# From Color Glass Condensate to Plasma (via the Glasma)

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### **Outline of lectures**

**+** Lecture I: Gluon Saturation and the Color Glass Condensate

Lecture II: Quantum field theory in strong fields. Factorization and the Glasma

Lecture III: Quantum field theory in strong fields.
 Instabilities, the spectrum of initial quantum fluctuations,
 decoherence, hydrodynamics, B-E condensation & thermalization

#### What does a heavy ion collision look like ?





# The big role of wee gluons



### The big role of wee glue

(Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at Fantastic Energies) Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at Fantastic Energies D. Before leaving this subject it is fun to consider the collision of two nuclei at energies sufficiently high so that in addition to the fragmentation regions, a At LHC, ~14 units in rapidity! central plateau region can develop. Let us consider a central collision of a relatively small nucleus, say carbon, with a big one, say lead. Let us look at this collision in a center-of-mass frame for which the rapidities of both of the nucleus projectiles exceeds the critical rapidity. In such a frame they both possess the fur coat of wee-parton vacuum fluctuations. In such a central collision we see that the collision initially occurs between the fur of wee partons in each of the projectiles. Therefore the number of independent collisions will **Bj, DESY lectures (1975)** be of order of the area of overlap of the two projectiles; namely the crosssectional area of the smaller nucleus.

#### The big role of wee glue

□ What is the role of wee partons ? ✓

□ How do the wee partons interact and produce glue ? ✓

□ Can it be understood *ab initio* in QCD ? ✓

### **The DIS Paradigm**





**Bj-scaling: apparent scale invariance of structure functions** 



QCD ≠ Parton Model Logarithmic scaling violations

$$F_2(x,Q^2) = \sum_{\substack{q=u,c,t \\ d,s,b}} e_q^2 \left( x \, q(x,Q^2) + x \, \bar{q}(x,Q^2) \right)$$

#### The proton at high energies





"x-QCD"- small x evolution

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{dx}{x} (xq(x) - x\bar{q}(x)) = 3 \longrightarrow \text{ # of valence quarks}$$

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{dx}{x} (xq(x) + x\bar{q}(x)) \rightarrow \infty \longrightarrow \text{ # of quarks}$$



Structure functions grow rapidly at small x

# Where is the glue ?



For x < 0.01, proton dominated by glue-grows rapidly What happens when glue density is large ?

## **The Bjorken Limit**



$$Q^2 \to \infty; s \to \infty; x_{\rm Bj} \approx \frac{Q^2}{s} = \text{fixed}$$

• Operator product expansion (OPE), factorization theorems, machinery of precision physics in QCD

# Structure of higher order perturbative contributions in QCD



- Coefficient functions C computed to NNLO for many processes
- Splitting functions P computed to 3-loops



Phase space density (# partons / area / Q<sup>2</sup>) decreases - the proton becomes more dilute...

### **BEYOND pQCD IN THE Bj LIMIT**

- Works great for inclusive, high Q<sup>2</sup> processes
- Higher twists important when  $Q^2 \approx Q_s^2(x)$
- Problematic for diffractive/exclusive processes
- Formalism not convenient to treat shadowing, multiple scattering, diffraction, energy loss, impact parameter dependence, thermalization...

#### **The Regge-Gribov Limit**



$$x_{\rm Bj} \rightarrow 0; s \rightarrow \infty; Q^2 (>> \Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2) = \text{fixed}$$

 Physics of strong fields in QCD, multi-particle production, Novel universal properties of QCD ?



Gluon density saturates at phase space density f = 1 / $\alpha_s$  - strongest (chromo-) E&M fields in nature...



Proton becomes a dense many body system at high energies

#### **Parton Saturation**

Gribov, Levin, Ryskin Mueller, Qiu

 Competition between attractive bremsstrahlung and repulsive recombination and screening effects

Maximum phase space density (f =  $1/\alpha_s$ ) =>

$$\frac{1}{2(N_c^2 - 1)} \frac{x G(x, Q^2)}{\pi R^2 Q^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha_S(Q^2)}$$

This relation is saturated for

$$Q = Q_s(x) >> \Lambda_{\rm QCD} \approx 0.2 \,\,{
m GeV}$$

### Parton Saturation:Golec-Biernat --Wusthoff dipole model



Parameters: Q\_0 = 1 GeV;  $\lambda$  = 0.3; x\_0 = 3\* 10<sup>-4</sup>;  $\sigma_0$  = 23 mb

#### **Evidence from HERA for geometrical scaling**



#### VIRTUAL PAIR CREATION IN A STRONG BREMSSTRAHLUNG FIELD: A QED model for parton saturation

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Virtual pair creation in a strong, virtual, bremsstrahlung field is considered in QED as a model for parton saturation. In a weak field the virtual pair density increases quadratically in the external field, however, at large values of the field the number density becomes independent of the strength of that field. A similar effect is found in scalar electrodynamics.

