# **Results on Diffractive Physics** at LHCb



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- Future plans
  - Υ,Φ,χ,ηη,Χ,searches

#### Theoretical background and motivation

# Understanding QCD

- At hard scales
  - theory perturbative and thus predictive
  - well tested by experiment
  - $\hfill \hfill \hfill$
- At soft scales
  - difficult (impossible?) to predict
  - yet this is where most physics happens
  - describes bound hadrons and nature of vacuum
  - choose your experimental environment carefully and challenge theory
- Open questions
  - colourless objects (pomeron, reggeon, odderon)
  - glueballs
  - QCD must 'break down' at very soft scales (rise of gluon PDF violates unitarity) – there must be new phenomenology like saturation.



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### Pragmatic reasons to understand gluon

- If you want to describe gg->X, gg->H
- if you want to describe the underlying event
- content of proton described in terms of parton distribution functions















# Experimental Signatures





# How to distinguish diffractive events



Detect central system including presence of <u>rapidity gap</u>

All diffractive events will have a large rapidity gap (from the system down to the beam line) due to the colourless exchange

Most pp interactions distribute particles throughout  $4\pi$  (collimated in jets but also with activity between jets)



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### **Graphical Representation**



**Elastic Scattering** 

Single Diffraction

**Double Diffraction** 

Central Exclusive Production (elastic)

Central Exclusive Production (inelastic)

#### What's a large gap?



- Khoze, Kraus, Martin, Ryskin, Zapp, "Diffraction and correlations at the LHC: definitions and observables", arXiv:1005.4839v2
- Probability for inclusively produced J/psi to give two muons and nothing else inside LHCb is < 0.000005</li>

Effect of beam pile-up

Detect empty event except for some isolated activity.



 $N_X = \sigma_X L$  with L luminosity (number of protons per unit area)

High luminosity to increase probability for producing rare processes like Higgs (or SUSY)

Increases number of interactions  $<\mu>$ .



### The LHCb experiment



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# LHCb: A forward detector



Fully instrumented in region:  $2 < \eta < 5$ Some detection:  $-3.5 > \eta > -1.5$ Large enough acceptance to look for gaps Can trigger on low transverse momentum objects

### The LHCb detector



Fully instrumented within  $2 < \eta < 5$ Trigger:  $p_{\mu} > 3 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $pt_{\mu} > 0.4 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{\mu\mu} > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$ Low multiplicity required. Restricts to single-interaction collisions

## **Graphical Representation**



### Use of backwards tracks



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## Calorimeter System in LHCb



#### **Scintillation Pad Detector.**

If a charged particle goes through, we get a signal. Rough count of number of charged particles.

Use in trigger to select **low multiplicity** events for CEP. >0,<20 hits



# Diffractive Physics with muons

# **Central Exclusive Production with Dimuon final states**

Related phenomena where the colourless object creates a particle



(Note:  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$ )

Requiring dimuons significantly reduces inclusive QCD backgrounds

# Motivation

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Sensitive to **saturation** effects

'Standard Candle' for other DPE processes, in particular, Higgs.

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QED process. Can be predicted with high accuracy (<1%) Candidate process for very precise luminosity determination at LHC

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- No backward tracks (2 gaps that sum to 3.5 units of rapidity)
  Precisely two forward muons
- No photons (for J/psi and diphoton process)
- One photon (for ChiC analysis)
- $p_T$  of dimuon <900 MeV (<100MeV for  $p\mu\mu p$ ).

Effect of rapidity gap requirement on low multiplicity muon triggered events



 $I/\psi$  and  $\psi$ '

- Results published in JPG 40 (2013) 045001
- Based on 37pb<sup>-1</sup> (Full 2010 dataset)
- No backward tracks
- Precisely two forward muons
- No photons

## Non-resonant background very small



Distributions are not background-subtracted. 37pb-1 of data: 1492 J/ $\psi$  and 40  $\psi$ (2s)

### Cross-section measurement



## Feed-down background



# Inelastic background



Characterise  $p_T$  spectrum of background using shapes with 3-8 tracks and extrapolate to 2 track case.

### Inelastic background

#### Signal shape

Estimated from Superchic using exp(- b  $p_T^2$ ) (arXiv: 0909.4748) Take b from HERA. Extrapolate to LHCb energy to get b= 6.1 +/- 0.3 GeV<sup>-2</sup> Crosscheck: Fit to spectrum below with b free gives b = 5.8 +/- 1 GeV<sup>-2</sup>



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### LHCb compared to theory & experiment

Results (in pl	) are for VM	with two muor	is with 2<η<4.5
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Predictions	$\sigma_{pp \to J/\psi \ ( \to \mu^+ \mu^-)}$	$\sigma_{pp \to \psi(2S)(\to \mu^+ \mu^-)}$
Gonçalves and Machado	275	
STARLIGHT	292	6.1
Motyka and Watt	334	
SUPERCHIC <sup>a</sup>	396	
Schäfer and Szczurek	710	17
LHCb measured value	$307\pm21\pm36$	$7.8\pm1.3\pm1.0$

<sup>a</sup> SUPERCHIC simulation does not include a gap survival factor.

All predictions (bar Schaefer&Szcaurek) have similar approach and give similar results and are consistent with our data.

