Initial state in relativistic nuclear collisions and Color Glass Condensate

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Stages of a nucleus-nucleus collision



- Hydrodynamics successful at describing the bulk evolution
- In this talk : Initial state ⇔ Pre-hydro evolution
- What I will not talk about : CGC in pA and pp collisions [see the talks by Venugopalan, Dusling, Tribedy, Schenke]



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1 Initial state evolution and factorization

2 Pre-hydrodynamical evolution

Color Glass Condensate in Heavy Ion Collisions

Parton distributions in a nucleon



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 When their occupation number becomes large, gluons can recombine :

Gluon Saturation



Saturation domain



Degrees of freedom [McLerran, Venugopalan (1994)]





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Cancellation of the cutoff dependence



- The cutoff y_{cut} is arbitrary and should not affect the result
- The probability density W[ρ] changes with the cutoff
- Loop corrections cancel the cutoff dependence from W[ρ]

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B-JIMWLK evolution equation

[Jalilian-Marian, Kovner, Leonidov, Weigert (1998)] [Balitsky (1996)] [lancu, Leonidov, McLerran (2001)]



- Mean field approx. (BK equation) : [Kovchegov (1999)]
- Langevin form of B-JIMWLK : [Blaizot, lancu, Weigert (2003)]
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B-JIMW Recent developments : Running coupling correction [Lappi, Mäntysaari (2012)] B-JIMWLK equation at Next to Leading Log [Kovner, Lublinsky, Mulian (2013)] Mel [Caron-Huot (2013)][Balitsky, Chirilli (2013)] Langevin form of B-JIMWLK : [Blaizot, lancu, Weigert (2003)]

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Power counting in the saturated regime

$$S = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} \int F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{slow gluons}} + \int \underbrace{(J_1^{\mu} + J_2^{\mu})}_{\text{fast partons}} A_{\mu}$$

In the saturated regime: $J^{\mu} \sim g^{-1}$

$$g^{-2} \ g^{\text{\# of external gluons}} \ g^{2 \times (\text{\# of loops})}$$

No dependence on the number of sources J^µ
 ▷ infinite number of graphs at each order in q²

Example : expansion of
$$T^{\mu\nu}$$
 in powers of g^2

$$T^{\mu\nu} \sim \frac{1}{g^2} \left[c_0 + c_1 \; g^2 + c_2 \; g^4 + \cdots \right]$$

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[FG, Venugopalan (2006)]

 The Leading Order is the sum of all the tree diagrams Expressible in terms of classical solutions of Yang-Mills equations :

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} = J_1^{\nu} + J_2^{\nu}$$

• Boundary conditions : $\lim_{x^0 \to -\infty} \mathcal{A}^{\mu}(x) = 0$ (WARNING : this is not true for exclusive observables!)

Components of the energy-momentum tensor at LO :

$$\begin{split} T^{00}_{\scriptscriptstyle LO} &= \frac{1}{2} \big[\underbrace{\textbf{E}^2 + \textbf{B}^2}_{\scriptsize \text{class. fields}} \big] \qquad T^{0i}_{\scriptscriptstyle LO} &= \big[\textbf{E} \times \textbf{B} \big]^i \\ T^{ij}_{\scriptscriptstyle LO} &= \frac{\delta^{ij}}{2} \big[\textbf{E}^2 + \textbf{B}^2 \big] - \big[\textbf{E}^i \textbf{E}^j + \textbf{B}^i \textbf{B}^j \big] \end{split}$$

Space-time evolution of the classical field

[Kovner, McLerran, Weigert (1995)] [Krasnitz, Venugopalan (1999)] [Lappi (2003)]

• Sources located on the light-cone :

$$J^{\mu} = \delta^{\mu +} \underbrace{\rho_1(x^-, x_{\perp})}_{\sim \delta(x^-)} + \delta^{\mu -} \underbrace{\rho_2(x^+, x_{\perp})}_{\sim \delta(x^+)}$$



- Region 0 : *A*^μ = 0
- Regions 1,2 : A^μ depends only on ρ₁ or ρ₂ (known analytically)
- Region 3 : A^{μ} = radiated field known analytically at $\tau = 0^+$ numerical solution for $\tau > 0$



[McLerran, Lappi (2006)]





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Inclusive observables at Next to Leading Order

[FG, Lappi, Venugopalan (2007–2008)]

 Observables at NLO can be obtained from the LO by "fiddling" with the initial condition of the classical field :

$$\mathcal{O}_{\rm NLO} = \left[\frac{1}{2}\int\limits_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{\Gamma}_{2}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{A}_{\rm init}(\mathbf{u})} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{A}_{\rm init}(\mathbf{v})} + \int\limits_{\mathbf{u}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\mathbf{u}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{A}_{\rm init}(\mathbf{u})}\right] \mathcal{O}_{\rm LO}$$

- NLO : the time evolution remains classical;
 ħ only enters in the initial condition
- NNLO : h starts appearing in the time evolution itself
- NOT true for exclusive observables
- This formula is the basis for proving the factorization of the $W[\rho]$ and their universality (at Leading Log)

Does it flow ?

