UPC and far-forward detection

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Overview

- Introduction to UPC
- (Comments on Odderon at LHC)
- Search for saturation
- Far-forward detection in UPC

pp collision



Most collisions at the LHC, pp, pA, AA have enormous multiplicities due to colour flow. However, when colourless propagators are involved, multiplicities are low and events have large **rapidity gaps**.

UPC J/ ψ at forward rapidity in ALICE PbPb data



(from Evgeny Kryshen talk at INT workshop)





It's QCD – but not as we normally see it. It's colour-free







Central Exclusive Production





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Colourless propagators





Hadron colliders:

Generally, to ensure no (colourful) QCD interaction, $d>R_1+R_2$ (1.5 - 6 fm).

Large impact parameter - Small p_T

Electron-hadron collider: ~70% of total cross-section is diffractive

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Odderon search: partner of pomeron



C-odd meson



C-even meson

Method 1: High p_T exclusive C- production



 $F \sim e^{bt}$ Photoproduction: b~6 GeV⁻² Proton dissociation b~1 GeV⁻² Odderon b small

dt

$d\sigma^{ m corr}/dy$	J/ψ	
	odderon	photon
Tevatron	0.3–1.3–5 nb	0.8–5–9 nb
LHC	0.3–0.9–4 nb	2.4 15 27 nb

Odderon contribution might be 1-10% at LHC and would dominate at high p_T but experimentally this is difficult to see

Angular distribution of muons due to polarisation may also differ (R. Schnicker) 14 UPC and far-forward detection

Method 2: Photoproduction of C+



Czyzewski, Kwiecinski, Motyka, PLB398 (1997) 400. Berger, Donnachie, Dosch, Kilian, Nachtmann, EPJ C9 (1999) 491. Ryskin EPJ C2 (1998) 339. Kilian & Nachtmann, EPJ C5 (1998) 317. Harland-Lang, Khoze, Martin, Ryskin PRD 99 (2019) 3, 034011



Acta Phys. Polon. B33, 3499 (2002). (Conference proceeding.)

Might be seen forward in p-Pb / PbPb



(Role of survival factors and nuclear break-up important here)

Gluon recombination (saturation)

Fractional momentum of the parton

Energy Scale

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Photoproduction



Photoproduction



- Rise in σ related to Pomeron intercept
 - $\circ \sigma \sim W^{\delta}$
 - $\circ \ \delta = 4(\alpha_{P}(t)-1)$ $\circ \ \alpha_{P}(t) = \alpha_{P}(0) + \alpha' t$
- Compare slopes
 ρ,ω,φ to J/ψ,ψ',Υ
- Extract g(x,Q²)







low-x

[dn] (q ψ/L ← q γ)σ



Implications: Saturation

Saturation effects become visible at low-x. Onset of saturation expected to scale with nucleon density ~ $A^{1/3}$ so **may be easier to see in nuclear collisions**





Saturation is not inconsistent with the data, but is also not required.

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Looking for saturation in nuclear collisions

<u>Coherent</u> interaction: all nucleons behave as one.

- b ~ 2R=13.2 fm so p_T~15 MeV
- nucleus remains intact*.

*additional EMD can excite or break nucleus

All things being equal, $\sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow V A} = N_A \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow V p}$

Saturation would decrease cross-section at high-W (low-x) Nuclear suppression observed...

How much is due to saturation and how much to 'nuclear effects'?



Incoherent interaction with nucleon or parton

- p_T distribution follows exp(bt) b smaller than for coherent
- break-up is observed
- sensitive to smaller structures saturation gives deviations from isotropy.

Coherent J/ ψ in PbPb



H. Mäntysaari, F. Salazar, B. Schenke: Phys.Rev.D 109 (2024) 7, L071504

"We predict strong saturationdriven nuclear suppression at high energies, while LHC data prefers even stronger suppression."



S. Klein, J. Nystrand, Physics Today 70, (2017) 40.

However, away from y=0, there is a two-fold ambiguity in the photon emitter and two-fold ambiguity in the value of W.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{PbPb\to PbJ/\psi Pb}}{dy} = \left(k\frac{dN_{\gamma}}{dk}\right)^{+} \sigma_{\gamma Pb\to J/\psi Pb}(W^{+}) + \left(k\frac{dN_{\gamma}}{dk}\right)^{-} \sigma_{\gamma Pb\to J/\psi Pb}(W^{-})$$

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Electromagnetic 'pile-up' interactions



The electromagnetic field of the nucleus is so intense that long-range photon interactions often occur in addition to hadronic interactions.

