Forward Physics with proton tagging at the LHC



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What is the CMS-TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer (CT-PPS)?





- Joint CMS and TOTEM project: https://cds.cern.ch/record/1753795
- LHC magnets bend scattered protons out of the beam envelope
- Detect scattered protons a few mm from the beam on both sides of CMS: 2016, first data taking ($\sim 15 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
- Similar detectors: ATLAS Forward Proton (AFP)

Detecting intact protons in ATLAS/CMS-TOTEM at the LHC



- Tag and measure protons at ±210 m: AFP (ATLAS Forward Proton), CT-PPS (CMS TOTEM - Precision Proton Spectrometer)
- All diffractive cross sections computed using the Forward Physics Monte Carlo (FPMC)
- Complementarity between low and high mass diffraction (high and low cross sections): special runs at low luminosity (no pile up) and standard luminosity runs with pile up

Diffraction at LHC: kinematical variables



- t: 4-momentum transfer squared
- ξ_1, ξ_2 : proton fractional momentum loss (momentum fraction of the proton carried by the pomeron)
- $\beta_{1,2} = x_{Bj,1,2}/\xi_{1,2}$: Bjorken-x of parton inside the pomeron
- $M^2 = s\xi_1\xi_2$: diffractive mass produced
- $\Delta y_{1,2} \sim \Delta \eta \sim \log 1/\xi_{1,2}$: rapidity gap

Hard diffraction at the LHC



- Understanding better the structure of the exchanged colorless object, the Pomeron
- Dijet production: dominated by gg exchanges
- γ +jet production: dominated by qg exchanges
- Jet gap jet in diffraction: Probe proton structure at high gluon densities

Inclusive diffraction at the LHC: sensitivity to gluon density



 Predict DPE dijet cross section at the LHC in PPS acceptance, jets with p_T >20 GeV, reconstructed at particle level using anti-k_T algorithm

- Sensitivity to gluon density in Pomeron especially the gluon density on Pomeron at high β : multiply the gluon density by $(1 \beta)^{\nu}$ with $\nu = -1, ..., 1$
- Measurement possible with 10 pb⁻¹, allows to test if gluon density is similar between different accelerators (HERA and LHC) (universality of Pomeron model)
- Dijet mass fraction: dijet mass divided by total diffractive mass $(\sqrt{\xi_1\xi_2S})$
- C. Marquet, C.R., M. Saimpert, Phys.Rev. D88 (2013) no.7, 074029



- Predict DPE $\gamma+{\rm jet}$ divided by dijet cross section at the LHC
- Sensitivity to universality of Pomeron model
- Sensitivity to quark density in Pomeron, and of assumption: $u = d = s = \bar{u} = \bar{d} = \bar{s}$ used in QCD fits at HERA
- Measurement of *W* asymmetry also sensitive to quark densities

Looking for low x resummation effects effects

- Dokshitzer Gribov Lipatov Altarelli Parisi (DGLAP): Evolution in Q^2
- Balitski Fadin Kuraev Lipatov (BFKL): Evolution in x



X : Proton momentum fraction carried away by the interacting quark

Jet gap jet events in diffraction

- Study BFKL dynamics using jet gap jet events in DPE
- See: C. Marquet, C. Royon, M. Trzebinski, R. Zlebcik, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 034010



Search for $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ quartic anomalous coupling



- Study of the process: $pp \rightarrow ppWW$, $pp \rightarrow ppZZ$, $pp \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$
- Standard Model: $\sigma_{WW} = 95.6$ fb, $\sigma_{WW}(W = M_X > 1 TeV) = 5.9$ fb
- Process sensitive to anomalous couplings: $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma ZZ$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$; motivated by studying in detail the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking, predicted by extradim. models
- Rich γγ physics at LHC: see papers by C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, M. Saimpert, G. Von Gersdorff, E. Chapon, O. Kepka, CR... Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 114004 ; JHEP 1502 (2015) 165; Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) no 23, 231801; JHEP 1706 (2017) 142; JHEP 1806 (2018) 131

$\gamma\gamma$ exclusive production: SM contribution



- QCD production dominates at low $m_{\gamma\gamma}$, QED at high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Important to consider W loops at high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- At high masses (> 200 GeV), the photon induced processes are dominant
- Conclusion: Two photons and two tagged protons means photon-induced process

Motivations to look for quartic $\gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings



• Two effective operators at low energies

$$\mathcal{L}_{4\gamma} = \zeta_1^{\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} + \zeta_2^{\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\rho} F_{\rho\lambda} F^{\lambda\mu}$$

• $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ couplings can be modified in a model independent way by loops of heavy charged particles $\zeta_1 = \alpha_{em}^2 Q^4 m^{-4} N c_{1,s}$ where the coupling depends only on $Q^4 m^{-4}$ (charge and mass of the charged particle) and on spin, $c_{1,s}$ depends on the spin of the particle This leads to ζ_1 of the order of 10^{-14} - 10^{-13}

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• ζ_1 can also be modified by neutral particles at tree level (extensions of the SM including scalar, pseudo-scalar, and spin-2 resonances that couple to the photon) $\zeta_1 = (f_s m)^{-2} d_{1,s}$ where f_s is the $\gamma \gamma X$ coupling of the new particle to the photon, and $d_{1,s}$ depends on the spin of the particle; for instance, 2 TeV dilatons lead to $\zeta_1 \sim 10^{-13}$

