Exclusive diffraction at HERA

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New analyses from H1 and ZEUS experiments

- H1: Exclusive photoproduction of ρ^0 with forward neutron at HERA
- \bullet H1: Elastic and proton-dissociative photoproduction of J/Ψ mesons at HERA
- ZEUS: Measurement of the cross section ratio $\sigma_{\Psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\Psi}$ in deep inelastic scattering (DIS) at HERA
- ZEUS: Exclusive dijet production in diffractive DIS at HERA

Exclusive photoproduction of $\rho^{\rm 0}$ with forward neutron at HERA

Exclusive photoproduction of ρ with forward neutron



- the photon from the electron beam scatters elastically on the pion emitted from the proton producing a ρ^0
- Theoretical model: exchange of two Regge trajectories in a double-peripheral scattering process

Exclusive photoproduction of ρ with forward neutron



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H1 experiment:

- measured: J/Ψ via e^+e^- and $\mu^+\mu^-$ decays and hadrons from proton-dissociation
- three subdetectors in forward direction were used to measure fragments of the proton-disscociatve system down to small four-momentum transfer squared, t

• two *ep* energies:
$$\sqrt{s} = 318 \text{ GeV}$$
 and $\sqrt{s} = 225 \text{ GeV}$





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Elastic J/ψ photoproduction

 QCD predictions are based on two-gluon exchange, obtained by fits to previous data from H1 and ZEUS

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$\sigma_{\Psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\Psi}$ in DIS at HERA

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ZEUS experiment • 354 pb^{-1} • $5 < Q^2 < 70 \text{ GeV}^2$ • 30 < W < 210 GeV

measured particles:

• ep
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 e $\mu^+\mu^-$, e $\mu^+\mu^-\pi^+\pi^-$

• signals of $J/\Psi(1S)$ and $\Psi(2S)$

$\sigma_{\Psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\Psi}$ in DIS at HERA







combined $\Psi(2S)$ decays (5 < Q^2 < 70 GeV²; 30 < W < 70 GeV): • $\sigma(\Psi(2S))/\sigma(J/\Psi(1S)) = 0.28 \pm 0.03^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$

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ZEUS experiment

- data 2003-2007
 372 pb⁻¹
- $Q^2 > 25 \, {\rm GeV}^2$

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$$90 < W < 250 \, \text{GeV}$$

Aim: comparison to model predictions

- Resolved Pomeron model (G.Ingelman and P.Schlein et al.)
- Two-gluon exchange model (J. Bartels and H. Jung et al.)
- models predict different shape for dijet azimuthal angular distribution



definition of the dijet azimuthal angle Φ

ullet angle between two planes spanned in the $\gamma^*\mbox{-}{\rm pomeron}$ system

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dijet events

- Jets by k_T cluster algorithm; cut on resolution parameter: y_{cut} = 0.15
- $p_T^{jet} > 2 \text{ GeV}$ selects hard jets
- $\eta^{jet} < 2$ select diffractive events with rapidity gap
- $0.5 < \beta = x/x_{IP} < 0.7$ selects events with exchange of large proton longitudinal momentum

ZEUS



dijet azimuthal angular distribution ($0.5 < \beta < 0.7$)

- The fitted shape favours the two-gluon exchange model prediction
- The Resolved Pomeron model (BGF) does not describe this data

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- Photoproduction of exclusive ρ^0 associated with leading neutron, measured by H1, was used to extract the elastic cross section $\sigma(\gamma \pi^+ \rightarrow \rho^0 \pi^+)$ for the first time at HERA
- Elastic and proton-dissociative cross sections of J/Ψ photoproduction were measured for all t by H1. W dependence is described by QCD predictions based on colourless two-gluon exchange
- The cross section ratio $\sigma_{\Psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\Psi}$ was measured by ZEUS with improved precision
- Exclusive dijet production at DIS, measured by ZEUS, agrees with a model prediction based on a colourless two-gluon exchange

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