See J. Figiel presentation at this school



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LHCb c/s is HERA c/s + photon spectrum + gap survival factor ( $r \sim 0.8$ )

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}y}_{pp \to pVp} = r(y) \left[ k_+ \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}k_+} \sigma_{\gamma p \to Vp}(W_+) + k_- \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}k_-} \sigma_{\gamma p \to Vp}(W_-) \right]_{\mathbf{d}y}$$

$$k_{\pm} \approx (m_V/2) \exp(\pm |y|),$$

LHCb differential data fitted assuming power law dependence  $\sigma(W) = aW^{\delta}$ 





## Sensitivity to gluon pdf (arXiv: 1307.7099)





- No backward tracks
- Precisely two forward muons.  $m_{\mu\mu}$ >2.5 GeV
- No photons

### Fit elastic and inelastic components



#### Shape for inelastic events

#### Fit to signal events

Note: this time we have simulation that predicts the shape for the three contributions.

Background shape from data Signal shape from simulation.

Measured cross-section pµµp: 67 +- 19 pb LPAIR (J. Vermaseren) 42 pb



(Note:  $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$ ) and  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ 

- Expect
  - $\Box$   $\chi_{c1}$  suppressed due to Landau-Yang theorem
  - □  $\chi_{c2}$  suppressed: can't have a bound state with J=2, J<sub>z</sub>=0
  - $\Box \chi_{c0}$  dominant (for small  $p_T$ )
  - This is different from inclusive chi production.



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# X<sub>c</sub>: DiMuon Invariant Mass



About half the background that was observed in the exclusive  $J/\psi$  analysis (since no continuum process).

## χ<sub>c</sub>: <u>DiMuon+Photon Invariant Mass</u>



Inelastic contribution appears to be much larger than for  $J/\psi$ . In a first approximation it should be square of bkg in  $J/\psi$  process.

## Theory v experiment

 $\sigma_{\chi_{c0->\mu+\mu-\gamma}} = 9.3 +/- 2.2 +/- 3.5 +/- 1.8 \text{ pb}$   $\sigma_{\chi_{c1->\mu+\mu-\gamma}} = 16.4 +/- 5.3 +/- 5.8 +/- 3.2 \text{ pb}$  $\sigma_{\chi_{c2->\mu+\mu-\gamma}} = 28.0 +/- 5.4 +/- 9.7 +/- 5.4 \text{ pb}$ 

LHCb preliminary results with 2010 data

χ <sub>0</sub> : 9.3 +- 4.5 pb	χ <sub>1</sub> : 16.4 +- 7.1 pb	χ <sub>2</sub> : 28.0 +-12.3 pb
SuperChic: 14 pb	10 pb	3 pb

Large contribution due to  $X_{c0}$  is confirmed.

 $\chi_{c2}$  larger than expected but note that non-elastic background has been assumed same for each resonance. More precise data required.

# Future Prospects



Repeat measurement with proton-lead collision data. Photon nearly always comes from the lead nucleus (Z<sup>2</sup>) (J.Nystrand EPS2013, Stockholm)

## LHCb compared to HERA





Factor ~ \*100 data now available with 2011+2012 (~3fb<sup>-1</sup>)



Sensitivity to saturation effects



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# $\chi_{\rm c}$ meson

### • To see $\chi_{c0}$ , choose more favourable decay:

- $\square$   $\chi_{c0}\text{-}{>}\pi\pi$  or KK ~1% while  $\chi_{c2}\text{-}{>}\pi\pi$  or KK ~0.1%
- □ Backgrounds? (Harland-Lang et al. arXiv: 1105.1626)
- LHCb: RICH detectors + real-time analysis



### CEP meson-meson production arXiv:1105.1626





- J<sup>PC</sup> of X(3872) shown by LHCb to be 1++ (arXiv:1302.6269)
- $\chi_{c(1++)}$  has been observed exclusively.
- If X(3872) is a bound cc state, might expect to observe it in central exclusive production – it decays in similar way as ψ(2S) and χ<sub>c</sub>

## Exotics

- CEP is rich in colour-neutral gluons
- Excellent laboratory to find two predicted QCD objects: odderons and glueballs
- Backgrounds from normal (colourful) QCD heavily suppressed.

Search for odderon

Motyka, DIS 2008.



# Glueballs

Meson	LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$ )				ALICE ( $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ )	
	$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ [eV]	$\Gamma_{gg}$ [MeV]	$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}~[\mu{ m b}]$	$\sigma_{\mathbb{PP}}$ [mb]	$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}~[\mu{ m b}]$	$\sigma_{\mathbb{PP}}$ [mb]
$f_0(1500)$	0.77	69.8	1.30	1.07	0.78	0.99
$f_0(1710)$	7.03	70.2	8.60	0.68	4.10	0.64
X(1835)	0.02	70.3	0.02	0.54	0.01	0.50

Machado & daSilva, arXiv: 1111.608

- Glueball candidates may be copiously produced at LHC but obscured by coloured combinatoric background.
- Different sensitivities in pp and pA running.
- In DPE only resonances are produced and decay\_mode + spin-parity analysis + bkg estimates may allow their observation.

## **Summary**

- First Observation of CEP at LHC
- First separation of χ<sub>c</sub> spin states in CEP
- Good agreement with theory predictions
- Consistency with HERA and CDF results for J/ $\psi$  and QED produced dimuons.
- Excellent testing ground for QCD and behaviour of gluon at low x.
- Potential to discover glueballs, saturation and other exotic phenomena

#### <u>Data</u>

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