LHCb Forward Physics Status and Plans





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The LHCb detector

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Scintillators, light-guides and PMTs

Acceptance

Showers induced by high-rapidity particles interacting with machine elements Ideally wish to veto on any activity: threshold depends on signal and noise.

Start of 2015: MIPs give 2-5 ADC counts, although some degradation with aging. Particles traversing Herschel give 'a few' ADC counts.

Pulse designed to be within 25ns 2015 running had 50ns gaps between p-p crossings 2016,17 running was at 25ns

Noise

Detector Effects

- Common-mode noise (only in 2015) [10-20 ADC counts]
- Intrinsic noise [2-10 counts]
- Time dependence due to aging and voltage settings

Collider Effects

- Pile-up due to average number of collisions per bunch-crossing (0.1 – 2.5)
- Spill-over in high-luminosity running
- More spill-over in 25ns running compared to 50ns running.

LHCb Average Mu at p-p in 2015

Average No. interactions ^{1.6}

Electronic spillover

Assess using response in first empty-empty bunch-crossings after p-p bunch-crossing. These are a proxy for genuine CEP events.

Combine calibrated empty signals into Herschel discriminant

Response of Herschel in 2015 running conditions, when no particles pass through

Sample 1: Response to CEP events (QED µµ)

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First bin is > 95% pure CEP QED di-muons.

Herschel discriminant for physics

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pp / pPb / Pbp / PbPb data-taking

Collisions

Lumi (µb⁻¹

0.05

0.5

0.5

~3

~0.05

~0.05

1.7

~17

0.07

~1.0

~200

↓ 2017 Xe-Xe run @ 5.4 TeV (~0.4ub⁻¹)

R. McNulty, CEP at LHCb

(indicative luminosities)

Consistent cross-section results with/without Herschel. Backgrounds roughly halved using Herschel (but not eliminated.....)

Inelastic background J/ψ

Regge theory:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim e^{bt}$$

b-slope of signal is same with/without Herschel b-slope of bkg changes (because you veto higher-pT events)

New Technique: $N_{HRC} = \epsilon N_{sig} + \beta(p_T)N_{bkg}$ $N_{anti-HRC} = [1-\epsilon]N_{sig} + [1-\beta(p_T)] N_{bkg}$

ε known from QED sample
Pure bkg sample obtained => Signal derived
(Will be detailed in paper, currently in collaboration review)

Differential cross-sections J/ψ and ψ(2S)

S. Jones, A. Martin, M. Ryskin, and T. Teubner, Probes of the small x gluon via exclusive J/ψ and Υ production at HERA and the LHC, JHEP **1311** (2013) 085, arXiv:1307.7099.

S. P. Jones, A. D. Martin, M. G. Ryskin, and T. Teubner, *Predictions of exclusive* $\psi(2S)$ production at the LHC, J. Phys. **G41** (2014) 055009, arXiv:1312.6795.

HERA measured power-law: $\sigma_{\gamma p \to J/\psi p}(W) = 81(W/90 \,\text{GeV})^{0.67} \,\text{nb}$ Use this for W- solution (in previously measured region). LHCb measures W+ Photo-production cross-section

Pb-Pb collisions

 $m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$ [MeV/ c^2]

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Dipions in pA/Ap

- pp->p(ππ)p has contributions from DPE (f0, f2 etc) and photoproduction (ρ).
- Difficult to disentangle (e.g. f0 appearing as shoulder on ρ)
- Difficult to separate exclusive from dissociation
- pA->p(ππ)A has enhanced photoproduction
- Remarkably clean resonance
- x down to 10⁻⁶, W up to 1 TeV

Dipions in pA/Ap

- Use pA to study photoproduction
- Use pp for DPE
- Use PbPb for gammagamma

Double J/ψ production

Final state theoretically studied in diphoton production (linear collider) but not through double pomeron exchange (hadron collider)

Sensitivity to higher mass states (tetraquarks, η_b) Inclusive production has attracted much interest (DPS effects)

Select 4-muon exclusive events

Selection requirement:

Require precisely 4 tracks, at least three identified as muons

Comparison to theory

LHCb estimate exclusive cross-section. **24+-9 pb**

Harland-Lang, Khoze, Ryskin: (arXiv: 1409.4785) **2-7 pb**

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- 1) Photoproduction -> Odderoproduction
- 2) Pomeron-Odderon Interference
- 3) Two photon physics -> Two odderon physics
- 4) Other ideas?

$d\sigma^{ m corr}/dy$	J/ψ		Υ	
	odderon	photon	odderon	photon
Tevatron	0.3–1.3–5 nb	0.8–5–9 nb	0.7 - 4 - 15 pb	0.8-5-9 pb
LHC	0.3–0.9–4 nb	$2.4{-}15{-}27 \text{ nb}$	1.7-5-21 pb	5 - 31 - 55 pb

1. Odderoproduction

Proton dissociation or Odderoproduction ? !

1. Odderoproduction

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3. Gamma-Odderon Production

 $\gamma p - \gamma p, \gamma p - \gamma \pi^{0} p, \gamma \gamma - \gamma \pi^{0} \pi^{0}$

Czyzewski et al., PLB398 (1997) 400. Berger et al., EPJ C9 (1999) 491.

In pp colisions, photon flux small so γγ cross-section small (and calculable) Photon-Odderon production 'small'/unknown Pomeron-Pomeron production suppressed.

Future Analyses

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- Low mass and charm spectroscopy
- New hadronic triggers selecting pions with pT>100 MeV
- Electromagnetic trigger for photons/electrons pT>1GeV
- μμ, ππ, KK, pp, γγ, ee.
 π0, η ω etc
- Ability of Herschel to suppress
 non-exclusive backgrounds
- odderon / glueball / exotics / tetraquark searches

pPb/Pbp

- Photoproduction: Jpsi, Phi, rho
- Very clean signals with Herschel since little pile-up or spill-over
- Search for saturation
- Quantify nuclear supressions factors

PbPb

- Two-photon physics
- Light-by-light scattering

<u>Summary</u>

- Several CEP pp measurements at 7 and 8 TeV using muons.
 - Limited by understanding exclusivity.
- New Herschel detector for Run 2.
 - Calibration and performance shown
 - Affected by beam conditions
 - Significant impact on physics
- First measurement at 13 TeV with lower backgrounds.
- Excellent prospects for future, including hadronic modes.