# Developing the framework for combined fits of CGC observables

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## Developing the framework for combined fits of CGC observables

#### Explaining the title

- Developing: work in progress, partial preliminary results
- *framework*: numerical setup consisting of many small elements with the possible potential for further extensions
- combined fit: the goal is to describe simultaneously several sets of experimental data
- CGC: Color Glass Condensate is an effective description of processes in pp and pA collisions at high energies ⇐⇒ small x
- observables: different cross-sections

#### Color Glass Condensate framework

- access to unintegrated parton distribution functions
- nonperturbative initial condition model
- perturbative evolution equation
- predictions of cross-sections at high-energies/small-x



Y. Kovchegov, Brief Review of Saturation Physics, Acta Phys. Pol. B, 45 (2014) 2241



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Virtual photon-proton cross section for transverse (T) and longitudinal (L) polarization of the virtual photon



$$x = \frac{-q^2}{(P+q)^2 - q^2 - M^2}$$

E. lancu, QCD in heavy ions collisions

$$\sigma_{T,L}(x,Q^2) = \sigma_0 \sum_{f=u,d,s} \int_0^1 dz dr |\psi_{T,L}^f(e_f,m_f,z,Q^2,r)|^2 N_F(x,r)$$

#### Initial condition

$$N_F^{\rm MV}(x=x_0,\mathbf{r}) = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{\left(r^2 Q_0\right)^{\gamma}}{4} \ln\left(\frac{1}{r\Lambda} + e\right)\right]$$

Comparison with experimental data for the reduced cross sections in different  $Q^2$  bins



 $Q_{s0}^2=0.164~{\rm GeV}^2$  at  $x_0=0.01,~\sigma_0=32.324,~\gamma=1.123,~C=2.48$  and  $m_l=0.0182$ 

J. L. Albacete, N. Armesto, J.G. Milhano, P. Quiroga Arias, C.A. Salgado, AAMQS: A non-linear QCD analysis of new HERA data at small-x including heavy quarks, Eur. Phys. J. C 71, 1705 (2011)

Negatively charged hadron and  $\pi^0$  yields in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{S_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ 



 $Q_{s0}^2 = 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$  at  $x_0 = 0.02$  was the only fitted parameter

J. Albacete, C. Marquet, Single inclusive hadron production at RHIC and the LHC from the Color Glass Condensate, Phys.Lett.B687:174-179,2010

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$$\frac{dN_h}{dy_h d^2 p_t} = \frac{K}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{x_F}^1 \frac{dz}{z^2} \Big\{ \sum_q \Big[ x_1 f_{q/p}(x_1, p_t^2) N_F(x_2, \frac{p_t}{z}) D_{h/q}(z, p_t^2) \Big] + \Big[ x_1 f_{g/p}(x_1, p_t^2) N_A(x_2, \frac{p_t}{z}) D_{h/g}(z, p_t^2) \Big] \Big\}$$

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#### Framework: requirements

- evolution equation
- initial condition
- access to gluon dipole amplitude in position and momentum spaces
- minimization algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  levmar library
- $\bullet\,$  access to fragmentation functions and PDFs  $\Rightarrow$  LHAPDF library

#### Framework: features

- BK evolution equation with kinematical constraint
- Balitsky/daughter/mother dipole prescription for the running coupling
- Euler/Runge integration scheme
- uncertainty estimation
- parallelization  $\Rightarrow$  short running time
- ...

#### Balitsky-Kovchegov evolution equation

The LO BK equation reads

$$\frac{\partial S_{\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{y}}_{\perp}}(\eta)}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{s}}{2\pi} \int d^{2} \bar{\boldsymbol{z}}_{\perp} \ \mathscr{M}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{y}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{z}}_{\perp}} \big[ S_{\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{z}}_{\perp}}(\eta) S_{\bar{\boldsymbol{z}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{y}}_{\perp}}(\eta) - S_{\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{y}}_{\perp}}(\eta) \big],$$

where

$$\mathscr{M}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{y}}_{\perp}\bar{\boldsymbol{z}}_{\perp}} = \frac{(\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\perp} - \bar{\boldsymbol{y}}_{\perp})^2}{(\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\perp} - \bar{\boldsymbol{z}}_{\perp})^2(\bar{\boldsymbol{z}}_{\perp} - \bar{\boldsymbol{y}}_{\perp})^2}.$$

Rewritten in radial variables

$$\frac{\partial S(r,\eta)}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{2\pi} \int d\phi \, dr_z \, r_z \, \frac{r^2}{r_z^2 (r^2 + r_z^2 - 2rr_z \cos \phi)} \times \\ \times \left[ S(r_z,\eta) \, S\left(\sqrt{r^2 + r_z^2 - 2rr_z \cos \phi},\eta\right) - S(r,\eta) \right].$$

#### Balitsky-Kovchegov evolution equation

Account for several additional physical effects, such as the running of the coupling constant with the energy scale, resummation of subleading corrections [Ducloue et al., 2019]

