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Initial state fluctuations and heavy flavor production in small systems

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Introduction

- The underlying mechanism of open and hidden heavy flavor production in high multiplicity events in small systems is yet puzzling.
- The cut and thrust: initial state fluctuations or final state effects or both.
- ➤ Weak coupling approach, the CGC EFT, is useful to pin down initial state effects (i.e., non-hydro) on heavy quark production and hadronization.
 - High multiplicity —> # of net gluons (xfg) is large —> $\alpha_{s}(Q_{s}) \ll 1$
 - Geometrical fluctuation and saturation scale fluctuation lead to high $N_{\rm ch}$. See Salazar's talk on Mon Oct 10.
- This talk will revisit heavy flavor and quarkonium production in high multiplicity p+p and p+A collisions, using a CGC based model.



Major saturation models

b-CGC model

- Linear gluon bremsstrahlung at small-x: BFKL solution.
- Nonlinear recombination in the dense regime: BK solution. lacksquare
- <u>b-dependence introduced in the saturation scale Q_s .</u>

Since the b-dependence models also confinement, it cannot be constrained by saturation physics alone.

IP-Sat model 0

- Glauber-Mueller dipole picture: Multiple scattering.
- Each dipole scattering xsection follows DGLAP evolution.
- <u>b-dependence in a gluon profile function in hadrons/nuclei.</u>

BK model

- NLO running coupling evolution kernel available. (stable numerically)
- MV model is an input distribution.
- b-dependence is not taken into account.

* Input parameters in each model are well constrained by precise HERA data.

Iancu, Itakura, Munier (2003) Watt, Motyka, Kowalski(2006) Watt, Kowalski (2008)

Kowalski, Teaney (2003)

Balitsky (2006)

Ma, Tribedy, Venugopalan, KW (2018)





Initial state fluctuations: a simple model setup





 $\xi \sim 2 \text{ or } 3$ for heavy targets.

principle generate flow.

IP-Sat: p + p, $|\eta| < 1.0$

- The difference between FF and LPHD is about <15% (<20%) at c = 4 in bCGC (IP-Sat).
- About 30% difference between bCGC and IPSat comes from the energy dependence of $Q_{\rm s}$.
- Geometrical fluctuation off.

> High multiplicity events $N_{ch} \gg \langle N_{ch} \rangle$: In pp collisions, $Q_{s,p} = cQ_0^2$, $c \ge 1$. In pA collisions, implementation gets more complicated due to the fluctuation from N_{coll} . Nevertheless, we shall set $Q_{s,A} = c\xi Q_0^2$, $c \ge 1$ and

> Levin and Rezaeian, PRD82, 014022 (2010) Dusling and Venugopalan, PRD87, no.9, 094034 (2013)

Note: These dense gluon configurations could have eccentric shapes whose final state interactions can in











Hadronization approach

Charged hadron production of very low p_{\perp} is governed by soft physics, and it is not straightforward to calculate hadron production from the first principle.

Fragmentation function approach

- DGLAP evolution changes the z-distribution of FF.
- Small-x \leftrightarrow Large-z: 0.1 < z < 1 is relevant.
- Caveat: Should not apply when $\mu < 1 \text{ GeV}$ or $p_{\perp} < 1 \text{ GeV}$.

Local Parton Hadron Duality (LPHD) Hypothesis

- Hadronization happens at a later stage in vacuum (pre-confinement of QCD cascades).
- Parton's momentum direction does not change during hadronization: $p_{\perp}^{g}\langle z \rangle = p_{\perp}^{h}$.
- Bulk multiplicity does not depend on $\langle z \rangle$: $dN_{ch}/d\eta \sim dN_g/d\eta$.
- Good description of multiplicity in e^+e^- .





See <u>Dokshitzer, Khoze, Troian (1991)</u>, <u>Dokshitzer, Khoze, Mueller, Troian (1991)</u>, <u>Khoze, Ochs (1997)</u>



Charged hadron's mean p_{\perp}



<u>Note: MV model + rcBK + FF approach reproduces data, but ignores b-dep.</u>



FF approach:

$$\langle p_{\perp}^{h} \rangle = \frac{\int d\eta d^{2} p_{\perp}^{h} J_{y \to \eta} |p_{\perp}^{h}| d\sigma / d^{2} p_{\perp}^{h} dy}{\int d\eta d^{2} p_{\perp}^{h} J_{y \to \eta} d\sigma / d^{2} p_{\perp}^{h} dy}$$

IP-Sat + FF approach cannot describe data.

