Scattered thoughts about initial state geometry

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Importance of geometry

- For ropes and shoving, good models for parton level geometry is crucial.
- It is, however, mostly ad hoc.
- This talk will concern recent work, some unpublished.

Ropes and shoving, in case you forgot

• Shoving: Pair-wise string interactions with:

$$
f(d_{\perp}) = \frac{g \kappa d_{\perp}}{R^2} \exp \left(-\frac{d_{\perp}^2}{4R^2}\right)
$$

- Ropes: Enhancing string tension according to *string overlaps*.
- String profile "known" from lattice. Geometry provides the initial conditions.

AA is probably easiest

- Assuming that $d_{AA} \ll d_{MPI}$, Glauber + Gaussian smearing will suffice.
- See also: TRenTo, IP-Glasma, GLISSANDO + wounded quarks etc.
- Fluctuations/parton shower may play a larger role, here:

$$
v_2 = \epsilon_2 \left(\frac{v_2}{\epsilon_2}\right)_{\text{hydro}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\kappa_0} \frac{\langle S \rangle}{\langle \frac{dN}{d\eta} \rangle}}
$$

Light nuclei: hairs in the soup

- Does not follow Woods-Saxon, other potentials must be used.
- Deuteron: Hulthen form, well known, calculable in QM.
- Parameters can be estimated from data.
- 10-20% effects in basic quantities (d-Au 200 GeV), probably more for flow.

Oxygen

- Potential and parameters unclear. Preciously little data.
- Possibility: Using multibody QM calculation directly or indirectly (ab initio initial condittions)
- Harmonic oscillator shell model or simple Gaussian ansatz? How to be sure?

Look forward!

- The forward region is most sensitive to small changes in geometry.
- Could be discriminating factor, in particular with RHIC+LHC energies.
- Easy test of α -clustering? (Ba. of Aliaksei Kuzmenka)

Protons are more difficult

- Currently in PYTHIA: Convolution of two Gaussians, no b-dependence of eccentricity.
- Naive approach could be useful: Ovelapping Gaussians (Ba. of Johannes Holst)
- Similar to IP-Glasma? Re: Jarkko.

The aim and the means

A reasonable calculation of initial state geometry. Fluctuating nucleon–nucleon cross sections. MC implementation of Mueller dipoles.

- Projectile and target cascades evolved for each event.
- Formalism in impact parameter and rapidity.
- Single-event spatial structure.

A step back, BFKL, B-JIMWLK and all that...

• Start with Mueller dipole branching probability:

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{P}}{\mathrm{d}y} = \mathrm{d}^2 \vec{r}_3 \; \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \frac{r_{12}^2}{r_{13}^2 r_{23}^2} \equiv \mathrm{d}^2 \vec{r}_3 \; \kappa_3.
$$

• Evolve any observable $O(y) \rightarrow O(y + dy)$ in rapidity:

$$
\overline{O}(y+dy) = dy \int d^2 \vec{r}_3 \kappa_3 [O(r_{13}) \otimes O(r_{23})] + O(r_{12}) \left[1 - dy \int d^2 \vec{r}_3 \kappa_3 \right]
$$

$$
\rightarrow \frac{\partial \overline{O}}{\partial y} = \int d^2 \vec{r}_3 \kappa_3 [O(r_{13}) \otimes O(r_{23}) - O(r_{12})]. \qquad 10
$$

A powerful formalism!

- Example: S-matrix (eikonal approximation, b-space): $O(r_{13}) \otimes O(r_{23}) \rightarrow S(r_{13})S(r_{23})$
- Change to $T \equiv 1 S$:

$$
\frac{\partial \langle \overline{T} \rangle}{\partial y} = \int d^2 \vec{r}_3 \, \kappa_3 \left[\langle T_{13} \rangle + \langle T_{23} \rangle - \langle T_{12} \rangle - \langle T_{13} T_{23} \rangle \right].
$$

- B-JIMWLK equation, but could be written with other observables.
- Example: Average dipole coordinate $(\langle z \rangle)$:

$$
\frac{\partial \overline{\langle z \rangle}}{\partial y} = \int d^2 \vec{r}_3 \kappa_3 \left(\frac{1}{3} z_3 - \frac{1}{6} (z_1 + z_2) \right).
$$

Monte Carlo implementation

Drawbacks to analytic approach

Involved observables are hard! Not obvious how to include sub-leading effects. Not obvious how to treat exclusive final states.

