

* Derivation of JIMWLK evolution.

Frame: nucleus is moving along x^+ -axis, while the projectile is moving along the x^- -axis. $A^- = 0$

Gauge: $A^- = 0$ light cone gauge of the projectile.

We define: $\alpha(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \equiv A^+(x^+ = 0, x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)$ for Compact Notation
with A^+ the fundamental - representation gluon field in $A^- = 0$ gauge.
Yang-Mills equations.

$$\square \alpha(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) = P(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)$$

$\alpha(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)$ is related to $P(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)$ and P_{ic} .

Defining a weight functional $W_Y[\alpha]$, then

$$\langle \hat{O}_\alpha \rangle_Y = \int \mathcal{D}\alpha \hat{O}_\alpha W_Y[\alpha] \quad (*) \quad \left(\int \mathcal{D}\alpha W_Y[\alpha] = 1 \right)$$

Goal: to construct an evolution equation for $W_Y[\alpha]$

Strategy:

1° derive an evolution equation for the expectation value of some test operator \hat{O}_α

$$\partial_Y \langle \hat{O}_\alpha \rangle = \langle K_\alpha \otimes \hat{O}_\alpha \rangle_Y = \int \mathcal{D}\alpha (K_\alpha \otimes \hat{O}_\alpha) W_Y[\alpha]$$

K_α is the kernel of the equation.

2° Differentiating $\langle \hat{O}_\alpha \rangle_Y$ in (*)

$$\partial_Y \langle \hat{O}_\alpha \rangle_Y = \int \mathcal{D}\alpha \hat{O}_\alpha \partial_Y W_Y[\alpha]$$

3°

$$\int \mathcal{D}\alpha \hat{O}_\alpha \partial_Y W_Y[\alpha] = \int \mathcal{D}\alpha (K_\alpha \otimes \hat{O}_\alpha) W_Y[\alpha]$$

Test operator:

$$\hat{O}_{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_0} = V_{\vec{x}_1} \otimes V_{\vec{x}_0}^\dagger$$

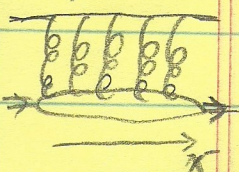
Wilson line for anti-quark

Wilson line for quark

color indices are fixed \Rightarrow

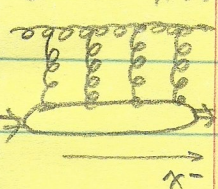
$$= (V_{\vec{x}_1})_{ij} (V_{\vec{x}_0}^\dagger)_{kl}$$

quark $x^+ = 0$



$$V_{\vec{x}_1} = P \exp \left\{ \frac{ig}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx^- t^a \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_1) \right\}$$

gluon $x^+ = 0$



Adjoint Wilson line

$$U_{\vec{x}_1} = P \exp \left\{ \frac{ig}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx^- T^a \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_1) \right\}$$

We need to derive the evolution equation for $\hat{O}_{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_0}$ in rapidity. The evolution is given by the long-lived s-channel gluons, which interact with target over a relatively short period of time.

lifetime of s-channel gluon

$$\tau_{\text{coll}}^- = \frac{k^-}{k_{\perp}^2}$$

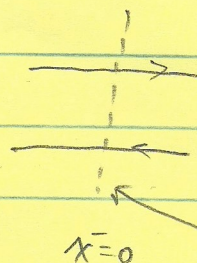
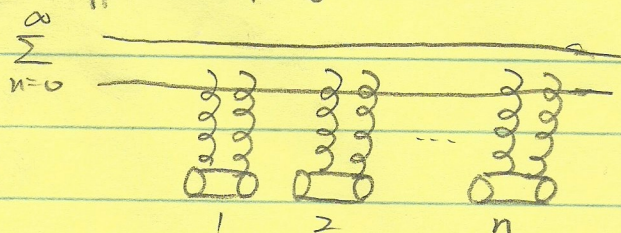
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GGM multiple-rescattering

