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Forward Physics and Soft Diffraction at the LHC (selected topics)









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- Difftaction as seen through the theorist's eyes. Basic quantities to measure at the theory of theory of the theory (towards Full Acceptance Detector at the LHC)
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Main aims - to show the 'soft diffraction & Forward Physics' flag





Concli

20 years ago

A Full Acceptance Detector for the SSC (J.D. Bjorken, SLAC-PUB-5692, 1991)

- ...the physics at the very lowest mass scales, the log-s physics, has suffered from lack of attention at energies higher than attained at the CERN ISR.
- The physics of diffractive processes (Pomeron physics). i.e. physics of event structure containing "rapidity gaps" (regions of rapidity into which no particles are produced), must not be compromised.

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FELIX proposal for LHC- 1997 ( J.Phys.G(28:R117-R215,2002).
(A Full Acceptance Detector at the LHC (FELIX).)
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Proposal to Extend ATLAS for Luminosity Measurement and Forward Physics



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The popularity of diffractive physics at the LHC is similar to that of vegetarian sandwiches at the meat dinner.







Fundamental interest.

The LHC reaches, for the first time, sufficiently HE to distinguish between the different theoretical asymptotic scenarios for HE interactions.

(currently available data are still not decisive)

Practical interest.

Underlying events, triggers, calibration..

In HE pp collisions about 40% of σ_{tot} comes from diffractive processes, like elastic scatt., SD, DD. Need to study diffraction to understand the structure of σ_{tot} and the nature of the underlying events which accompany the sought-after rare hard subprocesses. (Note the LHC detectors do not have 4π geometry and do not cover the whole rapidity interval. So minimum-bias events account for only part of total $\sigma_{inelastic}$.)

Rate of CEP

Central Exclusive Processes as a means to study New Physics

Evaluation of the survival probabilities of LRG to soft rescattering. Recall 'diffractive Higgs' : $pp \rightarrow p+H+p$ and other goodies...

HE cosmic rays

New exp. results on dijet, diphoton, charmonium **CEP**

Needed so as to understand the structure of HE cosmic ray phenomena (e.g. Auger experiment).

LHC energy - above the 'knee'. Diffraction is important for understanding of air-showers

Development of MC models.

Finally, the hope is that a study of diffraction may allow the construction of a MC which merges "soft" and "hard" HE hadron interactions in a reliable and consistent way.

Diffractive pp. Processes

Experimental signature @ presence of:

- intact leading protons
- Large Rapidity Gaps

(also EW exchanges)



SNAPSHOT OF SINGLE DIFFRACTION





Immediate caveat





Double diffraction

There is no unique way of defining diffraction

Theoretically: Exchange of the quantum numbers of the vacuum t-channel Pomeron exchange

Experimentally:

Large rapidity gaps and intact protons (Single Diffraction)

Mapping is not one to one

Not clear to what extent one can always disentangle non-diffractive and diffractive processes !

2. Diffraction through the theorist's eyes.

•Current theoretical models for soft hadron interactions are still incomplete, and their parameters are not fixed, in particular, due to lack of HE data on Low-Mass diffraction.

• Recent (RFT-based) models allow reasonable description of the data in the ISR-Tevatron range: KMR-09-11,GLMM-09-11,KP-10,11, Ostapchenko-10-11.

• The differences between the results of other existing models wildly fluctuate.

Reggeon Field Theory, Gribov- 1986





No unique definition of diffraction

- Diffraction is elastic (or quasi-elastic) scattering caused, via s-channel unitarity, by the absorption of components of the wave functions of the incoming particles
 - e.g. pp→pp,

 $pp \rightarrow pX$ (single proton dissociation, SD),

 $pp \rightarrow XX$ (both protons dissociate, DD)

- Good for quasi-elastic proc.
 - but not high-mass dissocⁿ





2. A diffractive process is characterized by a large rapidity gap (LRG), which is caused by t-channel Pomeron exch. (or, to be more precise, by the exchange corresponding to the rightmost singularity in the complex angular momentum plane with vacuum quantum numbers). Only good for very LRG events – otherwise Reggeon/fluctuation contaminations



Diffraction is any process caused by Pomeron exchange.

