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- This talk will concern recent work, some unpublished.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:

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

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



AA is probably easiest

- Assuming that $d_{\rm AA} \ll d_{\rm MPI}$, 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(rac{v_2}{\epsilon_2}
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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:

$$\bar{O}(y+\mathrm{d}y) = \mathrm{d}y \int \mathrm{d}^2 \vec{r}_3 \,\kappa_3 \left[O(r_{13}) \otimes O(r_{23})\right] + O(r_{12}) \left[1 - \mathrm{d}y \int \mathrm{d}^2 \vec{r}_3 \,\kappa_3\right]$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{O}}{\partial y} = \int \mathrm{d}^2 \vec{r}_3 \,\kappa_3 \left[O(r_{13}) \otimes O(r_{23}) - O(r_{12})\right]. \qquad 10$$

A powerful formalism!

• Example: S-matrix (eikonal approximation, b-space): $O(r_{13})\otimes O(r_{23}) o S(r_{13})S(r_{23})$

• Change to
$$T \equiv 1 - S$$
:

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

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

$$\frac{\partial \langle \overline{z} \rangle}{\partial y} = \int \mathrm{d}^2 \vec{r_3} \kappa_3 \left(\frac{1}{3} z_3 - \frac{1}{6} (z_1 + z_2) \right).$$

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:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{P}}{\mathrm{d}y\,\mathrm{d}^2\vec{r_3}} = \frac{N_c\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \frac{r_{12}^2}{r_{13}^2r_{23}^2} \exp\left(-\int_{y_{\mathrm{min}}}^{y} \mathrm{d}y \mathrm{d}^2\vec{r_3}\,\frac{N_c\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \frac{r_{12}^2}{r_{13}^2r_{23}^2}\right)$$

- 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):



• Unitarized scattering amplitude: $T(ec{b}) = 1 - \exp\left(-\sum_{ij} f_{ij}
ight)$

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 $p_{\pm} = p_{\perp} \exp(\pm y)$.

- 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_\perp , and thus also y.
- Confinement: Explicit confinement scale (or fictitious gluon mass) entering evolution and collision.
- 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

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

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

• Or with photon wave function:

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

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!

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*_⊥ 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