LHPD approach:

$$\langle p_{\perp}^{h} \rangle = \langle \langle z \rangle p_{\perp}^{g} \rangle = \frac{\int d\eta d^{2} p_{\perp}^{g} J_{y \to \eta} \langle z \rangle |p_{\perp}^{g}| d\sigma / d^{2} p_{\perp}^{g}}{\int d\eta d^{2} p_{\perp}^{g} J_{y \to \eta} d\sigma / d^{2} p_{\perp}^{g} dy}$$

IP-Sat + LPHD with $\langle z \rangle = 0.5$ is still off data points at high $N_{\rm ch}$.







Coherent rescattering effect



> More work is needed to pin down hadronization dynamics! > The uncertainty concerning bulk hadron production affects other observables.

Ma, Stebel, Venugopalan, **KW**, PoSHardProbes2020, 066 (2021)



Multiple rescattering can happen before the hadronization:

Coherent kicks before the gluons go on-shell.

$$\langle p_{\perp}^{h}\rangle = \sqrt{\langle\langle z\rangle p_{\perp}^{g}\rangle^{2}[1+c(n-1)]}$$

A simple random walk picture: $n = N_{\rm ch} / \langle N_{\rm ch} \rangle$







D-mesons and J/ψ production



> IP-Sat + LPHD for N_{ch} , IP-Sat + KKKS08 set FF for D_0 , D^{*+} , D^+ , IP-Sat + ICEM for J/ψ . Indeed, even when using light hadron FF instead LPHD, and rcBK model instead IP-Sat,

the CGC prediction agree with data.

Ma, Tribedy, Venugopalan, **KW**, PRD98, 7, 074025 (2018) Ma, Tribedy, Venugopalan, **KW**, NPA982, 747-750 (2019) Ma, Stebel, Venugopalan, **KW**, PoSHardProbes2020, 066 (2021)







Onium production model: transition distribution



J/ψ polarization vs. $N_{\rm ch}$





- energy and system size dep.
- \sim Predictable with ICEM as well. Cheung and Vogt, PRD104, no.9, 094026 (2021), PRC105, no.5, 055202 (2022)
- > If other final state effects get into the game, the prediction can be changed.

BK + NRQCD model

Stebel and **KW**, PRD104, no.3, 034004 (2021)

 $> J/\psi$ gets more unpolarized with N_{ch} due to the multiple-rescattering at a short distance; weak





Y production and dissociation



Threshold effect



- Semi-hard multiple rescattering of high occupied gluons: $k \sim \mathcal{O}(Q_s)$
 - QQ production yield is enhanced at high multiplicity.
- Nuclear enhanced soft colors transfer from spectators: 2. $k \sim \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{OCD}) \sim \Delta E_{J/\psi}$
 - The soft color exchange effect is clearly seen in ψ' stronger \bullet suppression in MB p+A collisions.
- 3. Gluon radiation from a produced pair
 - Over $6 \,\mathrm{GeV}^2$ phase space for gluon radiation; $4M_D^2 4m_c^2$.





Qiu, KW in progress



Summary

- The strong enhancement of HF production yield at high multiplicity is a natural consequence of initial state fluctuation effect.
- Other theoretical approaches have took a similar setup; e.g., string percolation model [Ferreiro and Pajares, PRC86, 034903 (2012)], Pomeron fusion model [Levin, Schmidt and Siddikov, Eur. Phys. J. C80, no.6, 560 (2020)]
- High multiplicity events provide an opportunity to study hadronization dynamics of light hadron and heavy quarkonium.

Thank you!



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Bulk particle production and KNO scaling

Tribedy and Venugopalan, PLB710, 125-133 (2012)



> If KNO scaling breaks down, soft multiple-particle interactions could play an essential role.
> In the CGC framework, KNO scaling is held in pp collisions at the LHC up to n/n ≤ 3, but weakly violated in pA collisions → soft modes are crucial at high N_{ch}!

Dumitru and Nara, Phys. Rev. C85, 034907 (2012)





Hadron production





$p + p, \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, |\eta| < 0.3$



Polarization: frame-dep



