i^+) + \Delta \chi^2(z_i^-)}{2N} \approx \sum_i \frac{(z_i^+)^2 + (z_i^-)^2}{2N} \qquad S_0 = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)
$$

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(\Delta X)_{\text{extremum}}^2 \approx \Delta \chi^2 \sum_j \left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial z_j}\right)^2 \qquad (\Delta X^+)^2 \approx \sum_k \left[\max\left\{X(S_k^+) - X(S^0), X(S_k^-) - X(S^0), 0\right\}\right]^2
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- Analogous methods can be used to extract FFs, but in this case e^+e^- is the main source of precise data.
- Interplay between PDFs and new physics is currently a growing concern at the (HL-)LHC (usually addressed within SMEFT).

nPDFs:

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● Centrality dependence (EPS09s) not from data but from the A-dependence of the parameters. ● Several models provide it: Vogt et al., FGS, Ferreiro et al.,…

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The data could be the FIDDOO from both The new data with casegot to the EDDS16 applying are

● Most Pb data from CHORUS, 198 Pb points from pPb@LHC: fit for a single nucleus not possible.

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Hadron structure beyond collinear:

- Collinear distributions provide limited information on hadrons.
- More complete information requires new distributions and factorisations and evolution equations: TMD, GPD,…

● See e.g. J. Collins, *Foundations of Perturbative QCD*, Camb. Monogr. Part. Phys. Nucl. Phys. Cosmol. 32 (2011) 1-624; R. Boussarie et al., *TMD Handbook*, 2304.03302; M. Diehl, Phys. Rept. 388 (2003) 41-277.

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Diffraction:

- \bullet At HERA, \sim 10 % of the events have a pseudorapidity gap in hadronic activity (or intact detected proton): **diffractive** .
- They measure the probability of the proton to remain intact in the scattering, while producing some activity far from the proton: exchange of colourless object(s), called *Pomeron* and *Reggeon* .

Diffractive event in ZEUS at HERA

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$$
\xi \equiv x_{IP} = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2}
$$

$$
\beta = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}
$$

 $t = (p - p')^2$

momentum fraction of the Pomeron w.r.t hadron

momentum fraction of parton w.r.t Pomeron

4-momentum transfer squared

Regge poles:

● Regge theory: pre-QCD theory for the strong interaction, they tried to derive the theory of strong interaction from first principles of QFT: unitarity, analyticity, crossing symmetry, short range. ● Justifying it from QCD has been a major endeavour of the field: BFKL.

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Diffractive SF and factorisation:

$$
\frac{d^3\sigma^D}{dx_{IP} dx \, dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi \alpha_{em}^2}{xQ^4} Y_+ \sigma_r^{D(3)}(x_{IP}, x, Q^2)
$$

$$
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$$
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$$
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● For fixed t, x*P*, collinear factorisation holds (Collins): diffractive PDFs expressing the conditional probability of finding a parton with momentum fraction β with the proton remaining intact.

$$
d\sigma^{ep \to eXY}(x, Q^2, x_{IP}, t) = \sum_{i} f_i^D \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{ei} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2/Q^2)
$$

Diffractive PDFs:

• To extract DPDFs, an additional assumption is made: Regge factorisation for P and R that seems to work for not large too x*P*.

$$
f_i^D(x, Q^2, x_{IP}, t) = f_{IP/p}(x_{IP}, t) f_i(\beta = x/x_{IP}, t)
$$

Poweron flux

$$
f_{IP/p}(x_{IP}, t) = A_{IP} \frac{e^{B_{IP}t}}{x^{2\alpha_{IP}(t)-1}}
$$

 $f_i(\beta, Q^2)$ evolve with DGLAP evolution equations: fits to HERA data (additional contributions at large x*P*=ξ and small β).

