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PHOTON-PHOTON COLLISIONS AT THE LHC (selected topics)



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Outline

- Introduction and Motivation.
- Selecting Photon-Photon Exclusive Events.
- SuperChic- MC and Survival Guide
- The photon PDF and photon-photon Luminosities
- Photon-initiated processes with rapidity gaps
- $\gamma\gamma$ collisions at the LHC- Applications (with an emphasis on BSM physics).
- Topical Examples, Summary and Outlook.



INTRODUCTION & MOTIVATION

• No immediate plans for a future $\gamma\gamma$ collider, but the LHC is already a photon-photon collider!

(FNAL/RHIC-experience)

Motivation: why study $\gamma\gamma$ collisions at the LHC?

Exclusive production:

- How do we measure it ?
- How do we model it?

Example processes: lepton pairs, anomalous couplings, light-by-light scattering, axion-like particles and massive resonances, charginos, invisibles...

Outlook - tagged protons at the LHC.

CENTRAL EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTION PROCESSES

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What is it?

Central Exclusive Production (CEP) is the interaction:

$$pp \to p + X + p$$

• **CEP** colour singlet exchange between colliding protons, with large rapidity gaps ('+') in the final state. Photons, Pomerons..

- Exclusive: hadron lose energy, but remain intact after the collision.
- Central: a system of mass M_X is produced at the collision point and only its decay products are present in the central detector.



SELECTING EXCLUSIVE PHOTON-PHOTON EVENTS AT THE LHC



1) Gap-based selection: no extra activity in large enough rapidity region.

- No guarantee of pure exclusivity BG with proton breakup outside veto region. Large enough gap \Rightarrow BG small and can be subtracted.
- Pile-up contaminating gap? Either: low pile-up running (dedicated runs/ LHCb defocussed beams) or can veto on additional charged tracks only (already used to select charged - l^+l^- , W^+W^- -by ATLAS/CMS/LHCb).



2) Proton tagging: $pp \rightarrow p + X + p$

• Defining feature of exclusive events: protons intact after collision,





Physics motivations

Central Exclusive Production

 $pp \rightarrow p \oplus X \oplus p$ photon or Pomeron exchanges \oplus rapidity gap $X = high-E_T$ jets, WW, ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$, ... measured in the central detector

Measurement of two scattered protons fully determines the kinematics of the central system X

- ξ : fractional momentum lost by the proton
- t: 4-momentum transfer squared



Gluon-gluon interaction. Additional gluon(s) exchange needed to conserve the colour





F. Ravera - HESZ 2017

ATLAS Forward Detectors for Diffraction

In ATLAS it is possible to identify diffractive events by, e.g. large rapidity gaps

However, ATLAS is equipped with two forward detectors for proton tagging

- ALFA (Absolute Luminosity For ATLAS) vertical Roman Pots at z = ± 237 and z = ± 245 m for *elastic* and *diffractive* scattering measurements
- AFP (ATLAS Forward Proton) horizontal Roman Pots at z = ± 205 and z = ± 217 m for diffractive scattering measurements
- Tag protons leaving intact the interaction point to identify diffractive processes



What is CT-PPS?



- Joint CMS and TOTEM project: https://cds.cern.ch/record/1753795, see Fabio's talk
- LHC magnets bend scattered protons out of the beam envelope
- Detect scattered protons a few mm from the beam (both sides of CMS)
- First data taking in 2016: \sim 15 fb $^{-1}$

What is AFP/CT-PPS?



- Tag and measure protons at ± 210 m: AFP (ATLAS Forward Proton), CT-PPS (CMS TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer)
- Sensitivity to high mass central system, X, as determined using AFP/CT-PPS: Very powerful for exclusive states: kinematical constraints coming from AFP and CT-PPS proton measurements

"The γγ- Resonance that Stole Christmas 2015"

ATLAS & CMS seminar on 15 Dec. 2015

The ATLAS announcement of a 3.6 σ local excess in diphotons with invariant mass ~750 GeV in first batch of LHC Run –II data, combined with CMS announcing 2.6 σ local excess. EW Moriond, 17.03.2016 Theoretical community –frenzy of model building: >150 papers within a month.

Unprecedented explosion in the number of exploratory papers. (More than 500 papers)

If it were not a statistical fluctuation, a natural minimal interpretation: scalar/pseudoscalar resonance coupling dominantly to photons.

As an outcome -great improvement in our understanding of photon PDF and development of the effective tools for analysing potential diphoton resonances.





LHC Ring -proto collaboration

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LHC RING AS A NEW PHYSICS SEARCH MACHINE



the LHC Ring represents a continuous "Roman Pot" !

PROTON EXIT POINTS vs. $\xi = \Delta p / p$



Matti K. Kalliokoski, RO et al., arXiv:1604.5778; Diffraction 2016

J. Aaron. Hacking the LHC to shift trash could help find a mystery particle - 2016. New Scientist Daily News, 25th April.

Ultra Peripheral HI Collisions



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Nuovo Cim.,2:143-158,1925 http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0205086

Therefore, we consider that when a charged particle passes near a point, it produces, at that point, a variable electric field. If we decompose this field, via a Fourier transform, into its harmonic components we find that it is equivalent to the electric field at the same point if it were struck by light with an appropriate continuous distribution of frequencies.



Enrico FERMI

The electromagnetic field surrounding these protons/ions can be treated as a beam of quasi real photons

Two ions (or protons) pass by each other with impact parameters b > 2R. **Hadronic interactions are strongly suppressed**

UPC

• Ions do not necessarily collide 'head-on' - for 'ultra-peripheral' collisions, with $b > R_1 + R_2$ the ions can interact purely via EM and remain intact \Rightarrow exclusive $\gamma\gamma$ -initiated production.



[Fermi, Nuovo Cim. 2 (1925) 143]
 [Weizsacker, Z. Phys. 88 (1934) 612]
 [Williams, Phys. Rev. 45 (10 1934) 729]

 $Q^2 < \frac{1}{R^2}$ and $\omega_{max} \approx \frac{\gamma}{R}$

• Ions interact via coherent photon exchange- feels whole charge of ion \Rightarrow cross section $\propto Z^4$. For e.g. Pb-Pb have $Z^4 \sim 5 \times 10^7$ enhancement!

