# Opportunities with diffraction

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- Diffraction and the pomeron
- Hera perspective
- Exclusive diffractive processes from Hera to LHC
- Shock wave approach to diffraction

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- $\blacktriangleright s \gg |t|, m_X^2, m_Y^2$ 
  - single diffraction SD
  - double dissociation DD
  - vacuum quantum number exchange



- DIS:  $s \gg Q^2, |t|, m_p^2$
- semihard process

 $\Lambda_{QCD} \ll Q^2 \ll s \quad => \quad x = rac{Q^2}{s} \ll 1$ 

perturbative QCD applicable

#### Diffraction and pomeron

- Diffraction is about the structure of pomeron vacuum quantum number exchange.
- Regge theory soft pomeron trajectory with intercept above one

 $\alpha(t) = \alpha_{IP}(0) + \alpha'_{IP} \cdot t = 1.08 + (0.25 \,\mathrm{GeV}^{-2}) \cdot t$ 

Gives asymptotic behaviour when  $s \to \infty$  $A(s,t) \sim i\beta(t) s^{\alpha(t)} => \sigma_{tot} \sim s^{\alpha_P(0)-1}$ 

QCD - two gluon color singlet exchange, BFKL hard pomeron



Large rapidity gaps in DIS



pomeron momentum fraction

$$x_{IP} = rac{Q^2 + M^2}{Q^2 + W^2} \ll 1$$

Diffractive structure functions

 $F_{2,L}^D(x, Q^2; x_{IP}, t)$ 

 $\blacktriangleright$  More exclusive measurements, e.g. dijets, vector mesons, heavy quarks,  $\gamma$ 

## Soft pomeron exchange

Collinear factorization approach



Soft pomeron with partonic structure - Ingelman-Schlein model ('80)

$$F_2^D = f_{I\!P}(\mathsf{x}_{I\!P}, t) \sum_q \beta \left\{ q_{I\!P}(\beta, Q^2) + \overline{q}_{I\!P}(\beta, Q^2) \right\}$$

► Pomeron flux  $f_{IP} \sim x_{IP}^{1-2\alpha_{IP}(t)}$  and pomeron PDFs  $\{q_{IP}, \overline{q}_{IP}, g\}$ 

•  $\beta = x/x_{IP}$  is a pomeron momentum fraction carried by a parton.

Pomeron PDFs evolved with DGLAP equations fitted to diffractive data.



Pomeron is gluon dominated (in comparison to normal PDFs).

# Soft color interaction (SCI) model

Soft gluon exchanges neutralize color but do not change momenta.
 (A. Edin, G. Ingelman, J. Rathsman, Phys.Lett. B366 (1996) 371)



 $\blacktriangleright$  To check this mechanism studying  $W^{\pm}$  production asymmetry in rapidity

$$A(y) = \frac{d\sigma_{W^+} - d\sigma_{W^-}}{d\sigma_{W^+} + d\sigma_{W^-}}$$

(KGB, C. Royon, L. Schoeffel, R. Staszewski, Phys.Rev. D84 (2011) 114006 )

# Diffractive $W^{\pm}$ production asymmetry

- In LO  $W^{\pm}$  from fusion of two quarks  $(u\overline{d} \text{ or } d\overline{u})$
- ▶ In SCI model quarks from the proton asymmetry  $A(y) \neq 0$
- Quark distributions in the pomeron are flavour blind A(y) = 0



## BFKL pomeron and its unitarization

▶ DIS at small x (high energy) can be viewed as a quark dipole interaction.



- Two gluons  $\sigma_{\gamma^* p} \sim const$
- BFKL pomeron  $-\sigma_{\gamma^*p} \sim x^{-0.3}$
- Unitarized pomeron  $\sigma_{\gamma^* p} \sim \ln(1/x)$

## Approaches to unitarization



- Color dipoles of Mueller and Kovchegov
- Shock wave approach of Balitstky
- Color Glass Condensate and McLerran and Venugopalan
- QCD reggeon field theory of Bartels and Lipatov

▶ A quark dipole of transverse size *r* interacting with the proton



▶ Dipole cross section with saturation scale  $Q_s \sim 1 \; {
m GeV}$  in perturb. domain

 $\hat{\sigma}_{dip}(r,x) = \sigma_0 \left\{ 1 - \exp(-r^2 Q_s^2(x)) \right\} \qquad \qquad Q_s(x) = Q_0 x^{-\lambda}$ 

• Red parameters fitted DIS data on  $F_2$  for  $x \le 10^{-2}$ 

$$F_2(x,Q^2) \sim \int d^2 r \left| \Psi_{\gamma^* 
ightarrow q \overline{q}}(r,Q^2) 
ight) \left|^2 \, \hat{\sigma}_{dip}(r,x) 
ight.$$

(KGB, M. Wüsthoff, PRD 59 (1998) 014023)



• For a given dipole size cross section saturates when  $x \rightarrow 0$ 



> Parton saturation confirmed by the Balitsky-Kovchegov equation.

(I. Balitsky, Nucl.Phys. B463 (1996) 99; Y. Kovchegov, PRD 60 (1999) 034008)

## Saturation in diffraction



▶ Two diffractive states:  $q\bar{q}$  and  $q\bar{q}g$  interacting with  $\hat{\sigma}_{dip} = \int d^2 b N(b)$ 

 $F_2^D = F_T^{q\overline{q}} + F_L^{q\overline{q}} + F_T^{q\overline{qg}}$ 

Can also be applied to diffractive vector meson production



## Comparison with HERA diffractive data



- ▶ The three contributions to diffractive structure function.
- ▶  $F_L^{q\overline{q}}$  is higher twist which dominates for  $\beta = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M^2} \rightarrow 1$ .

