Soft QCD Measurements at LHC



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Soft QCD :

- \succ characterized by a soft scale (low p_T)
- applied to describe
- the part of the scattering that dominates at soft scale

Proton-

Heavy

ions

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Cosmic

rays

- hadronization
- > not uniform description, variability in modeling

Measurements

Soft scale \rightarrow processes with large cross sections:

- Inclusive cross sections
- Inclusive & Identified particle spectra
- Underlying event
- Particle correlations
- Similarities between pp / pPb / PbPb

Phenomenology

Multi-parton interactions (MPI) Colour coherence / reconnection Hadronization (line, ropes, helix) Hydrodynamics / Gluon saturation

Very interesting links between

so different fields

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Inclusive (total & elastics) pp cross-sections



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Inclusive charged particles in pp (0.9-13 TeV)



Very forward energy flow



Identified particle spectra (PbPb, pPb, pp)



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Identified particle spectra in pp (13 TeV)



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Underlying Event study (13 TeV)



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2-Particle azimuthal correlations



Long-range ($|\Delta\eta|>2$) ridge in 2-PC on near side ($\Delta\phi\sim0$) observed in large systems (central AA coll.)

- described by Fourier decomposition ~ 1 + $2v_n \cos(n\Delta \varphi)$, v_n = single-particle anisotropy harmonics

- result of collective hydrodynamic expansion of hot and dense nuclear matter created in the overlap region

But long-range ridge seen also in pPb (much smaller system) and even in pp at high multiplicity!

Origin of the ridge in small systems still under debate: hydrodynamics like for QGP? Initial state fluctuations (Color Glass Condensate/gluon saturation) ? Hadronization using ropes? Thin flux tubes?
 Ridge = testing ground to study complementarity between dynamical and hydrodynamical models

2-Particle azimuthal correlations



pPb 5 TeV:

LHCb, PLB 762 (2016) 473 (ALICE, CERN-EP-2016-228)

Size of near-side ridge & away-side ridge increases with multiplicity

• Size of near-side ridge maximal for
$$1 < p_T < 2$$
 GeV

Ridge separation from non-flow (resonance decays, dijets) using:

low-multiplicity events
(e.g. ATLAS, PRL 116 (2016) 172301)

three-subevent method (next slide)

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v_2{2}(pp) < v_2{2}(pPb) < v_2{2}(PbPb)
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Size of correlations in PbPb/pPb/pp: ~ linear grow with charged multiplicity

Multi-particle azimuthal correlations

□ 2-particle correlations suffer from non-flow. Multi-particle correlations are more robust against non-flow effects. But also more statistically demanding.

□ Method: build cumulants c_n {2k} and calculate flow harmonics v_n {2k}

□ Extraction of collective flow in pp depends strongly on:

Event classification • Purity of non-flow subtraction ATLAS-CONF-2017-002



Angular correlations of identified particles



Bose-Einstein correlations in pp, pPb, PbPb

Min.Bias pp events, $|\eta| < 2.5$, $p_T > 0.1$ GeV **2-PC (***C*₂**) of identical particles**: Same-sign/Opposite-sign double ratio Data/MC ATLAS, EPJ C75 (2015) 466



R [fm]

 $C_2 = C_0 [1 + \Omega(\lambda, R)] (1 + \varepsilon Q)$ Decrease of R with k_T measured λ = correlation strength R = correlation source size

Saturation of R at high-mult. - observed for the 1st time

(as in pPb: ATLAS, CERN-EP-2017-004) R (λ) increasing (decreasing) with n_{ch} Larger sources appear more coherent

(pp, LHCb-PAPER-2017-025)

Multi-pion BEC in PbPb: ALICE, PRC 93 (2016) 054908

\Box Ratio measured multi- π / expected multi- π from 2- π :

- pp, pPb: no suppression observed
- PbPb: suppression at low Q_4 , Q_3

4- π : explained by 32% of coherent correlations (but 3- π : not explained by 32% of coherent correlations)

(PbPb: ALICE, PRL 118 (2017) 222301)

SUMMARY

□ Soft QCD measurements important in many aspects:

- σ_{tot} as input for modelling pile-up at LHC and extensive air showers caused by cosmic rays
- Very forward flow (also vs central flow) to model interactions in cosmic rays
- Underlying event non-negligible in many LHC analyses
- Particle correlations as a powerful tool to study multihadron production
- To understand hadronization process
- □ All collision systems useful for soft QCD studies, complementing each other
- □ Performant LHC @ experiments provide high-statistics & high-precision data samples → estimate reliably many sources of systematics
- □ Sophisticated techniques (low $p_T \sim 100$ MeV, efficient background subtraction, unfolding...)
- □ Precision data help faster understand unexplained phenomena and develop/reject models
- □ Necessity to retune MC models to describe data at every energy
- Similar phenomena observed in PbPb / pPb / pp (high multiplicity) collisions: strangeness enhancement, collectivity effects. Why in small systems (pPb, pp)? Currently lively discussed
- Near-side ridge as testing ground to study complementarity between hydrodynamics/QGP and dynamics model (CGC/saturation/ropes)
- □ Intensive works on improving the hadronization models (lines/ropes/helices)

BACKUP SLIDES

Inclusive (total) pp cross-sections



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Inclusive (elastic) pp cross-section

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New (preliminary) results at 13 TeV: $\beta^* = 2.5$ km, 0.0006 < |t| < 0.2 GeV²