$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{p^+}$$

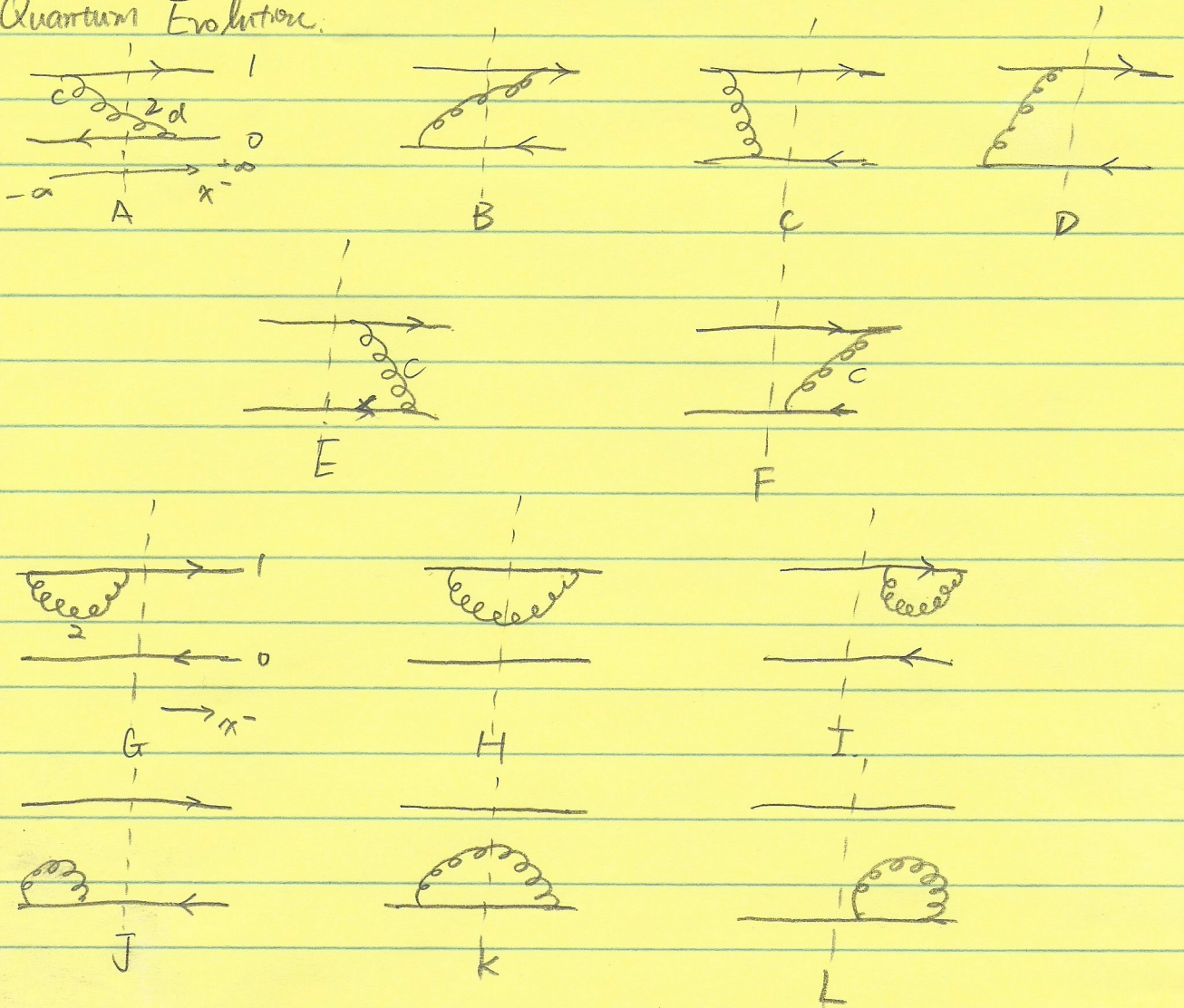
(p^+ is the large light cone momentum of the nucleon)

GGM multiple rescattering occur over a relatively short time (treated as instantaneous) compared with the time needed for the development of quantum evolution.