DPDFs at EICs:

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Diffraction in ep and shadowing:

Exclusive production:

● Exclusive production gives a 3D scan of the hadron/nucleus: gluon GPDs with vector mesons, quark GPDs with DVCS. It can be studied for Q=0 in UPCs, precision and Q>0 in EICs.

$$
\int_{\frac{x+\xi}{\xi}}^{\frac{d\psi}{\xi}} \frac{dw}{\xi} e^{-i\xi P^+ w^-} \left\langle P' \middle| T \overline{\psi}_j \left(0, \frac{1}{2} w^-, \mathbf{0}_T \right) \frac{\gamma^+}{2} \psi_j \left(0, -\frac{1}{2} w^-, \mathbf{0}_T \right) \middle| P \right\rangle_c
$$
\nOff-diagonal matrix elements, appear in amplitudes.

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Elastic vector mesons (II):

● Incoherent diffraction sensitive to fluctuations: hot spots? that determine the initial stage of HIC, the distribution of

 $10²$

 $\sigma(p\rightarrow J/\psi p)$ (nb)

 $10²$

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Iwo scattering case:

$$
\times \exp(-i[x_{1T} \cdot (k_T - p_T) + x_{2T} \cdot (p'_T - k_T)]\rho_A(x_{1+}, x_{1T})
$$

$$
\times \rho_A(x_{2+}, x_{2T})\theta(x_{2+} - x_{1+})
$$

Iwo scattering case:

Coherence and shadowing:

$$
\exp\left[-ik_{T}^{2}(x_{2+} - x_{1+})/(2p_{+})\right] = \exp\left[-i(x_{2+} - x_{1+})/l_{c}\right], \text{ with } l_{c} = 2p_{+}/k_{T}^{2}
$$
\n
$$
\text{A)} \quad p_{+} \to 0 \implies iT_{2}(q) \to 0 \text{ : incoherent, } \sigma_{A} = A\sigma^{1}
$$
\n
$$
\text{B)} \quad p_{+} \to \infty, \exp\left[-i(x_{2+} - x_{1+})/l_{c}\right] \to 1
$$
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$$
iT_{2}(q) = \frac{A(A-1)}{2} (i t_{\text{fov}})^{2} \int d^{2}x_{T} e^{-i x_{T} \cdot (p_{T}^{\prime} - p_{T})} T_{A}^{2}(x_{T}),
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{A}^{2} \equiv -\frac{A(A-1)}{2} \int d^{2}x_{T} [T_{A}(x_{T})\sigma]^{2} \text{ : coherent, } \sigma_{A} < A\sigma^{1}
$$

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High-energy QCD:

Hadron physics is forever, because today's devotion to high energies is *temporary*. High energies let us watch the vacuum being excited and think about it for some (Lorentzdilatated) time. Once the vacuum structure has been understood (the most important and the most difficult step still to make), hadron physics will turn back to small and medium energies. *Yuri Dokshitzer, 9801372*

- High energies provide:
- ➜ Large scales for the use of perturbation theory.
- → Large phase space for QCD radiation: large logarithms.

 \rightarrow Strong simplifications: eikonal approximation, neglection of spin exchanges,…

- Large energy is equivalent to probing the small x structure of hadrons (semihard scales).
- Dilation of scales: configurations become frozen between interaction times.

• Besides, we are interested in the high energy behaviour of gauge theories for the high-energy programme: QCD and, eventually, SM as background.

Radiation: DGLAP vs. BFKL $x_{n-1}, k_{T,n-1}$ $x_{n-2}, k_{T,n-2}$ \cdots $x_1, k_{T,1}$ … x_n, Q_n x_0, Q_0 $k_{T,i}$ dx_i $d\theta_i$ $dP_i \propto$ $\omega_i = x_i E, \theta_i \simeq$ $x_n < x_{n-1} < x_{n-2} < \ldots < x_1 < x_0$ *xi θi ωi* A) DGLAP, moderate x: $Q_n^2 \gg k_{T,n-1}^2 \gg k_{T,n-2}^2 \gg \ldots \gg k_{T,1}^2 \gg Q_0^2$ $\int_{Q_0}^{Q_n} dP_{n-1} \int_{Q_0}^{k_{T,n-1}} dP_{n-2} \dots \int_{Q_0}^{k_{T,2}} dP_1 \propto \left[\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln \frac{Q_n}{Q_0} \right]^n$