• Photon flux in ion tends to be cutoff at high M_X , but potentially very sensitive to lower mass objects with EW quantum numbers.

LHC as a photon-photon collider



pp collisions

Pros

- harder EPA γ spectrum ($\omega_{\max} \sim \text{TeV}$)
- more data available ($\sim 35 \, \text{fb}^{-1}$)

Cons

- large pile-up (multiple interactions per bunch crossing)
- problems with triggering on low p_T objects



Pb+Pb collisions

Pros

• low pile-up (< 1%)

Cons

- softer EPA γ spectrum ($\omega_{\text{max}} \sim 0.1 \text{TeV}$)
- relatively small data sample



Heavy Ion Collisions



- Photon-initiated CEP equally possible in heavy ion collisions. Indeed in some cases has significant advantages:
 - Significant $\sim Z^4$ enhancement in rate. After accounting for differing luminosities, still ~ 2 relative to pp, but with no pile-up.
 - QCD-initiated production essentially absent clear interpretation.
 - Low pile-up can go to low $M_{\gamma\gamma}$.

• Conversely, steep fall off at high mass - pp essential here \Rightarrow complementary.



Modelling Exclusive Photon-Photon collisions

- In exclusive photon-mediated interactions, the colliding protons must both coherently emit a photon, and remain intact after the interaction. How do we model this?
- Answer is well known- the <u>'equivalent photon approximation' (EPA)</u>: cross section described in terms of a flux of quasi-real photons radiated from the proton, and the $\gamma\gamma \to X$ subprocess cross section.



Equivalent photon approximation

• Initial-state $p \rightarrow p\gamma$ emission can be to v. good approximation factorized from the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$ process in terms of a flux:

$$n(x_i) = \frac{1}{x_i} \frac{\alpha}{\pi^2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 q_{i_\perp}}{q_{i_\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_p^2} \left(\frac{q_{i_\perp}^2}{q_{i_\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_p^2} (1 - x_i) F_E(Q_i^2) + \frac{x_i^2}{2} F_M(Q_i^2) \right)$$

• Cross section the given in terms of $\gamma\gamma$ `luminosity':

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\mathrm{EPA}}}{\mathrm{d}M_X^2 \,\mathrm{d}y_X} = \frac{1}{s} n(x_1) n(x_2)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{THe two-photon particle production mechanism.}\\ \text{Physical problems. applications. Equivalent photon approximation}\\ \text{W.M. BUDNEV, I.F. GINZBURG, G.V. MELEDIN and V.G. SERBO}\\ \text{USSR Academy of Science. Siberina Division. Institute for Mathematics. Norvaiblerk, USSR}\\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{pp \to p} Xp}{\mathrm{d}M_X^2 \,\mathrm{d}y_X} = \left\langle S_{\mathrm{eik}}^2 \right\rangle \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\mathrm{EPA}}}{\mathrm{d}M_X^2} \mathrm{d}y_X \, \hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \to X) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{In fact, the situation is more complicated due to the effects caused by the polarization structure of the production amplitude.} \end{array}$$



Soft survival factor

• In any *pp* collision event, there will in general be 'underlying event' activity, i.e. additional particle production due to *pp* interactions secondary to the hard process (a.k.a. 'multiparticle interactions', MPI).

- $\operatorname{Jur} \gamma \gamma$ -initiated interaction is no different, but we are now requiring final state with no additional particle production (X + nothing else).

Must multiply our cross section by probability of no underlying event activity, known as the soft 'survival factor'.



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 Not a constant: depends sensitively on the outgoing proton p⊥vectors. Physically- survival probability will depend on impact parameter of colliding protons. Further apart → less interaction, and S²_{eik} → 1. b_t and p⊥: Fourier conjugates.

Process dependence

 \rightarrow Need to include survival factor differentially in MC.

First fully differential implementation of soft survival factor – **SuperChic 2,3** MC event generator- HKR, ArHiv:1508.02718;1810.06567





- Naively expect strong interaction to dominate- $\alpha_S \gg \alpha$.
- However QCD enhancement can also be a weakness: exclusive event requires no extra gluon radiation into final state. Requires introduction of Sudakov suppressing factor:

$$T_g(Q_{\perp}^2, \mu^2) = \exp\left(-\int_{Q_{\perp}^2}^{\mu^2} \frac{d\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2} \frac{\alpha_s(k_{\perp}^2)}{2\pi} \int_0^{1-\Delta} \left[zP_{gg}(z) + \sum_q P_{qg}(z)\right] dz\right)$$



'Large' Pomeron size in the production of the small size objects.

• Increasing $M_X \Rightarrow$ larger phase space for extra gluon emission stronger suppression in exclusive QCD cross section. Gluons like to radiate! + absorptive/rescattering effects- survival factor S_{soft}^2







- Situation summarised in 'effective' exclusive gg and $\gamma\gamma$. luminosities. This Sudakov suppression in QCD cross section leads to enhancement in $\gamma\gamma$ already* for $M_X \gtrsim 200 \,\text{GeV}$ - well before CT-PPS/AFP mass acceptance region.
- \longrightarrow Can study $\gamma\gamma$ collisions at the LHC with unprecedented $s_{\gamma\gamma}$.

★ As mass of central system M_X increases, QCD-initiated production cross section suppressed by no radiation probability \Rightarrow BG often low^{*}.



- CEP: unique possibility to observe photon-initiated production of states with EM coupling in clean/well understood environment.
- However typically considering high mass region (RPs) and relatively low cross sections (EM couplings). Statistics limited.
- Increased statistics from HL-LHC running offer clear advantage here, in particular in terms of pushing to higher mass.

5 *Precise level depends on particular process.

Photon-photon collisions in Superchic

Production mechanisms

Exclusive final state can be produced via three different mechanisms, depending on kinematics and quantum numbers of state:



SuperChic

- A MC event generator for CEP processes. Common platform for:
- QCD-induced CEP.
- Photoproduction.
- Photon-photon induced CEP.
- With fully differential treatment of survival effects.
- Photon-induced collisions currently for e/p beams.
- Fortran-based. Generates histograms and unweighted (LHE/HEPEVT) events with arbitrary user-defined cuts.



arXiv:1508.02718

Exclusive physics at the LHC with SuperChic 2

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Abstract

We present a range of physics results for central exclusive production processes at the LHC, using the new SuperChic 2 Monte Carlo event generator. This includes

Tools for future studies - SuperChic MC

• A MC event generator for CEP processes. Common platform for:

QCD-initiated CEP.

