Recent Results in Diffractive ep Scattering at HERA



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- Introduction to diffraction in ep
- Exclusive final state measurements
- Diffractive vector meson production
- DVCS

Diffraction



- Lepton-hadron (γ-p) or hadron-hadron (p-p) scattering with large gap in rapidity between final states
- Particles stay intact or dissociate to low mass states X, $Y(M_{\chi}, M_{\gamma} << s)$

- X = jet, vector meson, photon

- Independent hadronisation between *X* and *Y* systems
- Interpret as *t*-channel exchange of colourless object: diffractive exchange or Pomeron (*IP*)

How to interpret in (p)QCD?

Diffraction at HERA



- Define diffractive structure functions (in analogy to DIS) $\frac{d^4\sigma}{d\beta dQ^2 dx_{I\!P} dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{\beta Q^4} (1 - y + y^2/2)\sigma_r^{D(4)}(\beta, Q^2, x_{I\!P}, t)$ where $\sigma_r^{D(4)} = F_2^{D(4)} - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2}F_L^{D(4)}$
- Usually integrate over $t (|t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2) \rightarrow F_2^{D(3)}(\beta, Q^2, x_{\mathbb{IP}})$

Measuring Diffraction at HERA



- M_x distribution

10

1

10

- 3 GeV

= 10 .

 $\frac{10}{\ln M_{\rm X}}^2$

Diffractive Structure Functions





- Scaling violations even at high β
- Important gluon contribution, especially at low *x*
- Extract diffractive PDFs (NLO QCD)
- Large gluon contribution in DPDFs

Diffractive Structure Functions II



z Σ(z,Q²) g(z,Q²) Q² [GeV²] Sinalet Gluon 0.4 2 6.5 0.2 0 n 0.4 2 15 0.2 -----1 0 n 0.4 2 90 0.2 --------0 0 10 -2 10⁻² 10 ⁻¹ 10⁻¹ z z H1 2002 NLO fit (prel.) Newman, Schilling, (exp. error) Laycock (exp.+theor. error) NLO fit to ZEUS-Mx (exp. error)

NLO QCD fits to H1 and ZEUS data

- Fit ZEUS data in very similar way to H1FIT2002 (HERA-LHC workshop)
- Factor ~2 difference in gluon dist.
- Due to different Q² distributions in H1 and ZEUS data sets

Diffractive *D** and Dijets (DIS)



- QCD factorisation: $F_2^D \sim f_i^D \otimes \hat{\sigma}_i$
 - are diffractive PDFs universal?
- Test DPDFs with charm and dijet prod.
 - Good description of diff. *D*^{*} in DIS from H1 2002 NLO fit
 - Good agreement between diff. dijet and NLO predictions from ZEUS-LPS and H1 2002 NLO fits
 - ZEUS-GLP (M_x) fit lower than data
 - Factorisation possibly holds in DIS?
 - Need more work on DPDFs to make conclusion

Diffractive D^* and Dijets (γp)

Dijets in *yp*







- Dijet data described by NLO $\times 0.5$
- Expected suppression of 'hadronlike' photon interaction ($x_{\gamma} < 0.9$) unable to describe data
- NLO consistent with *D** within large errors
- Is factorisation broken in γp ?
- Need better understanding of DPDFs and uncertainties to make conclusions
- Use dijets, *D** in DPDF fits?

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Diffractive VM Production



- Interact in three steps, well separated in time:
 - photon fluctuates into $q\bar{q}$ pair
 - exchange 2 gluons (LO) or gluon ladder (higher order)
 - form vector meson
- exchange modelled by BFKL or DGLAP evolution eqns
- Provides information on gluon in $p: \sigma \propto [xg(x,Q^2)]^2$



Diffractive Elastic J/ψ



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Diffractive High t VMs



Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering



• $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma$ at high Q^2 , low |t|

- Factorisation: hard process (calculable in QCD) + parton density
- Skewedness ξ = non-zero
 → sensitive to generalised parton distributions (GPDs)
- GPDs generalise PDFs \rightarrow info on parton correlations + transverse motion
 - equal to DIS PDFs as $\xi \to 0, t \to 0$

σ ($\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p$) [nb] Data 20 H1 O^2 [GeV²] 4 8 0.69 0.81 15 8 ±0.32 ±0.17 ±0.34 ±0.22 10 $|t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ 5 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 W [GeV] σ ($\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p$) [nb] Η1 H1 10 ZEUS QCD (Freund et al.): **MRST 2001** CTEQ6 1 W = 82 GeV10 ---- $|t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ 90 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 100 $Q^2 [GeV^2]$ 12 σ (γ^{*} p \rightarrow γp) [nb] $Q^2 = 8 \text{ GeV}^2$ Η1 ZEUS 10 ItI< 1 GeV² NLO QCD (Freund et al.): 8 MRST 2001 CTEQ6 6 H1 2 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 W [GeV]

- Steep rise with $W(\delta=0.77)$ sim. to J/ψ
 - indicates hard scattering
- NLO with two different GPDs (from MRST or CTEQ6 PDFs)
- Reasonable description by theory
- Differences due to relative sizes of singlet and gluon in PDFs

DVCS

Summary

- *ep* scattering at HERA important tool to study diffractive exchange
- Extract diffractive structure functions + DPDFs in analogy proton PDFs
 - large gluon content of diffractive exchange
- Some DPDFs able to describe diffractive *D*^{*} and dijet production in DIS, but some problems in photoproduction
 - more work on DPDFs needed for firm conclusions on factorisation
- New measurements on diffractive vector mesons
 - sensitivity to gluon distribution of p
 - good description from pQCD models
- New DVCS measurement
 - potential sensitivity to GPDs
 - good description by NLO QCD