(Old convention was any event with LRG of size $\delta\eta$ >3, since Pomeron exchange gives the major contribution)

However LRG in the distribution of secondaries can also arise from

- (a) Reggeon exchange
- (b) fluctuations during the hadronization process

Indeed, at LHC energies LRG of size $\delta\eta$ >3 do not unambiguously select diffractive events.



Prob. of finding gap larger than $\Delta\eta$ in inclusive event at 7 TeV due to fluctuations in hadronization



either to select much larger gaps

or to study the ∆y dependence of the data, fitting so as to subtract the part caused by Reggeon and/or fluctuations.

Optical theorem





There still is a freedom in the asymptotic behaviour

Different scenarios at $s \to \infty$

- 1. Weak coupling of the Pomerons $\sigma_{tot} \rightarrow constant$
- 2. Strong coupling of the Pomerons; $\sigma_{tot} \propto (\ln s)^{\eta}$ with $0 < \eta \leq 2$,

(V.N. Gribov, A.A. Migdal, -1969).

3. Asymptotically decreasing cross sections.

(P.Grassberger, K.Sundermeyer-1978; K.Boreskov-2001)

- All depends on the behaviour of the triple -(multi)-Pomeron vertices.
- Current data are usually described by scenario 2 with n = 2 (Froissart-Martin limit), but the weak coupling scenario is not excluded (LKMR-10)
- To reach asymptotics we formally would need UH energies, when in the slope of elastic amplitude $\alpha'_P \ln(s) \gg B_0$

Measurements of
$$\frac{d\sigma_{SD}}{dtdM^2}(pp \rightarrow pX)$$
 at the LHC could allow to 'probe' the asymptotics (LKMR-2010). How long is the way to asymptotics?

3. Basic quantities to measure



$$\sigma_{\rm el}, \sigma_{\rm tot}, \frac{d\sigma_{\rm el}}{dt}, \sigma_{SD}, \sigma_{DD}, \sigma_{DPE}$$

(most usual suspects)

$${d\sigma_{
m SD}\over dt dM^2}(pp
ightarrow pX)$$
 , $d\sigma_{DPE}$ / $d\xi_1 d\xi_2$

CEP reactions $pp \rightarrow p + X(J/\psi, \chi_c, \Upsilon, \chi_b, jj) + p$



Detailed comparison of particle distributions and correlations (e.g. BEC) in pp, pP and PP -reactions (sensitivity to the (small) size of the Pomeron).

 $dN_{DPE}/d\eta dp_t^2$

The cross-sections are (normally) large, and we do not need high luminosity. Special (high β^*) optics is required. Pile-up at high instantaneous luminosity.



What about current theoretical uncertainties ?

 $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV.

	σ^{tot}	σ^{el}	σ^{SD}	σ^{DD}	σ_{LM}^{SD}	AD HM	$\sigma_{\rm LM}^{\rm DD}$	$\sigma_{\rm HM}^{\rm DD}$
Set (A)	128	37.5	12.1	4.61	8.48	302(3.54)	1.15	2.06
Set (B)	126	37.3	12.4	5.18	8.22	4.24 (4.14)	1.08	2.50
Set (C)	114	33.0	11.0	4.83	505	5.22(5.12)	0.47	3.15
KMR-08	91.7	21.5	19.0		49	14.1		
GLMM-08	92.1	20.9	11.8	6.0	10.5	1.28		
KP-10	108	29.5	14.7	<u>``</u>				
		4	(A,B,C) S. Ostapchenko, Phys.Rev.D81:114028,2010. KMR-08: KMR, EPJ C54,199(2008); ibid C60,249 (2009). GLMM-08: GLMM,EPJ C57,689 (2008). KP-10 A.B. Kaidalov, M.Poghosyan					

