### Forward trijet production at LHC

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## Explicit k<sub>T</sub>-employing factorization

#### TMD factorization

- holds at leading power in  $k_T/\mu$
- on-shell parton-level matrix elements
- Transverse Momentum Dependent PDFs, evolve via the Collins-Soper-Sterman equations, re-sum large logs of  $k_T/\mu$

### High energy factorization

$$d\sigma_{hh} = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_1 \frac{d^2 k_{TI}}{\pi} \int dx_2 \frac{d^2 k_{T2}}{\pi} \mathcal{F}_a(x_1, k_{T1}) \mathcal{F}_b(x_2, k_{T2}) d\sigma_{ab}(x_1, k_{T1}, x_2, k_{T2})$$

- focus on small-x, not neglecting powers of  $k_T/\mu$
- off-shell parton-level matrix elements
- Transvers Momentum Dependent, or un-integrated, PDFs, evolve to resum logs of 1/x, e.g. with BFKL or CCFM equations, or their non-linear extensions,

# QCD evolution, dilute vs. dense, forward jets



A dilute system carries a few high-x partons contributing to the hard scattering.

A dense system carries many low-x partons.

At high density, gluons are imagined to undergo recombination, and to saturate.

This is modeled with non-linear evolution equations, involving explicit non-vanishing  $k_T$ .

**Saturation** implies the turnover of the gluon density, stopping it from growing indefinitely for small x.

**Forward jets** have large rapidities, and trigger events in which partons from the nucleus have small x.

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#### pA (dilute-dense) collisions within CGC





#### art by Piotr Kotko CGC & TMD Leading twist study FORWARD DIJET PRODUCTION IN CGC [F. Dominguez, C. Marguet, B. Xiao, F. Yuan, 2011] LEADING POWER LIMIT $\vec{P}_{T1}$ $\vec{k}_T = \vec{P}_{T1} + \vec{P}_{T2}$ $\frac{Q_s}{\sqrt{P_T}} \sim \frac{k_T}{\sqrt{P_T}} \sim \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{P_T}}$ leeve Prz Pr= ZPr1-2Pr2 SATURATION HARD LARGE-X EXCHANGE SCALE PARTON SCALE OF SMALL-X $\begin{array}{c} (\chi_1) & \text{GLUONS}(\chi_2) \\ \chi_2 << \chi_1 & \frac{d\sigma_{pA \to 2j+X}}{dy_1 dy_2 d^2 p_{T1} d^2 p_{T2}} \sim \sum_{a,c,d} f_{a/p}(x_1,\mu) \sum_i \frac{H_{ag \to cd}^{(i)}(k_T=0)}{A} \\ \end{array}$ Equivalence of leading power CGC and TMD 'factorization' ON-SHELL was recently shown for dijet+photon process. DISTRIBUTIONS HARD FACTORS [T. Altinoluk, R. Boussarie, C. Marguet, P. Taels, 2018] (SMALL-X LIMIT)

#### Intensively studied:

[D. Kharzeev, Y. Kovchegov, K. Tuchin, 2003]
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[T. Altinoluk, R. Boussarie, 2019]

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Factorization formula for forward dijets in p-p and p-A collisions

[PK, K. Kutak, C. Marquet, E. Petreska, S. Sapeta, A. van Hameren, 2015]



### ITMD<sup>\*</sup> factorization for more than 2 jets

We want to establish a similar factorization for more than 2 jets.

However, the ITMD formalism does not account for linearly polarized gluons in unpolarized target.

Such a contribution is absent for massless 2-particle production in CGC theory, but does appear in heavy quark production (Marquet, Roiesnes, Taels 2018), in the correlation limit for 3-parton final-states (Altinoluk, Boussarie, Marquet, Taels 2020), and can be concluded to be present from 3-jet formulae in CGC (lancu, Mulian 2019).

This contribution cannot staightforwardly be formulated in terms of gauge-invariant offshell hard scattering amplitudes

$$\sum_{i,j} \mathcal{M}^*_i \left( \frac{k_T^{(i)} k_T^{(j)}}{2|\vec{k}_T|^2} (\mathcal{F} + \mathcal{H}) + \frac{q_T^{(i)} q_T^{(j)}}{2|\vec{q}_T|^2} (\mathcal{F} - \mathcal{H}) \right) \mathcal{M}_j \quad , \quad \vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{k}_T = 0$$

 $\textstyle \sum_{i} \mathcal{M}_{i} k_{T}^{(i)} \text{ is gauge invariant while } \sum_{i} \mathcal{M}_{i} q_{T}^{(i)} \text{ is not. For dijets, it happens that } \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{H}.$ 

In the following only the manifestly gauge-invariant contribution is included, hence the designation  $\mathsf{ITMD}^*$ .

