The H1 forward proton taggers: physics prospects

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Outline:

- Introduction
- > Physics results from HERA I
- > Very Forward Proton Spectrometer
- > Physics prospects for HERA II



Diffraction at HERA

Large fraction of diffractive events (~ 10%)



- Q^2 , x (or W), M_X
- longitudinal momentum fraction of the proton carried by the colourless exchange:

$$x_{IP} = \frac{q \cdot (P - p_Y)}{q \cdot P} \approx \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2}{Q^2 + W^2}$$

• longitudinal momentum fraction of the colourless exchange carried by the struck quark:

$$\beta = \frac{x}{x_{IP}} \approx \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2}$$

• four-momentum transfer squared *t*

HERA I:

- > Measurements of F_2^D , incl. final states, jets, charm, excl.VM, DVCS, ...
- BUT statistically (exclusive channels) and systematically (proton dissociation) limited !

HERA II :

- > Major upgrade of the H1 detector
- > High luminosity: need for efficient diffractive trigger (low Q^2 downscaled)
- > Need for clean selection by directly tagging the elastically scattered proton

HERA I results: F_2^{LP}



Very Forward Proton Spectrometer

- > VPFS location is optimised for acceptance → 220m NL
- Proton beam is approached horizontally (use HERA bend)
- Bypass is needed to access the beam pipe in the cold section of HERA





VFPS: Acceptance + Resolution

- > VFPS uses dispersion of HERA bend to detect protons with small t and x_{IP} (dominant region for *IP* exchange)
- > Acceptance range:

	FPS-H	FPS-V	VFPS
t	0.2 - 0.4	0 0.15	0 0.25
$x_{I\!P}$	$10^{-5} - 10^{-2}$	0.05-0.15	0.01 - 0.02
local acc.	~ 30%	~ 100%	~100%



- Resolution dominated by the beam characteristics (with minimal sensitivity to the spatial resolution of the fibre detector)
- > x_{IP} resolution is competitive with the x_{IP}^{H1}
- $> \sim 4$ bins in *t*
- ~ 15 bins in Φ for |t| > 0.2 GeV²



Physics prospects: Inclusive diffraction

Luminosity 350 pb⁻¹ (3 years of HERA II running with 50% VFPS operation efficiency)

- > Measure full $F_2^{D(4)}(Q^2 , \beta, x_{IP}, t)$
- > Systematic errors can approach the level of F_2
- > Study t dependence $F_2^{D(4)}(Q^2, \beta, x_{IP}, t)$
- > Test hard scattering factorisation (extract diffr. pdf's at fixed x_{IP} and t + predict final states)
- > Test Regge factorisation (look for variations in diffr. pdf's with x_{IP} and t)
- > Event yields:

event sample	
$0.0 < t < 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$	810000
$0.2 < t < 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$	160000
$0.4 < t < 0.6 \text{ GeV}^2$	23000
$0.6 < t < 0.8 \text{ GeV}^2$	3000

t INTEGRATED σ_r^{D} (350 pb⁻¹)



Physics prospects: F_L measurements

$$\sigma_r^{D(4)} = F_2^{D(4)} - \frac{y^2}{2(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2})} F_L^{D(4)}$$

Φ asymmetry:

- > Access to longitudinal and transverse polarized photon contributions to cross-section
- > pQCD calculable higher twist $F_L^{\ D}$ expected dominant at high β
 - → Measure Φ asymmetries as a function of β (and Q^2) (VFPS can measure 15 bins in Φ)

Leading twist F_{L}^{D} :

> Indirect extraction at low β from NLO QCD fits (gluons!) to $\sigma_r^{D(4)}$

$$y = Q^2 / s_{ep} x$$



Physics prospects: Hadronic final states



Diffractive Dijet electroproduction (photoproduction):

> 96/97 dijet analysis yielded: 2500 events

> HERAII/VFPS expectation: 22900 events

Open charm production:

- > 96/97 D^{*} analysis yielded: 46 ± 10 events
- > HERAII/VFPS expectation: 380 events
- → more differential studies
- direct vs resolved photon contributions (rapidity gap survival probabilities)
- tests of diffractive factorisation theorem (with cancellation of VFPS systematics)

Dijet

Charm

Physics prospects: Exclusive channels

100000

x'

Deeply Virtual Compton Stattering (DVCS):



- Calculable in pQCD
- Sensitive to GPD's (extension of pdf for x ≠ x') via interference with Bethe-Heitler process
 - → Measure charge ($\Re e(A_{DVCS})$) and helicity ($\Im m(A_{DVCS})$) asymmetries

Vector Meson production:

 $e+p \mathop{\rightarrow} e+p+VM$; $VM=\rho$, J/ψ , ...

