ATLAS Diffractive Physics Program



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Diffraction at low luminosities

Diffraction at high luminosities



Diffraction at LHC:



- Forward proton tagging in special runs with ALFA

- Combined tag of proton in ALFA on one side and remnants of dissociated proton in LUCID/ZDC on the other side

- Central rapidity gap in EM/HAD calorimeters ($|\eta|$ <3.2) and inner detector ($|\eta|$ <2.5)



Diffraction Physics	Diffraction Physics Measurements - Low Lumi					
WITHOUT PROTON TAGGING	WITH PROTON TAGGING					
Low luminosity L1 trigger: rapgap, low E_T (20-30 GeV) Start with ratios X+gaps/X(incl.).	or Early data ALFA, LUCID or ZDC X=W.Z.jj.uu -> get information on S ²					
$pp \rightarrow RG + W/Z + RG$ $pp \rightarrow RG + W$ $pp \rightarrow RG + jj + RG$ $pp \rightarrow RG + Y + RG$	Info on soft survival S ² (γ -exch. dominates for W) Info on soft survival S ² Combined effect of all basic ingredients to CED (S ² , Sudakov suppr., unintegr. f _g , enhanced absorpt)					
Hard SD, Hard DD	P-tagging = info on proton p_T , i.e. d σ /dt High rate soft diffraction: ALFA: σ_{tot} , $d\sigma_{el}/dt$, σ_{SD} (low M), $d^2\sigma_{SD}/dtd\xi$, $d^2\sigma_{DPE}/d\xi_1d\xi_2$ - tests model assumptions,					
	 governs rates of Pile-up bg Strongly restricts S² (info on enhanced absorption), not sensitive to higher-order (Sudakov) effects pp → p + jj + p: Advantages: rel. high rate separate different effects in one process High rate γp and γγ processes 					

With proton tagging

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The differential cross section for $pp \rightarrow p + W^{\pm} + X$ at the LHC. The dotted and stinuous curves correspond, respectively, to the predictions without and with the rescattering ects of Figs. 8(b,c). In each case W^+ production corresponds to the upper one of the pair curves. The rapidity gap between the quark recoil jet and the W boson is taken to satisfy 1 > 3.

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- Measurement of ET dependence of inclusive dijets (NLO DGLAP calculations). Mainly tests of efficiencies etc
- 2 Ratio of $\sigma_{jj}^{SD} / \sigma_{jj}^{incl}$ (similar to the CDF studies).

With known pdfs (HERA data) we test models for/measure the survival factor S^2

Statio σ^{DPE} / σ^{incl}_{jj} with different gap sizes allows to probe Sudakov effects and the possible role of 'enhanced absorption' Variation of the gap size and jet ET→ various quantitative tests (e.g. absorption is higher for low-pt particles)

When/if proton tagging is operational, then the studies of proton momentum correlation should come. pt-spread in the beams ? Scanning of proton opacity.



Can also pave the way to direct measurements of CP violation In the Higgs sector.

All these measurements are interesting on their own right: diffractive (soft QCD) physics is still not fully understood !

Advantages: - comparatively high rate (3 orders higher than Higgs with the same E_T), $\sigma_{jj}^{DPE}(E_T > 20) \sim 10$ nb - possibility to separate different effects by studying one process

DPE/CED measurements using rapgaps







- Gap imposed on both sides of IP in FCAL, LUCID, ZDC.
- Expect CEP cross section to be 50 times larger than DPE for these criteria.







Hard Single Diffraction using rapgap



- Look for hard scatter event with gap on one side of the detector.
 Compare gap/non-gap ratio to determine soft-survival.
- Gap defined by LUCID/ZDC + FCAL
- FCAL gap needed to restrict event to diffractive region (xpom<0.01).
- e.g. di-jet production (MC Truth):

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$p_T(GeV)$	x_{pom}	σ (pb)	gap type	efficiency	Events in 100 pb^{-1}
20	< 0.01	7.2×10^{5}	FCAL	0.4	2.9×10^{7}
20	< 0.1	$3.6{ imes}10^6$	FCAL	0.08	2.9×10^{7}
40	< 0.1	$2.1{ imes}10^5$	FCAL	0.05	1.0×10^{6}
40	< 0.1	$2.1{ imes}10^5$	LUCID,ZDC	0.44	$9{ imes}10^6$

 $\xi < 0.1 \Rightarrow O(1)$ TeV "Pomeron beams" e.g. Structure of the Pomeron F(β ,Q2) β down to ~ 10⁻³ & Q² ~ 10⁴ GeV2

 Approximately 5000 (8000) SD di-jet events in 100 pb⁻¹ with jet transverse energy > 20 (40) GeV after trigger pre-scale.

