Review of diffraction at HERA

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HERA



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 ... CMS energy of collision

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$$W = \sqrt{(q+P)}$$
... hadronic c.m.s. energy

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2q \cdot P} \dots$$
 Bjorken x

diffraction





 $x_{IP} = \frac{q.(P-P_Y)}{q.P}$... fractional long. mom. loss of proton



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Donnachie, Landshoff - Phys. Lett. B 296 1-2

e(k)...., e(k)..., γ*(q) p(P)

Diffraction in ep

main classes of diffractive processes of interest at HERA



in some cases with proton dissociation $\rightarrow V$ where M = P

 $p \rightarrow Y$, where $M_Y = P_Y^2$

'elastic' VM or DVCS partially also inclusive DDIS

hard diffractive exchange

→ whole exchange participates → mostly ρ , ω , ϕ , ρ' , J/ ψ or γ

described in proton rest frame

- \rightarrow VMD model (no hard scale)
- \rightarrow color dipole model (hard scale)



HERA domain

 \rightarrow continuum of masses of X

diffractive exchange

→ only part of diff. exchange participates, $\beta = x / x_{\mu}$

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- hard scale present (Q², p_T^2 , m_O^2)
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Collinear factorization

Most used approach to model various features of diffractive DIS.

central assumption

Collinear factorization Collins, valid for diffractive DIS

- → diffractive parton distribution functions (DPDFs)
- → QCD based predictions for X states

$$d\sigma^{ep \rightarrow eXp}(x,Q^2,x_{IP},t) = \sum_i f_i^D(x,Q^2,x_{IP},t) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}(x,Q^2)$$

optionally

Resolved Pomeron approach Ingelman and Schlein

- \rightarrow virtual photon inteacts with partonic diffractive exchange
- → leading proton kinematics (t, x_{IP}) treated separately aka Proton vertex factorization

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



Diffractive PDFs

Parton distributions under diffractive condition \rightarrow DPDFs

- → use of collinear factorization (+ proton vertex fact.)
- \rightarrow QCD predictions of cross sections
- → parton distributions parameterized and evolved (usually, uds democratically in a quark singlet and gluon)
- \rightarrow optimal params' values from fits to measured x-sections

Extracted mostly from:

- \rightarrow inclusive data ep \rightarrow eXY
- \rightarrow ep \rightarrow eXY with jets in the final state (another constraint on gluon DPDF)

Can be improved by:

- $\rightarrow\,$ combination of diffraction selection methods
- $\rightarrow\,$ combinations of data from H1 and ZEUS





Diffractive PDFs



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Jets in DDIS



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open charm with D*





Jets in photoproduction

! DPDFs are not portable to diffractive hadron-hadron (pp) processes !

 $\rightarrow\,$ order of magnitude overestimation of predicted pp dijet rates

Factorization breaking in diffractive dijet production



Tested in diffractive dijet photoproduction at HERA

Jets in photoproduction



photoproduction regime

- \rightarrow Q2 ~ 0 ... electron at low angle
- \rightarrow hard scale provided by $p_{_{T}}$, mass

in LO

- → direct γ DIS-like
- \rightarrow resolved γ pp-like

x_y **fraction**
$$x_y = \frac{P \cdot u}{P \cdot q}$$

→ allows to classify processes ... up to smearing

studies by H1 and ZEUS

- → H1: LRG analyses 2007(Php,DIS), 2010(Php) ... latest leading proton 2015(Php, DIS)
- → ZEUS: LRG analysis 2010 (Php)

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Studies of the diffractive photoproduction of isolated photons at HERA



Open charm production in diffractive deep inelastic scattering at HERA

Studies of the diffractive photoproduction of isolated photons at HERA.



- $\rightarrow\,$ sensitive to quark content of IP, "free" of hadronization for γ
- \rightarrow based on 91 pb⁻¹ and 374 pb⁻¹ HERA 1 and 2 data, respectively
- \rightarrow photoproduction Q² ~ 0 GeV² \rightarrow resolved / direct component
- \rightarrow photon isolation selection to suppress background (π^0 and DVCS)
- \rightarrow data corrected to hadron level and compared with theory provided by Rapgap MC 26

Studies of the diffractive photoproduction of isolated photons at HERA.



- $\rightarrow\,$ simulation optimized in order to describe the data at rec level
- \rightarrow normalizations propagated to MC model predictions of x-section

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 γ + jet events, Rapgap weighted and normalized

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Open charm production in diffractive deep inelastic scattering at HERA





- → based on 280 pb⁻¹ HERA 2 data (~ 50 pb⁻¹ H1 HERA 1 publ. 2007)
- \rightarrow tagged with presence of D* in the final state
- \rightarrow gluon initiated at LO
- \rightarrow open charm tagged with D*

$$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+_{slow} \rightarrow (K^- \pi^+) \pi^+_{slow} + C.C.$$

→ fits of
$$\Delta m = m(D^*_{cand}) - m(D^0_{cand})$$

 \rightarrow large rapidity gap selection

$$\begin{array}{ll} 5 &< Q^2 < 100 \; GeV^2 & 0.02 \; < y < 0.65 \\ p_{_{t,D^*}} > 1.5 \; GeV & |\eta_{_{D^*}}| < 1.5 \; \hdots \; in \; lab \\ x_{_{IP}} < 0.03 \end{array}$$

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D* in diffractive DIS



detector level control distributions

- correction of the data for detector effects relies on adequate description with simulation
- fits performed in each bin for data and MC contribution
- proton dissociation contribution $(M_{y} > m_{p})$
- non-diffractive background negligible
- weighting applied to correct shape and normalization agreement

Open charm production in diffractive deep inelastic scattering at HERA

cross sections compared with

NLO QCD by HVQDIS in FFNS

- adapted for diffraction, using H1 2006 DPDF Fit B Eur. Phys.J.C73 (2013) 2311
- $\mu_r^2 = \mu_f^2 = m_c^2 + 4 Q^2$
- charm mass $m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$
- Kartvelishvili fragmentation used
 - according to H1 measurement, Eur.Phys.J.C71 (2011) 1769

Theoretical uncertainties considered at the moment

- μ_r , μ_f varied by 0.5 and 2 simultaneously for th. uncertainty
- 1.3 < m_c < 1.7 GeV

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D* in diffractive DIS



 $\sigma_{ep \rightarrow e Y X(D^*)} = 0.314 \pm 0.022(stat.) \pm 0.028(syst.) [nb]$

dominant sources of syst. error: gap selection proton dissociation contribution

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New results from HERAOpen charm production in diffractive deep inelastic scattering at HERA

- (1) <u>New measurement of open charm production in diffractive DIS</u> with larger dataset.
- NLO QCD prediction (in FFNS) based on DPDFs (inclusive H1 data), agree well within errors with measured cross sections
 <u>new test of collinear factorization validity</u>.
- (3) Charm fragmentation function with Kartvelishvili parameterization determined in previous H1 (non-diffractive) analysis, <u>supports</u> <u>universality of fragmentation</u>.
- (4) Final measurement of cross sections might serve as an input to DPDF fits.

Thank you for your attention!