Partonic Interpretation of Diffraction at HERA



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Introduction

- All total cross sections involving strongly interacting particles (hadrons) show approximate constancy,
 100 more precisely: universal slow rise, towards high energy
- "constant" cross sections arise from Diffractive Phenomena
- Regge theory: trajectory in the t-channel vacuum QNE = "Pomeron"
- QCD: colorless exchange Gluons, quarks in a color singlet ?



What is diffraction in the partonic language?

HERA - the world's largest electron microscope (Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Hamburg, Germany)



Diffraction in $\gamma^{*}p$ Interactions

various phenomenological models:

- Regge-motivated (factorizable Pomeron)
- Soft Color Interactions
- Color Dipole Models
 (2 gluon exchange models, saturation models)



Diffraction very interesting wrt saturation: may be the first place where saturation shows up.

 x_{g}

Experimental Techniques





Measuring the scattered proton







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LPS Method

proton scattered at small angles, measured in LPS, get longitudinal and transverse momentum components

$$x_{\scriptscriptstyle L} = p_{\scriptscriptstyle L} \, / \, p$$

M_{X} Method

QCD radiation suppressed between struck quark and proton remnant → rapidity gap

 M_X distribution flat in $\ln M_X^2$

Probing the Partonic Nature of Diffractive Exchange



Probing the Partonic Nature of Diffractive Exchange (cont.)



Diffractive Cross Sections and QCD Factorization



(QCD) Factorization for diffractive scattering (Collins et al.):

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{\gamma^* p \to p' X}(x, Q^2, x_{\mathbf{P}}, t)}{dx_{\mathbf{P}} dt} = \sum_i \int_x^{x_{\mathbf{P}}} d\xi f_i^D(\xi, Q^2, x_{\mathbf{P}}, t) \hat{\sigma}^{\gamma^* i}(\xi, Q^2)$$

 $\begin{aligned} &f_i^D(\xi,Q^2,x_{\mathbf{P}},t) & \text{diffractive PDF's of flavor } i \text{ in the proton, for fixed } x_{\mathbf{P}},t \\ & \text{(evolves in } \mathsf{Q}^2 \text{ according to } \mathsf{DGLAP}) \\ & \hat{\sigma}^{\gamma^*i}(\xi,Q^2) & \text{universal, hard scattering cross section, calculable in pQCD} \end{aligned}$

Regge Factorization

Additional assumption (no proof):

Regge factorization, the "Resolved Pomeron" (Ingelman-Schlein-Model)



- shape of diffr. PDF's independent - normalization of F_2^D controlled by Pomeron flux of $x_{\bf P},t$

Integration over t (usually unobserved):

$$\sigma_r^{D(3)} = F_2^{D(3)} = \int dt F_2^{D(4)}$$

Experimental Test of Regge Factorization



Diffractive vs Inclusive DIS β (Diff. DIS) \Leftrightarrow *x* (DIS)



weak dependence on β , similar to the photon (few partons ?)

Diffractive vs Inclusive DIS (cont.): Q² dependence



Positive scaling violations up to large β : gluon-dominated ("few" gluons)

Diffractive vs Inclusive DIS (cont.): W dependence





Full HERA I data set



- $1.5 < Q^2 < 12 \,\mathrm{GeV}^2$
- $6.5 < Q^2 < 120 \, {\rm GeV}^2$

(using rapidity gap method) Statistics improved by a factor 5 !

• $2.5 < Q^2 < 20 \,\mathrm{GeV}^2$ (based on Forw. Proton Spect.)

Agreement between both methods (similar results from ZEUS)

With high precision data now DGLAP analysis possible (similar to DIS):

partonic structure of diffraction

(curves from QCD fit, see below)

Partonic Structure of Diffraction: (LO, NLO DGLAP fits)





ansatz for the partonic structure:

$$\Sigma = \sum_{i=\text{light}} e_i^2(q(z,Q^2) + \overline{q}(z,Q^2))$$

$$G = g(z,Q^2) \qquad \qquad Q_0^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$$

(squared Chebychev polynomials (3 params) times exponential damping for $z \to 1$)

• charm via boson gluon fusion

 $\Lambda = 200 \pm 30 \,\mathrm{MeV},$

 $m_c = 1.5 \pm 0.1\,{\rm GeV}$

- F_L^D via QCD relation
- NLO DGLAP fit for singlet and gluon contributions to $\sigma_r^{D(3)}(\beta,Q^2,x_{\rm P})$

Partonic Structure of Diffraction (cont.)



(pomeron factorization holds)

positive scaling violations even for large β : gluon dominates

Partonic Structure of Diffraction (cont.)



- Full propagation of experimental uncertainties (inner error bands)
- Theoretical uncertainties (outer bands): $A = 200 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}, m_c = 1.5 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV}$

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 $(75 \pm 15)\%$

Diffraction is gluon-dominated

Detailed Tests of the Partonic Picture

test QCD factorization using diffractive pdf's



Dijets in DIS Diffractive Scattering





Charm Production in Diffraction







Predictions:

use gluon pdf from a NLO QCD fit (Alvero et al.) to inclusive diffractive data (similar to the H1 fit)

data well described, both by QCD model (HVQDIS, Harris et al.)

in addition (not shown):

 $R_{D} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{DIF}(c\overline{c})}{\sigma_{DIS}(c\overline{c})} = 6.3 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7 \,\%$

(Charm not suppressed in diffraction)

Charm rate independent of $x_{{}_{\mathrm{D}^*}}, W$ and Q^2

also for charm factorization seems to work



Further Tests of QCD Factorization in Diffraction

One step further: use dpdf's to predict di-jets at the Tevatron



Iow virtuality photons at HERA are "hadrons"



 $Q^2 < 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2, \ 0.3 < y < 0.65$ $x_{\rm P} < 0.03$

 $p_{T,1(2)} > 5(4) \text{ GeV}$

jets: incl. k_T algor.