# $\mathsf{ITMD}^*$ factorization for more than 2 jets

#### Schematic hybrid (non-ITMD) factorization fomula

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Color sum in terms of a color matrix

$$\sum_{\text{color}} \left| \mathfrak{M}^{(\text{color})} \right|^2 = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n+2}} \sum_{\tau \in S_{n+2}} \mathcal{A}_{\sigma}^* \, \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma\tau} \, \mathcal{A}_{\tau}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\sigma\tau} = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n+2}} \sum_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n+2}} \delta^{i_1}_{j_{\sigma(1)}} \delta^{i_2}_{j_{\sigma(2)}} \cdots \delta^{i_{n+2}}_{j_{\sigma(n+2)}} \delta^{i_1}_{j_{\tau(1)}} \delta^{i_2}_{j_{\tau(2)}} \cdots \delta^{i_{n+2}}_{j_{\tau(n+2)}} = N_c^{\lambda(\sigma, \tau)}$$

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with (Bomhof, Mulders, Pijlman 2006; Bury, Kotko, Kutak 2018)

$$\begin{split} (\mathsf{N}_{c}^{2}-1) \sum_{i_{1},\dots,i_{n}} \sum_{j_{1},\dots,j_{n+2}} \sum_{\bar{\imath}_{1},\dots,\bar{\imath}_{n+2}} \sum_{\bar{\jmath}_{1},\dots,\bar{\jmath}_{n+2}} \left( \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{j_{1}j_{2}\cdots j_{n+2}}^{i_{1}i_{1}\bar{\imath}_{2}\cdots i_{n+2}} \right)^{*} \left( \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\bar{\jmath}_{1}\bar{\jmath}_{2}\cdots \bar{\jmath}_{n+2}}^{i_{1}\bar{\imath}_{1}\bar{\imath}_{2}\cdots i_{n+2}} \right) \\ \times 2 \int \frac{d^{4}\xi}{(2\pi)^{3}\mathsf{P}^{+}} \delta(\xi_{+}) \, e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\xi} \left\langle \mathsf{P} \Big| \left( \hat{\mathsf{F}}^{+}(\xi) \right)_{i_{1}}^{j_{1}} \left( \hat{\mathsf{F}}^{+}(0) \right)_{\bar{\imath}_{1}}^{\bar{\jmath}_{1}} \left( \mathcal{U}^{[\lambda_{2}]} \right)_{i_{2}\bar{\imath}_{2}} \left( \mathcal{U}^{[\lambda_{2}]\dagger} \right)^{j_{2}\bar{\jmath}_{2}} \cdots \\ \cdots \left( \mathcal{U}^{[\lambda_{n+2}]} \right)_{i_{n+2}\bar{\imath}_{n+2}} \left( \mathcal{U}^{[\lambda_{n+2}]\dagger} \right)^{j_{n+2}\bar{\jmath}_{n+2}} \left| \mathsf{P} \right\rangle \end{split}$$

where P is the light-like momentum of the hadron (with  $P^- = 0$ ), and  $k^\mu = xP^\mu + k_T^\mu$ , where  $\hat{F}$  is the field strenght,

and  $\mathcal{U}^{\pm}$  is a Wilson line from 0 to  $\xi$  via a "staple-like detour" to  $\pm \infty$  depending on the type and state (initial/final) of parton.

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with "TMD-valued color matrix"

$$(N_{c}^{2}-1)\sum_{\sigma\in S_{n+2}}\sum_{\tau\in S_{n+2}}\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}^{*}\,\tilde{\mathbb{C}}_{\sigma\tau}(x,|k_{T}|)\,\mathcal{A}_{\tau}\quad,\quad\tilde{\mathbb{C}}_{\sigma\tau}(x,|k_{T}|)=N_{c}^{\bar{\lambda}(\sigma,\tau)}\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\sigma\tau}(x,|k_{T}|)$$

where each function  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\sigma\tau}$  is one of 10 functions

