

The results and the future prospects from a LHC forward experiment



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Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays

What is the most powerful accelerator in the Universe ?



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Introduction





 X_{max} the depth of air shower maximum. An indicator of CR composition

Uncertainty of hadron interaction models VError of <X_{max}> measurement

Extensive air shower observation

- longitudinal distribution
- lateral distribution
- Arrival direction



Astrophysical parameters

- Spectrum
- Composition
- Source distribution



The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



pp 7TeV+7TeV $\Rightarrow E_{lab} = 10^{17}eV$ 2014pp 3.5TeV+3.5TeV $\Rightarrow E_{lab} = 2.6x10^{16}eV$ pp 450GeV+450GeV $\Rightarrow E_{lab} = 2x10^{14}eV$



The LHCf experiment

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The LHCf Detectors



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Sampling and Positioning Calorimeters • W (44 r.l , $1.7\lambda_{T}$) and Scintillator x 16 Layers 4 positioning layers XY-SciFi(Arm1) and XY-Silicon strip(Arm#2) Each detector has two calorimeter towers. which allow to reconstruct π^0 Expected Performance Energy resolution (> 100GeV) Arm2 < 5% for photons 30% for neutrons Position resolution < 200µm (Arm#1) 40µm (Arm#2)

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Front Counter

- thin scintillators with 80x80mm²
- To monitor beam condition.
- For background rejection of beam-residual gas collisions by coincidence analysis

LHCf can measure

Front view of calorimeters @ 100µrad crossing angle

beam pipe shadow 60 **Energy spectra and Transverse momentum distbution of** 8.5 40 Gamma-rays (E>100GeV,dE/E<5%) 20 Neutral Hadrons (E>a few 100 GeV, dE/E~30%) • π⁰ (E>600GeV, dE/E<3%) 0 at pseudo-rapidity range >8.4 ∞ -20 -40 -60 Multiplicity@14TeV Energy Flux @14TeV dN/dŋ dE/dr [TeV] High energy flux !! Low multiplicity !! 1.0 0.5 ATLAS/CMS ATLAS/CMS LHCf/ZDC CASTOR RP CASTOR 0.0 -10 -5 10 15 -5 5 10 15 simulated by DPMJET3 η

Status of the LHCf experiment

2008

First data taking

2009

□ First full data taking with $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$ p-p collisions.

2010

■ Physics programs with $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV and 7 TeV p-p collisions has been completed.

2012

- Calibration of detectors with beams at SPS (Aug.)
- Operation with p-Pb collisions (Nov.)

2014

• Operation with $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV p-p collisions

Published results : Forward photon spectra at \sqrt{s} = 900 GeV and 7 TeV Forward π^0 spectra at \sqrt{s} =7 TeV

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<u>On going analysis :</u> Forward neutron spectra (Next talk) Mesons (η, K⁰, Λ)

Future operations

- Nuclear effect
- Energy dependency

Results from √s = 900 GeV and 7 TeV p-p data





"Measurement of zero degree single photon energy spectra for $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV proton-proton collisions at LHC " O. Adriani, et al., PLB, Vol.703-2, p.128-134 (09/2011)

"Measurement of zero degree inclusive photon energy spectra for $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV proton-proton collisions at LHC" O. Adriani, et al., Submitted to PLB.,CERN-PH-EP-2012-048



Photon spectra at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV *p-p*





Photon spectra at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV *p-p*

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- No model can reproduce the LHCf data perfectly.
- DPMJET and PYTHIA are in good agreement E_{v} <1.5TeV, but harder in E>1.5TeV.
- QGSJET and SIBYLL shows reasonable agreement of shapes in high-η but not in low-η
- EPOS has less η dependency against the LHCf data.

Photon spectra at \sqrt{s} = 900 GeV *p-p*

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- Both of Data and MC show little η dependency.
- The tendencies of MC against Data are very similar to one of 7 TeV in η > 10.94.

