# **Color fluctuation phenomena in high energy** proton & photon-A collisions Mark Strikman, PSU

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# Outline



Intro: Importance of coherence in high energy scattering



Further evidence for x -dependent color fluctuations in nucleons (LHc and RHIC)

### Ultraperipheral collisions at the LHC:



Color fluctuations in coherent photoproduction of vector mesons



Color fluctuations in incoherent photon - nucleus scattering

Fluctuations of overall strength of high energy NN interaction



High energy projectile stays in a frozen configuration distances  $I_{coh} = c\Delta t$ 

$$\Delta t \sim 1/\Delta E \sim \frac{2p_h}{m_{int}^2 - m_h^2} \quad \text{At LHC for } m_{int}^2$$

Hence system of quarks and gluons passes through the nucleus interacting essentially with the same strength but changes from one event to another different strength

- $-m_{h}^{2} \sim 1 \text{GeV}^{2} \text{ I}_{\text{coh}} \sim 10^{7} \text{ fm} >> 2 \text{R}_{\text{A}} >> 2 \text{r}_{\text{N}}$ coherence up to  $m_{int}^2 \sim 10^6 {
  m GeV}^2$

Extend to arbitrary v: introduce quantity -  $P(\sigma)$  -probability that hadron/photon interacts with cross section  $\sigma$  with the target.



Test: calculation of coherent diffraction off nuclei:  $\pi A \rightarrow XA$ ,  $p A \rightarrow XA$  through  $P_h(\sigma)$  -works

Baym et al from pD diffraction



 $P_N(\sigma)$  nearly flat in wide range of  $\sigma$ . Elongated configurations?

Extrapolation of Guzey & MS before the LHC data; consistent with LHC data which are still not too accurate

### $P_N(\sigma)$ provides constructive way to account for coherence of the high-energy dynamics Fluctuations of interaction cross section formalism: Color fluctuation model



simplified expression (optical limit)

Natural expectation is that there is a correlation between configuration of hard partons in the hadron and strength of interaction of the hadron



Use the hard trigger (dijet) to determine x of the parton in the proton  $(x_p)$ and low  $p_t$  hadron activity to measure overall strength of interaction  $\sigma_{eff}$  of configuration in the proton with given x. Expectation large x correspond to smaller  $\sigma_{eff}$  FS83

**Expectation:** large x (x  $\ge$  0.5) correspond to much smaller  $\sigma \rightarrow$  drop of # of wounded nucleons & overall hadron multiplicity for central collisions

### DISTRIBUTION OVER THE NUMBER OF COLLISIONS FOR PROCESSES WITH A HARD TRIGGER

Consider multiplicity of hard events  $Mult_{pA}(H)$ as a function of V -- number of collisions

If the radius of strong interaction is small and hard interactions have the same distribution over impact parameters as soft interactions multiplicity of hard events:

$$R_{HT}(\nu) = \frac{Mult_{pA}(HT)}{Mult_{NN}(HT)\nu} = 1$$

Accuracy? Significant corrections due significantly different distribution over impact parmeters of min bias events and events with hard trigger. Developed MC code to account for these effects as well as NN correlations

NS M.Alvioli, L.Frankfurt, V.Guzey and M.Strikman, ``Revealing nucleon and nucleus flickering in pA collisions at the LHC,' Phys.Rev. C90 (2014) 3,034914 arXiv 1402.2868

$$HT) = \sigma_{pA}(HT + X) / \sigma_{pA}(in)$$

 $\omega = 0.1$ 



Sensitivity to  $\omega_{\sigma}$  is small, so we use  $\omega_{\sigma} = 0.1$  for following comparisons

We first focused on large  $x_p$  where effect is largest and hence corrections for transverse geometry are small (though we do include them)



 $R^{hard}$  for  $x = E_{jet}/E_p = 0.6$  for centrality bins extracted from the ATLAS data using V's of the CF model. Errors are combined statistical and systematic errors. The solid line is the Glauber model expectation.

### Further analysis of LHC

### (Alvioli, Perepelitsa, MS)



### and RHIC d Au data



## Used fit to correct for spread in x in the x- bins



Conclusion: LHC and BNL data are consistent. Somewhat smaller  $\lambda(x) = \sigma(x)/\sigma_{in}$  for lower energies - natural as rate of the increase of cross section with energy is stronger for smaller fluctuations

# Outlook

# try to separate scattering contributions of gluons and quarks at $x_{p} \sim 0.1$



Transition to dominance of larger than average size -  $x < 10^{-1}$ ?