> Clean elastic channel BUT only low *W* accesible





Summary

- > VFPS needed to trigger diffractive events at HERA II
- Clean tagging of diffractive scattered proton
- > High and well understood acceptance in window around $x_{IP} = 0.01$
- Good resolution on reconstructed proton momentum
- > Installation cold beam line bypass successful
- > VFPS completely installed and operational
- Many interesting physics results to come:
 - * F_2^{D} , t dependence, F_L^{D} and Φ asymmetries
 - Final states (dijet, open charm) + tests of factorisation
 - * DVCS (access to GPD's) and Vector Meson production

Backup slides

QCD and Regge factorisation

QCD hard scattering factorisation:

 $\sigma^{\gamma^* p \to p^X} = \sigma^{\gamma^* i} \otimes f_i^D$

- σ^{γ*i} the universal partonic cross section (same as in inclusive DIS)
- *f*_i^D the parton distribution function for a parton *i* under the constraint that the proton survives the diffractive scattering (*f*_i^D should obey the DGLAP evolution equations)

Regge factorisation:

$$f_i^D(x, Q^2, x_{IP}, t) = f_{IP/p}(x_{IP}, t) \cdot f_i^{IP}(\beta = x/x_{IP}, Q^2)$$

- *f*_{*IP/p*} "pomeron flux factor" (can be parameterized according to Regge theory)
- $f_i^{I\!P}$ "pomeron parton distribution"



HERA I results: t measurement

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim \mathrm{e}^{-bt}$$

Regge phenomenology: expect shrinkage with W

$$b = b_0 + 2 \alpha'_{IP} \log(\frac{1}{x_{IP}})$$

Inconclusive so far
Need more data !



Beam simulation studies



Non-linear corrections !

- > Non-linear effects in energy deviation
- Sextupoles
- > Offset, tilted magnets

VFPS Acceptance



- Use beam line simulation
- Detectors approach beam up to 12 times the beam enveloppe + 3 mm "coasting beam margin"
- Horizontal FPS needs large t to separate protons
- > Vertical FPS uses dispersion of magnet, needs large x_{IP}
- > VFPS uses dispersion of HERA bend to detect protons with small *t* and x_{IP} (dominant region for *IP* exchange)
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VFPS Reconstruction

- 2 Roman Pot stations, 2 detectors each
- Measure position and slope in between both Roman Pot stations
- > Reconstruct proton momentum $(x_{IP}, t, \Phi) \sim (x_{IP}, \theta_x, \theta_y)$
- > Reconstruction fit:

$$\chi^{2} = \Sigma_{ij} (x_{i}^{m} - x_{i} (x_{IP}, \theta_{x}, \theta_{y})) c_{ij} (x_{j}^{m} - x_{j} (x_{IP}, \theta_{y}))$$

where c_{ii} is the covariance matrix containing:

- > beam characteristics (spread, divergence)
- > fibre detector resolution

non-linear effects complicate the reconstruction!



VFPS Resolution



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- > x_{IP} resolution is competitive with the reconstruction of x_{IP} by H1
- $> \sim 4$ bins in *t*
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VFPS Alignment





- > Exploit x_{IP} measurement by H1
- > Use forward peak t = 0
- Calibration fit:

$$\chi^{2} = \frac{\theta_{x}^{2}}{\sigma_{x}^{2}} + \frac{\theta_{y}^{2}}{\sigma_{y}^{2}} + \frac{(x_{IP} - x_{IP}^{HI})}{\sigma_{(x_{IP} - x_{IP}^{HI})}^{2}}$$

- > Alignment precision of $\sim 100 \ \mu m$ is feasible
- > Alternative fits are possible with e.g. elastic rho mesons



Cold beam line bypass

Modification of 10m drift segment: horizontal bypass for helium and superconductor lines



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Cold beam line bypass



Roman Pot insert



VFPS detector

Beam

VFPS detector:

> 2 detectors per Roman Pot station
> 1 detector: 4 trigger tiles in u-direction + u fibre plane + v fibre plane + 4 trigger tiles in v-direction
> Spatial detector resolution ~ 100 µm
> Cosmic tests: very good efficiency (~99%)

Fiber specifications:

- » Diameter 480 µm
- ≻ Pitch 340 µm

Optical connection:

> 5 fibre layers (= 1 plane) → 1 light guide
> 4 light guides → 1 PSPM pixel (multiplexing)





VFPS in the HERA tunnel