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DIS: legacy from HERA

- Three pQCD-based alternatives to describe ep and eA data (differences at moderate $Q^2(>\Lambda^2_{QCD})$ and small x):
- → DGLAP evolution (fixed order pQCD).
- \rightarrow Resummation schemes (of $[a_s ln(1/x)]^n$ terms).
- **→ Non linear effects: saturation.**

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dense medium in heavy-

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Color Glass Condensate:

● At **small enough x** for the projectile to interact coherently with the whole hadron, the CGC offers a (weak coupling but non-perturbative) description of the hadron wave function. $x \leq$ 1 $2m_N R_A$ $\sim 0.1A^{-1/3}$

• The RG equation for the slow/fast separation (JIMWLK) was derived for scattering of a dilute projectile on a dense

target. Gluon # becomes as high as it can be $O(a_s^{-1})$ below \mathbf{Q}_s^2 . $\rho_{proj} \simeq \mathcal{O}(1), \rho_{tar} \simeq \mathcal{O}(1/\alpha_s)$

● Its mean-field version (the Balitsky-Kovchegov equation) is the tool for phenomenology: numerically and analytically understood.

Wilson lines:

● The objects representing the hadron in the CGC are hadron (target) averages (color singlets) of Wilson lines (in the color representation of the particle traversing the field):

$$
U(x^+, y^+, \mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathcal{P}^+ \exp \left\{ ig \int_{y^+}^{x^+} dz^+ A_T^{-,a}(z^+, \mathbf{x}) T^a \right\}
$$

 $\langle U_{x_1} \cdots U_{x_n} \rangle_{\text{target}}, \quad U_x \equiv U(x^+, y^+, \mathbf{x})$

● Wilson lines come through an eikonal approximation, and they resume multiple scatterings, they represent the color rotation of the particle traversing the field.

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The (NLL) BK equation is the actual tool for phenomenology: \bullet IR safe. q **(k)** correlations (expected ● Geometric scaling. \overline{q} aturation scale $Q_s^2 \propto exp(\lambda Y)$ [fc], $exp(c\sqrt{Y})$ [rc], $Y=ln(1/x)$. **0.5** ● Saturation scale Qs ²∝exp(λY) [fc], exp(c√Y) [rc], Y=ln(1/x). **0.4** г, data: H1 (PLB665, 139; x-averaged) $Q^2 = 0.11$ GeV² $F₂$ **solid: GBW initial conditions
dotted: MV initial conditions** $Q^2 = 0.5$ GeV² **-3 ¹⁰ -2 ¹⁰ -1 ¹⁰ ¹ ¹⁰ ² ¹⁰ ³ ¹⁰ ⁴ ¹⁰ ⁵ ¹⁰ -2 ¹⁰ -1 ¹⁰ ¹ ¹⁰ ² ¹⁰ ³ ¹⁰ ⁴ ¹⁰ ⁵ ¹⁰ ⁶ ¹⁰** $k \rightarrow \infty$ **k (GeV/c)** *N* ¹ 1 ↑ ↑ ↑ *1 I*^F 1 **1** *I*^F 1 **1** *I*^F 1 **I**^F 1 **1** *I*^F 1 **I**^F 1 **I**^F 1 **I**F 1 *I*^F 1 **I**^F $\begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $Q^2 = 1.5$ GeV⁴ $\frac{1}{k}$ $\frac{1}{k}$ $\frac{1}{k}$ **B**_{Q2} (GeV²) ! **⁷ 10** $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ $Q^2 = 5$ GeV² *d*²*r* \overline{a} ²*r*² *^eⁱ k·*⌅ *^rN*(*Y, r, b*) **⁵ 10** $Q^2(x)$ ¹⁴ $\frac{1}{x}$ **⁴ 10** $Q^2 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$ $Q^2 = 50$ GeV² $(GeV²)$ initial conditions solid: GBW F_{2} $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{Z}} & \text{dotted: MV} & \mathbb{N} & \mathbb{Z} \ \mathbb{Z} & \text{dotted:} & \mathbb{N} \end{array} \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{Z}} & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \ \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$ **10 1,8**
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The dipole picture:

- Photon described by its hadronic fluctuations (long lived, $x<$ (m_NR)-1~0.1A^{1/3})
- $| \gamma^* \rangle = | q \bar{q} \rangle + | q \bar{q} g \rangle + | q \bar{q} g \rangle + | q \bar{q} g g \rangle + | q \bar{q} q \bar{q} \rangle ...$
- Components at fixed transverse position during interaction (eikonal approximation).
- Picture useful for saturation (target at rest).

