New results on diffraction from CDF

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✓ diffractive structure function
 ✓ t-distribution
 ✓ exclusive processes

Hadronic interactions



Goal: understand the nature of the colorless exchange

Hadronic diffraction

Small momentum transfer Elastic and diffractive processes \Rightarrow leading hadron emitted at small angle The exchange ("pomeron") is colorless

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⇒ large <u>rapidity gap</u>

Run II diffractive program



Diffractive dijets



Restoring factorization



The diffractive structure function measured on the proton side in events with a leading antiproton is NOT suppressed relative to predictions based on DDIS

⇒more results will be available soon



Kinematic Properties



Diffractive structure function



SD/ND ratio



Q² dependence



⇒ Pomeron evolves as proton

ξ: RPS vs calorimeter



RPS dynamic alignment



t-distribution



fit t-distribution to a double exponential using:

$$F=0.9\cdot e^{b_1\cdot t}+0.1\cdot e^{b_2\cdot t}$$

⇒no diffraction 'dips' observed for |t|<1

t-slope vs Q²



 \Rightarrow same slope over the region 0< Q² <4,500 GeV²

t-distribution

1) measure absolute value:

- systematics under evaluation
- 2) diffraction minima:
 - > no minima for |t|<1
 - extend range at larger |t| values (soon)
- 3) Q² dependence:
 - \succ slope at t=0 is independent of Q²

low luminosity run data currently being analyzed ⇒ more results soon

∆\\$ (pbar-dijets)



Exclusive Higgs



✓ clean process
✓ exclusive bb suppressed

KMR: σ_H(LHC)~3 fb, signal/bkg~1 (if ΔM_{miss}=1 GeV) Bialas, Landshoff, Phys.Lett. B 256,540 (1991) Khoze, Martin, Ryskin, Eur. Phys. J. C23, 311 (2002); C25,391 (2002);C26,229 (2002) C. Royon, hep-ph/0308283 B. Cox, A. Pilkington, PRD 72, 094024 (2005)

Attractive Higgs discovery channel at the LHC

see more in the "Diffractive Higgs and LHC" session!



⇒much larger cross section

Goal:

measure exclusive production (if it exists)
 calibrate Higgs predictions at LHC

⇒ use it as "standard candle"

Exclusive Dijets in Run I



theory predicts ~1 nb (Run I kinematics)

Dijet Mass Fraction



⇒need to estimate the background in the signal region

Comparison Data/MC



⇒ excess of events at high R_{jj} is well described by the exclusive dijet production models (different assumptions do not change results)

Heavy flavor exclusive dijets

Theory: $J_z=0$ spin selection rule $gg \rightarrow gg$ dominant contribution at LO $gg \rightarrow q\overline{q}$ suppressed when $M_{ii} >> m_q$

Experimental method: normalize R_{jj} for qq to R_{jj} for all jets ⇔look for event suppression at large R_{jj}

Pros: -many systematics cancel out -good HF quarks id -small g mistag O(1%)

<u>Cons:</u> -heavy quark mass: contribution from exclusive b/c



b-tagged jet fraction



Exclusive dijet production



comparison of inclusive jet rate and heavy flavor ⇒ consistent with exclusive dijets

Exclusive $\gamma\gamma$ production



QCD diagram same as pHpsmaller cross section than exclusive dijets

~40 events/fb⁻¹ with $p_T(\gamma)$ >5 GeV/c, $|\eta|$ <1.0

the effective luminosity must be considered since additional interactions "populate" gaps



Khoze, Kaidalov, Martin, Ryskin, Stirling, hep-ph/0507040

Exclusive ee/yy search





QED process: cross-check to exclusive $\gamma\gamma$

✓ do not detect (anti)proton

✓ require 2 EM showers (E_T>5 GeV, |η|<2)

✓ veto all calorimetry and BSCs except 2 EM showers

✓ L~530 pb⁻¹ delivered ($L_{effective}$ =46 pb⁻¹)

⇒19 events have 2 EM showers +"nothing" caveat: "nothing" above threshold

Exclusive $\gamma\gamma$ search



⇒ 3 candidate events found background: 0.0 +0.2 events

 $\sigma_{\text{MEASURED}} = 0.14 + 0.14 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (sys) pb}$

good agreement with KMR: $\sigma_{KMR} = 0.04 \pm (\times 2 - 3) pb$

 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{\rm H} \sim$ 10 fb (if H exists) within a factor \sim 2-3 , higher in MSSM





Exclusive ee search



control sample for $\gamma\gamma$ search

 \Rightarrow 16 candidate events found background: 2.1 $^{+0.7}_{-0.3}$ events

 $\sigma_{\text{MEASURED}} = 1.6 + 0.5 - 0.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.3 \text{ (sys) pb}$

good agreement with LPAIR: $\sigma_{IPAIR} = 1.711 \pm 0.008 \ pb$





Summary

diffractive structure function:

- ✓ confirm and extend Run I results
- \checkmark Q² dependence pomeron evolves like proton

t-distribution of diffractive events:

✓ slope at t=0 is independent of Q^2

✓ measure absolute value and larger |t| ⇒ soon

observed exclusive production:

vevents consistent with exclusive dijet production
 heavy flavor jets suppressed at large R_{jj}
 first indication of exclusive γγ events

The End

Diffractive W

Study diffractive W-boson production, and the partonic structure of the Pomeron by a comparison to the diffractive di-jet production

- •Run I: 8,246 W(ev) events PRL 78 (1997), 2698
- •R_W (SD/ND)= 1.15 ± 0.51(stat) ± 0.20(syst) %



Gap between jets



Work in progress: low luminosity run data being analyzed

ee candidate events



γγ candidate events



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$\gamma\gamma$: event multiplicity



ee: event multiplicity



Exclusive Dijet Events ?











Run II detectors





RPS tracking