Large variation of $\sigma_{\rm LM}^{\rm SD}$ in the range 5- 10.5 mb



Model expectations for total inelastic cross-section

- Strong dependence of the longitudinal development of air showers on $\sigma_{\rm inel}$
- Various MC generators are used by the CR community (some with full resummation of multi-Pomeron graphs)



Figure 1: Model predictions for total, elastic, and inelastic proton-proton cross sections: QGSJET-II-4 - solid, QGSJET-II-3 - dashed, and SIBYLL - dot-dashed. The compilation of data is from Ref. [17].

the CR commun ulti-Pomeron gra	nity phs)	oses only
S.Ostapchenko, ArXiv:11	03 0 84)	$\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV
(in mb) x ²	$\sigma_{\rm inel} \sigma_{\rm S}^{\rm I}$	$\sigma_{\rm SD}^{\rm LM} + \sigma_{\rm DD}^{\rm LM}$
QOSINY H-0	4 69.7	7.1
QCSJET II-0	3 77.5	3.3
SIBYLL	79.6	0
PYTHIA	71.5	0
KMR-11	65.2/67.1	6 /7.4
GLM	68	
MPS-11	73.4	
KP-10	71.6	
Achili et al	60-75	

4.Can we accurately measure diffractive characteristics with the current forward instrumentation ?







The ATLAS forward detectors

	Pseudorapidity	Position (from IP)
LUCID	5.6 < ΙηΙ < 5.9	± 17 m
ZDC	ΙηΙ > 8.3	± 140 m

More caveat

ATLAS central detector sensitive to high mass diffraction. ($|\eta| < 4.9 \implies M_{\star} > 7$ GeV)

Is there a theoretically solid way to extrapolate from high mass diffraction to low mass diffraction ? How many "mb " disappear in the beam pipe.... ?

Is there consensus in the theoretical community?



May be there is a demon in the beam pipe ?





MPI@LHC 2010 - Dec. 2, 2010 G. I

G. Latino - Preliminary Results from TOTEM

TOTEM-2011

 $\label{eq:completed} \begin{array}{l} \cdot \mbox{ TOTEM detector setup completed }!! \\ \cdot \mbox{ First data with T1 very promising} \\ \cdot \mbox{ Eagerly waiting higher } \beta^* \mbox{ to make } \sigma_{tot} \end{array}$



Hope



CMS + TOTEM ⇒ largest acceptance detector ever built at a hadron collider

BUT

•CMS is currently blind between =6.4(CASTOR) and beam rapidity y_p except ZDC (neutrals).

•T1+T2 detectors do not cover low-mass diffraction.

Even with common DAQ, we miss a few mb in inelastic cross section.



IS THERE A WAY OUT ?

Yes, an addition of Forward Shower Counters around beam pipes at CMS!



(8 FSC per side see showers from particles with $|\eta| = 7-9$)

BSC very important as rap gap detectors. All LHC experiments should have them!



Mike Albrow

Exclusive production in CDF: high mass

Blois 2009 CERN





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Physics and Beam Monitoring with Forward Shower Counters (FSC) in CMS

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Station 3 (114m) installed on both sides during March technical stop.
Stations 1&2- installed during May technical. stop. Commissioning with the beam.

CMS NOTE-2010/015

Approved by CMS MB for Jan-Feb 2011 installation.

"Limited approval" : Go ahead without detracting from necessary shutdown work.

Most value is 2011 running & when $\langle n/x \rangle < \sim 5$ (Do not expect to use > 2012)

Mike Albrow, Fermilab

Forward Shower Counters for CMS

Manchester Dec 2010

Physics, especially diffractive in no-PileUp interactions

(a) As veto in Level 1 diff. triggers to reduce useless pile-up events.
(b) To detect rapidity gaps in diffractive events (p or no-p).
(c) Measure low mass diffraction and double pomeron exchange.
(d) Measure σ_{INEL} (if luminosity known, e.g. by Van der Meer)
(e) Help establish exclusivity in central exclusive channels

Beam monitoring etc, parallel uses:

(f) To monitor beam halo on incoming and outgoing beams.(g) To test forward flux simulations (MARS etc.)(h) Additional Luminosity monitor.