# Constant ratio $\sigma_{diff}/\sigma_{\gamma^*p}$



► Explained by the saturation model (KGB, M. Wüsthoff, PRD 60 (1999) 114023)

#### Vector meson production

(H. Kowalski, L. Motyka, G. Watt, PRD 74 (2006) 074016)



Scattering amplitude

$$A(\gamma + p \rightarrow V + p) = (\Psi_V)^* \otimes N_{dip}(x, r, b) \otimes \Psi_{\gamma}$$

 New element - impact parameter b dependence in dipole scattering amplitude

$$N(x, r, b) = 1 - \exp\{-r^2 Q_s(x, b)\}$$

b-dependent saturation scale Q<sub>s</sub> (b-CGC model)

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## VM production - energy dependence



Change of energy dependence with VM and Q<sup>2</sup> and a slight dependence on the choice of the VM wave function.

## VM production - *t* dependence



 Eikonal form of dipole scattering amplitude with saturation scale Q<sub>5</sub>(x, b) crucial for these results.

## Exclusive diffractive dijet production



- Two gluon exchange in k<sub>T</sub>-factorization versus collinear approach (Bartels, Ewertz, Lotter, Wüsthoff, Jung,...)
- Look at azimuthal dependence:

 $rac{d\sigma}{d\phi} \sim (1 + A\cos\phi)$ 



Two gluon exchange model works better then resolved pomeron model.

Such processes can also be measured at the LHC in pp, pA or ultraperipheral AA collisions.



> Details of the description in *ep* collisions transferred to hadronic collisions.

## Central diffractive production production at the LHC

(LHC forward physics, J.Phys. G43 (2016) 110201, arXiv:1611.05079 [hep-ph])

Program to build very forward detectors to tag protons at small angles



Double pomeron exchange

Central exclusive production

 Absorptive factors which reduce cross sections are important - gap survival factors.

## Systematic studies within shock wave approach

(I. Balistky, Nucl.Phys. B463 (1996) 99)



> At high energy particles move along straight lines - Wilson lines

$$\hat{U}(x_{\perp}) = \exp\left\{ ig \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^{+} \hat{A}^{-}(x^{+}, x_{\perp}) 
ight\}$$

 $\blacktriangleright$  High energy scattering amplitude with factorization parameter  $\eta$ 

$$\mathcal{A}(s) = \int d^{2}x_{\perp}d^{2}y_{\perp} \underbrace{I_{A}(x_{\perp}, y_{\perp}; \eta)}_{lmpact \ factor} \left\langle B | \underbrace{\mathrm{Tr}[\hat{U}_{\eta}(x_{\perp})\hat{U}_{\eta}^{\dagger}(y_{\perp})]}_{dipole \ operator} - \mathcal{N}_{c}|B \right\rangle$$

Balitsky-JIMWLK equations evolve dipole operators into multipoles

$$\frac{\partial \hat{U}_{12}^{\eta}}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 \vec{z}_3 \, \frac{\vec{z}_{12}^2}{\vec{z}_{13}^2 \, \vec{z}_{32}^2} \left\{ \hat{U}_{13}^{\eta} + \hat{U}_{32}^{\eta} - \hat{U}_{12}^{\eta} - \hat{U}_{13}^{\eta} \hat{U}_{32}^{\eta} \right\}$$
$$\frac{\partial \hat{U}_{13}^{\eta} \hat{U}_{32}^{\eta}}{\partial \eta} = \dots$$

• Kovchegov equation for dipole operator only in large  $N_c$  limit

$$\frac{\partial \langle \hat{U}_{12}^{\eta} \rangle}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 \vec{z}_3 \, \frac{\vec{z}_{12}^2}{\vec{z}_{13}^2 \, \vec{z}_{32}^2} \left\{ \langle \hat{U}_{13}^{\eta} \rangle + \langle \hat{U}_{32}^{\eta} \rangle - \langle \hat{U}_{12}^{\eta} \rangle - \langle \hat{U}_{13}^{\eta} \rangle \langle \hat{U}_{32}^{\eta} \rangle \right\}$$

$$\frac{\mathsf{BFKL}/\mathsf{BKP eq.} \qquad \mathsf{saturation}}{\mathsf{BFKL}/\mathsf{BKP eq.}}$$

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## $q\overline{q}g$ impact factors in NLO approximation

(R. Boussarie, A. V. Grabovsky, S. Wallon, L. Szymanowski, D. Yu. Ivanov, JHEP 409 (2014) 026, JHEP 1611 (2016) 149, arXiv:1612.08026 [hep-ph])

NLO qq production graphs



plus LO real gluon emission



## Application to diffractive production



- exclusive diffractive dijet electroproduction with merged gluon
- exclusive diffractive dijet photoproduction ( $Q^2 = 0$ )
- non-exclusive diffractive dijet production trijet production
- photoproduction of open charm or charmonium production

## Applications to VM production

• Exclusive diffractive production of light vector mesons:  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho p$ 



• Additional collinear factorization with distribution amplitude  $\phi_{||}(x)$ 

$$\mathcal{A} = \int_0^1 dx \, H(x,\ldots) \, \times \phi_{||}(x,\mu) \,, \qquad \mu = Q^2, |t|$$

Amplitude infrared finite for both longitudinal and transverse photons, and also in photoproduction limit (no end point sigularity).

- Diffractive processes with a hard scale probe the QCD nature of the pomeron:
  - resolved pomeron
  - BFKL pomeron
  - parton saturation as unitarization mechanism.
- VM production supports saturation mechanism.
- ▶ Natural applications to *pp*, *pA* and ultraperipheral *AA* collisions
- Shock wave approximation program is theoretically sound and promissing.