Photoproduction.

Photon-initiated CEP.

• Previously generated *pp* collisions only, but recently updated to include *pA* and *AA* collisions.

superchic is hosted by Hepforge, IPPP Durham

SuperChic 3 - A Monte Carlo for Central Exclusive Production

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SuperChic is a Fortran based Monte Carlo event generater for central exclusive production in proton and heavy ion collisions. A range of Bandard Model linal states are implemented, in most cases with high correlations where relevant, and a fully differential treatment of the soft survival factor is given. Arbitrary user-defined histograms and cuts may be made, as well as unweighted events in the HEPEVT, HEPMC and LHE formats. For further information see the user manual.



LHL, V. A. Khoze, M. G. Ryskin, arXiv:1810.06567

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Exclusive LHC physics with heavy ions: SuperChic 3

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Abstract

We present results of the updated SuperChic 3 Monte Carlo event generator for central exclusive production. This extends the previous treatment of proton-proton collisions to

https://superchic.hepforge.org

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SuperChic MC - processes generated



★ W^+W^- , l^+l^- , LbyL, SM Higgs, ALPs, monopoles, monopolium.

 ★ SM Higgs, dijets, trijets, light meson pairs, heavy quarkonia (single and double), γγ.



★ Light to heavy vector meson production.

• In all cases in pp, pA and AA collisions.

Generated Processes - QCD

- SM Higgs to bb.
- Dijets $q\overline{q}, gg, b\overline{b}(c\overline{c})$
- Trijets qqg, ggg
- Light meson pairs $\pi\pi, \eta(')\eta('), KK, \phi\phi$
- Quarkonium pairs $J/\psi, \psi(2S)$
- χ_{c,b} quarkonia, via 2/3 body decays
- $\eta_{c,b}$.
- $\gamma\gamma$.
- Applies 'Durham' pQCD-based model.
 - HKR Int.J.Mod.Phys. A29 (2014) 1430031



Generated Processes - photoproduction

- $\rho(\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$
- $\phi(\rightarrow K^+K^-)$
- $J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$
- $\Upsilon(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ $\psi(2S)(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-, J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-)$



• Takes simple power-law fit to HERA/LHC data.



SuperChic MC - Recent Developments

LHL, V. A. Khoze, M. G. Ryskin, arXiv:1810.06567

- Extension to heavy ion collisions- first ever treatment of QCD-initiated production.
- Requires detailed treatment of survival factor of no additional particle production in ion-ion QCD interactions.
- Relatively staightforward in photon-initiated case (~ no overlap), but great care needed in QCD-initiated case.



• Application of this - possible QCD-initiated BG to LbyL scattering.

• Previously no MC available for this - in ATLAS/CMS analyses scale superchic prediction for *pp* by:

$$\sigma^{PbPb} = \sigma^{pp} \cdot A^2 \cdot R^4$$
Scale by Nuclear
nucleon pairs shadowing ~ (0.7)⁴

• Full calculation - not the case. Not all nucleons can participate in short-range QCD interaction while leaving ions intact. Find:

 $\sigma^{PbPb} \sim \sigma^{pp} \cdot A^{1/3}$

→ Find that QCD-initiated BG expected to be negligible.



ATLAS Collab., Nature Phys. 13 (2017) no.9, 852-858



SuperChic MC - Recent Developments

 prospects for compressed SUSY searches in photoninitiated CEP.

• Signal for this study:

$$\gamma\gamma \to \tilde{l}^+ \tilde{l}^- \to l^+ l^- \tilde{\chi}_0 \tilde{\chi}_0$$

implemented in SuperChic, as well as more challenging case:

 $\gamma\gamma
ightarrow {\tilde \chi}^+ {\tilde \chi}^-$ (hadron/leptonic decays)

• To be included in official version early in new year.

• In addition, contribution from proton dissociation included in effective way, interfaced to SuperChic.

• Future work: include (more) complete so treatment of dissociation. Stay tuned!

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LHC Searches for Dark Matter in Compressed Mass Scenarios: Challenges in the Forward Proton Mode

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Soft survival factor

• Recall formula for exclusive $\gamma\gamma$ -initiated production in terms of EPA photon flux:



• Why is this not an exact equality? Because we are asking for final state with intact protons, object X and *nothing* else- colliding protons may interact independently: 'Survival factor' = prob. of no MPI.

Soft survival factor

• How do we calculate the survival factor? Work in impact parameter space and apply 'eikonal' approach:

$$\left\langle S^2 \right\rangle = \frac{\int \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{b}_{1t} \, \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{b}_{2t} \, |T(s, \mathbf{b}_{1t}, \mathbf{b}_{2t})|^2 \exp(-\Omega(s, b_t))}{\int \mathrm{d}^2 \, \mathbf{b}_{1t} \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{b}_{2t} \, |T(s, \mathbf{b}_{1t}, \mathbf{b}_{2t})|^2}$$



 $\exp(-\Omega(s, b_t))$: Poissonian probability of no inelastic \uparrow scattering at impact parameter b_t . proton opacity

• Underlying event generated by soft QCD. Cannot use $pQCD \Rightarrow$ take phenomenological approach to this non-pert. observable.