(i) Info on radiation environment for future (?) proton spectrometers



Priority now - gap+X+gap triggers. SD measurement requires all counters + low lumi run





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Forward Shower Counters for CMS

Manchester Dec 2010

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The FSC- these are for real !

- The installation and commissioning phase of FSC during the March Technical Stop.
- Main concern- lumi per bunch crossing might be too high.

What about the precise measurement of SD?

Don't hold your breath, Valery. This certainly needs all the counters and some low lumi run, or at least bunches. (Mike Albrow)



(FSC
 at least a good foot in the door)





Precission

Combined uncertainty in σ_{tot}



$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{16\pi}{1+\rho^2} \frac{\frac{dN_{el}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}}{N_{el}+N_{inel}}; \qquad L = \frac{1+\rho^2}{16\pi} \frac{(N_{el}+N_{inel})^2}{\frac{dN_{el}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}}$$

		β^*	90 m	1535 m	
$\frac{dN_{el}}{dt}$	Extrapolation of elastic cross-section to $t =$	0	±4%	±0.2%	
11=0	(Smearing effect due to beam divergence, statistical er	rrors, uncertainty of			
(str. interaction)	effective length L _{eff} , RP alignment, model dependent	deviation)			
N _{el}	Total elastic rate		±2%	±0.1%	
	(strongly correlated with extrapolation)				
Ninel	Total inelastic rate	/	±1%	±0.8%	n l
	(error dominated by single diffractive losses)	/			
ρ	Error contribution from $(1 + \rho^2)$		±	1.2%	
	(using full COMPETE error band $\frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} = 33\%$)				° -
	Total und	certainty in σ_{tot}	±5%	$\pm 1 - 2\%$	
	Totalı	uncertainty in L	±7%	±2%	
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t-dependence of elastic cross section is under control, including pion loop effects, safe extrapolation to the low - t region (KMOR-2000). Recent Multi-Pom studies + compilation by Totem.

Total pp cross section at TOTEM

KMR-11, arXiv:1102.2844







Figure 7: The *t* dependence of the elastic pp cross section, and the prediction for 14 TeV. The bolder and fainter (red) curves correspond to choices (i) and (ii) of the diffractive eigenstates respectively.

energy	$\sigma_{ m tot}$	$\sigma_{ m el}$	$\sigma_{ m SD}^{{ m low}M}$	$\sigma^{{ m high}M}_{{ m SD}}$	$\sigma_{ m SD}^{ m tot}$	$\sigma_{\mathrm{DD}}^{\mathrm{low}M}$
1.8	72.8/72.5	16.3/16.8	4.4/5.2	7.0/7.8	11.4/13.0	0.3/0.4
7	89.0/86.8	21.9/21.6	5.5/6.7	9.9/10.2	15.4/16.9	0.5/0.7
14	98.3/94.6	25.1/24.2	6.1/7.5	11.5/11.3	17.6/18.8	0.6/0.9
100	127.1/117.4	35.2/31.8	8.0/9.9	16.7/14.4	24.7/24.3	0.9/1.6



ALFA = Absolute Luminosity For ATLAS

Elastic scattering at very small angles

- Measure elastic scattering at such small t-values that the cross section becomes sensitive to the Coulomb amplitude
- Effectively a normalization of the luminosity to the exactly calculable Coulomb amplitude
- No total rate measurement and thus no additional detectors near IP necessary
- UA4 used this method to determine the luminosity to 2-3 %

ALFA can also measure the absolute luminosity using optical theorem method if/when $\sigma_{\rm tot}$ is known

ALFA - Roman Pot stations



Concept of the ALFA measurement

Elastic scattering in the Coulomb-Nuclear interference region:



Measurement program:

- start from a well-known theoretical rate dependence
- 2) measure unbiased elastic rate
- fit luminosity and 3 other free parameters to dN / dt