- Unified description of inclusive, diffractive and exclusive processes.
- *N. Armesto, 12-14.06.2024 Partonic structure & small x: theory.* \bullet Now $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$ included (NLO) in inclusive, diffractive and exclusive VM production.

Evolution in the dipole picture:

- Emitted gluons have momentum fraction $\in [x, z]$.
- Gluons are attributed either to the hadron or the dipole, but cross section is the same.
- Factors $\alpha_s \ln 1/x \sim 1$ come from each emission; such emissions must be resummed: NLO+NLL evolution equation in $y = \ln(1/x)$.

gluons up to y are part of proton

$$
\sigma^{\gamma^* p} = \left[\psi^{\gamma^* \to q\bar{q}} \right]_y^2 \otimes 2 \text{Im} \mathcal{A}_y^{q\bar{q}p} + \left[\psi^{\gamma^* \to q\bar{q}g} \right]_y^2 \otimes 2 \text{Im} \mathcal{A}_y^{q\bar{q}gp} + \dots
$$

=
$$
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● Unitarity (probability conservation in QM) implies that the (Img forward) scattering amplitude N≤1 (optical theorem \Rightarrow $\sigma \times N$). But $xg(x,Q^2) \propto \int^{Q^2} dk^2 \phi(x,k^2), \phi(x,k^2) \propto \int \frac{d^2r}{r^2} e^{ik\cdot r} N(x,r)$

so xg(x,Q²)∝x^{- λ} at fixed Q² is not compatible with unitarity. The most celebrated dipole model is GBW, Q_s²∝x^{- λ}.

$$
\mathcal{N}^{GBW}(r,Y\!=\!0)=1-\exp\left[-\left(\frac{r^2\,Q_{s\,0}^2}{4}\right)^{\gamma}\right]
$$

Unitarity:

Dilute-dense:

● Analytical calculations at a classical level only available in a dilutedense situation: dilute projectile on dense target.

● Dense-dense is addressed through numerics of classical QCD.

- Dilute-dilute should go to the linear regime (BFKL) that cannot not be extended to too large energies (unitarity, Froissart bound).
- Evolution equations (JIMWLK/BK) only available for a dilute projectile on a dense target (*jargon: no BFKL Pomeron loops*).

The path to precision:

- LO calculations: they show qualitative agreement with experimental data but lack precision to estimate uncertainties and establish clearly the existence of saturation.
- **NLO calculations**: burst of activity in recent years. ➜ Evolution equations: massive quarks in DIS.
	- **→ eA: dijet, dihadron and single hadron.**
	- ➜ Forward pA: single hadron and jet production
- in hybrid factorization.
- Relation with TMDs (t, p) and TMD factorization.
- Further: production at central rapidities, diffraction, exclusive processes, particle correlations, non-eikonal corrections, models for averages,…

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Observables:

• Compute the contributions relevant for the process from the projectile point of view (using equal or light-front quantization, covariant or light-cone gauges, Feynman diagrams or wave functions in Light Cone PT,…).

• Partons in the different contributions interact with the target through Wilson lines (usually at fixed transverse positions, eikonal approximation), that in the cross section appear as ensembles $\langle W \cdots W \rangle_T$.

