

Valence and sea parton correlations in double parton scattering from data

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Introduction: General case

In general, the inclusive σ_D for hadrons *h*, *h'* is

[Nuovo Cim. A 70, 215 (1982). JHEP 03, 089 (2012). JHEP 03, 005 (2010). Eur. Phys. J. C 72, 1963 (2012)]

$$
\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}^{hh'} = \frac{N}{2} \sum_{ij,k'l'} \int dx_1 dx_2 dx'_1 dx'_2 d^2 r \times \tag{1}
$$

$$
\times \quad \Gamma^h_{ij}(x_1,x_2,\mathbf{r}) \hat{\sigma}^A_{ik'}(x_1,x'_1) \hat{\sigma}^B_{jl'}(x_2,x'_2) \Gamma^{h'}_{k'l'}(x'_1,x'_2,\mathbf{r}).
$$

Introduction: uncorrelated case

Considering the scenario where there is no correlation between *x* and r.

 $\Gamma_{ij}(x_1, x_2, \mathbf{r}) = f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) F(\mathbf{r}) \theta (1 - x_1 - x_2) (1 - x_1 - x_2)^n$, (2)

- \bullet Here, f_i *j* are usual PDFs and *F* contain the geometrical information entering σ_{D} .
- Note: that the function *F* doesn't depend on flavour *i*,*j*.
- \bullet The $n > 0$ is a parameter to be fixed phenomenologically, introduces the natural kinematical constraint $x_1 + x_2 \leq 1$.
- But this is important only if we consider large rapidity values.

Introduction: Pocket formula

• So, to simplify, we used the following ansatz

$$
\Gamma_{ij}(x_1, x_2, \mathbf{r}) = f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) F(\mathbf{r}). \tag{3}
$$

• Substituting this into the equation [1,](#page-2-1) we get the famous

 \bullet The $\sigma_{\rm eff}$ is known as **effective cross section** and it contain all information about the transverse hadron structure.

Problem

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This can be due the fact that we are neglecting all correlations.

Let us introduce a parton–kind (valence or sea) dependence!

Theoretical background

Neglecting again longitudinal–transverse correlations but including parton kind dependence:

$$
\Gamma_{ij}(x_1, x_2, \mathbf{r}) = f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) F_{ij}(\mathbf{r}), \ \ i, j \in \{s, v\}.
$$
 (4)

• Then, the DPS cross section Eq. [1](#page-2-1) is

[A. Del Fabbro and D. Treleani, Phys. Rev. D 63, 057901 (2001)]

$$
\sigma_{\rm D}^{hh'} = \frac{N}{2} \sum_{ij;k'l'} \sigma_{ik'}(A) \sigma_{jl'}(B) / \sigma_{k'l',\rm eff'}^{ij}, \tag{5}
$$

where the geometrical coefficients

$$
\left(\sigma_{k'l',\text{eff}}^{ij}\right)^{-1} = \Theta_{k'l'}^{ij} = \int d^2r \, F_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) F_{k'l'}(\mathbf{r}),\tag{6}
$$

are weighted differently depending on the final state.

Theoretical background

The effective DPS cross section for each final state *AB* is

$$
\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\text{Theory}}(AB) = \frac{\sum_{i,k'} \sigma_{ik'}(A) \sum_{j,l'} \sigma_{jl'}(B)}{\sum_{ijk'l'} \sigma_{ik'}(A) \sigma_{jl'}(B) / \sigma_{k'l',\text{eff}}^{ij}}.
$$
(7)

• The $\sigma_{ik'}(X)$ values were obtained with PYTHIA 8.3

[C. Bierlich et al., SciPost Phys. Codebases 8, (2022)]

Results – Fit

- The free parameters are the $\sigma_{k'}^{ij}$ *k* ′ *l* ′ ,eff
- By symmetry, only 6 are independent: $\sigma_{ss, \text{eff}}^{ss}$, $\sigma_{sv, \text{eff}}^{ss}$, $\sigma_{vv, \text{eff}}^{ss}$, $\sigma_{sv, \text{eff}}^{sv}$, $\sigma_{vv, \text{eff}}^{sv}$, $\sigma_{vv, \text{eff}}^{vv}$, .
- We minimize the χ^2 using Minuit2. [F. James and M. Winkler, MINUIT User's Guide (CERN, Geneva, 2004).]
- Current data is only sensitive to $\sigma_{ss,eff}^{ss}$ and $\sigma_{sv,eff}^{ss}$.
- The others are fixed to 38 mb but this value does not really matter.

