Single hadron spectra at forward rapidities in RHIC and the LHC from the Color Glass Condensate

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OUTLINE

- Intro. Basic ideas and formalism
- Single particle production at forward rapidities at RHIC
- Nuclear modification ratios at the LHC

- Based on
- JLA and Cyrille Marquet, 1001.1378 [hep-ph],
- JLA, Phys.Rev.Lett.99:262301,2007
- JLA and Yuri Kovchegov. Phys.Rev.D75:125021,2007



RHIC and LHC collisions provide access to the saturated region of the wavefunctions

 $2 \rightarrow I$ kinematics in hadronic collisions:

$$x_{1(2)} \sim \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{s}} \exp(\pm y_h)$$



The abundant small-x gluons in the colliding nuclei feed the formation of a QGP

⇒ Non-linear QCD evolution: The Balitsky-Kovchegov (BK) equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{N}(r,Y)}{\partial Y} = \int d^2 r_1 \, K(r,r_1,r_2) \left[\mathcal{N}(r_1,Y) + \mathcal{N}(r_2,Y) - \mathcal{N}(r,Y) - \mathcal{N}(r_1,Y) \mathcal{N}(r_2,Y) \right]$$

 \boldsymbol{q}

 \bar{q}

r

Evolution rapidity: $Y = \ln (x_0/x)$

Evolution kernel including running coupling corrections:

$$K^{\mathrm{run}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r_1}, \mathbf{r_2}) = \frac{N_c \,\alpha_s(r^2)}{2\pi^2} \left[\frac{r^2}{r_1^2 \, r_2^2} + \frac{1}{r_1^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_1^2)}{\alpha_s(r_2^2)} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{r_2^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_2^2)}{\alpha_s(r_1^2)} - 1 \right) \right]$$

MV Initial conditions: $\mathcal{N}(r, x = x_0) = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{r^2 \, Q_0^2}{4} \ln\left(\frac{1}{r \, \Lambda} + e \right) \right]$

Dipole scattering amplitude ⇔ unintegrated gluon distribution

$$\varphi(x,k_t) = \int \frac{d^2r}{2\pi r^2} e^{-i\vec{k}_t \cdot \vec{r}} \mathcal{N}(r,x) \implies \frac{\partial \varphi(x,k_t)}{\partial Y} \approx \tilde{K} \otimes \varphi - \varphi^2$$
radiation recombination

\Rightarrow Particle Production in forward p-A and p-p collisions (Dumitru, Jalilian-Marian)

$$\begin{aligned} x_{1(2)} \sim \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{s}} \exp(\pm y_h) & | \text{arge-x} \\ \text{dilute} & \text{y}_h >> 0 \\ \int \\ \frac{dN_h}{dy_h \, d^2 p_t} = \frac{K}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_q \int_{x_F}^1 \frac{dz}{z^2} \left[x_1 f_{q/p}(x_1, p_t^2) \, \tilde{N}_F\left(x_2, \frac{p_t}{z}\right) \, D_{h/q}(z, p_t^2) \\ &+ x_1 f_{g/p}(x_1, p_t^2) \, \tilde{N}_A\left(x_2, \frac{p_t}{z}\right) \, D_{h/g}(z, p_t^2) \right] \\ \tilde{N}_{F(A)}(x, k) = \int d^2 \mathbf{r} \, e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \left[1 - \mathcal{N}_{F(A)}(r, Y = \ln(x_0/x)) \right] \end{aligned}$$

In order to ensure $x_1 \ge x_0$, $x_2 \le x_0$ with $x_0 \approx 0.01 \longrightarrow y_h \ge 2$

Previous work need rapidity dependent K-factors to account for the normalization We use CTEQ6 pdf's and de Florian-Sassot ff's

Comparison with RHIC p-p data

- Very good descriptions of forward yields!
- No K-factor needed for negative charged hadrons!
- Rapidity independent K=0.4 for neutral pions



Comparison with RHIC d-Au data

- K=I for negative charged hadrons and K=0.3 for neutral pions
- This is minimum bias data. Qs is larger in the center of the nucleus

$$0.01 \le x_0 \le 0.025 \qquad Q_{s0}^2 = 0.4 \,\text{GeV}^2 \longrightarrow Q_{s0\,gluon}^2 = 0.9 \,\text{GeV}^2$$
$$0.005 \le x_0 \le 0.01 \qquad Q_{s0}^2 = 0.5 \,\text{GeV}^2 \longrightarrow Q_{s0,gluon}^2 = 1.125 \,\text{GeV}^2$$



Predictions for the LHC are now entirely driven by the small-dynamics.



A similar suppression is expected at y=0

- We get similar results for charged hadrons:



- Our results agree with the expectation that forward suppression at RHIC should be similar to mid and mid-forward suppression at the LHC.

What about Pb-Pb collisions??

The suppression predicted for pPb collisions is rooted in the nuclear wavefunction. At a qualitative level, one expects a suppression which is, roughly, the one in pPb collisions squared



- Small-x effects in both projectile and system
- At midrapidity it is a symmetric system. Hybrid formalism not well-suited

Phenomenological approach: Use of kt-factorization

$$\frac{dN^{AB\to gX}}{d\eta \, d^2 p_t} = \frac{C_F}{\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{p_t^2} \int d^2 b d^2 q \, \varphi_A(x_A, q, b) \, \varphi_B(x_B, p_t - q, B_t - b)$$
$$\varphi(x, k, b) = \int d^2 \mathbf{r} \, e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \, \nabla_\mathbf{r}^2 \, \mathcal{N}(r, Y = \ln(x_0/x), b) = k^2 \, \tilde{N}(x, k, b)$$

- It is valid when x is small in projectile and target, but has only been proven for p(e)-A collisions (dilute-dense scattering)
- However, phenomenologically it seems to work rather well...

We predict a large suppression of gluon production in PbPB collisions originating purely from initial state effects.

Our results should are valid at $t=0^+$. They should be convoluted with final state (QGP) and hadronization effects to get the total R_{PbPb}



The wavefunctions used here also yield a very good description of other observables



 F_2 , F_L and F_D in e+p HERA collisions

 $\frac{Q_{0,A}^2}{Q_{0,A}^2} = 2 \div 2.5 = c A^{1/3}$ compatible with e+A data. Francois Gelis et al $\overline{Q_0^2}_{proton}$

Also two-particle correlations in forward d+Au at RHIC (Cyrille will tell us about that)

Conclusions

A very good description of forward hadron yields in d+Au collisions at RHIC is possible within the CGC

We use the most up-to-date theoretical tools to describe the x-dependence (energy and rapidity) of the nuclear wavefunctions: BK including running coupling corrections.

We predict a large suppression (~1/2) of forward hadron yields in p+Pb collisions @ LHC and an even larger suppression for mid-rapidity initial gluon production on Pb+Pb collisions

Together with the study of other observables,

We should (and shall) extend these studies to more differential observables (correlations, photons...)