GGM multiple rescattering

Quantum Evolution:



$$A + B + \dots + F = \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \int d^2x_2 dY \frac{\vec{x}_{21} \cdot \vec{x}_{20}}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}$$

$$\times \left[1 - U_{\vec{x}_{11}}^+ U_{\vec{x}_{21}}^+ - U_{\vec{x}_{21}}^+ U_{\vec{x}_{01}}^+ + U_{\vec{x}_{11}}^+ U_{\vec{x}_{01}}^+ \right]_{ab} t^a V_{\vec{x}_{11}} \otimes V_{\vec{x}_{01}}^+ t^b$$

$$G + H + I = \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2x_2}{x_{21}^2} dY \left[U_{\vec{x}_{11}}^+ U_{\vec{x}_{21}}^+ - 1 \right]_{ab} t^b t^a V_{\vec{x}_{11}} \otimes V_{\vec{x}_{01}}^+$$

$$J + K + L = \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2x_2}{x_{20}^2} dY \left[U_{\vec{x}_{01}}^+ U_{\vec{x}_{20}}^+ - 1 \right]_{ab} V_{\vec{x}_{11}} \otimes V_{\vec{x}_{01}}^+ t^b t^a$$

Resummed
parameter
 $\alpha_S Y$

In order to derive JIMWLK, we can write them in terms of functional derivatives of $\alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)$,

$$A+B+\dots+F = \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp dY \eta_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} \frac{\delta^2 (V_{\vec{x}_\perp} \otimes V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^\dagger)}{\delta \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta \alpha^b(y^-, \vec{y}_\perp)}$$

With

$$\eta_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{x}'_\perp}^{ab} = \frac{4}{g^2 \pi^2} \int d^2x_2 \frac{\vec{x}_{21} \cdot \vec{x}_{20}}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left[1 - U_{\vec{x}_\perp} U_{\vec{x}'_\perp}^\dagger - U_{\vec{x}'_\perp} U_{\vec{x}_\perp}^\dagger + U_{\vec{x}_\perp} U_{\vec{x}'_\perp}^\dagger \right]^{ab}$$

for $x^-, y^- > 0$. One functional derivative acts on V and the other acts on V^\dagger

$$G+H+I = \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp dY \eta_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} \left[\frac{\delta^2 V_{\vec{x}_\perp}}{\delta \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta \alpha^b(y^-, \vec{y}_\perp)} \right] \otimes V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^\dagger$$

$$+ \alpha_s \int d^2x_\perp V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a \left[\frac{\delta V_{\vec{x}_\perp}}{\delta \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)} \right] \otimes V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^\dagger$$

$$J+K+L = \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp dY \eta_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} V_{\vec{x}_\perp} \otimes \left[\frac{\delta^2 V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^\dagger}{\delta \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta \alpha^b(y^-, \vec{y}_\perp)} \right]$$

$$+ \alpha_s \int d^2x_\perp V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a V_{\vec{x}_\perp} \otimes \left[\frac{\delta V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^\dagger}{\delta \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)} \right]$$

Where $V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a = \frac{i}{g\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2x_2}{x_{21}^2} \text{Tr} [T^a U_{\vec{x}_\perp} U_{\vec{x}_2}^\dagger]$

with $x^-, y^- > 0$.

$$\therefore \partial_Y \langle \hat{O}_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{x}'_\perp} \rangle_Y = \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp \left\langle \eta_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} \frac{\delta^2 \hat{O}_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{x}'_\perp}}{\delta \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta \alpha^b(y^-, \vec{y}_\perp)} \right\rangle_Y$$

$$+ \alpha_s \int d^2x_\perp \left\langle V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a \frac{\delta \hat{O}_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{x}'_\perp}}{\delta \alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)} \right\rangle_Y$$