Conditions for hydrodynamics

- The initial P_L/P_T should not be too small (for the stability of hydro codes)
- The ratio η/s should be small enough (for an efficient transfer from spatial to momentum anisotropy)

Shear viscosity at weak and strong coupling (in equilibrium)

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Weak coupling QCD result [Arnold, Moore, Yaffe (2000)]

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \approx \frac{5.1}{g^4 \ln\left(\frac{2.4}{g}\right)}$$



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Is there another possibility?



• (de Broglie wavelength) $^{-1} \sim Q$

• (mean free path)⁻¹ ~
$$g^4 Q^{-2} \times \int_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\mathbf{k}} (1 + f_{\mathbf{k}})$$

cross section density Bose enhancement

If $g \ll 1$ but $f_k \sim g^{-2}$ (weakly coupled, but strongly interacting)

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CGC at LO : strong pressure anisotropy at all times



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CGC at LO : unsatisfactory matching to hydrodynamics



$\mathbf{A} P_{\rm L} / P_{\rm T}$

Matching to hydro :

- Compute $\mathsf{T}^{\mu\nu}$ from CGC
- Find time-like eigenvector : $u_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu}=\varepsilon\,u^{\nu}$
- Get pressure from some equation of state $\mathsf{P}=\mathsf{f}(\varepsilon)$
- Get viscous stress as difference between full and ideal $\mathsf{T}^{\mu\nu}$

"CGC initial conditions" very often means :

- $\epsilon = T^{00}$ from CGC (or a CGC-inspired model)
- Initial flow neglected, Viscous stress = 0

NOTE : glasma fields start to flow at $\tau \sim Q_s^{-1}$: [Krasnitz, Nara, Venugopalan (2002)] [Chen, Fries (2013)]

CGC at NLO : instabilities

[Mrowczynski (1988), Romatschke, Strickland (2003), Arnold, Lenaghan, Moore (2003), Rebhan, Romatschke, Strickland (2005), Arnold, Lenaghan, Moore, Yaffe (2005), Romatschke, Rebhan (2006), Bodeker, Rummukainen (2007), Fujii, Itakura (2008),....,Attems, Rebhan, Strickland (2012), Fukushima (2013)]



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• LO = longitudinal chromo-E and chromo-B fields



• NLO = gluon loop embedded in this field



- the loop can have an imaginary part \Rightarrow gluon pair production
- BUT : no feedback of the produced gluons on the LO field!



Three points of view / derivations

- Path integral : fields A_+ , A_- on the two branches of the Schwinger-Keldysh contour. In the regime of large fields, $(A_1 \equiv A_+ - A_-) \ll (A_2 \equiv A_+ + A_-)$. Expand the action in A_1 and keep only the lowest order term.
- Diagrammatic expansion : Schwinger-Keldysh formalism in the retarded/advanced basis. Drop the 2111 vertex.
- CGC : exponentiate the operator that relates \mathcal{O}_{10} and \mathcal{O}_{N0}

Practical implementation

- Classical time evolution
- Fluctuations in the initial classical field
- Dynamics fully non-linear \Rightarrow no unbounded growth
- Individual classical trajectories may be chaotic \Rightarrow a small initial ensemble can span a large phase space volume

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Classical statistical approximation

Three points of view / derivations

- CSA ≠ underlying theory at 2-loops and beyond
- Sources of fluctuations of the initial fields :

$$G_{22}(\mathbf{p}) \sim \left(f_0(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{1}{2}\right) \delta(\mathbf{p}^2)$$

quasiparticles ↔

$$\angle$$
 \rightarrow vacuum fluctuations

 Vacuum fluctuations make the CSA non-renormalizable. Example of problematic graph :

$$\operatorname{Im} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{2} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{2} = -\frac{g^{4}}{1024\pi^{3}} \left(\Lambda_{UV}^{2} - \frac{2}{3}p^{2} \right)$$