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• Have:
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{pp \to pXp}}{\mathrm{d}M_X^2 \mathrm{d}y_X} = \langle S^2 \rangle \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\mathrm{EPA}}}{\mathrm{d}M_X^2 \mathrm{d}y_X} \hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \to X)$$

V.A. Khoze, A.D. Martin, M.G. Ryskin, arXiv:1306.2149

Well established in the QCD-mediated processes, e.g. CDF-diffractive dijets (2000), CMS/ATLAS- dijets in events with LRG (2015), H1 –diffractive dijet photoproduction (2011).
- Naively expect significant MPI. But S^2 not a constant: larger $b_t \Rightarrow$ less interaction, and $S^2 \sim 1$.
- For $\gamma\gamma$ -initiated processes interaction via quasi-real photon exchange large proton separation b_t , and prob. of MPI low. $b_\perp \sim 1/p_\perp$
- \rightarrow Impact of non-QED physics is low.

$$S_{\rm soft}^2 \sim 0.7 - 0.9$$

small model dep.

 b_t

Protons far apart \Rightarrow less interaction \Rightarrow survival factor, $S_{\text{soft}}^2 \sim 1$

• But survival factor not negligible, and depends on process/kinematics:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}y_X} = \int \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{p}_{1\perp} \mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{p}_{2\perp} \frac{|T(s, \mathbf{p}_{1\perp}, \mathbf{p}_{2\perp}))|^2}{16^2 \pi^5} S_{\mathrm{eik}}^2(s, \mathbf{p}_{1\perp}, \mathbf{p}_{2\perp}) \,,$$

 $\rightarrow \frac{\text{Precise treatment needed for precise } \gamma \gamma \text{ physics. Implemented}}{\text{in SuperChic.}}$

Kinematic dependence

• Recall EPA flux:
$$n(x_i) = \frac{1}{x_i} \frac{\alpha}{\pi^2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 q_{i\perp}}{q_{i\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_p^2} \left(\frac{q_{i\perp}^2}{q_{i\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_p^2} (1 - x_i) F_E(Q_i^2) + \frac{x_i^2}{2} F_M(Q_i^2) \right)$$

• Factor of $x^2 m_p^2$ in photon propagator \Rightarrow for $x \uparrow$, average $q_{\perp} \uparrow$, hence higher proton p_{\perp} .

• Higher
$$p_{\perp} \Rightarrow \text{lower } b_{\perp} \Rightarrow \text{smaller } S^2$$
.



Kinematic dependence



• More generally S^2 depends on process and cuts:

	$\mu^+\mu^-$	$\mu^+\mu^-, M_{\mu\mu} > 2M_W$	$\mu^+\mu^-,p_\perp^{\rm prot.}<0.1~{\rm GeV}$	W^+W^-
$\sigma_{ m bare}$	6240	11.2	3170	87.5
$\sigma_{ m sc.}$	5990	9.58	3150	71.9
$\langle S_{\rm eik}^2 \rangle$	0.96	0.86	0.994	0.82

 \rightarrow SuperChic is only generator to correctly include this.



Lepton pair production

• ATLAS (arXiv:1506.07098) have measured exclusive e and μ pair production \Rightarrow use SuperChic to compare to this.



CERN-PH-EP-2015-134 18th August 2015

Variable	Electron channel	Muon channel
p_{T}^{ℓ}	> 12 GeV	> 10 GeV
$ \eta^{\ell} $	< 2.4	< 2.4
$m_{\ell^+\ell^-}$	> 24 GeV	> 20 GeV

Measurement of exclusive $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ production in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (CERN)

The ATLAS Collaboration

Abstract

This Letter reports a measurement of the exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$) cross-section in proton–proton collisions at a centre–of–mass energy of 7 TeV by the ATLAS experiment at the LHC, based on an integrated luminosity of 4.6 fb⁻¹. For the electron or muon pairs satisfying exclusive selection criteria, a fit to the dilepton acoplanarity distribution is used to



Comparison to ATLAS

Variable	Electron channel	Muon channel
p_{T}^{ℓ}	> 12 GeV	> 10 GeV
$ \eta^{\ell} $	< 2.4	< 2.4
$m_{\ell^+\ell^-}$	> 24 GeV	> 20 GeV

• Find:

	$\mu^+\mu^-$	e^+e^-
$\sigma_{ m EPA}$	0.768	0.479
$\sigma_{\mathrm{EPA}} \cdot \langle S^2 \rangle$	0.714	0.441
$\langle S^2 \rangle$	0.93	0.92
ATLAS data	$0.628 \pm 0.032 \pm 0.021$	$0.428 \pm 0.035 \pm 0.018$

- Excellent agreement for e⁺e⁻ and reasonable for μ⁺μ⁻.
 Role of coherent photon emission seen experimentally at the LHC and small and under control impact of (non-pert) QCD effects confirmed experimentally.
- Have confidence in framework \Rightarrow tool for BSM.

New processes

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{pp\to pXp}}{\mathrm{d}M_X^2\mathrm{d}y_X} \sim \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\mathrm{EPA}}}{\mathrm{d}M_X^2\mathrm{d}y_X} \hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \to X)$$

• SuperChic has the capability to simulate any arbitrary process given the $\gamma\gamma \to X$ amplitudes.

→ Simple to implement new processes within framework. Suggestions/collaboration welcome!

• One example currently working on: axion-like particles.



Photon-photon Luminosities

- Inclusive production of X + anything else.
- Can write LO cross section for the $\gamma\gamma$ initiated production of a state in the usual factorized form:

$$\sigma(X) = \int \mathrm{d}x_1 \mathrm{d}x_2 \,\gamma(x_1, \mu^2) \gamma(x_2, \mu^2) \,\hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \to X)$$

but in terms of *photon* parton distribution function (PDF), $\gamma(x, \mu^2)$.



• Earlier photon PDF sets either:

Not so long ago

- 'Agnostic' approach. NNPDF2.3QED: treat photon as we would quark and gluons. Freely parametrise $\gamma(x, Q_0)$ and fit to DIS and some LHC W, Z data.
- 'Model' approach. MRST2004QED/CT14QED: take simple ansatz for photon emission from quarks. Compare/fit to ZEUS isolated photon DIS.



- Comparing these different sets reveals apparently large uncertainties.
 - Model-independent uncertainty (NNPDF) was 50–100%

MNSZ, PRL 117,242002 (2016), 1708.01256. LUXqed-photon PDF determined in terms of measured EM proton structure functions F2 and FL.

photon PDF results

- Model-independent uncertainty (NNPDF) was 50–100%
- ► Goes down to O(1%) with LUXqed determination

Currently the most precise calculation when considering **inclusive** production processes



Comparison with LUXqed



• Comparing our and LUXqed $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities can see these are quite similar (\rightarrow importance of coherent component).

• Devil is in detail - some enhancement seen in LUXqed at higher M_X , appears to be due to low Q^2 resonant contribution.