- The MC way is a tradeoff: formal precision vs. pragmatism.
- Get for free: Rest of the MC infrastructure.
- Practically a parton shower-like implementation.
- Step 1: Modify splitting kernel with Sudakov:

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{P}}{\mathrm{d}y\,\mathrm{d}^2\vec{r}_3} = \frac{N_c\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \frac{r_{12}^2}{r_{13}^2r_{23}^2} \exp\left(-\int_{y_{\rm min}}^y \mathrm{d}y \mathrm{d}^2\vec{r}_3 \,\frac{N_c\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \frac{r_{12}^2}{r_{13}^2r_{23}^2}\right)
$$

- Winner-takes-it-all algorithm generates emission up to maximal rapidity.
- Throws away the non-linear term in the cascade.

Colliding dipole chains & unitarity

- Have: Evolved dipole chain á la BFKL.
- Dipole cross section in large- N_c limit (consistency with evolution):

 \bullet Unitarized scattering amplitude: $\mathcal{T}(\vec{b}) = 1 - \exp \left(- \sum_{ij} f_{ij} \right)$

Some details

A dipole has a rapidity y, and a p_{\perp} related to its size $p_{\perp} \hbar / r$. Thus its lightcone momenta is $p_{+} = p_{\perp} \exp(\pm y)$.

- Energy-momentum conservation from bounded $p_$ translate to upper bound on dipole sizes.
- Running α_s : Easily included per-splitting.
- Non-eikonal effects: recoil distributed on emitters in p_+, p_+ , and thus also y.
- Confinement: Explicit confinement scale (or fictitious gluon mass) entering evolution and collision.
- \bullet Unitarized scattering amplitude resums $1/N_c^2$ terms in interaction, equivalent to multi-pomeron exchanges in interaction frame.

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• Dynamically generated!

Good–Walker & cross sections

 \bullet Cross sections from $\mathcal{T}(\vec{b})$ with normalizable particle wave functions:

$$
\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2 \int d^2 \vec{b} \Gamma(\vec{b}) = 2 \int d^2 \vec{b} \langle T(\vec{b}) \rangle_{p,t}
$$

$$
\sigma_{\text{el}} = \int d^2 \vec{b} |\Gamma(\vec{b})|^2 = \int d^2 \vec{b} \langle T(\vec{b}) \rangle_{p,t}^2
$$

$$
B_{\text{el}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \log \left(\frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{dt} \right) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\int d^2 \vec{b} \, b^2 / 2 \langle T(\vec{b}) \rangle_{p,t}}{\int d^2 \vec{b} \langle T(\vec{b}) \rangle_{p,t}}
$$

• Or with photon wave function:

$$
\sigma^{\gamma^*p}(s) = \int_0^1 dz \int_0^{r_{\text{max}}} r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \left(|\psi_L(z,r)|^2 + |\psi_T(z,r)|^2 \right) \sigma_{\text{tot}}(z,\vec{r})
$$

Model parameters

• This means that all parameters (4) can be tuned to cross sections

• Could constrain better in ep with eg. vector meson production.

Model parameters II

• Same parameters should describe pp, adds more data to the tuning.

- Not as good as dedicated (Regge-based) models.
- Accuracy not the point, control of physics features is! 18

When does substructure start to matter?

• Differences visible, but p-Pb might be the best!

- NSC correlated flow coefficients, and scale out the magnitude.
- For p-Pb: Only negative in dipole picture.

Future: stuff I want to do (instead of a summary)

- We have: A good MPI model (PYTHIA) extendible to AA (Angantyr) with possibility of adding nuclear geometries.
- We have: The dipole picture giving a motivated calculation of substructure, parameters connected to cross sections.
- I want:
	- Tests of nuclear geometry to be carried out at LHC and RHIC. Requires ab initio estimates of model parameters at least.
	- A combined MPI model, getting rid of the PYTHIA $p_{\perp 0}$ parameter in place of an event-by-event physical quantity.
	- To see how the low- p_{\perp} behaviour of such a model differs from scattering of CYM fields.
	- To use it for ep and eA collision, with all that entails of vector meson states.
	- As many observables as possible to connect the model to data – what could ropes and jet physics do? what could HBT do? does this have effects on the rescattering phase \rightarrow deuteron production