We have $\langle \hat{O} \rangle_Y = \int \mathcal{D}\alpha \hat{O}_\alpha W_Y[\alpha]$. Using integration by part on the right hand side of the equation, we can get

$$\int d\alpha \hat{O}_{\vec{\kappa}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp} \partial_Y W_Y[\alpha] = \int d\alpha \hat{O}_{\vec{\kappa}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp} \left\{ \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta\alpha^b(y^-, \vec{y}_\perp)} (\eta_{\vec{\kappa}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} W_Y[\alpha]) \right. \\ \left. - \alpha_s \int d^2x_\perp \frac{\delta}{\delta\alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)} (V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a W_Y[\alpha]) \right\}$$

↑
comes from
integration by part

∴ JIMWLK equation

$$\partial_Y W_Y[\alpha] = \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta\alpha^b(y^-, \vec{y}_\perp)} (\eta_{\vec{\kappa}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} W_Y[\alpha]) \\ - \alpha_s \int d^2x_\perp \frac{\delta}{\delta\alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)} (V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a W_Y[\alpha])$$

This is a differential equation for the weight functional $W_Y[\alpha]$. The Gaussian form of the functional (from MV model) serves as its initial condition.

This equation resums all powers of $\alpha_s Y$ and Gaussian initial condition resums all classical physics effects ($\alpha_s A^{1/3}$)

For operator \hat{O} constructed from the fundamental or adjoint Wilson lines, the JIMWLK evolution for its expectation value is

$$\partial_Y \langle \hat{O} \rangle_Y = \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp \left\langle \eta_{\vec{\kappa}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} \frac{\delta^2 \hat{O}}{\delta\alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta\alpha^b(y^-, \vec{y}_\perp)} \right\rangle_Y \\ + \alpha_s \int d^2x_\perp \left\langle V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a \frac{\delta \hat{O}}{\delta\alpha^a(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)} \right\rangle_Y$$

* Obtaining BK from JIMWLK and Balitsky hierarchy
 Define the S-matrix operator,

$$\hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \left[V_{\vec{x}_{1L}} V_{\vec{x}_{0L}}^\dagger \right]$$

The S-matrix is then given by

$$S(\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}, Y) = \langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y$$

Put this operator into JIMWLK equation, one get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_Y \langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \int d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp \left\langle \eta_{\vec{x}_\perp, \vec{y}_\perp}^{ab} \frac{\delta^2 \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}}}{\delta \alpha^a(x, \vec{x}_\perp) \delta \alpha^b(y, \vec{y}_\perp)} \right\rangle_Y \\ &\quad + \alpha_s \int d^2x_\perp \left\langle V_{\vec{x}_\perp}^a \frac{\delta \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}}}{\delta \alpha^a(x, \vec{x}_\perp)} \right\rangle_Y \end{aligned}$$

After large amount of algebra, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_Y \langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int d^2x_\perp \frac{\chi_{10}^z}{\chi_{20}^z \chi_{21}^z} \left[\langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{2L}} \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{2L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y \right] \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Large N_c
 limit \Rightarrow

If

$$\langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{2L}} \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{2L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y \rightarrow \langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{2L}} \rangle_Y \langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{2L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y$$

it reduces to BK equation, which is a closed equation for $\langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{2L}} \rangle_Y$.

Without taking large N_c limit, (*) is not a closed equation. It depends on a new four-Wilson-line operator

$$\langle \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{1L}, \vec{x}_{2L}} \hat{S}_{\vec{x}_{2L}, \vec{x}_{0L}} \rangle_Y$$

Its evolution contains an operator with six fundamental Wilson lines.

$$\langle \hat{S} \hat{S} \hat{S} \rangle$$

So the evolution of the n -Wilson-line operator would be driven by an $(n+2)$ -Wilson-line operator. This is called the Balitsky hierarchy. BK equation truncates the Balitsky hierarchy at lowest order.

importance
of $\frac{1}{N_c}$ corrections

Numerical solution of full JIMWLK equation ^{is} compared with solutions from BK equation. Due to saturation effects, $\frac{1}{N_c}$ corrections to $\langle \hat{S}_{\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2} \rangle_Y$ is suppressed. The difference is only $\sim 0.1\%$.