 However, clear we have moved beyond the era of large photon PDF uncertainties. Now interested in precision determinations.

Photon-initiated processes with rapidity gaps



Caveat: in the real life, when studying photon-photon processes we as a rule need to go beyond the inclusive photon PDF (event selection: rapidity gaps, isolation cuts..)

CNS 2006-073	
Evidence for exclusive $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ production and constraints on anomalous quartic gauge couplings in pp	
collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV The CMS Collaboration*	





• Semi-exclusive processes with rapidity gaps: how do we include a rapidity veto within the standard inclusive approach?

HKR arXiv:1601.03772

• Comparison to CMS 7 and 8 TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ data.



Modified photon PDF



Suppression due to LRG veto.

 $\gamma(x,\mu^2) = \gamma^{\rm in}(x,\mu^2) + \gamma^{\rm evol}(x,\mu^2;\delta)$

phenomenological objects only-factorization explicitly violated by rescattering effects

• Not the end of the story. Protons may interact additionally- underlying event. Include probability that this does not happen: the survival factor.



 b_{\perp}

 $(p) \rightarrow$

- As S^2 depends on proton b_t , it is sensitive to emission process for both protons \Rightarrow can no longer define independent $\gamma^{\text{veto}}(x, \mu^2)$.
- Instead have effective $\gamma\gamma$ luminosity: $\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dM_X^2} = \frac{1}{s} \int_{\tau}^{1} \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \gamma(x_1, M_X^2) \gamma(\tau/x_1, M_X^2)$



 $\tau = M_X^2/s$ and we take $\mu^2 = M_X^2$ as the scale of the PDFs



Extensive Program • $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$, ee QED processes • $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow QCD$ (jets..) • $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow WW$ anomalous couplings • $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow Squark$, top... pairs • $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow Charginos$ (natural SUSY) • New BSM objects



Anomalous Gauge Quartic Couplings

- Low Cross sections: ~few fb
 - AFP has a Missing-Mass resolution (from the proton measurements) of 2-4 %
- Match with invariant central object mass is efficient: (Z→ee, yy)
 - powerful rejection of non-exclusive backgrounds



"Probing anomalous quartic gauge couplings using proton tagging at the Large Hadron Collider", M. Saimpert, E. Chapon, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, O. Kepka, B. Lenzi, C. Royon; 23/05/2014

- Much interest in this from theory side
 - e.g. "LHC Forward Physics" CERN-PH-LPCC-2015-001)



Directly sensitive to any deviations from the SM gauge couplings. Predicted in various BSM scenarios. Composite Higgs, warped extra dimensions....



• Limits have been set at LEP, and in inclusive final-states at the Tevatron and LHC. How does the exclusive case compare?

Currently very encouraging ATLAS & CMS data

Anomalous couplings@ HL-LHC



Left: Comparison between 300 fb⁻¹ and 3000 fb⁻¹. Right: (Zoomed-in; change of scale in X-Y axis) comparison between the use of timing $\delta t = 2, 5, 10$ ps. $Z\gamma \rightarrow hadrons + \gamma$ benefits the most from the use of timing.

 Expected improvements from HL-LHC impressive ~ an order of magnitude (~ 5 orders of magnitude better than current best inclusive limits).

Light-by-light scattering in Pb+Pb

Motivation

[Nature Physics (2017)]

- Light-by-light ($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) scattering
 - Tested indirectly in measurements of the anomalous magnetic moment of the electron and muon
 - Previous LbyL measurements involve Delbruck scattering and photon splitting process at low-energies
- Proposed as a possible channel to study
 - Anomalous gauge couplings
 - Contributions from BSM particles
- Recent studies/predictions for SM rates
 - [D. d'Enterria et al. PRL 111 (2013) 080405]
 - [A. Szczurek et al. PRC 93 (2016) 4, 044907]





Long and chequered history

(nonlinear effects of QED)



Scattering of gamma-rays by a Coulomb field of heavy nuclei. First observed-1953 for 1.33 MeV on lead nuclei. Most accurate high-energy results- Novosibirsk,VEPP-4M 1998.

Delbrück scattering



First claims of observation- DESY, PRD 8(1973) 3813. Criticised by V.A.Khoze et al, ZhETF Pis.Red.19 (1974) 47. First observation- Novosibirsk, VEPP-4M 2002.

Photon splitting in atomic Coulomb field

first direct observation of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ scattering



(ArXiv:1702.01625)





Processes of interest

- Many processes of interest in the lower mass region. Main channel of interest - γγ final-state.
 - ★ Light-by-light SM signal, but also e.g. Born-Infeld extensions.
 - \star Axion-like particle production.
 - ★ Magnetic monopoles.
 - ★ Other possibilities? Gravitons, radions, unparticles, SUSY?
- A principle drawback of heavy ions for these studies is the low luminosity ⇒ benefit from increased datasets can be significant.

LbyL Scattering Constraint on Born-Infeld Theory

[arXiv:1703.08450]

$$L_{QED} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \to L_{BI} = \beta^2 \left(1 - \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2\beta^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{6\beta^4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}} \right)$$

Light-by-Light Scattering Constraint on Born-Infeld Theory

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Abstract

The recent measurement by ATLAS of light-by-light scattering in LHC Pb-Pb collisions is the first direct evidence for this basic process. We find that it requires the mass scale of a nonlinear Born-Infeld extension of QED to be ≥ 100 GeV, a much stronger constraint than those derived previously. In the case of a Born-Infeld extension of the Standard Model in which the U(1)_Y hypercharge gauge symmetry is realized nonlinearly, the limit on the corresponding mass scale is ≥ 90 GeV, which in turn imposes a lower limit of ≥ 11 TeV on the magnetic monopole mass in such a U(1)_Y Born-Infeld theory.

Interest from the stringtheoretic point of view ArXiv: 1701.07375 arXiv:1703.08450v1 [hep-ph] 24 Mar 201

Axion-like particles

- The $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ transition in CEP can be sensitive to Axion like particles.
- Discussed in Kapen et al. (1607.06083) find that in heavy ion collisions can set the strongest limits yet on these couplings.
- Lagrangian:

 $\mathcal{L}_a = \frac{1}{2} (\partial a)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{a}{\Lambda} F \widetilde{F} \,,$

gives simple production amplitudes:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\pm\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_a^2}{\Lambda} \qquad \mathcal{M}_{\pm\mp} = 0$$

• Implementation, including full $\gamma\gamma$ decay kinematics, will be included in next SuperChic release.