Gaps between jets



- Di-jet production via colour singlet exchange (background from single gluon exchange process).
- Require two jets, one in each forward calorimeter.
- Require gap in central calorimeter.
- ATLAS can make an improved measurement with increased COM energy and available phase space.



Soft SD measurement with ALFA

- soft single diffraction $pp \rightarrow X + p$: motivation
 - fundamental process for which cross section and distributions should be measured
 - large model uncertainties, background to other processes
 - relevant for luminosity calibration in case the coulomb region for elastic scattering can't be reached



Soft SD measurement with ALFA

Huge differences between Pythia and Phojet:

particle multiplicity and t -distribution



Forward detectors for single diffraction



Soft SD with ALFA: Trigger conditions

- For the special run, high β^* optics, (~100 hrs, L=10²⁷cm⁻²s⁻¹)
 - 1. ALFA trigger

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- coincidence signal left-right arm (elastic trigger)
- each arm must have a coincidence between 2 stations
- rate about 30 Hz
 - 2. LUCID trigger
- coincidence left-right arm (luminosity monitoring)
- single arm signal: one track in one tube
 - 3. ZDC trigger
- single arm signal: energy deposit > 1 TeV (neutrons)
- 4. Single diffraction trigger
- ALFA.AND.(LUCID.OR.ZDC)
- central ATLAS detector not considered for now
- using the MBTS would be an asset

ξ- and t-acceptance and resolutions for SD with ALFA



Soft SD with ALFA: Summary

Single diffraction can be measured during the special elastic calibration run provided that ALFA can be combined with LUCID/ZDC.

- combined analysis of forward detectors
- measurement of cross section and t-, ξ -distributions
- SD cross section measurement with \approx 15 % syst. uncertainty ?
- improve model predictions and background estimates for central

Efficiency [%]	Pythia	Phojet	
Preselection			
ξ<0.2	97.1	94.8	
ZDC [E>1 TeV]	53.9	38.7	
LUCID [1 track]	45.2	57.3	
Total preselection	75	74	
RP selection			
ALFA (Relative to preselection)	60.1	54.2	
Total acceptance	45.0	40.1	

Expect 1.2-1.8 M accepted events in 100 hours at $10^{27} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

ATLAS Forward Physics Upgrade for High Lumi





Physics with Forward Proton Tagging at High Lumi

CED Higgs production (Higgs mass, quantum numbers, discovery in certain regions of MSSM/NMSSM):

SM h \rightarrow WW^{*}, 140 < M_h < 180 GeV MSSM h \rightarrow bb, h \rightarrow tautau for 90 < M_h < 140 GeV MSSM H \rightarrow bb (90 < M_h < 300), H \rightarrow TT (90 < M_h < 160) NMSSM h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow tttt for 90 < M_h < 110 GeV

CED dijets: a la CDF





- Gamma-proton
- Gamma-Gamma
- SD, DD
- Gap survival / Underlying event
- Study of gluon jets



Rich yp and pp physics via forward proton tagging



$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ excellent tool for FP420 calibration





Figure 20: Illustration of the effects in the energy reconstruction due to the misalignment of LHC quadrupoles. The graphs show the reconstructed Higgs boson mass in the two-photon exclusive production, using energy of two forward scattered protons. In the upper plot, a quadrupole (MQM9R5, s = 347 m) close to the detector has been shifted by 100 μ m. Misaligning an optical element (MQXA1R5, s = 29 m) close to the IP leads to a loss of acceptance (lower plot). The reconstructed values including the correction due to the dimuon calibration is also plotted. In brackets, the average reconstructed mass and its resolution are given, without including the beam energy dispersion.

Exclusive Υ production as a probe of f_g

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Figure 6: Exclusive Υ production via (a) photon exchange, and (b) via odderon exchange.

$$d\sigma/dy(pp \rightarrow p + \Upsilon + p) \sim 50 \, pb$$

The cross section for $\gamma + p \rightarrow Y + p$ is given in terms of the same generalized gluon distribution fg that occurs in the CED Higgs production.

The odderon contribution (if it exists) can be separated and measured.

Tagging the lower proton will be very useful.

Anomalous WWy

- anomalous $WW\gamma$ changes the SM expectation
- effective Lagrangian can be parameterized with 2 CP-even parameters $\Delta \kappa^{\gamma}, \lambda^{\gamma}$ (SM values 0)
- SM cross section $\sigma=86\,{\rm fb},$ without acceptance
 - 0.9 survival probability factor applied



 $-0.035 < \Delta \kappa^{\gamma} < 0.030 \qquad \text{-}0.054 < \lambda^{\gamma} < 0.028$

- current best limits (95% c.l.) from Tevatron - non-diffractive channel $W\gamma$

-0.51 $<\Delta\kappa^{\gamma}<$ 0.52 - 0.12 $<\lambda^{\gamma}<$ 0.13

• improvement by factor 15 and by 2-5 for $\Delta\kappa^{\gamma}$ and $\lambda^{\gamma},$ respectively

Central Exclusive Diffraction: Higgs production



Pile-up is issue for Diffraction at LHC!