#### 1. Introduction

At small values of the Bjorken-x-variable parton (quark and gluon) number densities are expected to grow rapidly [1] However, when, say, the gluon distribution in a hadron,  $xG(x, Q^2)$ , reaches a value as large as  $Q^2r^2/\alpha$ , with r the radius of the hadron, these gluons are so densely packed that one expects scattering and annihilation of partons to become important, thus limiting the ultimate number density to be of the size indicated above [1, 3]

This high density quark-and-gluon system is a most fascinating regime of QCD On the one hand, if  $Q^2 \ge 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup> the coupling,  $\alpha(Q^2)$ , is small and the usual non-perturbative condensates are unimportant while, on the other hand, the system is strongly interacting because of the high parton densities. That is, this regime of weak coupling but large numbers of partons is a new regime of QCD Such a high-density parton system occurs in a number of different high-energy processes (i) In deeply inelastic scattering one can directly measure such high-density systems at small x using the virtual photon as a probe [1, 3]. (ii) In the very early stages of a heavy ion collision such a system is produced over a large transverse area [4]. (iii) Two-jet correlations in high-energy reactions can trigger on local hot spots [5], high parton density regions which are smaller than the radius of a normal hadron

So far, it has not been possible to theoretically study this high density, non-equilibrium, regime of QCD directly. Lowest order gluon recombinations have been

#### High energy QCD as a many body system

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#### Many-body dynamics of universal gluonic matter



How does this happen ? What are the right degrees of freedom ?

How do correlation functions of these evolve ?

Is there a universal fixed point for the RG evolution of d.o.f

Does the coupling run with  $Q_s^2$ ?

How does saturation transition to chiral symmetry breaking and confinement

## The nuclear wavefunction at high energies



- At high energies, interaction time scales of fluctuations are dilated well beyond typical hadronic time scales
- Lots of short lived (gluon) fluctuations now seen by probe -- proton/nucleus -- dense many body system of (primarily) gluons
- Fluctuations with lifetimes much longer than interaction time for the probe function as static color sources for more short lived fluctuations

Nuclear wave function at high energies is a Color Glass Condensate

#### The nuclear wavefunction at high energies





Higher Fock components dominate multiparticle productionconstruct Effective Field Theory



Born--Oppenheimer LC separation natural for EFT.

RG equations describe evolution of wavefunction with energy

#### What do sources look like in the IMF?



Wee partons "see" a large density of color sources at small transverse resolutions

#### **Effective Field Theory on Light Front**

Susskind **Bardacki-Halpern** Galilean sub-group Poincare group on LF of 2D Quantum Mechanics isomorphism Eg., LF dispersion relation  $P^- = \frac{P_{\perp}^2}{2P^+} \longrightarrow Momentum$  Mass Energy Large x (P<sup>+</sup>) modes: static LF (color) sources  $\rho^{a}$ Small x (k<sup>+</sup> << P<sup>+</sup>) modes: dynamical fields  $A_{\mu}^{a}$ McLerran, RV CGC: Coarse grained many body EFT on LF  $< P|\mathcal{O}|P > \longrightarrow \int [d\rho^a][dA^{\mu,a}] W_{\Lambda^+}[\rho] e^{iS_{\Lambda^+}[\rho,A]} \mathcal{O}[\rho,A]$  $W_{\Lambda^+}[\rho]$  non-pert. gauge invariant "density matrix" defined at initial scale  $\Lambda_0^+$ 

RG equations describe evolution of W with x

JIMWLK, BK

#### **Classical field of a large nucleus**



#### **Quantum evolution of classical theory: Wilson RG**



Small fluctuations => Increase color charge of sources

Wilsonian RG equations describe evolution of all N-point correlation functions with energy

JIMWLK Jalilian-marian, lancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, Kovner

#### Saturation scale grows with energy



Bulk of high energy cross-sections:

- a) obey dynamics of novel non-linear QCD regime
- b) Can be computed systematically in weak coupling

# Many-body high energy QCD: The Color Glass Condensate

Gelis, Iancu, Jalilian-Marian, RV: Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. (2010), arXiv: 1002.0333



Dynamically generated semi-hard "saturation scale" opens window for systematic weak coupling study of non-perturbative dynamics



#### JIMWLK eqn.

Jalilian-Marian, Iancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, Kovner

#### **CGC Effective Theory: B-JIMWLK hierarchy of correlators**



At high energies, the d.o.f that describe the frozen many-body gluon configurations are novel objects: dipoles, quadrupoles, ...

Universal – appear in a number of processes in p+A and e+A; how do these evolve with energy ?

