GPD sensitivity at the LHC

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Overview

- The LHC and the experiments
- How GPDs can be accessed at hadron collider experiments
 - 1. DVCS (?)
 - 2. TCS
 - 3. DVMP (ρ ,J/ ψ ,Y production in UPC)
 - 4. DPE (?)
- Summary

LHC and the detectors

- LHC collides pp, pPb and PbPb
- Also possible is fixed target mode of p or Pb on gas



- LHCb: full reconstruction $2 < \eta < 5$
- ATLAS, CMS, ALICE: 5<η<5
- All have vetos towards beam axis
- ATLAS, CMS, ALICE have ZDCs for neutrons
- ATLAS, CMS(+TOTEM) have roman pots close to beam (but generally do not detect recoil protons for low-mass objects)





x-Q² values probed at LHC



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Colourless propagators





Generally, to ensure no (colourful) QCD interaction, $d>R_1+R_2$ (1.5 - 6 fm).

1. DVCS

DVCS

Workhorse for current GPD extractions (through CFF)

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Data: Hermes, H1, Zeus, CLAS, Hall A, COMPASS

 γ^* originates from **lepton**

Can this come from hadron (LHC)?

In general, No, since $Q^2 < (\hbar c/d)^2$

2. TCS



DVCS-TCS

Phys.Rev.D 79 (2009) 014010

Can one measure timelike Compton scattering at LHC ?

B. $\rm Pire^1$ and L. Szymanowski and J. $\rm Wagner^2$



Final state of two leptons and nothing else. Q^2 given by mass of dilepton system t given by p_T^2 of dilepton system



Complication from Bethe-Heitler



Interference term

Use background to amplify signal



Bethe Heitler

$$\begin{split} & \frac{d\sigma_{\ell\ell}^{\gamma h \,\text{BH}}}{dQ^2 \, dq_T^2 \, d\cos\theta \, d\phi}(y_{\text{cms}}^{\ell\ell}) \approx J \frac{\alpha_{em}^3}{2\pi s_{\gamma h}^2} \frac{1}{-t} \frac{1 + \cos^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} \\ & \times \left[\left(F_1^2(t) - \frac{t}{4M_N^2} F_2^2(t) \right) \frac{2(s_{\gamma h} - M_N^2)^2}{Q^4} \frac{q_T^2}{-t} + (F_1(t) + F_2(t))^2 \right] \bigg|_{t=t(y_{\text{cms}}^{\ell\ell}, q_T^2, Q, \epsilon)} \end{split}$$

Interference Bethe Heitler and Timelike Compton scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\ell\ell}^{\gamma h \, \text{INT}}}{dQ^2 \, dt \, d \cos \theta \, d\phi} \approx -\frac{\alpha_{em}^3}{4\pi s_{\gamma h}^2} \frac{\sqrt{t_0 - t}}{-tQ} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \eta^2}}{\eta} \left(\cos \phi \, \frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \right)$$

$$\times \text{Re} \left[F_1(t) \mathcal{H}(\eta, t) - \eta (F_1(t) + F_2(t)) \, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\eta, t) - \frac{t}{4M^2} F_2(t) \, \mathcal{E}(\eta, t) \right]$$

$$+ \cos(2\phi) \text{ and } \cos(3\phi) \text{ contributions}$$

TCS accesible via interference. ${\rm |T_{TCS}|}^2$ has no ϕ dependence.

First efforts towards measurement

(Charlotte!)

 $\frac{|t_{Lo}|-p_T^2}{|t_{Lo}|}$ 0.05 30 25 0.02 20 0.0 15 -0.0 10 -0.02 -0.03 -0.04 -0.05n ln(|t_{Lo}|/GeV²) $\frac{|t_{Lo}|-p_T^2}{|t_{Lo}|}$ 12 Pbp 0. -0.5 0 2 $\ln(|t_{Lo}|/GeV^2)$

Fractional difference between true t and reconstructed p_T²



First efforts towards measurement



Relevant kinematics can be reconstructed albeit with some geometric effects 17

And the data exists.....