LHC limits on axion-like particles from heavy-ion collisions

$$\mathcal{L}_a = \frac{1}{2} (\partial a)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{a}{\Lambda} F \tilde{F}$$

ArXiv:1709.07110

J. Jaeckel and M. Spannowsky, "Probing MeV to 90 GeV axion-like particles with LEP and LHC," *Phys. Lett.* B753 (2016) 482–487, arXiv:1509.00476 [hep-ph]. J. Jaeckel, M. Jankowiak, and M. Spannowsky, "LHC probes the hidden sector," *Phys. Dark Univ.* 2 (2013) 111–117, arXiv:1212.3620 [hep-ph].



1: Exclusive ALP production in ultra-peripheral Pb-Pb co

 $^{\circ}7\,{
m GeV} < m_a < 100\,{
m GeV}$,



Fig. 2: Left: We show 95% exclusion limits on the operator $\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{\Lambda}aF\tilde{F}$ using recent ATLAS results on heavy-ion UPCs [2] (solid black line). The expected sensitivity assuming a luminosity of $1 \text{ nb}^{-1} (10 \text{ nb}^{-1})$ is shown in solid (dashed) green. For comparison, we also give the analogous limit from 36 pb^{-1} of exclusive p-p collisions [17] (red dot-dash). Remaining exclusion limits are recast from LEP II (OPAL 2γ , 3γ) [22] and from the LHC (ATLAS 2γ , 3γ) [23, 24] (see [1] for details). *Right*: The corresponding results for the operator $\frac{1}{4\cos^2\theta_W}\frac{1}{\Lambda}aB\tilde{B}$. The LEP I, 2γ (teal shaded) limit was obtained from [14].

Example - Compressed SUSY

- Searches for compressed SUSY scenarios potential to increase reach in regions of parameter space (EW couplings, low mass difference) where inclusive searches struggle.
- Signal cross section low gain from HL-LHC.
- In addition detector upgrades can help reduce BGs:
 - Increased tracker coverage.
 - Timing in forward detectors at IP.
 - Radiation-hard ZDC with timing?
 - However higher pile will clearly lead to more challenging environment further studies needed.

Event yields /	$\langle \mu \rangle_{PU}$		
$\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0	10	50
Excl. sleptons	0.6 - 2.9	0.5 - 2.4	0.3 - 1.4
Excl. l^+l^-	1.9	1.6	0.9
Excl. K^+K^-	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Excl. W^+W^-	0.7	0.6	0.3
Excl. $c\bar{c}$	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Excl. gg	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Incl. ND jets	$\sim 0/\sim 0$	0.1/0.1	1.8/2.4

• Note: here and elsewhere ~420m RPs could also greatly improve things, increasing acceptance towards lower mass region.

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LHC Searches for Dark Matter in Compressed Mass Scenarios: Challenges in the Forward Proton Mode

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Abstract

We analyze in detail the LHC prospects for charged electroweakino searches, decaying to leptons, in compressed supersymmetry scenarios, via exclusive photon-initiated pair production. This provides a potentially increased sensitivity in comparison to inclusive channels, where the background is often overwhelming. We pay particular attention to the challenges that such searches would face in the hostile high pile-up environment of the LHC, giving close consideration to the backgrounds that will be present. The signal we focus on is the exclusive production of same-flavour muon and electron pairs, with missing energy in the final state, and with two outgoing intact protons registered by the dedicated forward proton detectors installed in association with ATLAS and CMS. We present results for slepton masses of 120-300 GeV and slepton-neutralino mass splitting of 10-20 GeV, and find that the relevant backgrounds can be controlled to the level of the expected signal yields. The most significant such backgrounds are due to semi-exclusive lepton pair production at lower masses, with a proton produced in the initial proton dissociation system registering in the forward detectors, and from the coincidence of forward protons produced in pile-up events with an inclusive central event that mimics the signal. We also outline a range of potential methods to further suppress these backgrounds as well as to enlarge the signal yields.

Aim:

● to report current status of our ongoing long-term studies on prospects of searches at the LHC for ELECTROWEAKINO pair production via photon fusion with forward proton detectors (AFP, CT-PPS)

exemplified within the framework of the compressed mass MSSM

First discussed: KMR, J.Phys. G44 (2017) no.5, 055002 , VAK- talks at a number of conferences; Marek, FWG meeting Dec. 2017-experimental aspects.

Recently: Lydia Beresford, Jesse Liu, 1811.06465 (Jesses's talk) (focused mainly on the WW background)

SUSY – solution to various shortcomings of SM (as an example only) If (it looks like) squarks and gluinos are too heavy, sleptons, charginos, neutralinos- the main target. (null search result so far)

MSSM : charginos $\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^{\pm}$ four neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}_{1,2,3,4}^{0}$

 $\widetilde{\chi}_1^{\mathbf{0}}$, natural candidate for cold Dark Matter –**LSP**



(and quite a few other papers)

Naturalness and light Higgsinos: why ILC is the right machine for SUSY discovery

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natural SUSY: What about the LHC during WW lifetime ? existence of light nearly mass-degenerate Higgsinos/charging Mass~ 100-200GeV mass splitting

Most chall scenario between

Motivated by naturalness, cosmological observations and (g-2) phenomenology.

(Introduction-Jessse)

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ersymmetry, a theoretically and experimentally well-motivated around the predicted existence of four light, nearly mass-degenerate Higith mass $\sim 100 - 200 \text{ GeV}$ (not too far above m_Z). The small mass splittings amongst the higgsinos, typically 4-20 GeV, results in very little visible energy arising from decays of the heavier higgsinos. Given that other SUSY particles are considerably heavy, this makes detection challenging at hadron colliders. On the other hand, the clean environment of an electron-positron collider with $\sqrt{s} > 2m_{higgsino}$ would enable a decisive search of these required higgsinos, and thus either the discovery or exclusion of natural SUSY. We present a detailed simulation study of precision measurements of higgsino masses and production cross sections at $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ of the proposed International Linear Collider currently under consideration for construction in Japan.