#### Solving the B-JIMWLK hierarchy

□ JIMWLK includes all multiple scattering and leading log evolution in x

- Expectation values of Wilson line correlators at small x satisfy a Fokker-Planck eqn. in functional space
  Weigert (2000)
- This translates into a hierarchy of equations for n-point Wilson line correlators
- As is generally the case, Fokker-Planck equations can be re-expressed as Langevin equations – in this case for Wilson lines

Blaizot, Iancu, Weigert Rummukainen, Weigert

#### **B-JIMWLK hierarchy: Langevin realization**

Numerical evaluation of Wilson line correlators on 2+1-D lattices:

$$\left\langle \mathcal{O}[U] \right\rangle_Y = \int D[U] W_Y[U] \mathcal{O}[U] \longrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{U \in W} \mathcal{O}[U]$$

Langevin eqn:

Gaussian random variable

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$$\partial_{Y}[V_{x}]_{ij} = [V_{x}it^{a}]_{ij} \left[ \int d^{2}y \ [\mathcal{E}^{ab}_{xy}]_{k} \ [\xi^{b}_{y}]_{k} + \sigma^{a}_{x} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{ab}_{xy} = \left(\frac{\alpha_{S}}{\pi^{2}}\right)^{1/2} \ \frac{(x-y)_{k}}{(x-y)^{2}} \left[1 - U^{\dagger}_{x}U_{y}\right]^{ab} \qquad \sigma^{a}_{x} = -i\left(\frac{\alpha_{S}}{2\pi^{2}}\int d^{2}z \frac{1}{(x-z)^{2}} \operatorname{Tr}(T^{a} \ U^{\dagger}_{x}U_{z})\right)$$
"square root" of JIMWLK kernel "drag"

□ Initial conditions for V's from the MV model

Daughter dipole prescription for running coupling

## **Functional Langevin solutions of JIMWLK hierarchy**

Rummukainen, Weigert (2003)

Dumitru, Jalilian-Marian, Lappi, Schenke, RV, PLB706 (2011)219

We are now able to compute all n-point correlations of a theory of strongly correlated gluons and study their evolution with energy!



#### **Inclusive DIS: dipole evolution**



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#### **B-JIMWLK eqn. for dipole correlator**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \langle \operatorname{Tr}(V_x V_y^{\dagger}) \rangle_Y = -\frac{\alpha_S N_c}{2\pi^2} \int_{z_{\perp}} \frac{(x_{\perp} - y_{\perp})^2}{(x_{\perp} - z_{\perp})^2 (z_{\perp} - y_{\perp})^2} \langle \operatorname{Tr}(V_x V_y^{\dagger}) - \frac{1}{N_c} \operatorname{Tr}(V_x V_z^{\dagger}) \operatorname{Tr}(V_z V_y^{\dagger}) \rangle_Y$$

**Dipole factorization:** 

 $\langle \operatorname{Tr}(V_x V_z^{\dagger}) \operatorname{Tr}(V_z V_y^{\dagger}) \rangle_Y \longrightarrow \langle \operatorname{Tr}(V_x V_z^{\dagger}) \rangle_Y \langle \operatorname{Tr}(V_z V_y^{\dagger}) \rangle_Y \quad \mathbf{N_c} \twoheadrightarrow \infty$ 

Resulting closed form eqn. is the Balitsky-Kovchegov eqn. Widely used in phenomenological applications

#### **Semi-inclusive DIS: quadrupole evolution**



Dominguez, Marquet, Xiao, Yuan (2011)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*_{\mathrm{T},\mathrm{L}}A\to q\bar{q}X}}{d^3k_1d^3k_2} \propto \int_{x,y,\bar{x}\bar{y}} e^{ik_{1\perp}\cdot(x-\bar{x})} e^{ik_{2\perp}\cdot(y-\bar{y})} \left[1 + Q(x,y;\bar{y},\bar{x}) - D(x,y) - D(\bar{y},\bar{x})\right]$$

#### **Semi-inclusive DIS: quadrupole evolution**



#### RG evolution provides fresh insight into multi-parton correlations



Rate of energy evolution of dipole and quadrupole saturation scales

lancu, Triantafyllopolous, arXiv:1112.1104

#### **Universality: Di-jets in p/d-A collisions**



#### Away-side ( $\Delta \Phi \sim \pi$ ) forward-forward di-hadron correlations: measure of strong color fields



Recent computation (Stasto, Xiao, Yuan) includes Pedestal, Shadowing (color screening) and Broadening (multiple scattering) effects in CGC framework

### **CGC**: the state of the art

Numerical solutions of Leading Log JIMWLK hierarchy – and good analytical approximations Incu,Triantafyllopolous

Influence of non-Gaussian initial conditions on evolution

Dumitru, Jalilian-Marian, Petreska, RV, Schenke, Jeon

Factorization of leading logs in A+A

Dusling, Gelis, Lappi, RV

Increasing number of NLO+ computations: Structure functions, single inclusive hadron production in p+A

> Balitsky,Chirilli,Kovchegov,Weigert, Gardi, Rummukainen,Kuokkonen,Albacete,Horowitz, Xiao, Yuan, Mueller, Munier, Stasto, Motyka, Triantafyllopolous, Tuchin

NLO corrections to the BK/JIMWLK kernel beyond running coupling corrections ?
Salam,Ciafaloni,Colferai,Stasto,Triantafyllopolous, Sabio-Vera

Beginnings of global analysis

AAMQS collaboration,Rezaiean,Levin,Tribedy,RV