Main conditions to reach the Coulomb region $|t| < 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$

- → Detector positions far from IP
- → Special beam settings
- → Detectors close to beam

LHC Lumi Days, January, 2011

Achilles' Heel of 'inelastic' measurements : low mass SD,DD

Uninstrumented regions: Totem-CMS : $M_X \le 2.5 - 3.5 GeV$ Atlas: $M_X \le 7 GeV$



CAN'



(Castor)

 $\eta = -\ln \tan \frac{\vartheta}{2}$

$$y_p = \ln(\sqrt{s} / m_p), \Delta \eta \simeq (2.4 - 3.1)$$

Can we extrapolate from HM SD?

Theoretically unjustified • assuming $l\sigma/dM^2 \propto 1/M^2$ Pythia Generator 1 1 8.0 K/5 GeV Na 1.4 simulated Currently **NO** theoretically solid . Acceptance extrapolated way to extrapolate HM to LM 1 Loss at low 0.6 detected single diffraction 0.8 single diffraction diffractive 0.6 0.4 masses M 0.4 0.2 0.2 100 0.02 0.04 0.08 1/M4, CeV4 M, CeV (UA4-experience ***** factor of 2 for M<4 GeV)

There are known unknowns.

- When the common TOTEM-CMS data taking will happen?
- When the dedicated runs with special optics (high β^*) will take place?
- When the FSC will be fully operational ?

But there may be also unknown unknowns.



Maybe T1,T2 can be used for veto.

ZDC+HF+Castor +FSC could be sufficient

What the experts think





5. A flavour of diffraction in the first LHC runs.

First measurement of σ_{inel} at 7 TeV.



(arXiv:1104.0326 [hep-ex], 2 Apr. 2011)



$$\xi = M_X^2/s > 5 \times 10^{-6}$$

 $M_X > 15.7 \text{ GeV for } \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

$\sigma(\xi > 5 \times 10^{-6}) [{\rm mb}]$				
ATLAS Data 2010	$60.33 \pm 2.10(exp.)$			
Schuler and Sjöstrand	66.4			
Phojet	74.2			
Ryskin et al.	51.8 / 56.2	+1.5		
$\sigma(\xi>$	m_p^2/s [mb]			
ATLAS Data 2010	$69.4 \pm 2.4(exp.) \pm 6.9(extr.)$			
Schuler and Sjöstrand	71.5			
Phojet	77.3			
Block and Halzen	69			
Ryskin et al.	65.2 / 67.1	+1.5		
Gotsman et al.	68			
Achilli et al.	60 - 75			

(model dependence in the definition of ξ)

$$\Delta \eta \simeq \ln 1/\xi + \ln < p_\perp > /m_p$$

+1.5



ATLAS $\sigma_{inel}(\xi > m_p^2/s) = 69.4 \pm 2.4(\text{exp.}) \pm 6.9(\text{extr.}) \text{ mb}$

 $66.8 \le \sigma_t^{inel} \le 74.8 \text{ mb.}$

CMS

LICE
$$\sigma_{\text{Inel}}$$
 (\forall s = 7 TeV) = 72.7 ± 1.1(model) ± 5.1(lum;) mb

 $|\eta| < 2$. $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$ and $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$.

Gostman et al., arXiv:1010.5323, EPJ. C74, 1553 (2011) Kaidalov et al., arXiv:0909.5156, EPJ. C67, 397 (2010) Ostapchenko, arXiv:1010.1869, PR D83 114018 (2011) Khoze et al., EPJ. C60 249 (2009), C71 1617 (2011)

M.Poghosyan Quark Matter 2011



Analysis technique



The probability of having $n_{\text{pileup}}~$ depends only on the total $\sigma(pp)$ cross section:

$$P(n_{\text{Pileup}}) = \frac{(L^*\sigma)^{n_pileup} * e^{-(L^*\sigma)}}{n_{\text{pileup}}!}$$

If we count the number of pile-up events as a function of luminosity, we can measure $\sigma(pp)$.