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial S(r,\eta)}{\partial \eta} &= \int d\phi \, dr_z \, r_z \times \\ &\times \left[ \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s(r)}{2\pi r_z^2} \left( \frac{r^2}{r_{zy}^2 + \varepsilon^2} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_z)}{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_{zy})} - 1 + \frac{r_z^2}{r_{zy}^2 + \varepsilon^2} \left( \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_{zy})}{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_z)} - 1 \right) \right) \right] \times \\ &\times \left[ S(r_z, \eta - \delta_{r_z;r}) S(r_{zy}, \eta - \delta_{r_{zy};r}) - S(r, \eta) \right], \end{split}$$
where  $r_{zy} = \sqrt{r^2 + r_z^2 - 2rr_z \cos \phi}$ . The shifts in  $\eta$  in the dipole

amplitudes are given by  $\delta_{r_z;r} = \max\left\{0, 2\log\frac{r}{r_z}\right\}$  and similarly  $\delta_{r_{zy};r} = \max\left\{0, 2\log\frac{r}{r_{zy}}\right\}.$ 

#### Automatic Differentiation in a nutshell

Allows to evaluate 'analytic' derivatives of a computer program with respect to external parameters.

• numbers are promoted to vectors

$$x \to \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \partial_A \\ \partial_B \\ \partial^2_A \\ \partial_A \partial_B \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

- all arithmetic operators are overloaded
- functions with derivatives have to be provided
- works for most algorithms

Automatic Differentiation for the Balitsky-Kovchegov evolution equation

$$S(r,\eta) 
ightarrow egin{pmatrix} S(r,\eta) & \ \partial_{Q_0}S(r,\eta) \ \partial_rS(r,\eta) \ \partial_{Q_0}^2S(r,\eta) \ \partial_r^2S(r,\eta) \ \partial_r^2S(r,\eta) \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S(r,\eta)}{\partial \eta} &= \int d\phi \, dr_z \, r_z \times \\ &\times \left[ \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s(r)}{2\pi r_z^2} \left( \frac{r^2}{r_{zy}^2 + \varepsilon^2} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_z)}{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_{zy})} - 1 + \frac{r_z^2}{r_{zy}^2 + \varepsilon^2} \left( \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_{zy})}{\bar{\alpha}_s(r_z)} - 1 \right) \right) \right] \times \\ &\times \left[ S(r_z, \eta - \delta_{r_z;r}) S(r_{zy}, \eta - \delta_{r_{zy};r}) - S(r, \eta) \right], \end{aligned}$$

gives  $S(r, \eta)$  together with the evolved derivatives.

F. Cougoulic, P. Korcyl, T. Stebel, *Improving the solver for the Balitsky-Kovchegov evolution equation with Automatic Differentiation*, Comput.Phys.Commun. 313 (2025) 109616

#### Automatic Differentiation for the Balitsky-Kovchegov evolution equation

Benefits:

- faster convergence of the fit
  - fewer iterations
  - less computer time
  - can test more parameters in the initial condition
- access to the Hessian matrix allows easy estimation of uncertainties
- more reliable estimation of some TMD functions with long tails
- can tell how the initial condition is sensitive to the given experimental data

Costs:

• slower code, but less than naively expected





Sensitivity of the observable to the parameters of the initial condition





#### Hessian method

Assume that  $\chi^2_{global}$  is quadratic about the global minimum

$$\Delta \chi^2_{\mathrm{global}} \equiv \chi^2_{\mathrm{global}} - \chi^2_{\mathrm{min}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n H_{ij} (a_i - a_i^0) (a_j - a_j^0),$$

where

$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2_{\text{global}}}{\partial a_i \partial a_j} \bigg|_{\text{min}}$$

We can diagonalize the covariance matrix  $C \equiv H^{-1}$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij} v_{jk} = \lambda_k v_{ik},$$

$$a_i - a_i^0 = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sqrt{\lambda_k} v_{ik}\right) z_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta \chi^2_{\text{global}} = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k^2 \equiv T^2$$

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## Comparison of the uncertainties obtained from the Hessian and Monte Carlo methods for the PDFs



Figure 1. Comparison of Hessian and Monte Carlo results at the input scale of  $Q_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  for the (a) gluon distribution and (b) strange asymmetry. Both results allow n = 20 free PDF parameters and do not apply a tolerance (i.e. T = 1 in the Hessian case). The best-fit (solid curves) and Hessian uncertainty (shaded region) are in good agreement with the average and standard deviation (thick dashed curves) of the  $N_{\text{rep}} = 40$  Monte Carlo replica PDF sets (thin dotted curves).

G. Watt, R. Thorne, *Study of Monte Carlo approach to experimental uncertainty propagation with MSTW2008 PDFs*, JHEP 1208:052, 2012

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Uncertainty of the DIS cross-section obtained with the Hessian method

Q2 = 1.5 GeV



#### Increased efficiency of the Levenberg-Marquard optimization algorithm



#### Logarithmic Fourier Transform

Popular in geophysics, cosmology, and signal processing.