- Coulomb-Nuclear Interference region



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}t}(t) = \left.\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}t}\right|_{t=0} \, \exp\!\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_b} b_i \, t^i\right) \,,$$

Pure exponential form (N_b =1) excluded at 7.2 σ significance

Non-exponential form observed also at 7 and 13 \mbox{TeV}

8 TeV: $\beta^* = 1.0$ km, 0.0006 < |t| < 0.2 GeV² Coulomb-Nuclear Interference region 0.25 13 TeV point to come 0.2 2018 plan: 900 GeV 0.15 0.10.05 pp (PDG) 0 H pp (PDG) -0.05COMPETE preferred model (pp) -0.1TOTEM indirect at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV this article, $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV -0.15-0.2 10^{2} 10^{4} 10^{1} 10^{3} \sqrt{s} (GeV) TOTEM, EPJC 76 (2016) 661

Inclusive charged particles in pp (13 TeV)



Inclusive very forward energy flow (13 TeV)



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Identified particles at very forward direction



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Inclusive charged particles in pp (0.9-8 TeV)

 $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.36, 2.76, 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$ $|\eta| < 2, p_T > 0.1 \text{ GeV}$ INEL = all (MB) events NSD = Non Single Diffraction

ALICE, EPJC77 (2017) 33 (PbPb: PRL 116 (2016) 222302)



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Inclusive charged particles in pp (13 TeV)

150

EPOS LHC

0.5

1 1.5

PYTHIA8 CUETM1

PYTHIA8 MONASH

HERWIG++ UE-EE-4C

data

200

250

 $n_{
m ch}$ (13 TeV)



HERWIG++ deficient EPOS gives best overall description (specialized soft QCD model) In general: all models need to be retuned for the 13 TeV energy

ATLAS, EPJC76 (2016) 502

 $|n| < 2.5, p_T > 0.1 \text{ GeV}$

QGSJET: no colour coherence

PYTHIA 8: colour reconnection EPOS: hydrodynamical evolution

Multiplicity distribution again

not described perfectly

CMS-PAS-FSQ-15-008

 $|\eta| < 2.4, p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$

SD = Single Diffraction

Min.Bias events: at least two tracks with

Underlying Event study (13 TeV)



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Strangeness enhancement in PbPb (5 TeV)

New results from 5 TeV PbPb collisions:

 \sqrt{s} closer to pPb and pp energies \rightarrow PbPb points approach better the trend from pp and pPb points



J/Ψ production in jets

- J/Ψ production occurs in transition between perturbative and non-perturbative QCD
- Measure $z(J/\Psi) = p_T(J/\Psi) / p_T(jet)$ for prompt J/Ψ and those from b-hadron decays in jets
 - J/Ψ→ $\mu^+\mu^-$, 2< η(J/Ψ, μ)< 4.5, $p_T(\mu)$ > 0.5 GeV ○ Jets: anti-kt, R=0.5, p_T > 20 GeV, 2 < η < 4.0

The 1^{st} ever measurement of $z(J/\Psi)$ for prompt J/Ψ !



 Prompt J/Ψ produced in parton showers
 z(J/Ψ) not described by LO non-relativistic
 QCD (includes color-octet+color-singlet mechanisms) as implemented in PYTHIA 8.
 Some soft component missing?



 \Box z(J/ Ψ) of J/ Ψ from b-hadron decays described by PYTHIA 8.



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Bose-Einstein correlations in pp, pPb, PbPb

Min.Bias events, $|\eta| < 2.5$, $p_T > 0.1$ GeV **2-PC (** C_2 **) of identical particles**: SS/OS double ratio Data/MC



Charge-dependent azimuthal correlations

Charge-dependent 3-particle azimuthal correlations with respect to (2nd order) event plane:

Same sign (SS) and opposite sign (OS) particle pairs and 3rd particle in forward calorimeter (to probe the long-range correlations).

The (OS-SS) difference interpreted as possible signature of chiral magnetic effect (CME) in AA collisions.





CMS, PRL 118 (2017) 122301

PbPb and pPb data show a similar effect.

BUT: in high-multiplicity pPb collisions a strong CME is not expected

- mag.field smaller than in peripheral PbPb collisions
- angle between mag.field and event plane randomly distrib.
- Slopes for PbPb and pPb different?
- Analogous effect produced by medium vorticity
- (Lambda polarization at STAR)

Hadronization of helical QCD string

□ Lund string fragmentation: randomly broken 1D string, no cross-talk between break-up vertices □ Quantized helical (3D) string: causality (cross-talk) \rightarrow 2 parameters ($\kappa R, \Delta \Phi$):



- Hadron spectra follow a simple quantized pattern: $m_T = n \kappa R \Delta \Phi$

- Predicts momentum difference Q for pairs of ground-state hadrons

Pair rank difference r	1	2	3	4	5
Q expected [MeV]	266 ± 8	91 ± 3	236 ± 7	171 ± 5	178 ± 5

 κR , $\Delta \Phi$ fixed using masses of pseudoscalar mesons:

κξ [MeV]	ĸ R [MeV]	ΔΦ	
192.5 ± 0.5	68±2	2.82 ± 0.06	
meson	PDG mass [MeV]	model estimate [MeV]	
π	135 - 140	137	
η	548	565	
η'	958	958	

PR D89 (2014) 015002

- Adjacent pions produced with p_T difference ~266 MeV. Low-Q region populated by SS pairs (r=2)



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 $\Delta \Phi \sim 2.8$