3. DVMP



The LHCb detector



Fully instrumented: $2 < \eta < 5$ Veto region (Run 2): $-10 < \eta < -5$, $5 < \eta < 10$

The LHCb detector











Discrimination power of Herschel



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dt

Purity for CEP of J/ψ



Differential cross-section pp->pJ/ψp





HERA measured power-law: $\sigma_{\gamma p o J/\psi \, p}(W) \,=\, 81 (W/90 \, {
m GeV})^{0.67} \, {
m nb}$

Photoproduction cross-section



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Which projectile produced the photon?



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J/ψ production in pPb and Pbp

Eur.Phys.J. C79 (2019) no.5, 402





Question to theorists/global fitters



- Do we have LHC predictions for $\sigma_{VM}(GPD)$? – LHC data has not yet been used to constrain GPDs
- Quite some work has been done recently on $\sigma_{\text{VM}}(\text{PDF})....$



Implications: gluon PDF

Ryskin, Z. Phys. C 57 (1993) 89



Flett, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner. Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 114021 Flett, Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner. Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 9, 094011



GPD v PDF: it matters

Dutrieux, Winn, Bertone, Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 11, 114019



Figure 2: Evolution of the MMHT2014 LO PDF [44] from $\mu_0 = 1$ GeV to 4.7 GeV using the DGLAP evolution (blue curve) and the GPD evolution at $\xi = 10^{-4}$ (orange curve). On the left, we show the non-singlet u PDF defined by $u^-(x) = u(x) - \bar{u}(x)$. On the right, the gluon PDF. The difference between the two curves becomes sizeable for $x \leq 3\xi$.

(1. DVCS)

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Can this come from hadron (LHC)?

- Yes, but for large Q² γ* we have small impact parameter and hadronic QCD interaction will usually be superimposed
- Low multiplicity when hadrons remain intact
 - Ultraperipheral collisions (UPC)
 - Projectiles separated $d > R_1 + R_2$
 - Large impact parameters => small $Q^2 \gamma^*$. [$Q^2 < (\hbar c/d)^2$]





Impact parameter

DVCS @ LHC?



- Use pPb collisions to enhance photon flux (factor 82²)
- Signal is single photon and no other activity
 - Most γ^* quasi-real so γ down beam line
 - For higher Q², QCD interaction usually superimposed (but not always)
 - Machine backgrounds / beam gas / acceptance make reliable identification of single photon difficult
- Look difficult but maybe not impossible.
- No full study. For discussion?

Light-by-light scattering

Forbidden in classical EM Text-book illustration of QM

ATLAS collab., Nature Physics 13 (2017) 852

ATLAS collab., arXiv: 2008.05355





CMS. collab., Phys.Lett.B 797 (2019) 134826



Light-by-light scattering

M. Klusek-Gawenda, R. McNulty, R. Schicker, A. Szczurek, Phys.Rev. D99 (2019) no.9, 093013



LHCb and ALICE have potential to observe this at low mass. Important in searches for new particle decaying to photons



Double pomeron exchange



Plenty of data from LHC

In principle this is two GPDs?

Should be some sensitivity by measuring this?

Problem of measuring kinematic variables?

Double pomeron exchange





Example of dipion spectrum and for comparison with what Stefan showed this morning

Maybe reconstruct outgoing proton

ATLAS: EPJ C 83 (2023) 627



Special high $\beta^*=90$ m runs creates optics that allow deflected proton to be measured. Independent measurements of p_T of protons that balance p_T of pions.



(Limited data for the moment due to low-lumi running)

Summary: topics for discussion

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DVCS	Direct measurement of CFF	Clean single photon detection difficult. σ too low?	Experimentally probably impossible
TCS	Clean 'easy' measurement	Indirect GPD constraint Interference from Bethe-Heitler	No experimental measurements yet
DVMP	Measurements have been performed	Even more indirect constraint	Theory predictions?
DPE	Measurements have been performed	Little sensitivity to GPD?	Theoretically probably insensitive

Complementary x-Q² to EIC