

Small x physics at the LHeC

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Exploring the nucleon structure

A classic way to measure the hadron and nuclear structure and quark/gluon distributions is through deep inelastic scattering.

Timeline of experiments:

Rutherford 1911 -----> SLAC 1967 -----> HERA 2007 -----> future facilities?

LHeC is a proposed deep inelastic scattering experiment at CERN. The goal is to scatter electrons with the LHC proton and lead beams. Beam of high energy electrons 50-150GeV accelerated in LEP-like ring or linac. Precision experiment at high luminosity. Parallel operation with the LHC.



Machine design





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operation.

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10⁻¹

10⁻³

10⁻⁴

10⁻²

Physics possibilities at the LHeC

Beyond Standard Model

Leptoquarks Contact Interactions Excited Fermions Higgs in MSSM Heavy Leptons 4th generation quarks Z' SUSY ???

QCD and EW precision physics

Structure functions Quark distributions from direct measurements Strong coupling constant to high accuracy Higgs in SM Gluon distribution in extended x range to unprecedented accuracy Single top and anti-top production Electroweak couplings Heavy quark fragmentation functions Heavy flavor production with high accuracy Jets and QCD in photoproduction Partonic structure of the photon

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All the results shown are from preliminary CDR draft

Small x and high parton densities

New regime at low x Saturation Diffraction Vector Mesons Deeply Virtual Compoton Scattering Forward jets and parton dynamics DIS on nuclei Generalized/unintegrated parton distribution functions

H F₂,**F**_L structure functions and pdfs

Precision measurements of structure functions at very low x: test DGLAP, small x, saturation inspired approaches.



Inclusion of LHeC pseudodata for F_2 , F_L or F_{2c} in DGLAP fits improves the determination of the glue at small x.



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UHP Nuclear structure functions at LHeC

Nuclear ratio for structure function or a parton density:

$$R_f^A(x,Q^2) = \frac{f^A(x,Q^2)}{A \times f^N(x,Q^2)}$$

Nuclear effects
$$R^A \neq 1$$

LHeC potential: precisely measure partonic structure of the nuclei at small x.



Nuclear structure functions measured with very high accuracy.

UHPO Nuclear parton distributions at LHeC

Global NLO fit with the LHeC pseudodata included







Diffraction

$$x_{IP} = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2}$$
$$\beta = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}$$

 $x_{Bj} = x_{IP}\beta$

momentum fraction of the Pomeron w.r.t hadron

momentum fraction of parton w.r.t Pomeron

Methods: Leading proton tagging, large rapidity gap selection



Diffractive mass distribution



New domain of diffractive masses. M_X can include W/Z/beauty



Inclusive diffraction in eA



Study of diffractive dijets, heavy quarks for the factorization tests



Exclusive diffraction





- Exclusive diffractive production of VM is an excellent process for extracting the dipole amplitude
- Suitable process for estimating the 'blackness' (the interaction.
- t-dependence provides an information about the impact parameter profile of the amplitude.



Central black region growing with decrease of x.

Large momentum transfer t probes small impact parameter where the density of interaction region is most dense.



LHO Exclusive diffraction: t-dependence



Exclusive diffraction on nuclei

Possibility of using the same principle to learn about the gluon distribution in the nucleus. Possible nuclear resonances at small t?



W (GeV)

CHOP Photoproduction cross section

Explore dual nature of the photon: pointlike interactions or hadronic behavior.

Tests of universality of hadronic cross sections, unitarity, transition between perturbative and nonperturbative regimes.

Dedicated detectors for small angle scattered electrons at 62m from the interaction point.

Kinematics of events:

$$Q^2 \sim 0.01$$

 $y \sim 0.3$



Systematics is the limiting factor here. Assumed 7% for the simulated data as in H1 and ZEUS.





- LHeC has an unprecedented potential as a high luminosity, high energy DIS machine. Offering a unique window for small x physics and high parton density regime.
- Precision DIS measurements complementary to pp/pA/AA.
- eA at high energy essential to untangle the complex nuclear structure at low x and constrain the initial conditions for AA at the LHC.
- CDR for the project is almost complete.
- Next steps in the near future:
 - Referee process 6-9/11
 - Update of the CDR.
 - Workshop on Linac vs Ring in Fall 2011

http://cern.ch/lhec

LHeC Draft Timeline

Based on LHC constraints, ep/A programme, series production, civil engineering etc



Variations on timeline:

- → production of main components can overlap with civil engineering
- ➔ Installation can overlap with civil engineering
- Additional constraints from LHC operation not considered here
- ➔ in any variation, a start by 2020 requires launch of prototyping of key components by 2012

[shown to ECFA 11/2010: mandate to 2012]

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Thank you!

Backup



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Testing nonlinear dynamics in ep

Simulated LHeC data using the nonlinear evolution which leads to the parton saturation at low x.

DGLAP fits (using the NNPDF) cannot accommodate the nonlinear effects if F2 and FL are simultaneously fitted.



FL provides important constraint on the gluon density at low x.

LHO Exclusive diffraction: predictions

 $\sigma^{\gamma p \to 1+p}(W)$



Similar analysis for heavier states.

Smaller sensitivity to the saturation effects.

Models do have large uncertainty. Normalization needs to be adjusted to fit the current HERA data.

Precise measurements possible in the regime well beyond HERA kinematics.



Dijets in ep



 $-1 < \eta_{\text{jet}} < 2.5$ 0.1 < y < 0.6 $E_{1T} > 7 \text{ GeV}$ $Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ $E_{2T} > 5 \text{ GeV}$

- All simulations agree at large x.
- CDM, CASCADE give a flatter distribution at small x.

- Incoming gluon can have sizeable transverse momentum.
- Decorrelation of pairs of jets, which increases with decreasing value of x.
- Collinear approach typically produces narrow back-to-back configuration. Need to go to higher orders(NLO not sufficient).







Simulations for

 $\Theta > 3^o$ and $\Theta > 1^o$

Angular acceptance crucial for this measurement.

With $\Theta > 10^{o}$

all the signal for forward jets is lost.

Can explore also forward pions. Lower rates but no dependencies on the jet algorithms. Nonperturbative hadronisation effects included effectively in the fragmentation functions.

Forward jets

- Forward jet provides the second hard scale.
- By selecting it to be of the order of the photon virtuality, collinear configurations can be suppressed.
- Forward jet, large phase space for gluon emission.
- DGLAP typically underestimates the forward jet production.



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Simulations with RAPGAP MC 3.1

Impressive extension of the phase space. Both small and large x.



Crucial as a benchmark for the heavy flavor production in nuclei. Can test thoroughly the nuclear effects of in heavy quark production.