Small-x physics with AFTER*

*Biased towards a CGC - Heavy Ion perspective

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Low-x studies and the CGC

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radiation recombination

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In the high-density regime $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{k} \lesssim \mathbf{Q_s}) \sim \frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{g}} \qquad \mathbf{g}\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{1})$

 $\alpha_s(Q_s) << 1$

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Other approaches (HIC)

•Nuclear shadowing, String fusion, percolation



- Resummation of multiple scatterings
- kt-broadening

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Energy dependent cutoff in event generators



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Calculate observables (single and double inclusive, multiplicities, Q-production...)

$$\langle \mathbf{O} \rangle_{\mathbf{x}} = \int \mathbf{d} \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{W}[\mathbf{A},\mathbf{x}] \mathbf{O}(\mathbf{A})$$



Some problems where AFTER may help:

- 1. Determination of the initial conditions for the evolution
- 2. Centrality dependence of the initial conditions for the evolution
- 3. Identify the onset of non-linear corrections to the standard pQCD calculations
- 4. Test NLO corrections to the CGC formalism
- 5. Interplay between large-x and low-x effects

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Forward RHIC supression: CGC or large-x_F energy loss?



$$x_{1(2)} \sim \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{s}} \exp(\pm y_h)$$

A complete understanding of new large-xF phenomena (energy-loss, breakdown of factorization...) is very important for a proper quantification of low-x, CGC effects



Probability of not losing energy:

 $P(\Delta y) \approx e^{-n_G(\Delta y)} \approx (1 - x_F)^{\#}$

The species dependence of forward production is not well understood (forward RHIC pions?)

Forward di-hadron angular correlations in RHIC dAu data



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Example 1: NLO corrections to single inclusive production overwhelm LO contribution at high-pt



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More in general, pinning down the precise scale at which saturation effects kick in and the matching with standard collinear factorization requires data in the intermediate-x region

Preliminary studies of HERA data indicate inconsistency of DGLAP fits at intermediate-x



JLA, Milhano, Quiroga, Rojo



Funny data on RpA (intermediate-x):

ALICE and ATLAS data on RpPb for charged particles may indicate the presence of "antishadowing" at small-x (?). This may be naturally explained in the CGC as a consequence of non trivial initial conditions + geometry fluctuations





Heavy Quarks



Interpretation of low-x effects obscured by uncertainties in the production mechanism

pt-dependence of open charm well described by nPDF and CGC calculations

CGC calculation integrated J/Psi pt-yields affected by normalization uncertainties (maybe data too)

Conclusions

- AFTER would have access only to a limited kinematic range relevant for low-x studies
- Information at moderate-x potentially very relevant to constrain i.c for small-x evolution. Potential strong impact in heavy ion physics
- The intermediate-x region is also rich in physical phenomena, as it lies in the border between theoretically well stablished formalisms: Coll. Factorization vs CGC

Baseline of small-x studies: electron-proton collisions at HERA

$$\mathcal{N}(x,r,b): \xrightarrow{\gamma^*} \stackrel{q}{\longrightarrow} \xrightarrow{q} \xrightarrow{P}$$

CGC approaches

$$\underline{\bullet \text{ IP-Sat}} \quad \mathcal{N}(x,r,b) = \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2 r^2}{2N_c}\alpha_s\left(\mu^2\right)xg\left(x,\mu^2\right)T_G(b)\right)\right)$$

Kowalski-Teany; Venugopalan et al

- Eikonalization of 2-gluon scattering in coll, factorization + Quark-less LO DGLAP evolution

$$\underline{\bullet \text{ rcBK}} \qquad \frac{\partial \mathcal{N}(x,r,b)}{\partial \ln(1/x)} = \theta(b-b_0) \int dr_1 \, \mathcal{K}^{r.c} \left[\mathcal{N}(x,r_1) + \mathcal{N}(x,r_2) - \mathcal{N}(x,r_1) - \mathcal{N}(x,r_1) \mathcal{N}(x,r_2) \right]$$

- Running coupling non-linear BK equation

JLA, Armesto, Milhano, Quiroga, Salgado

Information on the "average proton radius" can be obtained from t-dependence of exclusive processes

$$T_G(b) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{b^2}{2B_g}\right]; \quad B \sim 4 \div 6 \,\mathrm{GeV}^{-2}$$





- Both model yields comparably good fits to small-x HERA data
- Precision tests show that rcBK evolution is more stable than DGLAP JLA Milhano Quiroga Rojo;
- Both models are then extrapolated to the nuclear case, Q_s(A, b):

rcBK -> rcBK-MC (kt-factorization); IP-Sat -> IP-Glasma (CYM)

JLA, Dumitru, Fujii, Nara

Schenke, Tribedy, Venugopalan

• Bulk features of HIC (energy, centrality and rapidity dependence) of total multiplicities well described within the CGC (and others) models:



• p+p and d+Au multiplicities and single inclusive spectra are also well described by these models

Fluctuations

- Geometrical: Position of the nucleons fluctuate in the transverse plane
- <u>Sub-nucleon level</u>: Multiplicity distributions well described by a negative binomial distribution with $k \sim min\{T_A(b), T_B(b)\}$ in p+p, p+A and A+A collisions



- (p_T^{trig}) Mattaskee Jzum, QM2012 talk, in the conclusio $\underline{nS}^{peir}_{d\Delta\phi} \sim 1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_{n\Delta} \cos(n\Delta\phi)$
- $0.07 \le \eta/s \le 0.43$ (preliminary!!)

