Pomeron dynamics as a probe of nuclear structure

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Part I: Ask not what the Pomeron can do for nuclear structure.... but what nuclear structure can do for the Pomeron

Ballistic protons as a measure of rare parton fluctuations



$$q^{2} \equiv -Q^{2} \equiv (\ell - \ell')^{2}$$

$$t \equiv (P' - P)^{2}$$

$$W^{2} \equiv (P + q)^{2}$$

$$x_{\mathbb{P}} \equiv A \frac{(P - P') \cdot q}{P \cdot q} = A \frac{m_{V}^{2} + Q^{2} - t}{W^{2} + Q^{2} - m_{A}^{2}}$$

$$\nu \equiv \frac{P \cdot q}{m_{A}} \approx \frac{P \cdot q}{Am_{N}}.$$

Lappi, Mantysaari, RV, PRL 114 (2015) 8 082301



Incoherent diffractive vector meson production Dominates for $1/R_A^2 \lesssim |t| \lesssim 1/R_p^2$

Ballistic proton as a measure of centrality



More typical "min-bias" event



Rare high multiplicity event

Ballistic proton as a measure of centrality





Protons in the 400 MeV – 1 GeV range can be identified as ballistic Since energy and momentum transport in this case is localized in the nucleus, multiplicity is likely sensitive measure of centrality

Ballistic proton as a measure of centrality





More challenging for nuclei. Does a comparable study exist? BeAGLE? Evaporation protons/neutrons (implementing FLUKA) likely not as good a measure of centrality

Centrality dependence of incoherent exclusive vector mesons

Study within the framework of the dipole model:

Imaginary part of dipole-nuclear amplitude:
$$\mathcal{A}(x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2, \Delta_T) = \int d^2 \mathbf{r}_T \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_T$$

 $\times [\Psi_V^* \Psi](r, Q^2, z) e^{-i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \Delta_T} 2 N_A(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T, x_{\mathbb{P}}).$

Overlap of VM wave-fn with dipole wave fn.

Simple independent scattering approximation: $N_A = 1 - S_A$ with $S_A(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T, x_\mathbb{P}) = \prod_{i=1}^A S_p(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T - \mathbf{b}_{Ti}, x_\mathbb{P})$ \downarrow IPSat model $\exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{2N_c}\mathbf{r}_T^2\alpha_s(\mu^2)xg(x,\mu^2)T_p(\mathbf{b}_T)\right)$ Average over nucleon positions in nucleus: $\langle \mathcal{O}(\{\mathbf{b}_{Ti}\})\rangle_N \equiv \int \prod_{i=1}^A \left[d^2\mathbf{b}_{Ti}T_A(\mathbf{b}_{Ti})\right] \mathcal{O}(\{\mathbf{b}_{Ti}\})$ \downarrow Woods-Saxon dist.

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Incoherent exclusive VM cross-section: $< |\mathcal{A}|^2 >_N - | < \mathcal{A} >_N |^2$

Total Coherent

UPC studies of incoherent exclusive VM production



Salazar, Schenke, Mantysaari, PRD 106 (2022) 7 074019

Hot spot fluctuations: see also Demerci, Lappi, Schlichting, arXiv:2206.05207

Supersized "oomph"

Double ratio:

$$\frac{\sigma(\gamma^* A \to V_1 A^*) \Big/ \sigma(\gamma^* A \to V_2 A^*) \Big|_{\text{central}}}{\sigma(\gamma^* A \to V_1 A^*) \Big/ \sigma(\gamma^* A \to V_2 A^*) \Big|_{\text{minimum bias}}}$$

Uncertainties in VM wave-function and overall normalization minimized



Some naïve comments

What is the status of the treatment of "ballistic" knock-out reactions in nuclear reaction theory - especially In large nuclei?