For an accurate measurement we need a large luminosity interval.

June 6th, 2011

N. Cartiglia



LHC inelastic p-p cross sections

Current model uncertainties driven by E710–CDF 2.6σ disagreement



σ_{inel} ~ 64(CMS) – 70(ATLAS) mb seem to favour E710 value at 1.8 TeV
 sqrt(s)-evolution better reproduced by EPOS1.99 & QGSJET01

(agreement with KMR-11anal. results)

In ATLAS environment

slides from Per Grafstrom (ATLAS)

How to measure the « mb » hiding in the forward direction and in the beam pipe?

ATLAS has measured σ_{inel} for $\xi > 5.10^{-6}$

How to measure the remaining cross section i.e. σ_{inel} for $\xi < 5 \cdot 10^{-6}$?



We need three ingredients ! see next slide





The TOTEM experiment is completely installed and running

- All Roman Pots at 147 and 220m installed (24 pots)
- T1 detectors are installed on both sides
- T2 detectors are installed on both sides
- Trigger system based on all detectors is running
- DAQ is running with an event rate capability of 1 kHz
- Special runs with dedicated β^{\ast} and bunch structures are prepared

Already allows to restrict/reject theoretical models.



More to come soon!

 $\beta^* = 90 \text{ m optics}$

- Physics starting in August / September
 - Low-t (10 ⁻² GeV²) elastic scattering
 - Total cross-section (extrapolation to t=0 possible)





Final unfolded distribution

Hubert Niewiadomski on behalf of the TOTEM Collaboration

LHCC, 15 June 2011



Comparison to some models



Better statistics at large t needed

6. Selected items from the diffraction@LHC shopping list.



Non-trivial behaviour of $\xi d\sigma_{\rm SD}/d\xi$

Could be probed in ongoing ATLAS study of LRG distributions

 $d\sigma/\Delta\eta^F \sim 1.0 \pm 0.2$ mb per unit of $\Delta\eta^F$ for $\Delta\eta^F > 3.5$

(ATLAS)

High sensitivity to enhanced absorptive effects (KMR-11). In the simplified triple-P approach: $\xi d\sigma_{SD}/d\xi \propto 1/\xi^{\Delta}, \Delta = \alpha_{P}(0)-1.$ $\xi d\sigma_{SD}/d\xi$ (mb) 0.9 $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ 0.8 0.7 **KMR-11** 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 Maximum at $\xi \sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$ (M~12 GeV).



Figure 2: $f_{\rm SD}(\xi) \equiv \frac{\xi}{\sigma_{\rm SD}} \frac{d\sigma_{\rm SD}}{d\xi}$ for single diffractive pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV as calculated using QGSJET-II-4 (red solid) and SIBYLL (green dashed).

High Intensity Gluon Factory (underrated un-biased gluons)



- (~20 M q-jets vs 417 glue-jets at LEP)
- CDF and D0 each have a few exclusive JJ events > 100 GeV $J_Z^P = 0^+$ still holds for low mass diffr. dissociation.



Without forward proton taggers- FSC required (M<2.5 GeV, 98% purity or better)



Central Exclusive Production of Heavy Quarkonia

(P. Lebiedowicz)

- (star reactions!) • $\chi_{c,b}$ production is of special interest:
 - Heavy quarkonium production can shed light on the physics of bound states (lattice, NRQCD····).
 - Potential to produce different J^P states, which exhibit characteristic features (e.g. angular distributions of forward protons).
 - Could shed light on the nature of the various 'exotic' charmonium states observed recently. (X,Y,Z) charmonium-like states.

Spin-Parity Analyzer

(KKMR-2003)

CDF & new LHCb measurements are all in good agreement (factor "few") with the Durham group predictions.





