

Prospects for Diffractive and Forward Physics at the LHC



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TOTEM physics program



Total cross section with a precision of 1%

- Elastic pp scattering in wide t-range [10⁻³,10] GeV²
- Soft single & central Diffraction
- Low-x dynamics
- Charged particle & energy flow in forward direction
- Semi-hard + hard single & central diffraction: production of jets, W, heavy flavours.....
- Exclusive particle production in central diffraction
- γγ & γp physics



Combined coverage makes a wide range of physics studies possible – from diffraction & proton low-x dynamics to production of SM/MSSM Higgs



Wide coverage in pseudorapidity & proton detection



X = anything : dominated by soft physics Single diffractive (SD) & central diffractive (CD) inclusive cross sections + their s, t, M_X dependence. Fundamental measurements of non-perturbative QCD at LHC!!

X = jets, W, Z, Higgs: hard processes calculable in pQCD Give info on proton structure (dPDFs & GPDs), QCD at high parton densities, multi-parton interactions ... New physics searches in exclusive central diffraction



Content of common document



Includes important experimental issues in measuring forward and diffractive physics but not an exhaustive physics study

- Detailed studies of acceptance & resolution of forward proton detectors
- Trigger
- Background
- Reconstruction of kinematical variables

Several processes studied in detail

- Ch 1: Introduction
- Ch 2: Experimental Set-up
- Ch 3: Measurement of Forward Protons
- Ch 4: Machine induced background
 - Ch 5: Diffraction at low and medium luminosity
 - Ch 6: Triggering on Diffractive Processes at High Luminosity
- Ch 7: Hard diffraction at High Luminosity
- Ch 8: Photon-photon and photon-proton physics
- Ch 9: Low-x QCD physics
- Ch 10: Validation of Hadronic Shower Models used in cosmic ray physics

An important milestone for collaboration between the 2 experiments



Accessible physics depends on luminosity & β^* (i.e. proton acceptance)



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Short special runs at high β^* with reduced # of bunches & no crossing angle at IP for measurement of protons scattered only a few μ rad at IP

β* = 1540 m @ 220 m:

large effective length ("magnification of scattering angle") + parallel-topoint focusing in both transverse planes, low-t detection (t ~ $2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$)

requires special injection optics \Rightarrow probably not available at LHC start

optimized for good extrapolation of differential elastic cross section to the optical point \Rightarrow for a precise total cross section measurement

β* = 90 m @ 220 m:

parallel-to-point focusing + large effective length in vertical plane, zero effective length in horizontal plane, t detection to $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$

achievable by un-squeezing standard LHC injection optics

optimized for a good fractional momentum loss measurement for diffractive protons \Rightarrow for diffractive measurements



Detect the proton via: its momentum loss (low β^*) its transverse momentum (high β^*)



Forward proton measurement: acceptance (@220 m)













Very little final state dependence since transverse IP size is small.

Better $\sigma(\xi)/\xi$ for $\beta^* = 2/0.5$ m & larger luminosity but limited ξ acceptance ($\xi > 0.02$)



Forward proton measurement: acceptance (@220 m & 420 m)





Proton detectors at 420 m would enlarge acceptance range down to $\xi = 0.002$ at high luminosity (= low β^*).



Forward proton measurement: CD mass acceptance & resolution (β* = 0.5–2 m @ 220& 420 m)









Diffraction at low luminosity (< 10³² cm⁻² s⁻¹): soft diffraction



Single diffraction:



Central diffraction:

 $p p \rightarrow p X p$



Inclusive cross sections & their t, M_x dependence

Event topology

Measure ξ and central mass via:

- proton(s)
- rapidity gap relation $\Delta \eta = -\ln \xi$
- calorimeters

 $\xi^{\pm} = \Sigma_i E_T^i e^{\pm \eta} / \sqrt{s}$

Wide t & ξ acceptance range with TOTEM optics

Soft diffraction important contribution to pile-up at high luminosity



Diffraction at low luminosity: soft central diffraction



Differential mass distribution, acceptance corrected g = 1540 A = 1B'=2 200 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 0 400 800 600 M_{x} (GeV)

Number of events collected:

 $\beta^* = 90 \text{ m} \quad \int \text{Ldt} = 0.3 \text{ (pb}^{-1})$ (in a few days running):

 $1 < M_X < 2000 \text{ GeV}$ N ~ 10^7

 $\beta^* = 2 \text{ m}$ $\int \text{Ldt} = 100(\text{pb}^{-1})$:

 $M_X > 300 \text{ GeV}$ N ~ 10⁸





Diffraction at low luminosity: rapidity gaps







Forward particle multiplicity: connection to cosmic ray modelling



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 Models used in hadronic simulation programs differ by more than a factor 2.

- Necessary measurement of forward particle and energy flow.
- SD events trigger: p+T1/T2 (opposite side)
- Study in details SD events





Diffraction at low luminosity: semi-hard diffraction





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∫dσ/dp

In case of jet activity ξ can also be determined from calorimeter info:

$$\xi^{\pm} = \Sigma_{i} E_{T}^{i} e^{\pm \eta_{i}} / \sqrt{s}$$

$$\sigma(\xi)/\xi \sim 40 \%$$

Measure cross sections & their t, $M_{X'} p_T^{jet}$ dependence Event topology: exclusive vs inclusive jet production N event collected [acceptance included] $\beta^* = 90 \text{ m } \int Ldt = 0.3 \text{ (pb}^{-1})$

$$B^* = 2 \text{ m} \quad \int \text{Ldt} = 100 \text{ (pb}^{-1})$$

SD:
$$p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$$
 $5x10^5 \text{ CD:}$ " $3x10^4$



Summary



The common CMS/TOTEM physics document shows that

Short runs at $\beta^* = 90$ m will give excellent opportunities for a wide range of diffractive measurements with a large $\xi \& t$ acceptance Complemented by large M & p_T^{jet} measurements at standard LHC runs Rare diffractive processes need high luminosity & detectors at 420 m TOTEM&CMS measure together at low & medium luminosity: Inclusive diffractive processes from low masses up to a few TeV Diffractive event topologies using rapidity gaps & calorimetry and correlated with leading proton measurements

Forward particle multiplicity as input for cosmic ray modelling

Inclusive diffractive p_T^{jet} cross section from ~ 20 GeV onwards by combining measurements from runs at different β^* 's





Assumption on trigger rates







CD: $\sigma(M_{\chi}) \sim 1.5 - 2.5 \text{ GeV}$ for $60 < M_{\chi} < 200 \text{ GeV}$



Running scenarios



Physics:	low t elastic, σ _{tot} , min bias	large t elastic	Soft diffraction	Soft & semi-hard diffraction
β* [m]	1540 (90)	18, 2, 0.5	1540	90
N of bunches	43	2808	156	156
N of part. per bunch (x 10 ¹¹)	0.3	1.15	(0.6 - 1.15)	1.15
Half crossing angle [µrad]	0	160	0	0
Transv. norm. emitt. [μm rad]	1 (3.75)	3.75	1 - 3.75	3.75
RMS beam size at IP [µm]	454 (200)	95	454 - 880	200
RMS beam diverg. [μrad]	0.29 (2.3)	5.28	0.29 - 0.57	2.3
Peak luminosity [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	1.6 (7.3) x 10 ²⁸	3.6 x 10 ³²	2.4 x 10 ²⁹	2 x 10 ³⁰