Can this be implemented in BeAGLE and other nuclear event generators ? Would be especially important to model this as a function of $x_{Pomeron}$ – reflecting dependence on coherence length

What is the fraction of evaporation versus knockout as a function of momentum transfer? What is the status of ZDC measurements as a benchmark for centrality. Collective wisdom from UPC studies

NLO CGC amplitude A_{NLO} for exclusive VM production now available. Sensitive to dipole and double dipole correlators

However quantitative NLO studies and impact parameter dependence (crucial for incoherent diffraction) not available yet

Access to largest possible t (small impact parameters) will reduce systematic uncertainties in the theoretical treatments



Light VM: Boussarie,Grabovsky,Ivanov,Szymannowski,Wallon, PRL 119 (2017) 7 072002 Heavy VM: Mantysaari,Penttala, JHEP 08 (2022) 247

Part II: Ask what the Pomeron can do for nuclear structure



Exclusive VM production as probe of gluon structure of NN-potential



K. Tu et al., PLB 811 (2020) 135877



Large relative momentum transfer between proton and neutron sensitive glue component of short-range NN forces





"Hard" NN scattering

Pomeron as probe of short-range NN glue potential



Pomeron as probe of short-range NN glue potential

$$\frac{d\sigma^{D}}{dT\,dt\,dy'_{1}} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{3}} \frac{\alpha'}{1-\alpha'} \left| \int \frac{d^{2}r\,dz}{4\pi z(1-z)} \left[\psi^{\gamma}\psi^{V*} \right](\underline{r},z) \frac{\alpha_{s}\pi^{2}}{2} r_{T}^{2} \hat{H}^{g}_{(D)}(x,0,T;t) \right|^{2} \qquad \alpha' \equiv p_{1}'^{+}/p^{+}$$

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Transition gluon GPD (T-GPD)

$$\hat{H}^{g}(x,0,T;t) \equiv \int \frac{dr^{-}}{2\pi p^{+}} e^{ixp^{+}r^{-}} \left\langle p(p_{1}') n(p+\Delta-p_{1}') \left| F^{+ia}(-\frac{r}{2})F^{+ia}(+\frac{r}{2}) \right| D(p) \right\rangle$$

Mom. transfer to deuteron

Rel. mom. transfer between nucleons

$$\times \left[\int \frac{dr^{-}}{2\pi p^{+}} e^{ixp^{+}r^{-}} \int d\Omega_{NN} \left\langle p_{\sigma'_{p}}(p'_{1}) n_{\sigma'_{n}}(p + \Delta - p'_{1}) \middle| V_{NN}^{-} | NN \right\rangle \right] \xrightarrow{\ell \bigotimes \Delta - \ell} p_{\Delta} - \ell \xrightarrow{\alpha', p'_{1}} p_{\Delta} - \ell \xrightarrow{\alpha', p'_{1}} p_{\Delta} + \frac{1}{\Delta E^{-}} \times \left\langle NN \middle| \left| F^{+ia}(-\frac{r}{2})F^{+ia}(+\frac{r}{2}) \left| p_{\sigma_{p}}(p_{1}) n_{\sigma_{n}}(p - p_{1}) \right\rangle \right] \xrightarrow{\ell \bigotimes \Delta - \ell} n_{\Delta}$$

Pomeron as probe of short-range NN glue potential



Hard color-singlet exchange between NN-pair Landshoff-like mechanism. State-of the art - Bott, Sterman (2001) Hard color-octet exchange between NN-pair

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma D \to VNN}}{dT dt dy} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left| \Psi_D(\underline{0}, \frac{1}{2}) \right|^2 \left[\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma N \to VN}}{dT} \right]_{T = -\Delta_T^2} \left[\frac{d\sigma^{NN \to NN}}{dT_{NN}} \right]_{T_{NN} = -p_{1T}^{\prime 2}}$$

Measurement of l.h.s at EIC at large t ($\approx s_{NN}$) provides novel information on large angle nucleon-nucleon scattering

Estimation of rates



Notes

Potentially exciting process to simulate and study.

Physics is sensitive to gluon contributions to short-range NN potential

If one can access large relative t, can provide novel insight into nature of point-like multi-quark and glue configurations in light nuclei

Thank you for your attention !