- With only quasiparticle-induced fluctuations :
 - Finite if $f_0(p)$ falls faster than p^{-1}
 - Super-renormalizable if $f_0(p) \sim p^{-1}$ [Aarts, Smit (1997)]

ensemple can span a large phase space volume

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Classical statistical approximation



Two recent works along these lines

[Berges, Boguslavski, Schlichting, Venugopalan (2013)]

- Start at Q_s τ ≫ 1
- Ensemble of fields that represents a highly occupied gas of gluons
- Free parameters : initial gluon distribution
- Fluctuations = particle-like fluctuations
- No α_s dependence

• [Epelbaum, FG (2013)]

- Start at O_s τ ≪ 1
- Ensemble of fields calculated analytically to reproduce the NLO
- No free parameter
- Fluctuations = vacuum fluctuations
- Fluctuations / background field ~ α_s

Discretization of the expanding volume

- Comoving coordinates : τ, η, x_⊥
- Simulation of a sub-volume
 + periodic boundary conditions
- $L^2 \times N$ lattice





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BBSV : Dense gas of free gluons at $Q_s \tau \gg 1$

$$\langle \mathcal{A}^{\mu} \rangle = 0 \qquad \text{Var.} = \int_{\text{modes } \mathbf{k}} f_0(\mathbf{k}) \ a_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{u}) a_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{v}) \qquad a_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$$
$$f_0(\mathbf{k}) \sim g^{-2} \times \theta(Q_s - \mathbf{k})$$

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$$f(t, p_{\perp}, p_z) \sim \tau^{\frac{2(\delta-1)}{2+\delta}} f_s(\tau^{\frac{\delta}{2+\delta}} p_{\perp}, \tau^{\frac{\delta}{2+\delta}} p_z) \qquad \frac{P_L}{P_\tau} = \delta$$
Here: Qt









Bose-Einstein condensation?



[Blaizot, FG, Liao, McLerran, Venugopalan (2012)]

In thermal equilibrium :

$$\varepsilon \sim T^4 \quad n \sim T^3 \qquad n \, \varepsilon^{-3/4} \sim 1$$

In the CGC at $\tau \leq Q_s^{-1}$:

$$\varepsilon \sim \frac{Q_s^4}{g^2} \quad n \sim \frac{Q_s^3}{g^2} \qquad n \, \varepsilon^{-3/4} \sim g^{-1/2}$$

- At weak coupling, and if the evolution is number conserving, there is a mismatch : the particles in excess condense in the zero mode
- Observed in classical statistical simulations (for scalar fields) [Epelbaum, FG (2011)] [Berges, Sexty (2012)] and in kinetic theory with $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering (in QCD) [Blaizot, Liao, McLerran (2013)]

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Color Glass Condensate

- Nucleus-nucleus collision at high energy
 - \Rightarrow Gluon saturation \Rightarrow Color Glass Condensate
- Weakly coupled, but strongly interacting, effective theory : $qA \sim 1$
- B-JIMWLK evolution equation now obtained at Next-to-Leading Log accuracy. Still early for a practical implementation

Post-collision evolution

- LO : no pressure isotropization, NLO : instabilities
- Strong fields + fluctuations \Rightarrow Classical statistical approximation
- Two implementations... and two different results :

a. one with a much more solid lattice setup

- b. one with initial conditions under better (analytical) control
- The reason of the difficulties encountered in (b) is the very nature of the CGC initial conditions... Highly needed : ways to avoid the problems of the classical statistical approximation
- Bose-Einstein condensation?



UV cutoff dependence (with vacuum fluctuations)





UV cutoff dependence and BEC



Isotropization at g = 0.5 revisited

MV background guaranteed "typical" by rolling the dice until it falls in the middle of the energy distribution...



BBSV's check of their initial conditions





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- 2. Evolve these fields to $Q_s \tau \sim log^2(\alpha_s^{-1})$
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- 5. Make up some new fields as superposition of free plane waves, that lead to a similar $f(\mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \mathbf{v})$
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Why all this voodoo ...?

Why not continue with the original fields?

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Scaling laws from Kinetic theory

[BBSV (2013)]

- Assume : $f(\tau,k_{\perp},k_z)\equiv (Q\tau)^{\alpha}\;f_{_S}((Q\tau)^{\beta}k_{\perp},(Q\tau)^{\gamma}k_z)$
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• **BUT** : (3) is not "energy conservation". It is rather "energy conservation in a comoving volume", which is not always true Only true if $P_L \approx 0$. By relaxing this hypothesis, other scaling solutions with different exponents α , β , γ are possible

Phase decoherence versus Full decoherence