LO MC (Rapgap) with dpdf from H1 fit does describe the data !

$$\mu^2 = p_T^2$$

No violation of factorization in "hadron physics" at HERA?

NLO calculation by Klasen & Kramer (2004) resolved photon contributions:



Ratio diffractive/inclusive dijet photoproduction



factor \sim 3 reduction seems to match with the data

(absorption correction suggested by Kaidalov, Khoze et al., 2003)

Summary and Conclusions

- Diffraction phenomena govern the main part of the cross section in soft hadronic interactions and, surprisingly (?), a substantial part of hard scattering at HERA
- QCD models based on 2-gluon exchange seem to describe the hard-scale diffractive processes, Regge picture fails in diffractive DIS
- Strong experimental evidence for gluonic structure of diffractive exchange NLO QCD fit to diffractive data: gluons dominate (~75%).
- QCD factorization verified at HERA in diffractive DIS (di-jets, charm) Strong breaking of factorization seen with di-jets at the Tevatron,
- LO/NLO predictions for HERA photoproduction of di-jets possibly not yet fully understood
- Diffraction (color singlet exchange) continues to be a major challenge for QCD and, possibly, is a key to understand confinement

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Dijets in DIS Diffractive Scattering (cont.)



Photoproduction of Vector Mesons



Total cross sections for photoproduction of vector mesons:

- ρ , ω , ϕ show Regge behaviour $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow Vp) \propto W^{0.22}$
- J/ψ not described by Regge, strong rise of cross section $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p) \propto W^{0.8}$

Break-down of Pomeron Universality



The Odderon



Odderon invented by Lukaszuk and Nicolescu (1973) to account for possible differences in hadron-hadron and antihadron-hadron scattering at high energies

If B non-zero at high energies, i.e. a diffractive amplitude:

$$\varDelta \sigma = \sigma(pp) - \sigma(\overline{p}p) \neq 0$$

for $s \to \infty$

Experimental difficulties (due to presence of the Pomeron):

- Subtraction of 2 large numbers
- No data on pp at high energy !

Theoretical problem: Odderon possibly suppressed in pp reactions

Do we need an Odderon?

The "Odderon" is a firm prediction from pQCD: 3

D: 3-gluon state with C = P = -1 (see talk by C. Ewerz)

If so, how to find it :

HERA is an ideal place to study the Odderon:



- very high photon-proton center-of-mass energies (up to 300 GeV)
- can select exculsive processes where the Pomeron cannot contribute (thus measure a potential Odderon contribution directly, no subtraction)
- theoretical (non-pQCD) model exist for exclusive processes:
 E. R. Berger, A. Donnachie, H.G. Dosch, W. Kilian, O. Nachtmann, M. Rueter



Cross section NOT suppressed if state X is a negative-parity baryon (e.g. N^*)

Cross sections for f_2, a_2 an order of magnitude smaller



Why multi-photon final states ?

- to test the diffractive nature of Odderon need large photon-proton energy (meson is emitted into backward part of detector)
- Iow mass mesons deposit all their energy in backward region of detector
- no tracking detector in backward area
- photons give full energy calorimetric measurement (VLQ, SpaCal)



Exclusive π^0 Photoproduction





$$N^* \Rightarrow N^*(1520, 3/2^-), N^*(1535, 1/2^-), \dots$$

$$N^* \to n + \pi's$$

$$\pi^0 \to \gamma \gamma$$

 $Q^2 < 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$

(neutron detected in forward calorimeter)

(photons detected in VLQ and SpaCal)

(photoproduction, energy measured via e-tagger)



Exclusive π^0 Photoproduction (cont.)

H1 data

 π^0 mass cut

inclusive π^0

 $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ [GeV]





o H1 is able to detect π^0 in VLQ/SpaCal

0.5

- Neutrons can be detected with good efficiency (signaling N* production)
- o Acceptance/efficiencies are under control



- After cuts against "inelastic" events some events remain, compatible with expected background
- Expected signal from Berger et al. model is not seen

Limit on Exclusive π^0 Photoproduction





Interpretation of result:



Odderon-photon coupling could be smaller than in Berger et. al.

Odderon intercept is smaller than 0.7 (no longer "diffractive")

Summary on the Odderon

- A 2-gluon color singlet state ("Pomeron") with C=P=+1 seems firmly established in strong interactions to mediate diffractive phenomena, most importantly to produce constant cross sections ("BFKL Pomeron")
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- The C=P=-1 3-gluon color singlet state ("Odderon") is a natural extension of this idea.
- Detection of Odderon usually plagued by presence of the dominating "background" from the Pomeron ("subtraction of big numbers")
- HERA provides a unique possibility to directly measure the Odderon (exclude Pomeron explicitly by quantum numbers), reliable (factor 2) non-perturbative calculations exist.