- It allows for the Fourier transform of data sampled on a logarithmic scale rather than linear,
- fits perfectly into our setup as we solve the BK equation on a logarithmic grid,
- more reliable than an ordinary 2D Fourier transform,
- Bessel function is not needed,

• order of magnitude more efficient in computer time. Main idea:

$$\tilde{f}(k) = C(k) \operatorname{FT}_{1D}^{\tau \to k} \left[ B(\tau) \operatorname{FT}_{1D}^{x \to \tau} \left[ A(x) f(x) \right] \right]$$

where A(x),  $B(\tau)$ , and C(k) are known functions that can be precomputed. FT<sub>1D</sub><sup>x \to k</sup> is an ordinary, linear, one-dimensional FT.

#### Logarithmic Fourier Transform



The WW TMD structure function obtained with three different methods with MV model, N = 2000

#### Logarithmic Fourier Transform



Time comparison: the logfft approach, numerical integration of the Bessel functions, and a 2D Fourier transform evaluated using the FFTW3 library.



Back to BRAMHS data: negatively charged hadron and  $\pi^0$  yields in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{S_{NN}}=200~{\rm GeV}$ 

#### Going further

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\sigma(pA \to qgX)}{d^2 P_t d^2 k_t dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{\alpha_s^2}{2C_F} \frac{z(1-z)}{P_t^4} x_1 q(x_1, \mu^2) P_{gq}(z) \\ &\qquad \times \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} (1-z)^2 - \frac{z^2}{N_c^2} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(1)}(x_2, k_t) + \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(2)}(x_2, k_t) \right\}, \quad (2.12) \\ \frac{d\sigma(pA \to q\bar{q}X)}{d^2 P_t d^2 k_t dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{\alpha_s^2}{2C_F} \frac{z(1-z)}{P_t^4} x_1 g(x_1, \mu^2) P_{qg}(z) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} (1-z)^2 + z^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)}(x_2, k_t) \\ &\qquad + 2z(1-z) \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)}(x_2, k_t) - \frac{1}{N_c^2} \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(3)}(x_2, k_t) \right\}, \quad (2.13) \\ \frac{d\sigma(pA \to qgX)}{d^2 P_t d^2 k_t dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{\alpha_s^2}{2C_F} \frac{z(1-z)}{P_t^4} x_1 g(x_1, \mu^2) P_{gg}(z) \\ &\qquad \times \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} (1-z)^2 + z^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)}(x_2, k_t) + 2z(1-z) \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)}(x_2, k_t) + \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(6)}(x_2, k_t) \\ &\qquad + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(4)}(x_2, k_t) + \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(5)}(x_2, k_t) - 2\mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(3)}(x_2, k_t) \right] \right\}, \quad (2.14) \end{split}$$

C. Marquet, E. Petreska, C. Roiesnel, *Transverse-momentum-dependent gluon distributions from JIMWLK evolution*, JHEP10 (2016) 065

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TMD approximated in terms of the dipole amplitude S

$$\mathscr{F}_{qg}^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{k}_{\perp},x) = \frac{N_c}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{r_{\perp} dr_{\perp}}{2\pi} J_0(\boldsymbol{k}_{\perp} r_{\perp}) \nabla_{\perp}^2 [1 - S(r_{\perp},x)]$$

$$\mathscr{F}_{gg}^{(3)}(\boldsymbol{k}_{\perp},x) = \frac{C_{F}}{2\pi^{2}} \int \frac{r_{\perp} dr_{\perp}}{2\pi} J_{0}(k_{\perp}r_{\perp}) \mathscr{K}(r_{\perp},x) \left[1 - (S(r_{\perp},x))^{N_{c}/C_{F}}\right] \times (S(r_{\perp},x))^{2}$$

$$\mathscr{F}_{WW}(\boldsymbol{k}_{\perp},x) = \frac{C_F}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{r_{\perp} dr_{\perp}}{2\pi} J_0(k_{\perp}r_{\perp}) \mathscr{K}(r_{\perp},x) \left[1 - (S(r_{\perp},x))^{N_c/C_F}\right]$$

$$\nabla_{\perp}^{2} = \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial r_{\perp}^{2}} + \frac{1}{r_{\perp}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{\perp}}$$
$$\mathscr{K}(r_{\perp}, x) = \frac{\nabla_{\perp}^{2} \Gamma(r_{\perp}, x)}{\Gamma(r_{\perp}, x)} \quad \text{where} \quad \Gamma(r_{\perp}, x) = -\log[S(r_{\perp}, x)]$$



#### Next steps

- uncertainty analysis and model selection: Bayesian analysis based on the calculation of evidence; comparison of uncertainties from the Hessian method, Markov Chain Monte Carlo, and Nested Sampling algorithms
- testing the stability: impact of different running coupling prescriptions, different implementations of the kinematical constraint

- inclusion of other data/cross-section
- TMD functions from JIMWLK



Gluon dipole amplitude obtained from JIMWLK, together with the first and second derivatives with respect to  $Q_0$ 

#### Summary

- I have presented elements of the framework that allow for the efficient fitting of several observables
- I have discussed the benefits of using automatic differentiation
- I have shown how to increase the performance by employing the logarithmic Fourier transform
- I have presented preliminary results of the fit to the DIS from HERA and single inclusive hadron production from BRAHMS
- I have highlighted future steps

#### Thank you very much for your attention!