[CMS-Totem : Prospects for Diffractive and Fwd physics at LHC]

But can be kept under control !

- 1) Protons remain undestroyed and can be detected in forward detectors
- 2) Rapidity gaps between leading protons and Higgs decay products

Advantages:

- I) Roman Pots give much better mass resolution than central detector
- II) $J_Z = 0$, CP-even selection rule:
 - strong suppression of QCD bg
 - produced central system is 0⁺⁺

III) Access to main Higgs decay modes:
 bb, WW, tautau → information about
 Yukawa coupling

Disadvantages: Large Pile-up + Irreducible BG, Low signal x-section

SM Higgs discovery challenging: low signal yield \rightarrow try MSSM

MSSM and CED go quite well together

SM: Higgs discovery challenging

MSSM:

 higher x-sections than in SM in certain scenarios and certain phase-space regions
 the same BG as in SM

MSSM: Possibility to measure total Higgs width (high $tan\beta$) and to distinguish between nearly degenerate Higgs states

[J. Ellis, J-S. Lee, A. Pilaftsis, '05]



Well known difficult region for conventional channels, tagged proton channel may well be the *discovery* channel and is certainly a powerful spin/parity filter

CED H→bb using Forward Proton Tagging

 $h \rightarrow$ bb, mhmax scenario, standard ATLAS L1 triggers, 420m only, 5 mm from beam

Huge Pile-up bg for diffractive processes: overlap of three events (2* SD + non-diffr. Dijets). Can be reduced by Fast Timing detectors: t-resol. required: 2 ps for high lumi!



CED H \rightarrow **bb using Forward Proton Tagging**

The same results found by CMS/Totem



m₄ [GeV]

Level 1 Trigger for CED

FP420: cannot be put directly into L1 – only in special runs with larger L1 latency available triggers: 2j, μ (L1 threshold for 2μ is 3 GeV), e, j+lepton

- μ-triggers can save up to 20%
 of bb signal
- WW signal saved by lepton triggers

Luminosity	Non-diffractive redu		
$(\times 10^{33})$	without QUARTIC	with QUARTIC	
1	2.7×10^{-4}	6.8×10^{-6}	
3	5.8×10^{-3}	1.5×10^{-4}	A.Pilkington,
5	1.8×10^{-2}	4.6×10^{-4}	P420]
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RP220: Can be put into L1: A BIG added value to FP420! Very similar trigger rates as for foreseen CMS-TOTEM L1 trigger:



Trigger strategies

- 420m detectors too far away to be included in level 1, but information can be used at level 2 to substantially reduce the non-diffractive background by requiring two proton hits plus vertex matching from time-of-flight.
- Two triggers:
 - Low transverse momentum muon in conjunction with a 40 GeV jet (jet requirement to reduce rate at high luminosity). Notation MU6 = muon with $p_T > 6$ GeV.
 - Fixed L1 jet rate (pre-scaled if necessary) for jets that satisfy $E_T > 40$ GeV. Notation J10 = 10kHz rate at level 1.
- Efficiencies:
 - MU6 approximately 11%. MU10 approximately 6%.
 - J10 is 40% efficient at L= 10^{33} cm⁻²s⁻¹ and 4% efficient at L= 10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹.
 - J25 is 100% efficient at L=10³³cm⁻²s⁻¹ and 10% efficient at L=10³⁴cm⁻²s⁻¹.

Significance for CED h \rightarrow bb for 420+420



Summary

Low Luminosity:

- Elastic and σ_{tot} using ALFA
- Start with ratios X+gaps/X(incl), X=W,Z,jj,µµ Get S²
- Soft Diffraction using ALFA
- SD dijet and W production, dijets in DPE and CED
- Gaps between jets as a probe of color singlet exchange
- Exclusive dimuon production in yy collisions tagged with forward rapgaps
- Photon-induced processes useful for checks of CED predictions

High Luminosity Upgrade:

Possible upgrade to install forward proton taggers at 220 and 420 m from IP

- Provides a good mass measurement of new physics
- pp \rightarrow p+($\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\mu\mu$)+p as excellent tool for absolute calibration of FP420
- $p\gamma{\rightarrow} Yp$ will help to calibrate and align forward taggers

BACKUP SLIDES

Prime Motivation : Higgs Production



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 $\tan\beta = 50$

250

 $\tan\beta = 50$

A→bb

175

200

150

300

Acceptance for RP220 and FP420 at ATLAS