P-wave Bottomonia



PDG: perticle data group Summary Tables



xb2(1P) DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	p (MeV/c)
$\gamma \Upsilon(1S)$	(22±4) %	442

Zoo of charmonium –like XYZ states

Tetraquark: four tightly bound quarks

Molecular state: two loosely bound mesons



Hybrid: states with

excited gluonic degrees of freedom

Hadrocharmonium: charmonium state, "coated" by excited light-hadron matter

- X(3872) – - XYZ(3940) & X(3915) – - Y(4140)/Y(4280) & X(4350)



Figure 1: The mass versus the quantum numbers (J^{PC}) for the charmonium-like states. The boxes represent the predictions; blue boxes show the established states, and the red boxes indicate the new states discovered at the *B*-factories.

SuperCHIC MC

A MC event generator including9:

- Simulation of different CEP processes, including all spin correlations:
 - $\chi_{c(0,1,2)}$ CEP via the $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ decay chain.
 - $\chi_{b(0,1,2)}$ CEP via the equivalent $\chi_b \to \Upsilon \gamma \to \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$ decay chain.
 - $\chi_{(b,c)J}$ and $\eta_{(b,c)}$ CEP via general two body decay channels
 - Physical proton kinematics + survival effects for quarkonium CEP at RHIC.
 - γγ CEP.
 - Exclusive J/ψ and Υ photoproduction.
- Meson pair CEP ($\pi^0 \pi^0$, $\eta\eta$, $\eta'\eta'$...) to be included soon.
- More to come (dijets, open quark, Higgs...?).
- → Via close collaboration with CDF, STAR and LHC groups, in both proposals for new measurements and applications of SuperCHIC, it is becoming an important tool for current and future CEP studies.



⁹The SuperCHIC code and documentation are available at http://projects.hepforge.org/superchic/



Exclusive charmonium production.



Normalized to number of events



SuperChiC: MC for central exclusive production (L.A. Harland-Lang, V.A. Khoze, M.G. Ryskin, W.J. Stirling, arXiv:0909.4748 [hep-ph].).

Normalised to number of events ChiC0: 12%,ChiC1: 36%,ChiC2: 52%





We firmly believe that a rich LHC diffractive programme will allow to impose strong 'restriction order' on the models of diffraction and provide a vital information on the dynamics of soft hadron interaction.



A very promising start-up of diffractive studies at the LHC. More data & excitement to come soon.







LHC as a High Energy yy Collider



K. Piotrzkowski, Phys. Rev. **D63** (2001) 071502(R) **J.**Ohnemus, T.Walsh & P. Zerwas -94;

KMR-02

<u>Highlights</u>:

- $\gamma\gamma$ CM energy W up to/beyond 1 TeV (and under control)
- Large photon flux *F* therefore significant $\gamma\gamma$ luminosity
- Complementary (and clean) physics to *pp* interactions, eg studies of *exclusive* production of heavy particles might be possible opens new field of studying very high energy γγ (and γp) physics

Very rich Physics Menu



ALICE pseudorapidity acceptance

 \rightarrow additional forward detectors (no particle identification) $1 < \eta < 5$ $-4 < \eta < -1$ \rightarrow definition of gaps $\eta_{,}$, $\eta_{,}$ p-p luminosity $L = 5 \times 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$: \rightarrow reduced prob. overlapping events diffractive L0 trigger (hardware): *Pixel or TOF mult (central barrel)* gap $\eta_{\perp}: 3 < \eta < 5 \rightarrow \Delta \eta \sim 0.5$ gap $\eta: -2 \leq \eta \leq -4 \rightarrow \Delta \eta \sim 0.5$ high level trigger (software): $-3.7 < \eta < 5$ \rightarrow improved including ADA, ADD

 \rightarrow see talk by Daniel Tapia Takaki



Hadronic MCs tuning with collider data



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"Measurement of the pp inelastic cross section using pile-up events with the CMS detector"

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How to use annoying pile-up events to your advantage



Single Diffraction: definitions

 η - pseudorapidity

 $\eta \equiv y \, \big|_{m=0} \text{= -In } \tan(\vartheta/2)$

- t four-momentum transfer squared
- ξ fractional momentum loss
- M_x mass of diffractive system X $\xi = M_x^2/s$