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● Models for the non-perturbative input of objects later evolved: $\mathsf{PDFs}, \mathsf{FFs}, \mathsf{jet}$ functions, $\left\langle W \!\cdots W \right\rangle_T (\mathsf{MV}), \mathsf{Wigner}$ functions, \ldots

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Inclusive DIS:

Description of small x HERA data including heavy quarks: NLO BK.

$$
\sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma A \to X}(x_{Bj}, Q^2) \propto \int_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1} \int_0^1 dz_1 \Phi_{T,L}^{q\bar{q},LO}(\mathbf{x}_{01}, z_1, Q^2) \Big[1 - \langle s_{01} \rangle \Big]
$$

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\sigma_{T,L}(x_{Bj}, Q^2) = \sum_{q\bar{q} \text{ s.t.}} |\Psi_{q\bar{q}}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*}|^2 \Big[1 - \langle s_{01} \rangle_0 \Big] + \sum_{q\bar{q} \text{ s.t.}} |\Psi_{q\bar{q}g}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*}|^2 \Big[1 - \langle s_{012} \rangle_0 \Big]
$$

$$
S_{01} = \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \text{Tr} \Big\{ V(\mathbf{x}_0) V^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_1) \Big\} \right\rangle,
$$

$$
\sigma_r(y, x, Q^2) = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L(x, Q^2)
$$

 $S_{012} = \frac{N_c}{2C_F} \left(S_{02} S_{21} - \frac{1}{N_c^2} S_{01} \right)$

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 $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$

 $\int Ldt = 1$ fb⁻¹/A

15 GeV on 100 GeV

 $x = 1 \times 10^{-3}$

 0.9

eAu - Shadowing Model (LTS) Shadowing Model (LTS)

eAu - Saturation Mode

ep - Saturation Model

0.02

 0.018

0.016

 0.014

0.012 0.01 0.008

 $(GeV⁻²)$

do_{diff}/dM_x²

 $(1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})$ 0.006 0.004 0.002

pA: single inclusive

● State of the art for forward particle production in pA collisions: hybrid model, proposed at LO in 2005 (hep-ph/0506308).

● Wave function of the projectile proton treated in the spirit of collinear factorization (incoming parton with negligible transverse momentum).

• Perturbative corrections to this wave function given by usual QCD (+QED for photons) perturbative processes.

● CGC treatment of the target: collection of strong color fields that transfer transverse momentum to the rescattering partons.

• At LO, transverse momentum gained solely from rescattering.

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The small system puzzle:

Collective hadronisation

Collective expansion (hydro-like)

Direct photons

Final state interactions (non-hydro)

The small system puzzle:

• Azimuthal correlations extended in η (the ridge) are found in all systems from almost minimum bias pp (10) to central AA (2000) and are describable by viscous relativistic hydro (with suitable ICs):

 \rightarrow Final state interactions, so QGP-like physics in all systems? **→ Correlations already present** in the hadron or nucleus wave functions, as in CGC calculations?

● One way to proceed: go to even smaller systems, ep/eA, down to a point where final state interactions cannot be justified.

- → Correlations appear (e.g. in eA, CGC): evidence of initial state effects?
- ➜ No correlations: evidence of final state interactions?
- Note: ZEUS and ALEPH put strong limits on azimuthal 2-particle correlations in ep at HERA and e⁺e⁻ at LEP.

The small system puzzle:

Multiplicity-dependent $c_1\{2\}$ and $c_2\{2\}$ with increasing η -separation

 $|\Delta \eta| > 2.0$: $c_1\{2\}$ changes sign \rightarrow consistent with momentum conservation.

 $|\Delta \eta| > 2.0$: $c_2\{2\}$ consistent with zero.

Switching off the flow: e+e-

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	- ➜ the projectile is a dilute object (proton).

Projectile: sources

Black blob: rescatterings

Target: classical colour field

1) Bose enhancement of gluons in the projectile wave function. $\propto \delta^{(2)}[k_1 - q_1 - (k_2 - q_2)] + \delta^{(2)}[k_1 - q_1 + (k_2 - q_2)]$

2) HBT of gluons separated in rapidity. $\propto \delta^{(2)}(k_1 - k_2) + \delta^{(2)}(k_1 + k_2)$