Largest single source of uncertainty still initial conditions

Multiplicities and energy density fluctuations and flow in p+Pb

• First p+Pb measurements show strong v2 and v3 in p+Pb collisions. Similar observation from PHENIX in d+Au



Flow?? (Good qualitative description of data by 3+1 D viscous hydro, e.g. Bozek et al 1304.3044) $v_2\{2\} = \sqrt{\langle v_2 \rangle^2 + \sigma_{v_2}^2}$ $v_2\{4\} = \sqrt{\langle v_2 \rangle^2 - \sigma_{v_2}^2}$ $\frac{\sigma_{v_2}}{v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{v_2}}{v_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{v_2}}{v_2}} + \frac{\sigma_{v_2}}{v_2} + \frac{\sigma_{v_2}}{v_2$

- How to built an analogous geometric picture in proton collision
- We need to look at the geometrical distribution of fluctuations at the sub-nucleon level
- This problem has a much smaller relevance in nucleus-nucleus collisions



Multiplicities and energy density fluctuations and flow in p+Pb

 Energy deposition in elementary N-N collisions in different MC-implementations (Glauber, KLN, rcBK, IP-GLASMA...)



Different prescriptions lead to very different initial eccentricities E_n, up to factors 3~4.

Nuclear modification factors in pPb

 If the physics governing wave function evolution is non-linear, then the hard and soft sector are interconnected (at least up to the scale of nonlinearities ~ Qs)

$$\mathrm{R_{pA}} = rac{\mathrm{dN_{pA}^h}}{\mathrm{dy_h d^2 k_\perp}} \ \mathrm{A^{1/3}} rac{\mathrm{dN_{pA}^h}}{\mathrm{dy_h d^2 k_\perp}}$$

First ALICE results at $\eta=0$ compatible with CGC and nPDF approaches, but:

- Moderate suppression for pt < 2 GeV
- No Cronin enhancement
- Data compatible with unity for pt>4-6 GeV

ALICE data from pilot p+Pb run 2012 1210.4520



Nuclear modification factors in dAu. Room for surprises?

$\varphi[9] + \varphi[1] \neq 2\varphi[5]$

- Unintegrated gluon distributions are a strongly non-linear function of the # of nucleons.
- Fluctuations (mostly geometrical) can strongly distort the RpPb wrt to a mean field approach
- High-kt behavior of ugd



Moving forward: Testing the evolution

Forward measurements (LHCb, LHCf) could disentangle between different approaches Non-linear QCD evolution predicts a stronger suppression that nPDF approaches Fluctuations also affect the expectations for RpPb compared to mean field approaches

(pt, yh>>0)



However, partial NLO corrections ("inelastic term", c.f Altinoluk-Kovner) overwhelm the LO contribution at high-pt, making the cross section negative...

(pt, yh>>0)

Full CGC analysis at NLO needed!



Conclusions

- ✓ p+Pb data pose strong constraints to A+A models both in the soft and hard sector
- Surprising (?) indications of flow in p+Pb collisions offer additional opportunity to improve technical details concerning geometry dependence of fluctuations of AA event generators (provided the flow part o the story is properly understood)
- First data on RpPb at moderate momentum do not allow a clear distinction between "orthogonal approaches" (collinear factorization vs CGC) to describe particle production
- Exploring more forward rapidities will allow to discriminate different approaches to small-x evolution. NLO analyses on the CGC side needed!
- A detailed study of many other observables (ridge, di-hadron correlations, photon production, quarkonia etc) will most likely elucidate which is the most appropriate framework to describe initial state effects in HIC, both in the hard and soft sector.

Thanks!!

v2 in different collision systems



From PHENIX paper 1303.1794

1. Global fits to e+p data at small-x



2. Extract NP fit parameters



3. Run consistency and stability checks





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4. Apply gained knowledge in the study of other systems (theory driven extrapolation)



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Uncertainties in current CGC phenomenological works:

- Need for a better description of n-point functions: [D. Triantafyllopoulos's and T. Lappi's talk]
- Better determination of the pedestal: K-factors in single inclusive production? Role of double parton scattering?

[Heikki Mäntysaari's talk]

correlated



 Alternative descriptions including resummation of multiple scatterings, nuclear shadowing and cold nuclear matter energy loss seem possible...

Nuclear ugd's and nuclear modification factors

Setting up the evolution

$$\phi^{\mathbf{Pb}}(\mathbf{x_0}, \mathbf{k_t}, \mathbf{B}) = \phi^{\mathbf{P}}(\mathbf{x_0}, \mathbf{k_t}; \{\mathbf{Q_{s0,p}^2} \to \mathbf{Q_{s0,Pb}^2(B)}); \gamma\}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\phi^{\mathbf{Pb}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k_t}, \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{rcBK}[\phi^{\mathbf{Pb}}(\mathbf{x_0}, \mathbf{k_t}, \mathbf{B})]$$