Search for quartic $\gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings





- Search for $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ quartic anomalous couplings
- Couplings predicted by extra-dim, composite Higgs models
- Analysis performed at hadron level including detector efficiencies, resolution effects, pile-up...
- Anomalous coupling events appear at high di-photon masses
- S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, B. Lenzi, C.R., M. Saimpert ,JHEP 1502 (2015) 165

Search for quartic $\gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings



 No background after cuts for 300 fb⁻¹: sensitivity up to a few !0⁻¹⁵, better by 2 orders of magnitude with respect to "standard" methods

 Exclusivity cuts using proton tagging needed to suppress backgrounds (Without exclusivity cuts using CT-PPS: background of 80.2 for 300 fb⁻¹)

$\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ quartic anomalous coupling



- Look for $Z\gamma$ anomalous production
- Z can decay leptonically or hadronically: the fact that we can control the background using the mass/rapidiy matching technique allows us to look in both channels (very small background)

$\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ quartic anomalous coupling



• C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, C. Royon, JHEP 1706 (2017) 142

• Best expected reach at the LHC by about three orders of magnitude

Anomalous couplings studies in WW events

- Reach on anomalous couplings studied using a full simulation of the ATLAS detector, including all pile-up effects; only leptonic decays of *W*'s are considered
- Signal appears at high lepton p_T and dilepton mass (central ATLAS) and high diffractive mass (reconstructed using forward detectors)
- Cut on the number of tracks fitted to the primary vertex: very efficient to remove remaining pile-up after requesting a high mass object to be produced (for signal, we have two leptons coming from the *W* decays and nothing else)



Anomalous couplings studies in WW events: Results from full simulation

• Effective anomalous couplings correspond to loops of charged particles, Reaches the values expected for extradim models (C. Grojean, J. Wells)

Cuts	Тор	Dibosons	Drell-Yan	W/Z+jet	Diffr.	$a_0^W/\Lambda^2 = 5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
$\begin{array}{ c c } \displaystyle \underset{p_{T}^{lep1} > 150 \text{ GeV}}{timing < 10 \text{ ps}} \\ p_{T}^{lep1} > 150 \text{ GeV} \\ p_{T}^{lep2} > 20 \text{ GeV} \end{array}$	5198	601	20093	1820	190	282
M(11)>300 GeV	1650	176	2512	7.7	176	248
$nTracks \le 3$	2.8	2.1	78	0	51	71
$\Delta \phi < 3.1$	2.5	1.7	29	0	2.5	56
$m_X > 800 \text{ GeV}$	0.6	0.4	7.3	0	1.1	50
$p_T^{lep1} > 300 \text{ GeV}$	0	0.2	0	0	0.2	35

Table 9.5. Number of expected signal and background events for 300 fb^{-1} at pile-up $\mu = 46$. A time resolution of 10 ps has been assumed for background rejection. The diffractive background comprises production of QED diboson, QED displot, diffractive WA double pomeron exchange WW.

• Improvement of "standard" LHC methods by studying $pp \rightarrow l^{\pm}\nu\gamma\gamma$ (see P. J. Bell, ArXiV:0907.5299) by more than 2 orders of magnitude with 40/300 fb⁻¹ at LHC (Reach up to 1.3 10⁻⁶)

Conclusion

- Better understanding of diffraction in QCD (pomeron structure) and also BFKL resummation at low x
- $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma ZZ$, $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ anomalous coupling studies
 - photon-induced processes $pp \rightarrow p\gamma\gamma p$ (gluon exchanges suppressed at high masses):
 - Theoretical calculation in good control (QED processes with intact protons), not sensitive to the photon structure function
 - "Background-free" experiment and any observed event is signal
 - NB: Survival probablity in better control than in the QCD (gluon) case
- CT-PPS/AFP allows to probe BSM diphoton production in a model independent way: sensitivities to values predicted by extradim or composite Higgs models
- See talk by Cristian about ALPs



Workshop on Forward Physics and QCD at the LHC, EIC and cosmic ray physics

- Workshop on Forward Physics and Instrumentation: from Colliders to Cosmic Rays: Guanajuato, Mexico, November 18-21 2019
- Discuss aspects of forward physics, saturation in *pp*, *pA*, *AA* collisions at LHC, EIC, and links with cosmic ray physics
- Web page:

https://indico.cern.ch/event/823693/



Search for axion like particles



- Production of ALPs via photon exchanges and tagging the intact protons in the final state complementary to the usual search at the LHC (*Z* decays into 3 photons): sensitivity at high ALP mass, C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, C. Royon, ArXiv 1803.10835, JHEP 1806 (2018) 131; See talk by C. Baldenegro
- Complementarity with Pb Pb running: sensitivity to low mass diphoton, low luminosity but cross section increased by Z⁴



- Production of ALPs via photon exchanges in heavy ion runs: Complementarity to *pp* running
- Sensitivity to low mass ALPs: low luminosity but cross section increased by Z⁴, C. Baldenegro, S. Hassani, C.R., L. Schoeffel, ArXiv:1903.04151
- Similar gain of three orders of magnitude on sensitivity for γγγZ couplings in pp collisions:
 C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, C. R., JHEP 1706 (2017) 142