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2^{n}(2\pi)^{3n} \frac{d^{n}N}{d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{1}\cdots d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{n}} = \left\langle \left| \mathcal{M}_{i_{1}}^{a_{1}}(\mathbf{k}_{1})\cdots \mathcal{M}_{i_{n}}^{a_{n}}(\mathbf{k}_{n}) \right|^{2} \right\rangle_{p,T} \qquad \mathcal{M}_{i}^{a}(\mathbf{k}) = 2g \int_{\mathbf{q}} L^{i}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \rho_{p}^{b}(\mathbf{q}) U^{ba}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})
$$

$$
\frac{d^{2}N}{d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{1}d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{2}} = \frac{g^{4}}{(2\pi)^{6}} \int_{\mathbf{q}_{1}, \mathbf{q}_{2}, \mathbf{q}_{3}, \mathbf{q}_{4}} L^{i}(\mathbf{k}_{1}, \mathbf{q}_{1}) L^{i}(\mathbf{k}_{1}, \mathbf{q}_{2}) L^{j}(\mathbf{k}_{2}, \mathbf{q}_{3}) L^{j}(\mathbf{k}_{2}, \mathbf{q}_{4})
$$

$$
\times \left\langle \rho_{p}^{b_{1}}(\mathbf{q}_{1}) \rho_{p}^{*b_{2}}(\mathbf{q}_{2}) \rho_{p}^{b_{3}}(\mathbf{q}_{3}) \rho_{p}^{*b_{4}}(\mathbf{q}_{4}) \right\rangle_{p}
$$

$$
\times \left\langle U^{a_{1}b_{1}}(\mathbf{k}_{1} - \mathbf{q}_{1}) U^{\dagger b_{2}a_{1}}(\mathbf{k}_{1} - \mathbf{q}_{2}) U^{a_{2}b_{3}}(\mathbf{k}_{2} - \mathbf{q}_{3}) U^{\dagger b_{4}a_{2}}(\mathbf{k}_{2} - \mathbf{q}_{4}) \right\rangle_{T}
$$

1) Bose enhancement of gluons in the projectile wave function.

$$
\propto \delta^{(2)}[k_1 - q_1 - (k_2 - q_2)] + \delta^{(2)}[k_1 - q_1 + (k_2 - q_2)]
$$

2) HBT of gluons separated in rapidity. $\propto \delta^{(2)}(k_1 - k_2) + \delta^{(2)}(k_1 + k_2)$

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To conclude:

- At high energies, we hope that QCD fields and occupation numbers become large \Rightarrow classical dynamics, while scales allow a perturbative treatment, $\alpha_{s} \ll 1$: domain of the CGC, where dynamics becomes non linear and parton densities saturate.
- We still demand non-perturbative input, both for initial conditions, target averages, treatment of tails of hadron profiles (both for nuclei and proton),.... \Rightarrow experimental input required,
- coming from RHIC, LHC, JLab, and in the future from the EIC.
- Efforts ongoing to obtain evolution equations linking with DGLAP, non-eikonal and higher-order corrections, etc., to increase precision and estimate the uncertainties.

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Massive quarks:

• Massive quarks do not have a collinear divergence (dead cone effect).

• The treatment of DGLAP evolution including massive quarks is an open issue, see e.g. 1510.02491.

● FFNS: fixed number of massless species in evolution, HQ generated radiatively, good close to mass threshold, misses $\text{In}^n(Q^2)$ m_{HQ}^2).

• ZM-VFNS: variable number of massless species in evolution when increasing Q^2 , captures $\text{In}^n(Q^2/m_{HQ^2})$, bad at threshold.

• Matching of both schemes: GM-VFNS, requires matching between parts that are exactly computed (massive matrix elements) and the massless evolution, several recipes.

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nPDFs for HIC:

 \bullet Lack of data \Rightarrow large

uncertainties for the nuclear glue at small scales and x: problem for benchmarking in HIC in order to extract 'medium' parameters.