DATA : Comp. 900GeV/7TeV

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 $\eta < \text{limited}$

π⁰ analysis





Mass, energy and transverse momentum are reconstructed from the energies and impact positions of photon pairs measured by each calorimeter $\sqrt{-2}$

$$M_{\pi^{0}} = \sqrt{E_{\gamma 1} E_{\gamma 2} \theta^{2}},$$
$$E_{\pi^{0}} = E_{\gamma 1} + E_{\gamma 2},$$
$$P_{T\pi^{0}} = P_{T\gamma 1} + P_{T\gamma 2}$$



$π^0$ spectra at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV *p-p*



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- EPOS1.99 show the best agreement with data in the models.
- DPMJET and PYTHIA have harder spectra than data ("popcorn model")
- QGSJET has softer spectrum than data. (only one quark exchange is allowed)

$< P_{T} > of \pi^{0} at \sqrt{s} = 7 TeV p-p$



1. Thermodynamics (Hagedron, Riv. Nuovo Cim. 6:10, 1 (1983)) $\frac{1}{\sigma_{\rm inel}} E \frac{d^3 \sigma}{dp^3} = A \cdot \exp(-\sqrt{p_{\rm T}^2 c^2 + m_{\pi^0}^2 c^4}/T)$ σ_{inel} $rac{\pi m_{\pi^0} c^2 T}{2} rac{K_2(m_{\pi^0} c^2/T)}{K_{3/2}(m_{\pi^0} c^2/T)}$ $\langle p_{\rm T} \rangle$ 2. Numerical integration actually up to the $\frac{\int_0^\infty 2\pi p_{\rm T}^2 f(p_{\rm T}) dp_{\rm T}}{\int_0^\infty 2\pi p_{\rm T} f(p_{\rm T}) dp_{\rm T}}$ upper bound of $\langle p_{\rm T} \rangle =$

histogram

Systematic uncertainty of LHCf data is 5%. Compared with the UA7 data ($\sqrt{s}=630$ GeV) and MC simulations (QGSJET, SIBYLL, EPOS). Two experimental data mostly appear to lie along a common curve \rightarrow no evident dependence of <pt> on E_{CMS}. Smallest dependence on ECMS is found in EPOS and it is consistent with LHCf and UA7. Large E_{CMS} dependence is found in SIBYLL

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Future operat



p-Pb operation (Nov. 2012)

Install the one of the LHCf detector. Nuclear effect at the proton remnant side. LOI, O.Adriani, et al.CERN-LHCC-2011-2015

<u>*p*-*p* at 14TeV (2014)</u> Measurement at the LHC design energy. Energy scaling₅by comparison with $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV and 7 TeV data TDR, O.Adriani,₄et al. CERN-LHCC-2006-004

ATLAS/CMS LHCf/ZDC

<u>Operations at RHIC (after 2015 ?)</u> Lower collision energy, ion collisions. Starting discussion with RHIC people.

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Summary



- □ LHCf has measured the energy and transverse momentum spectra at the very forward region of \sqrt{s} = 900GeV and \sqrt{s} =7TeV *p*-*p* collisions in 2010.
- □ We showed the spectra of very forward photons at \sqrt{s} = 900 GeV and 7 TeV p-p collisions and π^0 s at \sqrt{s} = 7 TeV p-p collisions. No model can produce data perfectly but the data are located in the middle of the model predictions.
- Many analyses are ongoing,
 - Hadron analysis
 - \circ P_T spectrum of photons
- □ Future operations will provide many data at the forward region.
 - o p-Pb collisions (the end of this year.)
 - p-p collisions at \sqrt{s} = 7TeV (2014 or 2015)
 - operations at RHIC
- □ Analysis with the central data (ATLAS)
 - LHCf recorded the ATLAS event ID in our events.
 - Looking for possibility of trigger exchange between LHCf and ATLAS

Backup slides





7TeV π⁰ analysis



- High energy photon originates from large $P_T \pi^0$ events.
- Photon spectrum includes a contribution from other hadrons/baryons.

Photons on the p-remnant side

Photon energy distrib. in different η intervals at vs_{NN} = TeV

□ Comparison of p-p / p-N / p-Pb



Courtesy of S. Ostapchenk

Event sample







900GeV photon analysis





Two pseudo-rapidity ranges

- η>10.15
- 8.77<η<9.46

Arm1 and Arm2 data show an overall good agreement within their systematic uncertainties.



Arm1 data vs Arm2 data