 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \widetilde{\chi}_1^+ \widetilde{\chi}_1^- \rightarrow \widetilde{\chi}_1^0 \widetilde{\chi}_1^0 q \bar{q}' e \nu_e(\mu \nu_\mu).$

Co-annihilation

(1702.00750, model-1a)

Dark matter annihilation



 Overproduces dark matter (Unless large couplings)

 We need a mechanism to reduce the DM relic density

Freeze-out temperature $T_F \sim m_{DM}/25$

Boltzmann factor
$$\exp\left(-\frac{\Delta M}{T}\right)$$

We need mass splitting of 4% of m_{DM}

to bring DM abundance down to the observed value

Initially DM in thermal equilibrium with SM, later it freezes out



 $\Delta M \lesssim m_{DM}/25$

(very conservatively <10%)

Mono-Mania (at the LHC)



Searches for Electroweakinos at the LHC





$$pp
ightarrow p + \gamma \gamma + p ,$$

 $\gamma \gamma
ightarrow X^+ X^-$

Diphoton X-Pair Production

where X = W-boson, lepton, slepton, chargino...

 If particle decays semi-invisibly, then additional information from tagged proton momenta can be used to measure masses and discriminate BG.



• Consider exclusive production of chargino pair $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$, decaying via

$$\tilde{\chi}_1^+(\tilde{\chi}_1^-) \to I^+(I^-) + \nu(\overline{\nu}) + \tilde{\chi}_1^0 ,$$

electroweakinos

where the $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ is an LSP neutralino.

For cases that ΔM = M(χ̃⁰₁) – M(χ̃[±]₁) is relatively small, can be difficult to observe inclusively. (compressed mass BSM scenarios)

 $M_{\tilde{l}}$ =120-300GeV, $\Delta M = M_{\tilde{l}} - M_{\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}} = 10 - 20 \text{ GeV}_{1}$

Major backgrounds

- $\gamma\gamma \to W^+W^- \to l^+\nu + l^-\bar{\nu}$
- Low mass $\gamma \gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ production Semi-exclusive process with proton from (SD,DD) dissociation detected in the FPD.
- Semi-exclusive QCD-initiated BGs due to low-pt (mainly c-quark) jets, with SD and DD followed by proton hits in the FPD.
- Coincidence of inelastic lepton pair production with two independent SD/DD events from the PU interactions that mimics the signal.

(danger for other New Physics searches with $\sigma \leq 1$ fb)

 $\tau\tau$, dimeson, vector resonances etc...



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Compressed mass scenario \rightarrow difference between slepton and DM candidate mass, ΔM , is small $\langle m_{ll} \rangle \sim \Delta M \rightarrow$ aim is to keep $\langle m_{ll} \rangle$ low $\rightarrow 2 \langle m_{ll} \rangle \langle 40 \text{ GeV}$

- $|\eta(l)| < 2,5$, cuts on $\eta(l_1) \eta(l_2)$ (to supress BG)
- $p_T(l)$ >5 GeV (trigger conditions)

Event Selection

 $p_T(l)$ <30 GeV (in order to supress the WW BG)

 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-~~{\rm with}~~W~\rightarrow~l\nu$

- requirement of no additional tracks with pt > 0.4 GeV at $|\eta| < 2,5$
- both protons detected by the proton taggers (with FT)
- sleptons-quite small cross sections (0.01 -0.3 fb), +hostile PU environment
- chargino pair production- extra factor of ~25 suppression

Calculations: SuperChic, analytical, PYTHIA 8.2, HERWIG 7.1 (quite reasonable agreement)



 \geq 100 GeV from

the LEP constraints



Integrated event yields for $L=300fb^{-1}$

|η| < 2.5

 $|\eta| < 4.0$

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Event yields /	$\langle \mu \rangle_{PU}$		
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Excl. l^+l^-	1.1	0.9	0.5
Excl. K^+K^-	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Excl. W^+W^-	0.6	0.5	0.3
Excl. $c\bar{c}$	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Excl. gg	~ 0	~ 0	~ 0
Incl. ND jets	$\sim 0/\sim 0$	0.03/0.05	0.6/0.7

The yield range for signal corresponds to the slepton mass range studied: X(300 GeV) - Y(120 GeV)

Possible ways to suppress backgrounds:

- Cut on the distance of the secondary vertex from the primary vertex or on the pseudo-proper lifetime (many leptons from inclusive jets come from decays of heavy particles)
- Improve ToF resolution (ToF rejection improves with σ_t decreasing)
- ATLAS and CMS tracker upgrade: extend coverage up to $|\eta|=4$ and provide time info for tracks in 2.5< $|\eta|<4.0$.
- Timing detector in $|\eta| < 2.5???$ (envisaged in CMS)

Courtesy of Marek Tasevsky



$$pp \rightarrow p + \text{invisible} + p,$$

An attractive idea, but huge backgrounds caused by soft proton dissociation, photon bremsstrahlung and PU (at high lumi)

 $p \to p + \gamma, \ N^* \to p + \gamma \text{ and } N^* \to p + \pi^o.$ $p \to p\pi^+\pi^-$

Measurements at low lumi ($\mu \sim 1$) with "veto" detectors (like ZDC and FSC/ADA/ADC)

LHCb, ALICE, BLM-approach



Summary & Outlook

- No immediate plans for a future $\gamma\gamma$ collider, but the LHC is already a photon-photon collider!
- The $\gamma\gamma$ initial state naturally leads to exclusive events, with intact outgoing protons.
- Theory well understood, and use as highly competitive and clean probe of EW sector and BSM physics already demonstrated at LHC. Much further data with tagged protons to come.
- Such studies equally possible (with higher $s_{\gamma\gamma}$) at FCC.
- **SuperChic** a MC event generator for CEP processes.
 - Unified platform for QCD-induced, photoproduction and photonphoton collisions.
 - Fully differential treatment of survival factor.
- A formalism (HKR-16) is developed allowing to describe photon-induced events with LRG in terms of modified photon PDF with consistent implementation of the soft survival effects.