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EPPS16^{*} + EIC (inclusive + charm) EPPS16* + EIC (inclusive only) EPPS16*

- Improves uncertainties substantially out to 10-4
- Shrinks uncertainty band by factors 4-8
- Charm: no additional constraint at low-x but dramatic impact at large-x
- Highest EIC \sqrt{s} is key for low-x reach

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u-d separation in eA:

The effect of LHeC pseudodata

- Why it's so hard to pin down the flavor dependence?
- Take the valence up-quark distribution u_V^A as an example:

$$
u_V^A = \frac{Z}{A} R_{u_V} u_V^{\text{proton}} + \frac{A - Z}{A} R_{d_V} d_V^{\text{proton}}
$$

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• Write this in terms of average modification R_V and the difference δR_V

$$
R_V \equiv \frac{R_{u_V} u_V^{\text{proton}} + R_{d_V} d_V^{\text{proton}}}{u_V^{\text{proton}} + d_V^{\text{proton}}}, \qquad \delta R_V \equiv R_{u_V} - R_{d_V}
$$

• The effects of flavour separation (i.e. $\delta R_{\rm V}$ here) are suppressed in cross sections - but also so in most of the nPDF applications.

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An update on nuclear PDFs at the LHeC

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F_I in eA: $\sigma_r^{NC} = \frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi \alpha^2 Y} \frac{d^2 \sigma^{NC}}{dx dQ^2} = F_2 \left[1 - \frac{y^2}{Y} \frac{F_L}{F_2} \right], \qquad Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$

● F_L traces the nuclear effects on the glue (Cazarotto et al '08): most sensitive to deviations wrt fixed order perturbation theory.

• Uncertainties in the extraction of F_2 due to the unknown nuclear effects on F_L of order 5 % (> stat.+syst.) \Rightarrow either measure F_L or

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nDPDFs at EICs:

● Diffractive PDFs have never been measured in nuclei, where incoherent diffraction becomes dominant at relatively small -t: interplay between shadowing and gap survival probability.

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$$
P_{ij}^{N^kLO+N^hLLx}(x) = P_{ij}^{N^kLO}(x) + \Delta_k P_{ij}^{N^hLLx}(x)
$$

$$
k = 0,1,2, h = 0,1 \text{ at present}
$$

● This approach, and saturation, can be checked at smaller x through the tension between observables: F₂, F_L, σ_rHQ.

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The dipole picture:

- Long-lived (virtual) photon fluctuation, $x<$ (m_NR)- 1 ~0.1A $1/3$.
- Unified description of inclusive, diffractive and exclusive processes.

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma^*p\to Ep}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left| \mathcal{A}_{T,L}^{\gamma^*p\to Ep} \right|^2 (1+\beta^2) R_g^2 \quad \beta = \tan\left(\frac{\pi\lambda}{2}\right), \lambda \equiv \frac{\partial \ln\left(\mathcal{A}_{T,L}^{\gamma^*p\to Ep}\right)}{\partial \ln(1/x)}
$$

$$
\mathcal{A}_{T,L}^{\gamma^*p\to Ep} = 2\mathrm{i} \int \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{r} \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}z \int \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{b} \, (\Psi_E^* \Psi)_{T,L} \, e^{-i[\mathbf{b} - (1-z)\mathbf{r}] \cdot \mathbf{\Delta}} \mathcal{N}(x,r,b)
$$

- Correction to non-diagonal gluon PDF (skewedness) introduced.
- Boosted Gaussian VM WF fitted to leptonic decays.
- qqbarg component in diffraction, not yet in exclusive VM. *N. Armesto, 12-14.06.2024 - Partonic structure & small x: theory.*

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QCD for ep→eJ/ψp:

- It should not be the gluon PDF but the GPD:
- NLO estimated, not complete.
- Real part via dispersion relations:

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 $\lambda(Q^2) = \partial \left[\ln(xg) \right] / \partial \ln(1/x)$

 $\frac{\text{Re}A}{\text{Im}A} \simeq \frac{\pi}{2}\lambda$

● Different evolution equations for TMDs and GPDs.

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Small-x: correlations

● Dihadron azimuthal decorrelation: currently discussed at RHIC as suggestive of saturation.

- To be studied at LHeC/ FCC-eh far from kinematical limits.
- ●**Nuclear and saturation effects on usual BFKL signals** (e.g. dijet azimuthal decorrelation, Mueller-Navelet jets) has not been extensively addressed: A-dependence contrary to linear resummation?