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(1)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[-]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]}\right]\right\rangle \quad,\quad \left\langle\cdots\right\rangle = 2\int \frac{d^{4}\xi}{(2\pi)^{3}P^{+}}\delta(\xi_{+})\,e^{ik\cdot\xi}\left\langle P\right|\cdots\left|P\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(2)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\mathcal{U}^{[\square]}\right]}{N_{c}}\mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(3)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger}\right]}{N_{c}}\mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[-]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \frac{1}{N_{c}}\left\langle \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger}\right]\mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(3)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(4)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(5)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(6)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\mathcal{U}^{[\square]}\right]}{N_{c}}\mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]}\right]\right\rangle \\ \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(7)}\left(x,k_{T}\right) &= \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\mathcal{U}^{[\square]}\right]}{N_{c}}\mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{F}^{i+}\left(\xi\right)\mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger}\hat{\mu}^{i+\dagger}\hat{F}^{i+}\left(0\right)\mathcal{U}^{[+]}\right]\right\rangle \end{split}$$

Start with dipole distribution  $\mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(1)}(x, k_T) = \left\langle \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \hat{F}^{i+}(\xi) \mathcal{U}^{[-]\dagger} \hat{F}^{i+}(0) \mathcal{U}^{[+]} \right] \right\rangle$  evolved via the BK equation formulated in momentum space supplemented with subleading corrections and fitted to F<sub>2</sub> data (Kutak, Sapeta 2012)

All other distribution appearing in dijet production,  $\mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(2)}, \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)}, \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)}, \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(6)}$ , in the mean-field approximation (AvH, Marquet, Kotko, Kutak, Sapeta, Petreska 2016).

This is, at leading order in  $1/N_{\rm c}.$  In this approximation, the same distributions suffice for trijets.

KS gluon TMDs in proton

ITMD <u>gluons</u>





Dependence of  $\mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(1)}$  on  $k_T$  below 1GeV approximated by power-like fall-off. For higher values of  $|k_T|$  it is a solution to the BK equation.

TMDs decrease as  $1/|k_T|$  for increasing  $|k_T|$ , except  $\mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(2)}$ , which decreases faster (even becomes negative, absolute value shown here).

# ITMD gluons



Ratio Pb/p is smaller than 1 for small x, but can become larger than 1 for moderate x and large  $|k_T|$ .



We consider p-p and p-Pb collisions at 5.02TeV producing at least 3 jets with forward rapidities  $3.2 < |y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*| < 4.9$  in the CM frame.

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Jet definition: \Delta R > 0.5, \, p_T > 20 \text{GeV}
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renormalization/factorization scale:  $(p_{T1} + p_{T2} + p_{T3})/3$ 

Collinear PDFs: CTEQ10NLO from LHAPDF6

Include all partonic processes with 5 light flavors with an (off-shell) gluon and a quark or gluon in the initial state.

observables:

 $\Delta \phi_{12}$  (angle between 2 hardest jets),

 $\Delta \phi_{13}$  (angle between hardest jet and 3<sup>rd</sup> hardest jet),

 $\Delta\varphi_{(12)3}$  (angle between the sum of the two hardest and the  $3^{rd}$  hardest jet. Is sensitive to momentum inbalance)

Nuclear modification ratio  $R_{pA}=\frac{1}{A}\frac{d\sigma^{pPb}/d\Theta}{d\sigma^{pp}/d\Theta}$  where A is the number of nucleons

Calculations performed independently with LxJet (Kotko) and KATIE (AvH 2018)

### Results





 $S(\boldsymbol{x})$  refers to the x-dependent treatment of the nuclear target area, guaranteeing unitarity.

Saturation effect for  $\Delta\varphi_{(12)3}\approx\pi$ , enhancement of pPb result for  $\Delta\varphi_{(12)3}<\pi$  due to broadening of the TMD distributions.

ITMD\* normalization significantly larger than HEF, due to different shape and normalization of the extra TMDs present in ITMD\* but not in HEF.



- small-x Improved TMD factorization allows to consistently include saturation effects in calculations for forward dijets
- we extended ITMD factorization to ITMD\* for more than 2 jets, and performed explicit calculations for 3 jets
- we observe significant saturation effects in the nuclear modification factor for momentum inbalance-sensitive observable
- $\bullet$  we observe significant differences between results from ITMD\* and  $k_T/high-energy$  factorization, implying strong discriminating potential
- multi-(say more than 2)-jet observables are interesting for small-x physics (see also Van Haevermaet, AvH, Kotko, Kutak, Van Mechelen 2020)



# Thank you for your attention.