Excites the nucleus.

Can lead to Electomagnetic Dissociation (EMD) of the nucleus. This is more probable at low impact parameter, *b*, and photon flux depends on *b*

Emission of one or more neutrons

- Possibly proton emission too
- Nuclear break-up

Need far-forward detectors to see these.

ZDC calorimeters installed in CMS, ALICE, STAR





Detection of neutrons when ion breaks up allows identification of Electromagnetic Dissociation (EMD)

Resolving the two-fold ambiguity in PbPb

EMD is more likely at small impact parameters. So fluxes for 0n and (X>=1)n different.





arXiv: 2311.13632

do/dy (



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Re-expressed in terms of nuclear suppression factors



IA is simple N_A scaling of σ_{vp}

None of the models does a perfect job. QCD/Starlight not too bad. Models with saturation also reasonable

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The case for saturation....



Comment: Would be nice to plot LTA too

Results may be similar, which begs the question about how to separate saturation from higher-order QCD effects.

Require precise photon fluxes for 0,1,2... neutron emissions

Calculated eg. in NooN generator Comput. Phys. Commun. 253 (2020) 107181



Emission of neutrons



Analysis for rho photoproduction just considered 00, 0X, X0, XX emissions.

But you can count the number of neutrons on either side....

Cross-section for emission of just neutrons

Vetoing on the response in the proton ZDC....



(Validation of the models used for the photoproduction analysis)

Emission of protons



You can count the number of protons on either side....

Cross-section for emission of k protons and >0 neutrons



Cross-section for emission of k protons and >0 neutrons



Thus turning lead into gold....



Conclusions

- Far forward detection at the LHC allows first measurements of EDM of Pb nuclei
- Can then be used as a tool to lift the twofold ambiguity in symmetric collisions
- Relate photoproduction on the proton to photoproduction on the nucleus
-and search for saturation

backup

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Incoherent scatters also interesting

Intact target: sensitive to **average** colour Breakup: sensitive to fluctuations (**rms**)

$$rac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{\gamma^*p
ightarrow J/\Psi p}}{\mathrm{d}t} = rac{1}{16\pi} \left| \langle A(x_\mathbb{P},Q^2,\mathbf{\Delta})
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ight|^2$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{\gamma^*N\to J/\Psi N^*}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left(\left\langle \left| A(x_{\mathbb{P}},Q^2,\boldsymbol{\Delta}) \right|^2 - \left| \left\langle A(x_{\mathbb{P}},Q^2,\boldsymbol{\Delta}) \right\rangle \right|^2 \right) \right.$$

Mäntysaari, Schenke, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 052301 (2016)

- Original model based on gluonic fluctuations around three hot-spots (valence quarks)
- Hot-spot evolution model (
- Energy-dependent hot-spots (J. Cepila, J. G. Contreras, J. D. Tapia Takaki Phys. Lett. B766 (2017) 186–191)
- The onset of saturation? (J. Cepilaa, J. G. Contrerasa, M. Matasa, A. Ridzikova, arXiv:2313.11320)



CMS-TOTEM: Simultaneous reconstruction of central system and protons



arXiv:2401.14494





Precision determination of pomerons interactions

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0

0.50 < p_{1.T} < 0.55 GeV



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0

0.55 < p_{1.T} < 0.60 GeV

 $p(p_2)$ Shape distinctive of interference due to additional pomeron interactions

 $\mathbb{P}(q_1)$

 $\mathbb{P}(q_2)$

 $p(p_1)$

 $h(\hat{t})$

 $p(p_{a})$

 $p(p_1)$

 $h(\hat{t})$ ø $h^{-}(p_4)$

> $\mathbb{P}(q_2)$ $p(p_2)$

 $p(p_a)$

Measurements performed in non-resonant regions: (<0.7, >1.8 GeV).



Eagerly await compelling spectroscopy of the complicated resonance region:

- photoproduced ρ , ω , ρ' , ρ''
- DPE f0,f2, , glueball candidates

0.40 < p_{1.T} < 0.45 GeV

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2

0

0.45 < p_{1.T} < 0.50 GeV

d³σ/dp1, Tdp2, Tdφ [μb/GeV²]

[np/GeV²]

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d³σ/dp₁,