Searches for Odderon- current status (personal view)



Valery Khoze (IPPP, Durham & PNPI, St.Petersburg.)



(in collaboration with Alan Martin and Misha Ryskin)





- σ_{tot} and ρ : bound together by dispersion relations \rightarrow measurement of both has greater discriminative power
- exploratory work
 - first measurements at the highest LHC energy
 - \circ first ho measurement in proton-proton collisions after decades
- follow up articles: CERN Courier, Finnish Physics Society, INFN press release, Kansas media communication, ...

53rd Rencontres de Moriond (QCD)



- No consensus among the (theory) experts.
- ALFA is still silent.



Previous fit, but now red-dotted curves show the effect of the Odderon fixed to agree with ρ =ReA/ImA

Note Odderon increases pp(bar) decreases pp Main effect in dip region



New TOTEM data at 2.76 TeV

Dip region

No conclusive evidence for a larger Odderon



Other ideas ?

Odderon signals

- pp scatt Odderon exch. is a small correction to even-signature term (g_{p0})²
- photoproduction of C even mesons

No evidence in HERA data upper limits $\sigma(\pi^0)=39$ nb, $\sigma(f_2)=16$ nb Need to suppress back^{gd} due to γ exchange

 ultraperipheral production in p-Pb collisions

Z² in photon flux





Odderon s	Odderon signal in p-Pb collisions?							
$\mathrm{d}\sigma/\mathrm{d}y_M _{y_M=0}$	Expected upper limits $[\mu b]$							
π^0	7.4							
η	3.4							
$f_2(1270)$	3.0							



 π^{0}

 $\sigma(\pi^0)$ from $\gamma\gamma$ fusion is well known. Estimwating the cross section due to Odderon exchange, allowing for the colour factors etc. and integrating over |t| > 1 GeV² we find

 $\sigma_{\text{Odd}}(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 + X) \sim 5(1) \text{ nb}$

for the cutoff μ = 0.3(0.5) GeV. The t cut adequately suppresses the $\gamma\gamma$ fusion background.



Pomeron-Pomeron background entirely absent by SU(3) flavour

However the reducible background from radiative ω decay is very large $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 + \gamma$ (undetected)

f₂

There is a very low backround due to radiative V decay. However the problem here is the v.large Pomeron-Pomeron background. The signal-to-bkgd may be suppressed by observing central (semi)exclusive production (CEP*) of C-even mesons in which the proton may break up but the Pb-ion remains intact. For such events we expect a larger possibility of break-up for Odderon exchange --- exptally challenging.



In any nucleon-proton interaction creating the C-even meson there is a large probability of inelastic nucleon-proton interactions which will populate the rapidity gaps. Only in very peripheral ion-proton collisions is there a chance to observe a CEP* event.

Can show the A dependence of CEP* events scales as $A^{1/3}$. Recall the photoprodⁿ cross section (the signal) scales as Z^2 , so the expected $A^{1/3}$ back^{gd} scaling is much milder.

 η_c In principle, viable channel but has a much smaller production rate.

C-even	Odderon Signal		Backgrounds			
meson (M)	Upper	QCD		Pomeron-		
	Limit	Prediction	$\gamma\gamma$	Pomeron	$V \to M + \gamma$	
π^0	7.4	0.1 - 1	0.044	—	30	
$f_2(1270)$	3	0.05 - 0.5	0.020	3 - 4.5	0.02	
$\eta(548)$	3.4	0.05 - 0.5	0.042	negligible	<u>3</u> ф	> ηγ
η_c	-	$(0.1 - 0.5) \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.0025	$\sim 10^{-5}$	0.012	

signal and background for $d\sigma(Pb p \rightarrow Pb + M + X)/dY$ at Y=0

C-even	Odderon Signal		Backgrounds]
meson (M)	Upper	QCD		Pomeron-		γ unobserved
	Limit	Prediction	$\gamma\gamma$	Pomeron	$V \to M + \gamma^*$	
π^0	7.4	0.1 - 1	0.044	_	30 (o -	π ⁰ γ γ
$f_2(1270)$	3	0.05 - 0.5	0.020	3 - 4.5	0.02 (J/ψ	\rightarrow f ₂ γ)
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η_c	_	$(0.1 - 0.5) \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.0025	$\sim 10^{-5}$	0.012 (J/	ψ → η _c γ)

 $d\sigma/dY_M$ at $Y_M = 0$ in μb

 η_c x 0.05 for observable BR

p p \rightarrow p + M + X Pom – Pom background overwhelming Pb Pb \rightarrow Pb + M + Pb $\gamma\gamma$ background overwhelming

Ronan McNulty: Pb-Pb data could check model for Pom-Pom bk^{gd} for f_2 ; $BR(f_2 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)^{\sim} 10^{-5}$

Physics with AFP 2+2 (high μ)

Central Exclusive Jet Production

First observed by CFD@Tevatron Low $\sigma \rightarrow$ high pile-up run

- \rightarrow double tag
- → ToF to control bkg





Photon-induced WW/ZZ/γγ Production

Best sensitivity to aQGC (few % missing mass resolution): factor 100 better than "standard" LHC analyses (sensitivity to higgless models, extra dimensions)

New Particles?

Compare mass and rapidity of central and pp systems



Dileptons good for calibration

The (foreseeable) future

• Run III (2020-2022)

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- Run with possibly improved detector (luminosity in standard runs increased mostly by leveling)
- HL-LHC (2025 and beyond)
 - Available space/optics?
 - Detector at 420 m for exclusive Higgs (defined spin-parity state) and H→bb (couplings)?
 - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW/ZZ/\gamma\gamma$ and new high-mass resonances

Research Program will depend on LHC strategy and Previous Results

Anomalous couplings - data

• ATLAS + CMS data: $W \rightarrow l\nu$ pair production with no associated charged tracks \Rightarrow use this veto to extract quasi-exclusive signal. Use data-driven method to subtract non-exclusive BG $(p \rightarrow p^*)$.



- These data place the most stringent constraints to date on AGCs: two orders of mag. better than LEP, and ~ order of mag. tighter than equivalent inclusive LHC.
- Direct consequence of exclusive selection \Rightarrow precisely understood $\gamma\gamma$ collisions, but at a hadron collider.