Change of the pattern of dependence on centrality: suppression of peripheral and enhancement of central collisions



**Color fluctuations in photon - nucleus collisions** 

# Ultraperipheral collisions at the LHC - intro in the Wednesday talks

Photon is a multiscale state:  $P_{\gamma}(\sigma) \propto 1/\sigma \text{ for } \sigma \ll \sigma(\pi N)$ 





Exclusive processes of vector meson production off nuclei at LHC in ultraperipheral collisions allow to test theoretical expectations for small and large  $\sigma$ 

### $\rho$ -meson production: $\gamma + A \rightarrow \rho + A$ *(a)*

# **Expectations:**

# vector dominance model for scattering off proton $\sigma(\rho N) < \sigma(\pi N)$

## since overlapping integral between $\gamma$ and $\rho$ suppressed as compared to $\rho \rightarrow \rho$ case

observed at HERA but ignored before our analysis:  $\sigma(
ho N)/\sigma(\pi N) pprox 0.85$ 

Analysis of Guzey, Frankfurt, MS, Zhalov 2015 (1506.07150)



Glauber double scattering

Gribov type inelastic shadowing is enhanced in discussed process - fluctuations grow with decrease of projectile - nucleon cross section. We estimate  $\omega_{\gamma \to \rho} \sim 0.5$  and model  $P_{\gamma \to \rho}(\sigma)$ 

Next we use  $P_{\gamma \rightarrow \rho}(\sigma)$  to calculate coherent  $\rho$  production. Several effects contribute to suppression a) large fluctuations, b) enhancement of inelastic shadowing is larger for smaller for the same  $\omega$ , c) effect for coherent cross section is square of that for  $\sigma_{tot}$ .



## Gribov inelastic shadowing

 $\sigma_{tot}$ .

Glauber model grossly overestimates the cross section (at LHC factor ~2)



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Gribov - Glauber model with cross section fluctuations





# Outline of calculation of inelastic $\gamma A$ scattering - distribution over v







### (a) Color fluctuation model

$$\sigma_{\nu} = \int d\sigma P_{\gamma}(\sigma) \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} \times \int d\vec{b} \left[ \frac{\sigma_{in}(\sigma)T(b)}{A} \right]^{\nu} \left[ 1 - \frac{\sigma_{in}(\sigma)T(b)}{A} \right]^{A-1}$$
$$p(\nu) = \frac{\sigma_{\nu}}{\sum_{1}^{\infty} \sigma_{\nu}}.$$

(b) Generalized Color fluctuation model (includes LT shadowing for small  $\sigma$ )

$$P_{\gamma}(\sigma) \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} \times \frac{\sigma^{in}}{\sigma_{eff}^{in}} \int d\vec{b} \left[ \frac{\sigma_{eff}T(b)}{A} \right]^{\nu} \left[ 1 - \frac{\sigma_{eff}T(b)}{A} \right]^{\nu}$$

 $\sigma_{eff}/\sigma$ 

calculated in the LT nuclear shadowing theory for small  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ 

## Calculation of distribution over the number of wounded nucleons



CF broaden very significantly distribution over V. "pA ATLAS/CMS like analysis" using energy flow at large rapidities would test both presence of configurations with large  $\sigma \sim 40$  mb, and weakly interacting configurations.



# $\gamma A \rightarrow jets + X$

- 1) Direct photon &  $x_A > 0.01$ , v = 1? Color change propagation through matter. Color exchanges ? In nucleus excitations, ZDC
- 2) Direct photon &  $x_A < 0.005$  nuclear shadowing increase of V

3) Resolved photon - increase of V with decrease of  $x_{\rm Y}$  and  $x_{\rm A}$ 

# W dependence

## Ultraperipheral collisions at LHC ( $W_{YN} < 500$ GeV)

## Tuning strength of interaction of configurations in photon



"2D strengthonometer" - EIC & LHeC - Q<sup>2</sup> dependence - decrease of role of "fat" configurations, multinucleon interactions due to LT nuclear shadowing

Novel way to study dynamics of  $\gamma \& \gamma^*$  interactions with nuclei

# Conclusions

- \* Color fluctuations are an important feature of high energy dynamics
- **\*** Color fluctuation with large x have smaller size
- \* Opportunities for studing global 3D structure of nucleon and photon
- **\*** Fruitful to perform parallel studies of YA and pA processes

# supplementary slide

Data - ATLAS & CMS on correlation of jet production and activity in forward rapidities

### Key relevant observations:

The jet rates for different centrality classes do not match geometric expectations. Discrepancy scales with x of the parton of the proton and maximal for large  $x_p$ 



rules out energy loss explanation of the effect

To calculate the expected CF effects accurately it is necessary to take into account grossly different geometry of minimum bias and hard NN collisions