- The basic pocket formula gives $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = 9.8 \pm 0.6 \text{ mb}$ with $\chi^2_{\text{dof}} = 46.45/(18-1) = 2.73.$
- This gives a *p*-value of only 0.00015 and as such the null hypothesis is rejected with confidence level of 3.8σ .
- In our study, we find that sea–sea correlations are really different from sea–valence:

Table: σ_{eff} found in our fit with goodness $\chi^2_{dof} = 1.70$. The notation $\sigma_{k'l',eff}^{ij}$ means that *i* interacts with k' and *j* interacts with l' .

Results

• These results were published in JHEP, arxiv.org/abs/2305.11106 [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP09\(2023\)177.](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP09(2023)177)

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Abstract

The effective cross section of double parton scattering in proton collisions has been measured by many experiments with rather different results. Motivated by this fact, we assumed that the parton correlations in the transverse plane are different whether we have valence or sea partons. With this simple approach, we were able to fit the available data and found that sea parton pairs are more correlated in the transverse plane than valence-sea parton pairs.

- We use the assumption that the transversal distributions of valence and sea parton kinds could be different in the proton to fit σ_{eff} to data on several processes and experiments.
- **•** This hypothesis can be important since it affect the value of σ_{eff} and make it depend on the final state.
- The quality of the fit was not bad and the calculated values of the σ_{eff} are in good agreement with the data.
- Allowing transverse correlations between parton populations is an important improvement in the description of DPS.
- The sea-sea correlations are the larger than sea–valence ones.

Future research: *x*-dependence

Now, in a simple scenario where there is correlation between *x* and r, the dPDF factorizate like

$$
\Gamma_{ij}(x_1, x_2, \mathbf{r}) = f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) F_{ij}(x_1, x_2; \mathbf{r}). \tag{8}
$$

- But this correlation prevents us from obtaining the formula [5.](#page-7-1) \bullet
- We are left with a term like

$$
\sum_{i,j;k',l'} \int \Theta_{k'l'}^{ij}(x_1, x_2; x_1', x_2') f_i(x_1) f_{k'}(x_1') \hat{\sigma}_{ik'}(x_1, x_1') \times
$$

$$
\times \hat{\sigma}_{jl'}(x_2, x_2') f_j(x_2) f_{l'}(x_2') dx_1 dx_2 dx_1' dx_2',
$$
 (9)

where

$$
\Theta_{k'l'}^{ij}(x_1, x_2; x_1', x_2') = \int d^2r \, F_{ij}(x_1, x_2; r) F_{k'l'}(x_1', x_2'; r). \tag{10}
$$

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Future research: *x*-dependence

• One way to introduce it is using ansatz

$$
F_{ij}(x_1, x_2, r) = \int d\mathbf{s}_1 d\mathbf{s}_2 \ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{s}_2 - \mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{r}) \rho_i(x_1, \mathbf{s}_1) \rho_j(x_2, \mathbf{s}_2), (11)
$$

where the *x*-dependence comes from the **transverse density**
 $\rho_i(x, \mathbf{s}).$

A possible profile that encapsulate this *x*-dependence is the gaussian approach

$$
\rho_i(x, r) := \frac{1}{2\pi\delta(x)^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{r^2}{2\delta(x)^2}\right\},\qquad(12)
$$

$$
\delta(x) = w\sqrt{(1-x)\ln\frac{1}{x}},\qquad(13)
$$

or
$$
\delta(x) = B_0 + 2K_Q \ln\left(\frac{x_0}{x}\right).
$$
 (14)

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Future research: *x*-dependence

The last parameterization comes from the *J*/ψ-SPS data.

[L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, and C. Weiss, Phys. Rev. D 83, 054012 (2011)]

Figure: The exponential *t*-slope, $B_{J/\psi}$, of the differential cross section of exclusive J/ψ photoproduction measured in the FNAL E401/E458, HERA H1, and ZEUS experiments, as a function of $x = M_{J/\psi}^2/W^2$.

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