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UPC Physics for Snowmass 2021: first discussion/selected topics

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Photon-photon, photon-p, photon-A collider



Probing QCD matter with UPCs



Initial state Physics of the proton and nuclei Nuclear structure at high energies Gluon saturation phenomena, etc

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Plan of this talk

- First discussion on physics prospects for UPCs for Snowmass 2021
 - Just selected theory/pheno and experimental results for now, to kick off the conversation here mainly from LHC energies, but results at HERA and RHIC also interesting
- Together with various theorists and experimentalist, we plan to prepare a paper on UPCs - covering various topics and physics questions and new ideas for Snowmass 20201

Exclusive VM photoproduction



The energy dependance of the cross section Suggested as a signature of gluon saturation

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Typical gluon "size"

From Yuri Kovchegov Snowmass 2021 July 2020



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t-distribution

 t-differential measurements give a gluon tranverse mapping of the hadron/ nucleus.

hadron b virtual photon

The study of the t-distribution

Appearance and location of diffractive dips: signature of gluon saturation Here: Dipole Cross-Section: $t = (p_A - p_{A'})^2 = (p_{VM} + p_{e'} - p_e)^2$ σ_{qq} sat non-sat $\mathsf{V}=\mathsf{J}/\psi,\,\phi,\,\rho,\gamma$ 00000 Q_s^2 0000 dilute linearregime А A **Dipole Radius** J/ψ

small size (J/ Ψ): cuts off saturation region large size (φ , ρ , ...): "sees more of dipole amplitude" \rightarrow more sensitive to saturation

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From T. Ullrich, IS 2017

t-distribution Exclusive VM in γp

V. Goncalves, et al. Phys. Lett. B791 (2019) 299-304



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Signature of gluon saturation



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Exclusive ρ^0 in γp

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High energy points !



Dissociative/Incoherent production



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Exclusive and dissociative production



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Mass dependance and energy dependance

Nucl. Phys. B934 (2018) 330-340

Exclusive





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Nuclear gluon density



UPC studies provide the best information the community will get for the next 10 years before, the EIC turns on

Coherent J/ψ



Phys. Lett. B772 (2017) 489-511

Model independent. Parametrization of exclusive J/Ψ data in gamma-protor i.e. No nuclear effects

Experimental evidence of nuclear gluon shadowing

Nuclear effects at Low x



Coherent J/ψ photoproduction off Pb nuclei By V. Guzey, et. al using Phys. Lett. B726 (2013) 290–295 and latest ALICE and CMS results



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Nuclear gluon density: Future prospects

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1812.06772.pdf



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Beyond Nuclear PDFs



Exclusive dijets: Only process known to be directly sensitive to the gluon Wigner distribution

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First diffraction measurement in heavy-ions & prospects for inclusive UPCs



Useful for MC tuning of cosmic ray physics Models of multiplicity studies in pPb Diffraction is sensitive to gluon saturation

First diffraction study in pPb

CMS HIN-18-019

Large rapidity gap technique



vs. rapidity gap size

Summary

- Discussed a selection of recent UPC results at LHC.
 Exploring fundamental questions on QCD and probing QCD matter. Today presented some ideas and selected results
 - Studying UPC J/ ψ in γPb already found evidence of nuclear gluon shadowing at low-x and Q_2
 - Energy dependent studies of the t-distribution of UPC ρ_0 in γp promising for determining the onset of gluon saturation
- Future projects and new/novel ideas:
 - New detectors at LHC and RHIC
 - Novel physics analysis methods and techniques
 - Ideas future experiments, including at EIC
- Together with experimental and theoretical colleagues will start preparing a short paper on UPCs to be submitted to Snowmass 2021